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## Crab Masters – Five in a Row The Competition



*Kevin Garrison (l) and George Hills (r) accept the SMA Cornhole Trophy from event coordinator Rosario Savastra (c). Photo by Shari Garrison*

They are still the Alaskan 'King Crabs' of Saybrook Manor Cornhole, as they once again 'clawed' their way to the top of the dune, leaving teams in the dust...or should we say sand. The Crab Masters 'pinched' their way through a 'sea' of competitors and restored 'Claw and Order' to the annual tournament. Puns aside, the Crab Masters took their fifth consecutive trophy in the SMA annual Cornhole Tournament. Team members George Hills and Kevin Garrison remain the sole winners in the five-year history of the event. They are talented, nice guys, with a great sense of sport. Congrats on a well-deserved trophy.

Event coordinator Rosario Savastra announced that there was a record number of teams in this year's event, eighteen in total. Here is a breakdown (there is one team name missing, and the leader board has been recycled, so if you are not on here, step forward and we will acknowledge you in next month's issue. Apologies for spelling errors).

**CrabMasters:** George and Kevin

**Squidworth:** Zac and Mark

**45 in-Laws:** Bob and Jeff

**Bags and Beaches:** Tyler and Jordan

**The Snaggers:** Bill and Ryan

**Avengers:** Dennis & Julia

**TWINGineers:** Kelsey and Shannon

**Northman on Vacation:** Justin and Casey

**Sacksmackers:** Kelly and Taylor

**Better than KC:** Dave and Aiden Danna

**Bass Brothers:** Jeff and Charlie

**Footloose Bros:** Kaspian and Jeff Dooley

**Ben Group:** Sean and Ben

**Cornstars:** Pete and Zac

**Today's My Day:** Rosario and Chris

**Cornhollio:** Christian and Bryce

**Boggey Boys:** Joe and Fran





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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Saybrook Manor Association will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday September 7, 2025** at the SMA Clubhouse on Hartford Avenue. Coffee and pastry will be available at 9:30 a.m.

A copy of the meeting cover letter will be sent out via the SMA Gmail in advance of the meeting. This will include the meeting agenda, budget, proxy vote form and other important information.

Please plan to attend.

## SWAG & SOUVENIRS

The annual meeting will not be all business! There will be time for some shopping too:

**Snag Some SMA Swag** - We will have swag available for purchase. Tee shirts (\$20) and hoodie sweatshirts (\$30 up to XL, \$35 for 2XL and up).

**Beach Buoys** - And, we are selling the old buoys for \$20 each. They are a great keepsake decoration for your beach home, office or golf cart. And, just like buying lobsters at a fish market, you can choose the exact buoy you want from our extensive collection (see photo below).

See Keri for swag and Rosario for buoys.

Cash or check only please.



*Plenty of old buoys are available. They need a bit of TLC, but they are in great shape otherwise.*



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## Welcome New Members

### *Hello to the Campos*

Dave and Karen Campo of Enfield, Connecticut purchased 11 Evans Lane this past March. Dave is a retired tool room foreman enjoying life, golfing and lunching with friends. Karen works in purchasing at Cummins Engine Company. They have both enjoyed the shore for years and decided on Old Saybrook after looking at nearby Connecticut shoreline areas. They look forward to making memories with family and friends. Karen hopes to join Dave in retirement in a few years and hopeful to relocate to Old Saybrook permanently.

### *Ahoy to The Hoys*

John and Katie Hoy recently moved to 15 Waterbury Avenue with their son Will and dog Ryleigh. They are excited to join the Saybrook Manor Community and to be close to Katie's family sprinkled along the shoreline. The Hoys are excited to spend time settling in this summer before welcoming a baby girl in August.

## SMA Marketplace

Introducing SMA Marketplace, where you can buy and/or sell quality items to our neighbors and friends. If you have an item for sale, please send a very brief description to the SMA Gmail, along with a photo, your contact information, and preferred payment method. We will send out an email to the membership and post the item on our SMA Facebook page. It is that easy.

## Tree Donations



We are still accepting donations to plant trees along the back of the clubhouse, preferably shade trees that will eventually provide some relief from the heat. Trees can be donated in someone's memory if desired. We will also accept flowering bushes, hydrangea, mountain laurel etc. for landscaping along the back. Send a note to the SMA Gmail if interested.

## Bike Raffle

We are raffling off a shiny, brand-new 26" Huffy Mountain Bike Tickets are \$10 each

Contact: Jeanne Boggs (860) 575-4164 or Kathy Bennetto (860) 388-4501 for tickets. Drawing: **Noon on Saturday, August 9 at the Clubhouse.** You do NOT need to be present to win.





