



STONEY CREEK FISHING & HUNTING CLUB

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From the Club President

Fellow members,

In the last newsletter I eluded to good times and bad times. We always have a good time at our meetings as it gives us the opportunity to be among friends that enjoy the same passion we do. We always have good times at the club shoots and I think some are missing out of a really good time to learn some good shooting techniques and a bit of comraderie not often seen elsewhere. The public events are always good as it brings us a chance to proudly display our facilities and the membership in a good light.

We have had to endure some not so good times as well. Having to bring charges up against fellow members/friends and in some instances decide to expel them from the club. We have had to make the hard decision to discontinue the Wounded Warrior program out of a lack of participation from those it was meant to help. We have had to say a final good bye to club members as they move on from this world to the next.

On a final note, elections are coming soon and we are always looking for fresh faces to run for offices and committees. Don't be afraid to throw your hat in the ring and give it a try. There is a lot of help out there and you're never alone.

Regards,

Raymond Ten Kate
Club President

Events

The NRA RSO Course

The NRA RSO Course offered to club members took place on Saturday, 1/4. 25 club members learned about the various aspects to range safety and everyone had a great time. Thanks so much to everyone involved in organizing the class and providing attendees with lunch! We now have 25 additional members who can function as NRA certified range safety officers at our shoots and events, which is fantastic for the club.



News

Tuesday Night Trap starts back up 3/10! Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great 2020 trap season!

Elections will take place during the second meeting of March. If you'd like to run for something, let the nomination committee know by 3/13!

Legislation

From 2A Maryland: **2020 Session - Action Alert**

Legislative Report #07 March 10, 2020

The following 3 bills were passed today in the House Judiciary Committee and are now in the House. Please use the contact information below to voice your opposition.

[HB 0035](#) Public Safety – Firearm Telematics – Study

Seeks to compel a Maryland State Police study on means for installing GPS tracking devices in firearms to locate lost and/or stolen firearms. Potentially useful in tracking the whereabouts of legally owned firearms and firearm owners. OPPOSE

[HB 0591](#) Public Safety – Lost or Stolen Regulated Firearm – Reporting

Doubling the sentences and fines for failing to report a stolen firearm. Doubling the proposed penalty for a first offence for any subsequent offense. Changing the offense from a civil offense to a criminal offense. OPPOSE

[HB 1629](#) Office of the Attorney General - Firearm Crime – Study (cross-file SB 1047)

A totally unnecessary near duplication of a bill passed during the 2019 Session. The major difference being that last year's version was amended to place the responsibility under the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention rather than under the office of the Maryland Attorney General (Brian Frosh). This version again assigns the duties to the office of the Maryland Attorney, probably to make sure the results suit the liberals anti-gun paradigm. OPPOSE

This bill is still in the JUD Committee where action is expected very soon:

[HB 1104](#) Public Safety - Regulated Firearms – Transfer (cross-file SB 1074)

Defining "transfer" as a sale, rental, furnishing, gift, loan or any other delivery with or without compensation. Excludes a temporary change in possession when the transferor has no reason to believe the transferee intends to commit a crime; AND only when in the actual presence of the transferor. Effectively repeals legislation we backed last session. OPPOSE

Please contact the JUD Committee Chair and respectfully voice your opposition to House Bill 1104:

Delegate Luke Clippinger 410-841-3303 301-858-3303

2019 Hunting & Fishing Photos



Lauren enjoying some dove hunting on Christmas Eve



Lauren's hunting mentee, Michelle, got her first deer on 12/14 with a shotgun



Sloane enjoying a game of solitaire during a break in action



Lauren gathering some cover scent in late October



A beautiful Dorchester County evening in the stand

Club Shoots

The club held its first shoot of 2020, the buffalo shoot, on 1/12/20. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun. It was definitely quite a different experience than it was last year; we had our largest snowfall of the winter during 2019's buffalo shoot, and this year it was in the 60's out and sunny!



