

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



Sept 2023

Greetings All Members,

I'd like to start off this message by welcoming all the new members that have joined the Club. We've had quite a few people voted into the Club over the past six months. Welcome to all of you and I hope you become lifelong members. As new members you will find there are a lot of ways to enjoy our Club. From activities such as participating in Pistol, AR/M1, and Trap Leagues, Tuesday Night Open Trap or the many different Club Shoots throughout the year. Another good way to enjoy the Club socially is to attend the Friday General meetings and meet other members (please refer to the Club calendar for meeting nights).

As the end of Summer is nearing and the start of Fall is quickly approaching, it's that time of year for all of the Hunters in our Club to get back out into the fields and woods and start prepping for the upcoming hunting seasons. It's a good time to reminder to thank those members in our Club who teach the Maryland Hunter Safety Course. By hosting the Maryland Hunter Safety Course, we help get the next generation of hunters into the fields and woods and into the sport of hunting. A big thank you to Jon Schweitzer, Gary Townsend, and all the other great members who help with that program.

Since our last Newsletter back in May we've had several new classes that were held. Thank you to Joe Wiley our Clubs Training Committee Chairman for coordinating the Trap 101 Class, The Range Refresher Class, and the Stop the Bleed First Aid Class. I would also like to thank Rob Clay and Rob Peel as the lead instructors for the Trap 101 Class. The Range Refresher Class was greatly appreciated by many of those who attended. we had about 40 members in total attend. Also held on the final day of the Range Refresher was the Stop the Bleed First Aid Class., which was very informative to those who attended. Discussion is underway about expanding the Stop the Bleed Class into a full First Aid Certification Class. Currently underway and being held at the Club is an NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor Class being taught by Club member Chuck Grempler. Thank you, Chuck.

In closing, I wish every hunter in our Club a very successful and safe hunting season. I'm looking forward to hearing some new hunting stories. As always, if you need to contact me or any Club Officer you can do so thru the Club Website using the "Contact Us" link on the left side of the page. Thank you.

David J Bathras, SR.
President



Member Only Shoots/Events

All Gun Shoot - 9/24
Rifle + Side by Side
& 20 Gauge Trap - 10/15

Upcoming General Meeting Dates

Sept. 29th
Oct. 13th
Nov. 10th
Dec 8th



Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club 2023 Calendar of Events

January

General Meetings 13, 27
Board Meeting 9
Training 7
Air Gun League 4,11,18,25
**Buffalo Shoot 8

February

General Meetings 10, 24
Training 4
Air Gun League 1,8,15,22
**Bench Rest 5
** Sniper Rifle 12
Hunter Safety WS 23(5pm)

March

General Meetings 10, 31
Training 4
Air Gun League 1,8,15,22,29
M1/AR Meeting 14 (7pm)
Pistol League Mtg 16(7pm)
**Bench Rest 5
Trap League 19,26
Hunter Safety WS 18(8am-5pm)

April

General Meetings 14, 28
Training 1
**Pistol League 2,15,29
**Bench Rest 2,30
Egg Roll 16
Trap League 2,15,23,30
Board Meeting 10

May

General Meetings 12, 26
Training 6
Air Gun Banquet 20 (6pm)
Flea Market 7
**Pistol League 13,21
**Bench Rest 21
**Lever Action Shoot 28
Trap League 6,13,21,28

June

General Meetings 9, 30
Training 3
**Pistol League 10, 24
**.22 Rifle Shoot 11
Hunter Safety 12, 15, 17
Trap League 4
Trap League Banquet 10 (6pm)
Range Refresher 26, 29 (6:30pm)

July

General Meetings 14, 28
Training 1
**Pistol League 15, 23
**Pistol Shoot 9
Board Meeting 10
Range Refresher 1 (10am)

August

General Meetings 11, 25
Trap 101 (10am) 5
Hunter Qual 5, 19
**Trap Shoot 6
**Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 6
Internet H. Safety 27
**Pistol League 13,26
Hunter Safety 7,10,12
Trap League 13,19,26

September

General Meetings 8, 29
Training 2
Hunter Qual 2, 3
Internet H. Safety 9
**Pistol League 10
M1/AR Banquet 16 (6pm)
**All Gun Shoot 24
Trap League 3,10,17,23,30

October

General Meetings 13
Training 7
Internet H. Safety 1
**Side-X-Side and 20-Gauge Trap Shoot Rifle Shoot 15
Pistol Banquet 7 (5pm)
Trap League 8,14,22
Board Meeting 9

