

# Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



March 2023

Fellow Members:

2023 is looking like a busy year for Stoney Creek. With the transition from winter to spring, the Air Gun League winds down through April and the Trap, Pistol, Bench Rest, and M1/AR Leagues start up. Spring brings the annual Egg Roll and Spring Flea Market. As we transition into summer, numerous club shoots will be held, along with Hunter Safety and enjoying fishing in the area. As we approach fall, many of our members prepare for hunting season, both firearm and archery related, including Hunter Sight-in. The club then approaches winter, where we have a reduced number of meetings, a lighter calendar, the holidays, and hunting -- the four seasons of our activities for the calendar year. Therefore, I hope that each of you will take the time to check the club's events and participate as much as possible in our large number of events throughout the seasons!

As the first quarter of 2023 comes to a close and my two terms in office as President comes to an end, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you, the club, for your support over the past two years. We have had some trying times, have lost a number of members from this world, gained many new members, had many difficult discussions with satisfactory resolutions, and experienced many laughs along the journey -- basically, the cycle of life in microcosm, for which I am most thankful to have experienced and shared with you. But most importantly, we have continued to build camaraderie and forged friendships that have strengthened our club, making its 77th year, and future for current and future members and generations, a healthy and prosperous one; we have an obligation to preserve the privilege of this club for posterity and we have collectively risen to the challenges to ensure that outcome. Please always remember that this is OUR club, and it is the creation of OUR making; and again like the cycle of life, requires our care to flourish -- so please stay involved.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not extend a warm thank you to our fellow officers, board, committee chairs, and volunteers for all of the work each of you have put forth during my tenure; we wouldn't be the welcoming and healthy club we are today without all that have contributed so very much of their time and efforts, as we are only viable due to your voluntary contributions as members.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you with a humble heart and deep gratitude. I ask that you please give the newly elected individuals the same support, honesty, and time you have so generously given to me. I look forward to seeing and socializing with each of you at future matches, meetings, and events in the coming year. Heck, maybe I'll actually get a deer this year, spend more time on the ranges, learn to actually shoot archery, maybe even learn something about fishing, and not destroy club signage with my truck!

Nick D'Apice, President



A Special Word from our Vice President:

As my tenure as Stoney Creek's Vice President comes to an end, I wanted to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation for the support you've given to me. The increase in women members at the club has been good to see. Stoney Creek and the support of its club members has instrumental in encouraging women to learn more about gun safety and to become gun owners. Keep up the good work! The last two years have been awesome (and a learning experience!) and I'm looking forward to continuing to be involved with this extraordinary club through meeting and club events, as well as serving as Pistol League Chair.

Denise Hoffman, Vice President



**Trap League Starts March 19th.**

**Open to the Public**

**11am-3pm**

**Must complete 10 of 12 shoots**

**50 Rounds/Shoot - 25 at 16 yds, 25 at Handicap**

**\$20/shoot**

**Handicap established after 4 shoots, handicap at 18 yards until established.**





**Member Only Shoots/Events**  
 Egg Roll - April 16  
 Lever Action - May 28th

**Upcoming General Meeting Dates**  
 April 14  
 April 28  
 May 12  
 May 26



**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

**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)

**July**  
 General Meetings 14, 28  
 Training 1  
 \*\*Pistol League 15, 23  
 \*\*Pistol Shoot 9

**August**  
 General Meetings 11, 25  
 Training 5  
 Hunter Qual 5, 19  
 \*\*Trap Shoot 6  
 Internet H. Safety 27  
 \*\*Pistol League 13,26  
 Hunter Safety 7,10,12  
 \*\*Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 20  
 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 15  
 Pistol Banquet 7 (5pm)  
 Rifle Shoot 22  
 Trap League 8,14,22

**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.scfhclub.org](http://www.scfhclub.org) EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119**

**ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

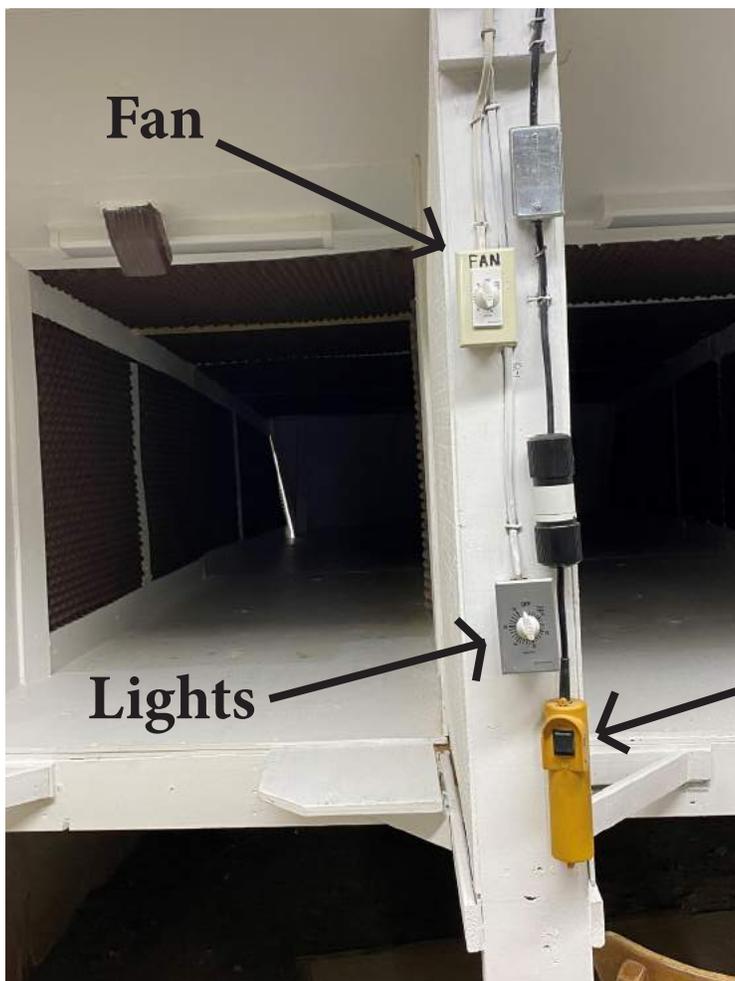
## New Range Rules:

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



## Winner of the 4th M1 Raffle:

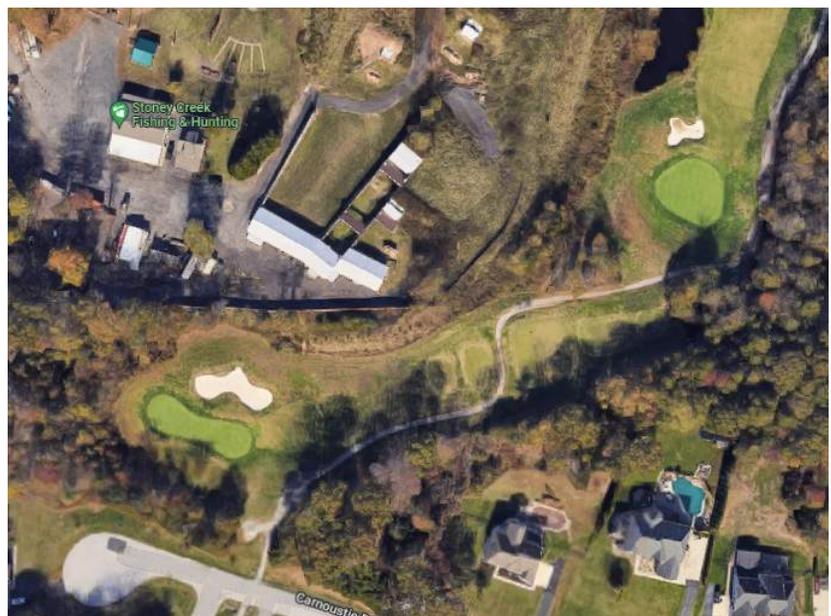
### Nick Ackermann



#### 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.





# ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!!!

Elections will be held March 31st.  
Election night is for **MEMBERS ONLY**.  
Dinner will be provided by the club.



## A Celebration of Life for Wes Grogan will be held at noon on April 15th

Location: VFW Post 7464  
203 VFW Avenue  
Grasonville, MD

A Mission BBQ lunch buffet will be served from 12pm until 1pm, followed by fellowship and "Wes Stories" until approximately 3 pm.

In place of flowers, Treva & Penny request that you renew your NRA membership, buy a new membership, or donate to a Veterans Organization of your choice in Wes' Memory.



## 2023 Buffalo Shoot Results

### High Overall Shooter

John Grainger

Harold Brandon - 1st place Black Powder Iron Site, 2nd place Smokeless

Mike Atkinson - 1st Place Smokeless

## 2023 Sniper Rifle Shoot Results

### Open Prone

1st - John Grainger

2nd - Mark Rumbarger

3rd - Nick Ackermann

### Unlimited Prone

1st - John Grainger

### Vintage Prone

1st - John Grainger

### Open Chair

1st - Nick Ackermann

2nd - Rob Clay

### Unlimited Chair

1st - Ray Ten Kate



## Buffalo Shoot

Any lever action rifle.

Shooter may choose to shoot in Open sight or Scoped/ Red Dot categories.

Slings are not allowed.

The same gun must be used through-out the full course of fire.

All shots will be taken from the standing (offhand) position.

