

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Clubwww.scfhclub.orgMarch 2019



From The Club President

Since this will be my last opening for a Stoney Creek newsletter as President of the club, I would like to take this opportunity to send a sincere thanks to the officers, board, committee chairs, and you, the membership, for the support I've received over these past two years. Your support of our officers & board has been terrific, your feedback and opinions invaluable, and I'm glad to see that many new faces are now putting their name in the hat to run for office; and if for some reason you don't make office this time, please don't give up and try again next year! These things take time! I wish the newly elected officers and board "God Speed" as we move into the busy season of 2019. This club is like family to me – as I've said too many times to count, "I thought I joined a gun range, but instead found I joined a club"; I'm blessed to be a part of this club. I hope that you too feel the same and also want to preserve this treasure for future generations.

While on the topic of newly elected officials, March is a busy month. We have our slate being finalized at the upcoming first meeting in March. We have the "members only" election at the second meeting in March. So if you have the requisite number of meetings, please vote! And if you have the requisite number of meetings so! And if you haven't received either an email or a call and think you have the requisite number of meetings for office, please notify the nominating committee and let them know if you are interested in running, with a **yes or no**! We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to run if they have earned that mark.

Lastly, March has a host of leagues and activities starting. We will soon hear the "pitter patter" of shotguns on Tuesday Night Trap. On the weekends the Trap League will begin and the Bench Rest League will continue their matches. The Pistol and M1/AR leagues also have their formation meetings in March, while the hugely popular Air Gun League is winding down for the season. Even though it's difficult to tell with our weather, spring and daylight savings is right around the corner, so dust off those arms and get involved in the club! With April, May, and the summer quickly approaching, Hunter Safety, Wounded Warrior, Junior Hunter Field Day, the Spring Flea Market, the Egg Roll, and a host of other club events will be occurring. 2019 is going to be another good year for Stoney Creek, I can feel it.

In closing, I want to again thank you, from the bottom of my heart. It's been a fun ride. I've learned that communication is key, yet we are still learning and trying to improve. There is even a rumor that someone in the club may have web skills, so we may possibly get a real website instead of our bulletin board, which is the pinnacle of what my poor graphic abilities can support (and you won't have to listen to me whine about that anymore). So, please give the upcoming newly elected individuals your support and honest opinions.

Nick D'Apice Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting: March 8th & 29th Dinner service begins at 6:30p Meeting begins at 8:00p

Events

Tuesday Night Trap

As Tuesday Night Trap begins this month, here are some reminders of our club trap range rules for your review so that we continue to have safe & fun nights under the lights.

- Eye & ear protection is required at all times while on the firing line
- No shotguns larger than 12 gauge
- Minimum barrel length of 26" for 12 & 16 gauge shotguns, 20" for 20, 28, and 410 gauge shotguns
- No shot larger than $7\frac{1}{2}$
- No shot faster than 1200 feet per second or 3 dram equivalent for 12 gauge shotguns. All shooters must show their ammunition to the range safety officer in order to confirm your shot speed
- No shotguns will be loaded anywhere other than while on the firing line and then, only one shell at a time unless shooting a modified event as approved by the Clay Targets Officer

Our Tuesday Night Trap is open to the public, so invite your friends to come shoot a round under the lights. Gates open at 4:30pm and squads begin firing at 5pm. Last squads are formed no later than 7:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you at these safe, fun, and challenging trap nights.

Egg Roll & Easter Egg Hunt

The club will be hosting our annual Egg Roll & Easter Egg Hunt on **April 28th** at our clubhouse from 1:00p to 4:00p. Bring your family & friends for a great Sunday afternoon of fun at our club!

Activities for the kids may include:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spoon Race
- Egg Toss
- 3-Legged Race
- Egg Roll

Email our Egg Roll chairman via our webpage if you can volunteer to help the event.

Club member Chris Stewart and his wife Maggie recently welcomed the arrival of their son, **William Patrick Stewart**.



7lbs 3oz 20.5"

Congratulations Stewart family! In a few years, William will be challenging us for top shot.

The Northern Snakehead is still considered by the Maryland DNR as an invasive species but this fast growing, hard fighting, shallow water predator is proving to be excellent table fare.



Early spring is the best time of year to target the Northern Snakehead but they are also vicious in the heat of summertime.

Use the same tactics as you would for Largemouth Bass, but a lip gripper & larger pound test line is recommended.

Northern Snakehead Channa Argus Potomac River Potomac River Creeks

All snakeheads caught should be immediately killed per MD DNR. https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/snakehead.aspx

Club Shoot Results					
Buffalo Shoot held on 01/13/19					
High overall – John Grainger					
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1 2 nd	Sloane Franklin		Mike Miller		
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Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/10/19					
	<u>Open Prone</u>	Vintage Prone	Unlimited Prone		
1 st	John Grainger	John Grainger	John Grainger		
2 nd	Mike Miller		Sloane Franklin		
3 rd			Ron Showacre		
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Lever Action Rifle Shoot upcoming on 05/05/19					
	<u>Open Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>			
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.22LR Rifle Shoot upcoming on 06/16/19					
	Optics Open Sights				
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High overall –	Center Fire Rim Fire				
1 st	<u>Center Fire</u>	<u>KI</u>			
2 nd					
3 rd					
Trap Shoot upcoming on 08/04/19					
High overall –					
-	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>	
1 st					
2 nd					
3 rd					

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Club Election Meeting

Due to our annual club elections, please remember that our **March 29th** general meeting is only for club members. This meeting is closed to non-members and the general public.

You will be required to show your current, valid membership card to our Sergeant at Arms in order to gain entry. You will also need your gate card to gain entry onto our grounds for this meeting.

Voting will be completed as per our club by-laws.

The club will provide dinner at this meeting beginning at 6:30p and the meeting will begin promptly at 8p.

Quarterly Assessment Fees Due

Newer club members who have chosen to pay the Special Assessment Fee in quarterly installments are reminded that **the next payment of \$35 is due to the Financial Secretary no later that April 1**st.

Reminder statements are not mailed for these payments.

Please contact our Financial Secretary through our club webpage for questions concerning membership dues.

T-Shirt Season Approaching!

Our club quartermaster is taking orders for club T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts.

The quartermaster will have order forms available at the next general meeting or you can email her through our webpage.



Life Time Memberships: \$600 5-Year Memberships: \$100 3-Year Memberships: \$85 1-Year Membership: \$30

Renew using our club link at <u>www.scfhclub.org</u> to update your membership at these prices.

Simply click the eagle image on our "join SCFH" link. Email Scott Baumgardner through our webpage for NRA questions.