November

General Meetings 10
Training 4
Flea Market 5
Calendar Meeting 1 (7pm)
Bench Rest Meeting 8 (7pm)
Trap League Banquet 4 (6pm)
Trap Closes 21

December

General Meetings 8
Training 2
Air Gun League Mtg 13 (7pm)

Merry Christmas 25

**** Members Only Shoot -
registration 10AM to 2PM**

Hunter Qual 9AM to 1PM

TRAP EVERY TUESDAY @ 5PM RE-OPENS **March 7**

WEB SITE INFO - www.scfclub.org

EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



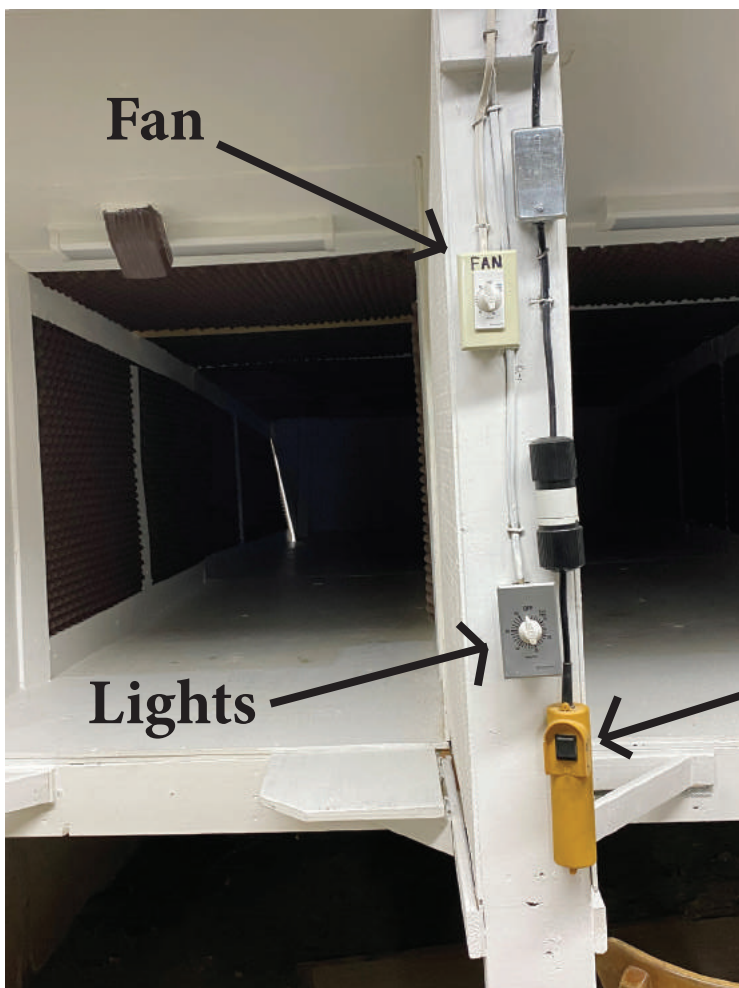
New Range Rules:

All Ranges:

Please turn on the exhaust fans that have been installed on each lane during use. **A leaf blower is also located at the 50 yard range to clear out powder.**

25 & 50 yard Ranges:

The eyebrows have been removed. The outer doors must be opened all the way. The old eyebrow controllers now open and shut the outer doors.

