

Victor J. Clapham

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Victor J. Clapham was a South African graphic artist, and in 1976 was awarded the [Bronze Wolf](#) for exceptional services to world Scouting. This is the only distinction of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is awarded by the World Scout Committee.

Vic Clapham's crisp, incredibly neat black and white illustrations appeared in South African and international Scout publications for more than a generation. He established the *Veld Lore* newspaper at his Rover Crew in KwaZulu-Natal in about 1947. It soon became the publication for the whole province and then the national newspaper for Scouts, and he continued publishing it until his death in around 1991.

In 1958 the 1st [Hillcrest Scout Group](#) was formed when the Cub Pack was started with only with eight Cubs. In 1959 Vic started the Scout Troop and his wife Vivienne, helped with the running of the Cub Pack.

He pioneered the *Join-In Jamboree* concept, for Scouts in their home countries during World Scout Jamborees. In 1971 the idea of a "Join-in-Jamboree" developed by Vic Clapham was promoted and accepted internationally during Nordjamb '75. The concept earned the highest award from the Public Relations Society of America in 1976.

His father, also called [Vic Clapham](#), established the [Comrades Marathon](#) in South Africa.