Club Shoots 2020

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Buffalo Shoot being held on 01/12/20</p> <p>High overall – John Grainger 36</p> <p><u>Smokeless</u> <u>Black Powder</u> <u>300 YDS</u></p> <p>1st Sloane Franklin 11 Richard Brooks 5 George McCauley 19</p> <p>2nd Fred Fischer 5 Pistol – 1st Frank Burger 7</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/09/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Open Prone</u> <u>Vintage Prone</u> <u>Unlimited Prone</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unlimited Chair</u> <u>Open Chair</u> <u>Open Chair Jr.</u></p> <p>1st</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Lever Action Rifle Shoot being held on 05/31/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Iron Sight</u> <u>Scope</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.22LR Rifle Shoot being held on 06/14/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Optics</u> <u>Open Sights</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Pistol Shoot being held on 07/12/20</p> <p>High overall –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Center Fire</u> <u>Rim Fire</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot being held on 08/09/20</p> <p>High Overall –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Open Sight</u> <u>Scoped Sight</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Trap Shoot being held on 08/02/20</p> <p>High Overall –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class A</u> <u>Class B</u> <u>Class C</u> <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Archery Shoot being held on 09/XX/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Compound</u> <u>Crossbow</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">All-Gun Shoot being held on 09/27/20</p> <p>High Overall - John Grainger</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rifle</u> <u>Pistol</u> <u>Shotgun</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Side X Side Trap Shoot & 20 Gauge Challenge being held on 10/25/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Side x Side Trap Shoot Results</u></p> <p>High Gun –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class A</u> <u>Class B</u> <u>Class C</u> <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>20 Gauge Challenge Results</u></p> <p>High Gun –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class B</u> <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1st 2nd 3rd</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Rifle Shoot being held on 11/01/20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st 2nd 3rd</p> | |

The Master Naturalist

THE INVASIVE (BUT DELICIOUS) NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD

The Northern Snakehead (*Channa argus*) is a popular game fish that got its start in Maryland in such a sensational fashion that a horror movie based on it came out in 2004. In about the year 2000, a local man released two of them in a Crofton pond after buying them in NY and keeping them as pets for two years. They weren't discovered until 2002, and by then they had grown in numbers substantially. The pond was poisoned and the Snakehead exterminated, but the damage had been done; in 2004 they were found in the Potomac River and have since spread significantly and have grown in numbers massively. They have become a popular game fish as they are fun to fish for and are known to be extremely tasty. Local restaurants are beginning to serve Northern Snakehead as a menu option and many Snakehead fishing tournaments are being held in the spring and summer months. Mounting evidence is beginning to show that they are causing concerning harm in our local waterways. The DNR describes them as "a voracious predator of fishes, freshwater crustaceans, and amphibians". Though there are no laws or regulations that prohibit anyone from throwing them back once caught, it's highly recommended not to. Do our ecosystem a favor and eat the ugly things. 😊



FISHING FOR NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD

Northern Snakehead can get to roughly 3 feet long and often spawn multiple times per year, producing as many as 15,000 eggs each time. Popular destinations for Snakehead fishing include in and around Blackwater NWR and Mallows Bay and Mattawoman Creek on the Potomac River. Medium-heavy and heavy action rods are recommended. Popular lures include topwater frogs, chatterbait, spinnerbait, and utilizing live minnows seems to produce great results. A braided line with at least a 25lb test is also recommended. Snakehead can be caught year-round, though your best luck will likely be had in the warmer months.



The MD DNR reported that deer hunters harvested 79,457 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from 9/6/2019 through 1/31/2020

The statewide harvest included 29,233 antlered and 46,777 antlerless white-tailed deer, plus 1,552 antlered and 1,895 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 3% higher than the 2018-2019 total of 77,382 deer.



Lauren Atwood - Master Naturalist

2020 Hunting & Fishing Photos



Lauren & her hunting mentee, Michelle,
with her first goose on 1/18



Lauren teaching her mentee some
scouting techniques on 1/1



Watching the Snow Geese enjoy
themselves at Blackwater NWR in 2/15

Range Rules Review

Ranges open at from 8 am Monday through Saturday and 9 am on Sunday. All ranges close at official sunset every day.

Sunset can be found on any weather website or solunar tables of many publications. Sunset does not mean when the sun is no longer visible on the horizon or there is too little light to safely shoot, it is a specific time each day.

General Info

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Richard Furrow has stepped up to take over the pistol league this year! Thanks so much, Richard! And thank you so much to Denise for everything you've done and all the time you've put in to make the Pistol League run so smoothly and be so much fun over the past several years!

If anyone is interested in running for Chief Range Officer this March, please contact Lee

Our 2020 club calendars **SOLD OUT!** Thanks for supporting the club!

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Letter from the editor:

Apologies for the lateness of this edition of the newsletter! It's been a crazy couple of months, but we're back on track now. We're in a bit of a slow period without much hunting or shooting going on, but as it always does, we're about to be picking up quickly as it warms up! Please feel free to send me and hunting, fishing or outdoor photos you're out there taking, I don't want the photos to be all of me!!

See you around, I'm sure! 😊

- Lauren



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