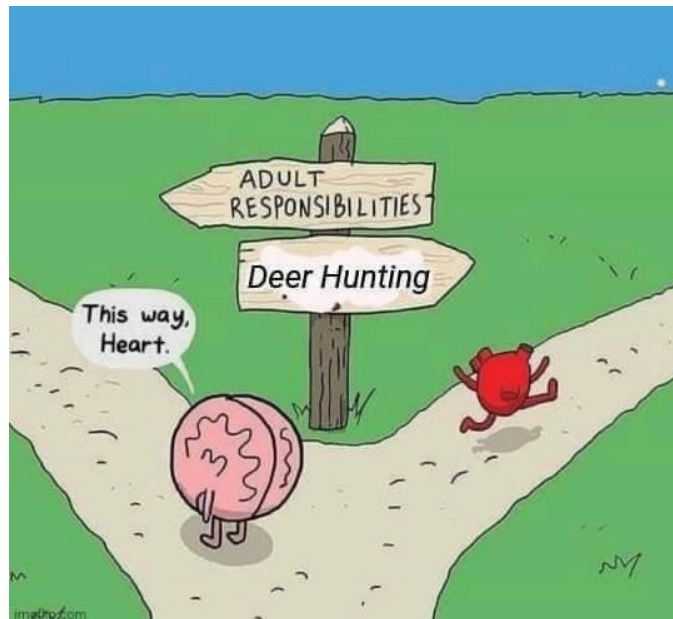


**100 yds+ Eyebrow, Adjust like normal
25-50 yds - Outer Door, open all the way**

Training & Academics Committee

We will be taking a break over the Fall and Winter Season. If you are looking for hours consider joining this committee. We need people to help set up classes, prepare or research what is needed, and do behind the scenes work. **YOU WILL NOT BE TEACHING CLASSES** (unless you are qualified to do it).

Reach out to me at Training@scfhclub.org



PARKING ALERT

For those of you that don't know, our range parking area is directly next to a hole at the golf course. It is important to know where you park when visiting the range.

Stoney Creek Fishing and Hunting club is not responsible for your vehicle in the parking lot. The Golf Course is not responsible for your car getting hit.



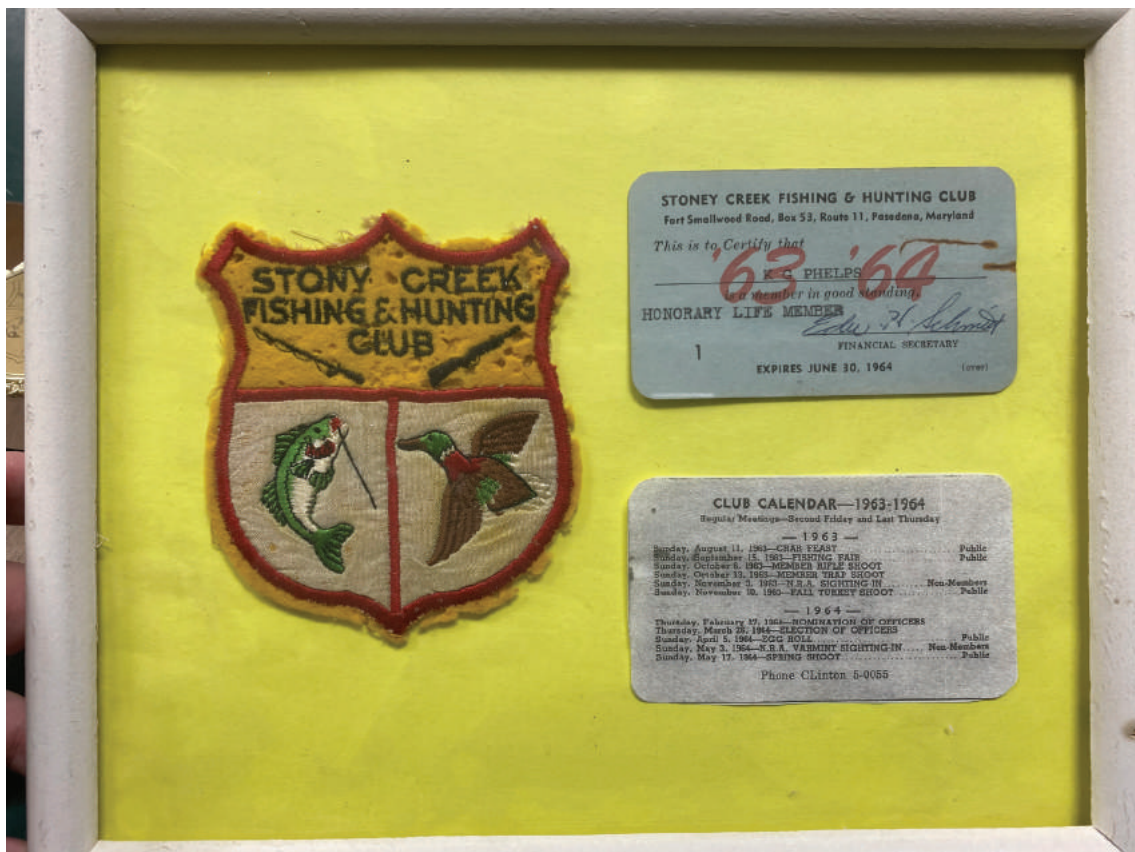


Club Rifle Shoot

The following are the rules for the Club Rifle Shoot:

1. Any Maryland legal deer rifle
2. Any sights (scoped and open are all in the same class)
3. Hunting type slings allowed (no shooting jackets, gloves, etc.)
4. All shots are to be placed on deer targets
5. Course of fire:
 - a. 6 shots @ 100 yards (off hand/standing ,only heart & lung shots score)
 - b. 7 shots @ 150 yards (kneeling or sitting)
 - c. 7 shots @ 200 yards (prone)

A harder shooting position (as defined in Club Shoot Rules) may always be used within the confines of safety as determined by the Range Officer or designee on the day of the shoot.





Archery Deer Hunting Season Opens Sept. 8 Across Maryland

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced the archery hunting season for white-tailed and sika deer opens statewide Sept. 8 and ends Jan. 31, 2024.

Archers may also use vertical longbows and vertical recurve bows Feb. 1-3, 2024 during the second annual Primitive Deer Hunt Days.

“Fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year in Maryland and archery season is a great reason for many to get outside,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Acting Director Karina Stonesifer said. “The season provides our hunters with the first of many opportunities to contribute to the management of our state’s deer population.”

For the 2023-24 deer season, the statewide bag limit for white-tailed bucks is two deer (no more than one per weapon season). Hunters have the option to take one additional bonus buck in Region B (the state’s central, southern, and eastern regions) after purchasing a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.

The antlerless archery deer bag limits differ between deer management regions. In Region A, comprising Western Maryland, no more than one antlerless deer may be harvested during the regular archery season. An additional antlerless deer may be harvested in Region A during the Primitive Deer Hunt Days.

In Region B, the antlerless archery limit is 15, except for in the Suburban Deer Management Zone, where the archery antlerless limit is now unlimited. This zone comprises Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties.

New for the 2023-24 hunting season, if hunters intend to pursue sika deer, they must purchase a sika hunting stamp in addition to the archery stamp. Sika stamps may be purchased on the department’s online licensing site COMPASS, at a licensing agent, or by calling the department’s Licensing and Registration unit at 866-344-8889. The sika deer archery season bag limit is three with no more than one being antlered. An antlered sika is defined as a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline. The sika deer archery season is open in every county.

Multiple Sundays are open to archery hunting in most counties, including on some public lands. Hunters can consult the 2023-2024 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for additional information on Sunday hunting and other deer hunting opportunities.

An antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and apprentice license holders who are 16 or younger are exempt from this restriction.