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## Didja Know???

Let's take a break from our Old Saybrook history lessons and have some ice cream, specifically some Dairy Queen. What resident of Saybrook Manor has not been to OS DQ...presumably not many. It is an institution here in town. And as you may recall from the very first "Didja Know???" way back in October, 2024, Dairy Queen is technically within the boundaries of Saybrook Manor.

Cones, Sundaes, Dilly Bars, and "Blizzards" aside what do we really know about Dairy Queen?

The first Dairy Queen was owned and operated by Sherb Noble and opened on June 22, 1940, in Joliet, Illinois. The company became International Dairy Queen (IDQ) in 1962. In 1987, IDQ purchased the old mall-staple Orange Julius, and in 1998, Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway purchased IDQ. The rest is history, and...(oops, I promised no history)...so let's talk about Blizzards!!!

How many of you turn a Blizzard upside down after you purchase one, just to be sure it is packed in as tightly as concrete? It may be an urban legend, but supposedly, DQ employees must "flip the Blizzard" before

they serve it to you, or your next one is free. But who knows for sure.

What is the least healthy item to order at DQ? A large Royal Reese's Brownie Blizzard. This deliciously lethal concoction contains 1,500 calories (75% of one's RDA), 72 grams of fat (that's a full day's worth), 149 grams of sugar (you don't even want to know), and almost as much sodium as an 8-ounce bag of potato chips. But as Pope Francis used to say, "Who am I to judge?"

The largest US DQ is in Bloomington, Illinois, where the company headquarters is currently located. And the largest DQ in the world is located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. There are 6,800 locations worldwide. And there is a DQ in every state except Vermont.

## Didja Also Know???



Dogs are NOT allowed on the beach. That means anywhere behind this sign, regardless of whether it is sand, concrete, stone, grass, wood or water.

Same goes for smoking. That includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, vaping and any other legal, partially legal or totally illegal substances.



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## Cornhole Tournament – 2025

*Here are some more photos of the event. Photos by Sherri Garrison, Dennis & Cheryl Dowd and Rosario Savastra. Thanks to all who turned out to participate, support and enjoy this event.*

The gang's all here.....



Start practicing for next year. Maybe it's time to "steam" those Crab Masters.....







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## Tennis Anyone?

*Photos and commentary by William Abbate*

Editor's Note: Here is another selection of old photographs and memories from our local historian Bill Abbate. He is a real repository of old information and a local treasure. Thanks, Bill.



*These are from the Tennis Courts. I am not sure where they were but guess that they were close to the Club House. I cannot place the background house or garage. I can identify only four people in this picture. Mary Kirk is the lady on the far right of picture and her brother at far left. (Editor's note: Mary is mother of Francine Kindl and our current SMA Treasurer, Kathy Bennetto, who along with their sister Maureen, comprised the wild SMA Cosgrove Girls from way-back-when...and they are still pretty wild). His house is the one in back of the Cosgrove home. Lucy Vasquez Wadsworth is in the back row peeking over the shoulder. The man in the rear, middle, is Peter Buoniuto.*



*The guys. I only recognize Francine and Kathy's (nee Cosgrove) Uncle Frank, kneeling on the right side of picture, along with Peter Buoniuto kneeling in the center.*



*In 1873, Carlo Viggiano emigrated to the US. He and his wife Julia raised four children, daughters Mary, Katy, Lucia and one son Antonio. Antonio used to sell produce to locals off the back of a truck. His produce was of such high quality that his customers included the likes of Kathryn Hepburn and Art Carney. The original farm stand relocated to the Post Road, next to Atlantic Seafood, and is currently operated by Carlo's grandson, David Viggiano. It's an Old Saybrook institution for sure, and the produce is still great.*



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## Little Bites.....

### 'Murder' on the Beach



*Editor's note: For those of you who do not know, a "murder" of crows is the collective noun for a bunch of crows.*

Someone left their bag of chips unattended and open on the Hartford Avenue beach!!!! But do we get seagulls like a normal beach? No, we get crows, dolefully munching on some afternoon snacks. Looks like the makings of an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

### "I Can See Clearly Now"



After a huge downpour, blue skies and puffy cumulus clouds adorn the skies over the L.I. Sound, making for a beautiful scene.

### Sly as a Fox



A young fox sprints through the backyard in search of something to eat. There are no mice in the shed this summer, so he is welcome to stick around for a while longer.

### Club(house) Sandwich Boards



Saybrook Manor is as cool as Coney Island, hip as the Hamptons and jolly as the Jersey Shore, now that we have our very own "sangwich" boards. Check them out for announcements at the two beaches and in front of the clubhouse.