

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

www.scfhclub.org

April 2019



From The Club President

First off I would like to give a big round of applause to the officers, board of directors and the committee chairs for a job well done over the last year.

Second, I'd like to thank everyone for the vote of confidence in the recent elections of the new officers and board members; we have some big shoes to fill and I am looking forward to the opportunity and challenge.

As we move forward there are some committee openings needing to be filled and the vice president and myself can answer questions regarding them. If you are interested in running a committee, please feel free to talk with me and together we will discuss it. As of now, we have the CMP, NRA, and Range Improvements committees open. If you are interested in another committee not listed please let me know, as this is the time to speak up.

On a final note, I am looking forward to another successful year at Stoney Creek Fishing and Hunting Club and hope to serve you as well as past presidents.

Be safe, shoot well and enjoy.....

Ray Ten Kate
Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting:
April 12th & 26th

Dinner service begins at 6:30p Meeting begins at 8:00p

Events

2019 Spring Trap League March 31st – June 16th

Open to the public

There is still time to join our Spring Trap League! The 10-week league is held on Sundays from 10am to 2pm.

The cost is \$20 per week and includes awards, t-shirt, & a league banquet.

Review our trap range rules for other requirements. http://www.scfhclub.org/TrapLeague.aspx

Egg Roll & Easter Egg Hunt

The club will be hosting our annual Egg Roll & Easter Egg Hunt on **April 28**th 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 include:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Crafts
- Beach Ball Dodge Ball

Volunteers still needed!

http://www.scfhclub.org/2019-EggRoll.aspx

Spring Flea Market & Shotgun Turkey Shoot

Our annual Spring Flea Market & Shotgun Turkey Shoot will be held on **May 5th** from 9am to 2pm.

Bring your entire family for a great afternoon at our club!

This is a great chance to get some cash for your unused outdoor equipment by purchasing a \$10 table.

Burrbenders knife sharpeners will be on site for all your sharpening needs.

Our outstanding kitchen will be open for breakfast & lunch. Try those fabulous boardwalk fries!

Bring along your shotgun and participate in the Turkey Shoot at noon or the Trap Shoot beginning at 1pm.

For more information or to purchase a table:

http://www.scfhclub.org/SpringFleaMarket.aspx

New Protection Barrier on Trap Range

Recently, a large group of club members removed the old straw filled barrier and replaced it with a wooden barrier. The new barrier will require less maintenance, offer protection for our trap firing lines, and will look a little nicer once the wood is seasoned and painted later this year.

Thank you to the many club members who volunteered their time on this project!

Old Barrier



New Barrier



Legislation

There are a number of anti-gun bills that are still up in the air this month.

<u>HB 95</u>. The Bill would have added antique firearms to the list of prohibited arms for anyone disqualified from owning firearms. It was voted down in the House Committee.

- <u>HB 96</u>. This bill redefines the "transfer" of a firearm to include a loan other than a temporary, gratuitous exchange of a regulated firearm between two individuals who remain in the same location for the duration of the exchange. In other words, if you loan a friend a firearm, you must remain with them throughout the period of the loan. Otherwise it becomes a transfer and has to be accomplished through a FFL dealer. The Bill was amended in the House today, but we do not have the amendment.
- <u>SB 97</u>. The bill would declare that a person in the State of Maryland could not be denied the right to purchase, posses or carry a firearm solely on the basis of being authorized to use marijuana for medical reasons. The Bill's provision is contrary to federal law and bulletins issued by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Bill was passed by the Senate and is in the House Judiciary Committee.
- **HB 468 and SB 441**: These bills state a person may not leave a loaded or unloaded firearm in a place where a person knew or should have known that a child **could** gain access to the firearm unless the firearm is secured with either an external lock, integrated safety device or in a safe. Both bills have been heard in the House and Senate committees, but no action as of yet.
- <u>HB 523.</u> This bill would have prohibited the use of lead ammunition and pellets in college and high school shooting programs. The good news is it was voted down in committee.
- <u>HB 612</u>. The bill would prohibit the sale, possession, purchase, transfer or receipt of an AR-15 Sporter H-BAR model rifle, or any other AR-15 H-BAR model as of October 1, 2013. Thus, anyone who bought an H-BAR since 2013 would become an instant criminal once the Bill became law. The Bill has been heard in the House Judicial Committee, but there has been no action on the Bill.
- HB 740 and SB 882. These Bills, as amended, would prohibit the possession, selling, offering for sale, purchase or receiving any firearm manufactured using a computer-aided fabrication device if the firearm does not have an imprinted serial number issued by a federally licensed manufacturer or importer. In that federally licensed firearm manufacturers or importers are unlikely to issue serial numbers to private individuals, if you have a computer-aided manufactured firearm, as of July 1, 2019 you become an instant criminal. The Bills would become effective July 1, 2019 and violations carry up to five (5) years imprisonment, and/or fines up to \$5,000. The Bills would direct the Maryland State Police to develop a plan for a system to register firearms not imprinted with serial numbers. The State Police are to submit a report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by September 30, 2019. This would be one more step toward total registration. It is unclear what effect these bills will have on completed receivers The Senate version of the bill is still in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Legislation (continued)

