

Queen Cutlery Collectors Club SFO Limited Edition knives

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Queen had a difficult history with its collector clubs. "Queen's own club" produced only one knife (1999-see below) and seemed to guickly spawn another club, "Queen Cutlery Collectors Club - QCCC). Both were late compared to other company-based knife collector groups; both were essentially most of a decade after the successful reintroduction of Schatt & Morgan knives was launched.

There were some tensions among the company leadership in Franklinville. and Titusville, with the QCCC. It is reported that the QCCC never reached 100 members. In retrospect, there is a general sense that recruitment and "member services" were not supported enough to provide long term growth. Leadership was kept small – no officers or board membership was ever published and no directory of membership was ever produced. QCCC Newsletters ended by 2004 (https://queencutleryhistory.com/wp-

content/uploads/2020/07/QCC News 1998-1999.pdf). The LLC conducted knife shows until 2015 and knife shows till 2019 - indeed the LLC may still exist, but no SFO knives have been produced since 2011.

The QCCC knives below were produced in small editions by Queen Cutlery in Titusville, PA, based on member nominations with close, local involvement by club members Mike Sullivan and Howard Drake. They are characterized by a high level of fit and finish, use of older tang stamps, etched blades, creative selections in both fixed blades and folders, and unique sheaths. Distribution was primarily through club members and editions routinely sold out, so none of these knives are still available from the Queen Collectors Club, LLC. These knives are occasionally seen on Internet sites or at shows. The overuns of these special knives were also finished by Queen Cutlery and are very rarely seen. An example can be seen in the #62 slim swell center knife of 2007 (see: https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.109/gbh.929.mvftpupload.com/wp-

content/uploads/2020/02/Queen-62-SFO-1.pdf)



Mike Sullivan (L) and Howard Drake (R)

YEAR

Knife Description

- 1998 Dogleg jack small trapper (#51) with an etch "Queen Cutlery Collectors Charter Member, 1998." Big Q tang stamp. Winterbottom bone, Nickel silver bolsters. <100 edition.
- 1998 Queen Slim Trapper (#24) 2 Stainless blades, with gold etch "One of 70, and "Queen Cutlery Collectors, LLC, established 1998". With Carved Stag bone handles. The spey blade shows the serial number and date of actual production (2001). Tang stamp is crown with Queen arch, about 1948.
- 1999 In 1999 a single club knife was produced in a very short-lived effort by Servotronics management called "The Queen's Own Club", a two bladed trapper with dark jigged bone handles and a large circle Q shield. That knife, which is also occasionally seen on the Internet, is the only knife of the "Queen's Own."
- 2000 Queen Boy Scout Knife (#42SK). Four blades with bale, with spear main blade etched Queen Cutlery Collectors, brown Winterbottom bone, Nickel silver bolsters.

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- 2000 Queen Folding Lockblade Hunting Knife.(#36) Stainless Steel clip blade. Tang stamp: "Q stainless" and Blade etch: deep gold script "2000 Queen Cutlery Collectors, Inc., Millennium Knife, 1 of 60". Nickel silver bolster with serial number, deep brown pick bone handles.
- 2001 Queen City Outers pattern, fixed blade hunting knife.. Stainless steel, Schatt & Morgan tang stamp. Blade etch "Outers pattern 2001, Queen Cutlery logo and 1 of 30." Dark brown worm groove bone handles, narrow Keystone shield. Supplied with sheath.
- 2001 Queen Hunting Knife, (#82), 4 1/8" stainless 440C blade, white bone stag handle, serialized. Supplied with leather sheath
- 2002 Coke Bottle folding hunting knife, "Jumbo". (#83). Stainless blade, etched "One of 100", Carved Bone Stag handles.
- 2003 Four blade Congress knife, (#32) Carved Stag bone (one of 50).
- 2003-2004 Series of four Belt Knives (#50). Stainless steel clip point blade. Handled in Winterbottom bone (edition of 25), Torched Sambar Stag, (edition of 25), Cocobolo (edition of 25), Brown Jigged bone (edition of 25) All with barehead handles. All with sheath.
- 2004 Queen Mountain Man Folding Lockback Hunter (#3L) with torched Sambar Stag handles, with stainless steel blade and Club blade etch with "One of 50." Supplied with Green River Sheath.
- 2005 Queen Cutlery Camp Knife. Stainless fixed blade, with block "Queen city" tang stamp. Blade etch: Queen Cutlery Collectors, 2005, one of fifty." Polished, jigged brown bone handles, Supplied with sheath.
- 2006 Queen Fish Knife (#46,) 2-bladed 420 HC stainless blade and liners, Blade Etch: "Queen Cutlery Collector Club, 2006, one of fifty." Nickel Silver bolsters, Torched Sambar Stag handles. Comes with narrow, "Q scroll" sheath.
- 2007 Queen Large, Slim two-blade Swell Center Knife (#62) Large spear blade and small pen of 420 stainless steel. "Q Stainless" Tang stamp. Blade etch: "Queen Cutlery Collectors, 2007, one of fifty" Nickel Silver bolsters. Autumn Carved Stag Bone handles with heraldic shield.