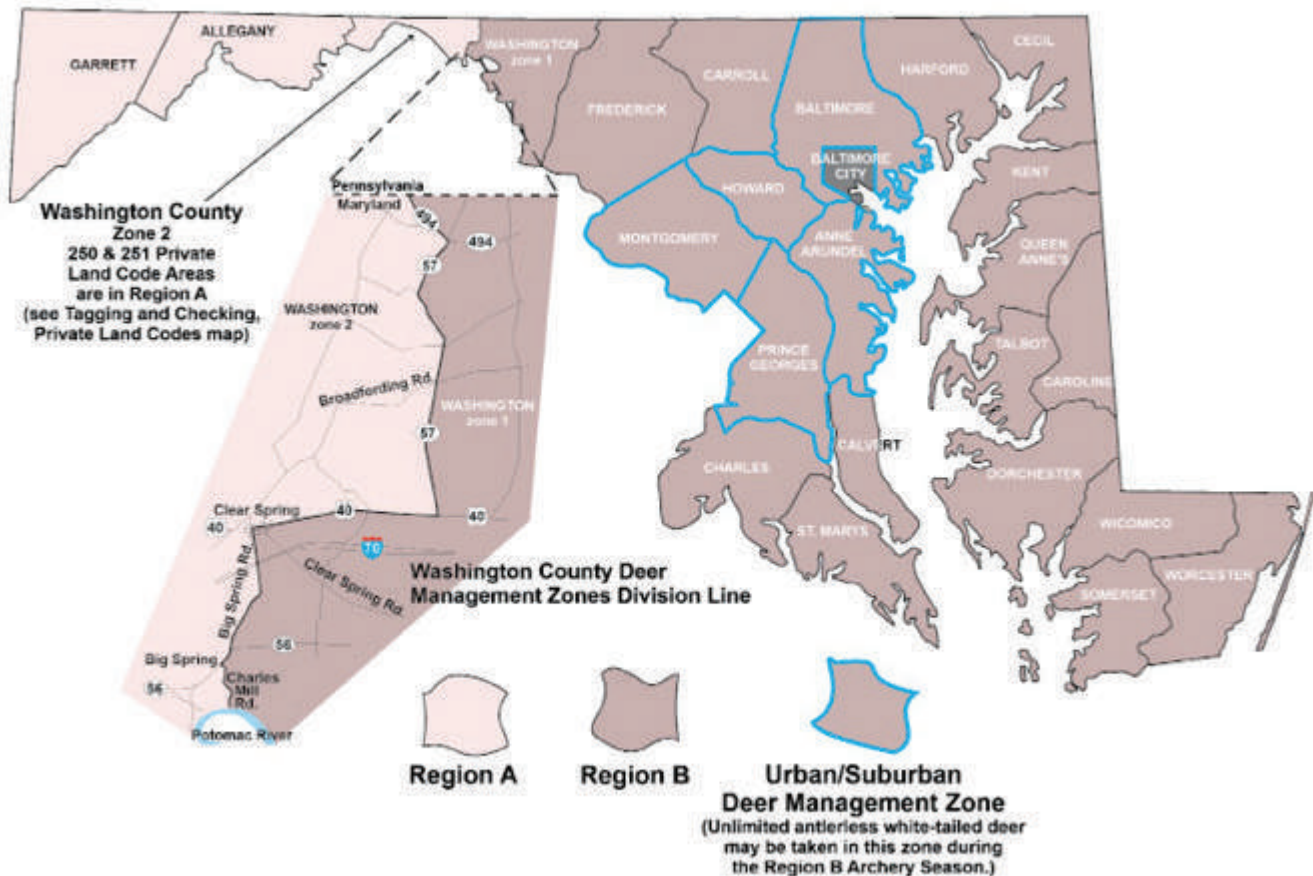
Hunters should carefully inspect all tree-stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while in the

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stand and while climbing in or out. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Hunters should report deer taken with a long, compound, or recurve bow as harvested with a vertical bow when checking in their deer. Crossbow hunters should register their deer as taken with a crossbow. This information helps biologists collect information on preferences and trends in how deer are harvested.

Hunters are encouraged to help others by donating deer taken in Maryland to food banks. A state tax credit offers hunters an incentive for donated deer. Other local or state programs are also available so hunters should check with their deer processors



Eastern Shore Angler Catches Maryland State Record Snakehead

Damien Cook of Rhodesdale has been recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as a new state record holder for Northern snakehead – *Channa argus* — in the state’s Invasive Division. Cook caught the 21.0-pound fish on July 5 while fishing in a Dorchester County river.

The impressive fish, which measured more than 36 inches long, was weighed on a certified scale provided by Kool Ice Seafood in Cambridge. The species was confirmed by a Maryland Department of Natural Resources biologist. Cook’s catch surpassed the previous record 19.9-pound snakehead caught in 2018 by Andrew D. Fox while bowfishing in Charles County.

Cook was kayak fishing with a custom baitcasting rod, 30-pound test-rated braided line, and a custom chatterbait he calls the “cooker” when he reeled in the massive snakehead.

“Honestly I thought it was just your average 30-inch snakehead when I first hooked the fish,” Cook said. “It pulled hard but I had the advantage of it being close and I got it in the net pretty quickly.”

The Northern snakehead is an invasive species now common throughout Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay tidal waters. Snakeheads have become popular for sportfishing in Maryland because they fight hard and strike traditional artificial lures that are often used for largemouth bass. Dorchester County’s tidal river system is among the state’s hotspots for snakeheads. More information about snakeheads is available on the Department of Natural Resources website.

The department encourages anglers to kill all snakeheads that they catch, and reminds anglers it is illegal to transport a live snakehead.

The Department of Natural Resources maintains state records for sport fish in four divisions – Atlantic, Chesapeake, Nontidal, and Invasive. Anglers who think they have a potential record catch should download and complete a state record application and call 443-569-1398 to report a potential state record catch. The department recommends the fish be immersed in ice water to preserve its weight until it can be checked, confirmed, and certified.



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Contact Stephen Moody
for club license plate details

Tuesday Night Trap

Trap is open for the season!
Great way to meet people and earn
hours.

Hello Everyone,

Have a great time hunting this season.

Joe Wiley

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