HB 786 and SB 737. As originally drafted, these Bills would have required a Long-gun Qualification license to purchase a rifle or shotgun, a seven-day waiting period after purchasing a rifle or shotgun, and a prohibition against purchasing more than one firearm in a 30-day period. These provisions have, thankfully, been striped from the Bills. However, they still require all transfers of rifles and shotguns between individuals to go through a FLL dealer to include the rental of a firearm. Also, the Bills greatly restrict the loan of firearms between individuals to the extent a person would have to accompany anyone to whom they loaned a firearm for a hunting trip. This same restriction would apply to a temporary loan at a firing range, competitive event, etc. These provisions could end our Club loaning of M-1 rifles for league shooting and could possibly effect other Club events. In addition, the Bills apparently would prohibit DNR from loaning firearms for Hunter Safety Courses. Penalties for failure to comply are up to three years in prison, up to \$5,000 in fines, or both. The House version of HB 786, as amended, is still in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, so the future of these Bills is unknown.

HB 1343 and SB 1000: These Bills propose abolishing the civilian Handgun Permit Review Board (HPRB) and require anyone who desires to appeal a State Police denial of a carry permit, or overly burdensome permit restrictions, to make their appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH). The OAH has some 40 judges to hear a wide variety of cases other than carry permit appeals. It is a formal, judicial environment, and it is highly recommended anyone appealing to the OAH be represented by an attorney which can be a costly proposition. SB 1000 has been declared an "emergency measure" which means it would become effective immediately upon enactment. SB 1000, having been passed by the Senate, is now in the House Judiciary Committee with a hearing scheduled for April 4. There is a very high likelihood the Bill will pass, abolishing the Handgun Permit Review Board. In Wednesday's edition of the *Baltimore Sun*, there was an editorial stating the General Assembly's action on gun control this year is just a "smidge" compared to what is really required. It went on to say elimination of the Handgun Permit Review Board was closing "One of the more gaping loopholes in Maryland's ongoing efforts to keep dangerous weapons off the streets".

It takes three minutes to call your representative to politely state your recommended vote for each bill. The most dangerous thing concerning the gun owner right now is our own inaction.

Please make that three-minute phone call or we only have ourselves to blame as gun rights are continually chiseled away and gone forever.



The Osprey (Pandion Haliaetus)

According to the Chesapeake Bay Program, the osprey is one of the largest raptors in North America and one of the most widespread birds in the world.

Approximately one-quarter of all the ospreys in the continental United States nest in our Chesapeake Bay region and can live up to 30 years.

Despite outdated lore that they hurt the Striped Bass fisheries, ospreys feed mostly on medium sized fish such as perch, shad, and menhaden.

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/fieldguide/critter/osprey

Club Shoots

Upcoming: Lever Action Shoot

Our annual club Lever Action Shoot will be held on May 5th from 10am to 2pm. The match is open to all club members in good standing and their family members.

> Any lever action rifle within our range rules requirements may be used. Shooter may choose to shoot open sight or scoped/red dot categories. The same gun must be used throughout the full course of fire. All shots will be taken from the standing (offhand) position. Slings are not allowed in this match

Course of fire will be a total of 20 rounds, shot as follows: 50 yards - 5 rounds

75 yards- 5 rounds

100 yards- 5 rounds

150 yards- 5 rounds

Refer to your club booklet for more information or email our Range Officer through our webpage for any additional information concerning this no-fee club shoot.

Buffalo Shoot held on 01/13/19

High overall – John Grainger

	Smokeless	Black Powder
1 st	Ron Showacre	Ron Showacre
2 nd	Sloane Franklin	Mike Miller

Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/10/19

	<u>Open Prone</u>	<u> Vintage Prone</u>	<u>Unlimited Prone</u>
1 st	John Grainger	John Grainger	John Grainger
2 nd	Mike Miller		Sloane Franklin
3 rd			Ron Showacre
	Unlimited Chair	Open Chair	<u>Open Chair Jr.</u>
1 st	Fred Fischer	George McCauley	Liam Miller

Lever Action Rifle Shoot upcoming on 05/05/19

	Open Sight	Scope
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

.22LR Rifle Shoot upcoming on 06/16/19

	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Open Sights</u>
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

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George McCauley

Jon Schweitzer

Karl Sovik

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Brian Loher

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Robert Larsen

Newsletter Editor

Rick Murphy

Range Status Hotline (410) 255-2119

2019 Hunter Sight-in Dates

Bow, Crossbow, Hunting Rifle, Shotgun, & Muzzleloader

August 3, 4 September 8, 15





Archery Range Work Party Volunteers

Please contact our Archery League chairperson if you can participate in the April work party.



12-Gauge Turkey Shoot May 5th

12pm

\$5 per squad, per shooter 50/50 cash prize

Refer to our club Range Rules for shotgun and equipment requirements

Thank You Bylaws Committee!

The club membership would like to say a special **thank you** to our Bylaws Committee chaired by Sloane Franklin.

The committee recently volunteered many hours in reviewing, researching, discussing, and solidifying both our club range rules and bylaws.



Life Time Memberships: \$1000 5-Year Memberships: \$125 3-Year Memberships: \$85 1-Year Membership: \$35

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these prices.

http://www.scfhclub.org/Join.aspx