The course of fire will be a total of 20 rounds, shot as follows:

50 yards – 5 rounds at clay birds

75 yards – 5 rounds at a 'Paper Tombstone'

100 yards – 5 rounds at a '9" Paper Plate'

150 yards – 5 rounds at a 'Paper Jug'



**NOTE: Time is 10am-2pm for all club matches. All shooters must be signed in by 2pm, shooting will continue until all signed in shooters have completed the match.**

## Maryland Winter Turkey Season Harvest Up 25%

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported that hunters took 84 wild turkeys during the 2023 winter turkey season, which was open statewide Jan. 19-21. This year's harvest was 25% above the 2022 total of 67 turkeys.

Allegany, Frederick, Washington, Anne Arundel, and Charles counties reported the highest harvests. Adult males, or "toms", comprised 70% of the harvest with the remainder being females and juveniles. About 77% were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters used a crossbow or vertical bow to harvest their turkeys.

The winter turkey season was established in 2015 to provide hunters with an additional hunting opportunity while minimizing conflicts with other hunting seasons. Turkey populations at one time were limited in Maryland. In the 1980s and 1990s, an extensive program to trap and relocate wild flocks successfully established populations in every county.

Maryland's spring turkey season, the most popular time for turkey hunting, begins in April.

To see the full county by county breakdown [CLICK HERE](#)





## Maryland Hunters Harvest 76,687 Deer for 2022-2023 Season

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported that deer hunters harvested 76,687 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 9, 2022 through Feb. 3, 2023.

The statewide harvest included 29,682 antlered and 42,872 antlerless white-tailed deer, and 1,908 antlered and 2,225 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 8% higher than the 2021-2022 total of 70,845 deer. The increased harvest is credited to more participation by hunters and favorable weather.

“Maryland hunters enjoyed another successful deer season,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “Deer hunters play a valuable role in managing the state’s deer population.”

Hunters harvested 6,806 deer on Sundays, comprising 9% of the total harvest. Hunting deer on Sunday is only permitted during certain weeks in 20 of Maryland’s 23 counties.

The harvest in deer management Region A (Western Maryland) increased 21%, from 7,929 deer last year to 9,552 this year. Hunters in the western counties reported 5,762 antlered and 3,790 antlerless deer.

Hunters in Region B — the remainder of the state — harvested 67,135 deer, up 7% from 62,916 deer harvested last year. A total of 25,828 antlered and 41,307 antlerless deer were reported in this region.

An outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) on the lower Eastern Shore, primarily in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, caused a decrease in the harvest there this year. EHD occurs annually in Maryland deer and does not have long-lasting effects for the deer population, nor is it harmful to humans.

Frederick County had the highest reported harvest again this year, with 6,935 deer reported. Carroll County followed with 5,785 deer, and Garrett County was third with 4,989. Baltimore and Washington counties rounded out the top five with 4,846 and 4,600 deer, respectively.

To see the county by county break down [CLICK HERE](#)



## The 2023 General Assembly Legislative Session is underway!!

At this point things are changing faster than I could document on here.

Use Maryland Shall Issue's 2023 legislative tracking tool to follow all of updates to Maryland's prospective bills

<https://www.marylandshallissue.org/jmain/legislation-tracker/bill-tracker>



Request from DNR

Did you catch a largemouth bass or smallmouth bass with blotches like these? The United States Geological Survey tracks cases of blotchiness across the country. Between March 1st 2023, and February 29th, 2024, If you catch one then you could enter a photo for free using the MyCatch app and possibly win a \$100 gift card. Read for more details: [CLICK HERE](#)

Black bass blotchiness is caused by a virus, but is not very common and is not thought to be lethal or cause significant problems for the fish. The virus cannot be transmitted to humans. For any questions on black bass blotchiness or photo submissions, please contact Joseph Love at [joseph.love@maryland.gov](mailto:joseph.love@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8257.



# 2022 Winter Photos



Some New Airgun League Shooters

Some of our Buffalo Shooter  
Photo Courtesy of Nick Ackermann



## Club Officers

**President**  
Nick D'Apice

**Vice President**  
Denise Hoffman

**Secretary**  
Bobby Dill

**Treasurer**  
Kevin Burket

**Financial Secretary**  
Karl Sovik

**Sergeant At Arms**  
Ed Panowicz

**Chief Range Officer**  
John Grainger

**Clay Target Officer**  
Robert Tracey

**Kitchen Officer**  
Brian Heslep

## Board of Directors

**Club President**  
**Club Vice President**  
Jon Schweitzer (Chairman)  
Ted Mathison  
Gary Townsend  
Robert Tracey  
Michael Goddard  
Scott Baumgartner  
Brian Heslep  
Karl Sovik  
John Grainger



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,

The end of the club year is fast approaching. There is always something that needs to be done at the club to earn your hours. This is our club and it falls on us to maintain and upgrade as we see fit. Reach out to an officer or committee chair if you need help earning hours!

Joe Wiley

**Membership**  
Brian Loher

**Public Relations**  
Robert Larsen

**Newsletter Editor**  
Joseph Wiley

