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Klubbensborgs history

People have lived and worked at Klubbensborg for atleast 300 years. The first building was built due to a shipping route that passed right by Klubben, as it was called at the time. It was a pub at the time but later on in the 19th century when so called sea-pubs had played out their role, summer-cabins were built on the peninsula. Since 1938 the Klubbensborg Recreational Association has been active here. Read more about our history and our association.

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The oldest building is today called Fader Höks Krog (Father Höks Pub), this name was given to the house by Carl Michel Bellman. Any pub owners by that name can not be traced to the area however one can be found in Fittja. Maybe it was there that Bellman found is his inspiration. We do know however what role the building played around the 1750s by help of an add that says the building is for sale.

The second oldest building is Vårdshuset Klubben, built sometime during the middle of the 18th century. Both buildings have been immortalized by Carl Michael Bellman. He wrote quite indepth about the area in Fredmans epistles nr 49 - *Landstigning på Klubben*. (Landing at Klubben)

In the middle of the 19th Century the 3 wooden buildings Sjövillan, Uddvillan and Tornvillan were built. The latter was built by the butcher Andreas Wallin, who rented out the apartments to summerguests. According to one of the inscriptions on one of the beams in the ceiling it was built as early as 1869. The topfloor in Tornvillan was long rented by Pharmacist Lundberg, owner of the Stockholm-pharmacy called Morianen. The floor below was rented by his daughter and son in law, doctor Anton Bergh.

In the early 1880s the entire Klubbensborg area was run by professor Gustaf Retzius and his wife Anna. They were looking for a secluded, naturefilled area with a beautiful view of Mälaren and within close distance of the capital, Stockholm. On the hights above Klubbviken they built Sagatun. The professors mother Emilie lived in Uddvillan straight across Klubbviken. Anna was a nature-entusiast and planted lots of rare flowers in the area. Most of these are gone by now, but we still have a couple Akacietrees that were planted by her.



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The Retzius couple did not have any children and in their testament they donated the area to Vetenskapsacademin (the Science Academie) which in turn rented the houses out for summer activities. In the late 1930s the academie sold Klubben to Stockholm city. The Klubbensborg association rented Klubbensborg from the city until 1997 when the association purchased the premises from the city.

The Klubbensborg Association.

Klubbensborg has been run by several assemblies that together created a 'summerhome-committee' in 1938, which later became Klubbensborg Recreational Association. The concept of summer-homes was in amongst religious-assemblies quite a normal concept. During the summer it was common for a part of the assembly to move out into the nature in order to give young people and adults a chance to do things together. It was not uncommon to spend a couple days of your vacation at the summerhome. Many hours of volunteer work lay behind the construction or renovation of most summerhomes all over Sweden. At Klubbensborg many hours of volunteer work and donations have helped keep the buildings in shape. Over the years however, Klubbensborg has become more aimed at the public since the concept of summerhomes are being replaced by more modern summer activities such as boating, personal summer-cabins and international travel.

From having been a very primitive summer resort we can today offer quality lodging and rooms available for rent for all kinds of activities.

The Association is run without profit or grants. In addition to the work done by our employees much of what is done at Klubbensborg is founded on volunteerwork from the assemblies and others who share that same passion for Klubbensborg, Gålögården and Lindholmen.

Our goal with our association is to offer a place for recreation, reflection and consideration.

Members of the Klubbensborg Recreational Association are:

- Södra Missionsförsamlingen - Andreaskyrkan
 - Hägerstens Baptistförsamling
 - Högdalskyrkans missionsförsamling
 - Mikaelikyrkans missionsförsamling
 - Triangelkyrkans frikyrkoförsamling
 - Stuvstakyrkans missionsförsamling
 - Älvsjö missionsförsamling
- Also the assemblies youth association.