2008 no knife

- 2009 Queen Premium Hunter (#4190) with saber ground blade "Queen" tang stamp. Blade etch "Queen Cutlery Collectors Annual Knife 2009, one of 50." Exotic Wood handles, with 25 also having added spacers. Supplied with Green River Scabbard.
- 2010 Mountain Man Lock back Knife (#3L), One blade stainless steel, blade etch: "Queen Cutlery Collectors, 2010, One of 50." Nickel silver bolsters, polished Ebony handles, Large round "incised Knife Q" shield.
- 2011 Queen Cowboy Bowie knife with brass guard, (#600), 6" clip blade polished stainless steel. No blade etch. Birdog Forge custom leather sheath. 25 with Ebony handles and 25 with Camillus maple burl.

End of Series.

Appendix 1 (following) displays original sales fliers produced by the Queen Collectors Club for each knife, or photographs of the knives available to us. This list only documented "annual" knives. Not every knife listed in summary has an image at this time. There may have been other "special" knives (like the Scout knife, Outers, or "belt knives" of 2003-2004) omitted from this listing. If you have any additional knives that show "Queen Cutlery Collectors on the blade, please consider sending us a photograph and documentation. Thank you.

Appendix 1. Queen Cutlery Collectors Knives by Year

(There may be other knives produced by this group that have not been identified, but this is the most complete record known, to date, 7/2020).





1998, Charter Member Dogleg Jack, #51 Small trapper Winterbottom bone



4-bladed Scout knife with bale and brown winterbottom bone

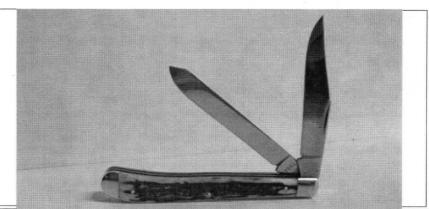
"QUEEN CUTLERY COLLECTOR'S" ANNOUNCES

THE ANNUAL CLUB KNIFE FOR 2001

We have selected the # 24 Slimline Trapper as the club knife for this year. The particulars are as follows;

- Two blades, the main blade a clip point, the second blade is a Spey blade.
- The handle material is Stag bone.
- Each knife will be serialized on the bolster.
- The tang stamp will be "Crown and Dot" on the main blade, and "2001" on the Spey
- Each blade will be etched with the club name and the series i.e. "1 of 100".
- You can special order with no club etch, no serialization..

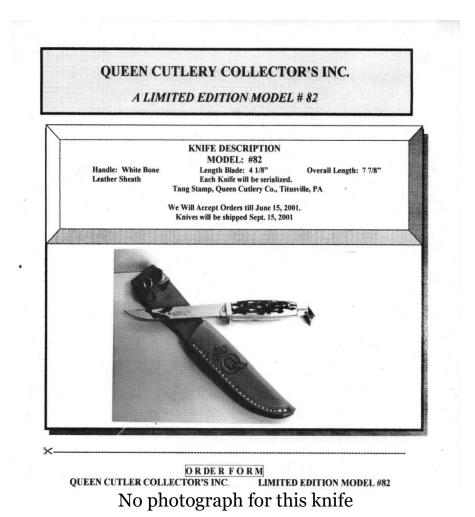
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Fill out information below, clip and return with payment. Make checks payable to: Queen Cutlery Collectors, P.O. Box 109, Titusville, PA 16354

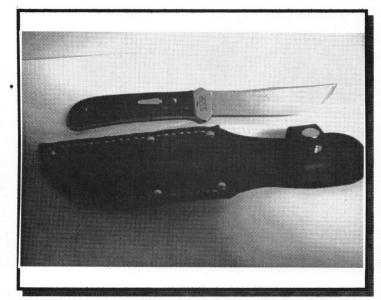


#24 Slim trapper in Carved Stag bone, 2001 for 1998, with Crown over "Queen" tang stamp, about 1948.



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This knife is a reproduction of the knife made by SCHATT & MORGAN between 1929 and 1931, Originally made by Western States Cutlery of Boulder, Colorado, and named the "Outers Knife" by Marble's in their 1931 catalog. Virtually every cutlery maker between 1930 and 1945 offered this knife. The knife, with scabbard, will have the SCHATT Tang Stamp, the blade will be laser engraved, and each knife will be serialized.

We will accept orders till <u>June 1</u>, <u>2001</u>. <u>Knives will be shipped by Sept. 1</u>, <u>2001</u>.

KNIFE DESCRIPTION:

Handle: Brown Jigged Bone Length of Blade: 4", Overall - 7 3/8", Leather Sheath, with S & M Stamp.

SCHATT & MORGAN

ORDERFORM

OUTERS PATTERN



Annual QCCC 2001, Outers knife, Keystone in brown worm grooved bone with Schatt & Morgan tang stamp.

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Another outers pattern, about 2002, with stainless 420 HC steel, without swedge or etch, but with Queen City block tang stamp and Carved Stag Bone handle.

QUEEN CUTLERY COLLECTORS, INC ANNUAL KNIFE 2004

We are pleased to offer as the 2004 annual club knife "The Mountain Man folding lock back hunter, with clip point master blade". The following is a description of the knife;

- 4 ½ " closed
- Burnt stag handles
- Distinctive shield
- Club blade etch
- Series limited to 50
- Offered with a special reproduction leather pouch by Green River leather.
- Will be serialized with your club number if requested
- Tang stamp is Queen "Big Q", Titusville , PA
- Priced at \$ 112.75 including the pouch



Name.....

2004 Annual Mountain Man, stag, with custom sheath

QUEEN CUTLERY COLLECTORS, INC ANNUAL KNIFE 2005

We are pleased to offer as the 2005 Annual Club Knife "The Fixed Blade Camp Knife". This knife has not been made since the "Thirties", in fact, the first picture of this knife appeared in Sargent's 6th edition, page 339. The following is a description of the knife;

- 9" overall, blade 5 1/4"
- Blade steel is 420HC, mirror finished
- Brown Jigged bone handles
- Two line Queen City tang stamp
- Club blade etch
- Series limited to 50
- Offered with a special reproduction leather symmetrical scabbard by Green River leather, Greensburg, KY
- Priced at \$71.00 including the scabbard





2005 Camp knife, with swedge and Queen City block tang stamp, jigged brown bone

The Belt Knife, a series of four is introduced. This knife was the subject of a summer article. The first, which has been handled in original Winterbottom bone, is shown below





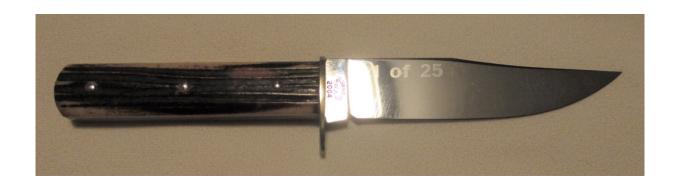
The knife, limited to a series of 25, is available with a scabbard, priced at \$54.50

The second knife in the series, will be handled in stag, as shown below. (The production knife will have a big "Q" tang stamp)





This knife is priced at \$75.00. Each knife includes a scabbard. Use the



The Belt Knife, a series of four is introduced. This knife was the subject of a summer article. The **third**, which has been handled in Brown jigged bone bone, is shown below





The knife, limited to a series of 25, is available with a scabbard, priced at \$48.65

The **Fourth** knife in the series, is in "Cocobolo, as shown below. The production knife will have a big "Q" tang stamp)





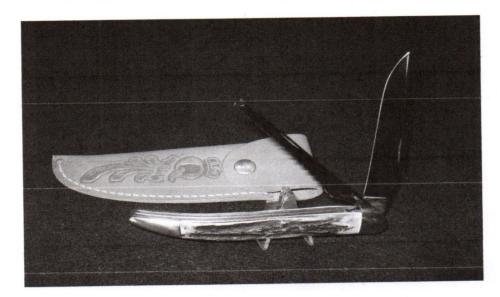
This knife is priced at \$47.25 Each knife includes a scabbard. Use the

All four of these belt knives were etched in large letter 1-of 25, but not showing QCCC etch.

QUEEN CUTLERY COLLECTORS, INC ANNUAL KNIFE 2006

We are pleased to offer the Queen # 46 "Fish Knife" in burnt stag. The following is a description of the knife.

- Series limited to 50
- 5" overall, Blade is 4".
- Blade steel is AISI 420 HC
- · Burnt stag handles
- Club blade etch, "One of Fifty"
- Offered with "original scabbard-pouch" which we found in the Attic.
- Priced at \$ 90.00, including the scabbard



A small number of these fish knives in very nice torched stag were also sold without sheath and with no etch.

Queen Cutlery Collectors, LLC

We are pleased to present the Queen pattern #62 as the **2007 Annual Club Knife.**

This knife is configured in a form not used since the 1920's as the "EO" format has been dropped. As shown, the knife takes on a more elegant line, and ceases to look like a melon knife, and more like a hunter's knife of the 1920's and 1930's. This pattern had been used by Schatt & Morgan, Kabar, and Case in years past, and more recently in 1983, as a contract knife by Queen. Pertinent data is as follows:

- OAL is 5 3/8 inches
- Main Blade Spear length is 4 3/8 inches
- Secondary Pen Blade is 3 inches
- Handle Material is Autumn Carved Stag bone
- Blade Steel is 420 HC stainless steel
- Pricing is \$88.00, with a limited edition of 50, with shipping included



2007, #62 2 blade version of slim coke bottle, Highly regarded.



2010, Mountain Man, #3L



2011, Cowboy Bowie, #600, Ebony



2011, Cowboy Bowie, #600, Camillus Maple burl. The "Cowboy bowie were produced from the Queen City fighting knife of WWII and in very limited numbers.

References

Copies of QCCC newsletters from 1998 through 2004. (edited by Mike Sullivan) are available on: (https://queencutleryhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/QCC News 1998-1999.pdf).

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