

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



June 2023

Greetings All Members,

As Memorial Day has just passed, take a few minutes to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms of our country. It is also a time to thank those who have served in our nations Military and who are still with us today. As many of you know, we have many members in SCFH Club who served in our nations Military. So the next time you're at the club and you see a member donning a hat or shirt displaying that they have served, please take a moment and thank them for their service.

Now that Spring is nearing its end and the beginning of Summer is upon us, it's time to remind everyone of some of the activities that are upcoming or currently underway. Pistol League started at the beginning of April with a substantial increase in the number of shooters. Tuesday Night Trap is well underway and the Spring Trap League is nearing conclusion. Thank you to Rob Peel and Dave Cottrell respectively for leading those. If you have never shot Trap before or haven't shot Trap in a while, I strongly encourage you to come out and give it a try or come back and do it again.

For those who are not experienced in shooting Trap don't worry, we have plenty of great shooters who are more than willing to share with you lots of tips on how to be a better shooter. As for me, this is my first year shooting Trap and let me tell you, I find it both challenging and very fun. I also want to thank everyone thus far who have helped me to become a better Trap shooter. So come on out to the club on Tuesday Night Trap to watch, observe, and get to know other shooters. You may find, like I did, how enjoyable it is and end up joining the Trap Leagues. Please check the club calendar for other upcoming shoots.

Also coming up in June are some great Training opportunities. Coming up in June are the Hunter Safety Classes, get in touch with Jon Schweitzer for further information. The club Secretary, Joe Wiley, has agreed to take over the Training Committee and has scheduled some great classes coming soon. To start with, he has a Range Re-Fresher class scheduled in June and July with a First Aid Class scheduled immediately after the July refresher. August has been scheduled to be a TRAP 101 class for those who would like a more personal training.

A lot of great feedback was received from the recent survey that many of you responded to. Thank you to those who responded. We are going to look at all of the suggestions very closely. Whether the suggestion was for more variety of Club Shoots or more Social Events and everything in between, we will try our best to make as many as we can take place.

In closing, if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to me at anytime and together we can find a solution.

Thank you,
David J Bathras, SR.
President



Member Only Shoots/Events

.22 Shoot - 6/11
 Range Refresher - 6/26 & 29
 Refresher + First Aid - 7/1

Upcoming General Meeting Dates

June 9th
 June 30th
 July 14th
 July 28th
 Board Meeting - July 10th



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)

July

General Meetings 14, 28
 Training 1
 **Pistol League 15, 23
 **Pistol Shoot 9
 Board Meeting 10

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 15
 20-Gauge Trap Shoot
 Pistol Banquet 7 (5pm)
 Rifle Shoot 22
 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.scfhclub.org

EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



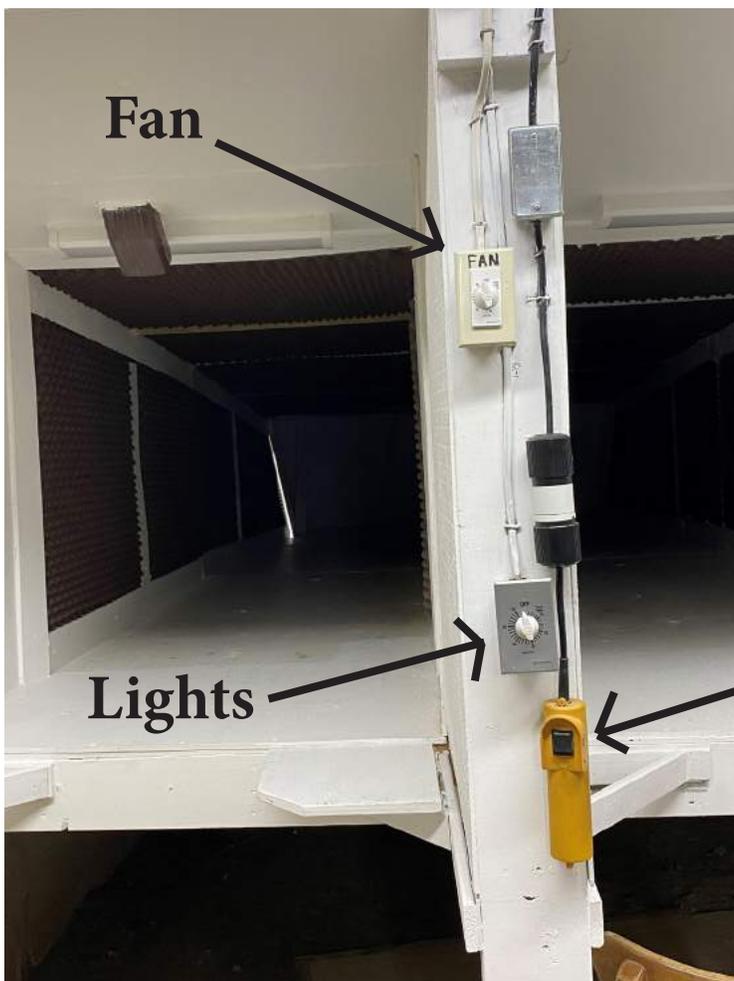
New Range Rules:

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



Training & Academics Committee

The Training committee has undergone a slight rebranding. We have many hoops to jump through to make sure we will not be breaking any laws, violating our insurance, or anything else needed depending on the class, plus finding the right people and committees to teach. This is more than one man can handle long term. I am looking for a few people to form an actual committee for this so classes can be planned months ahead. If you are interested, please contact Joseph Wiley.

Planned Events

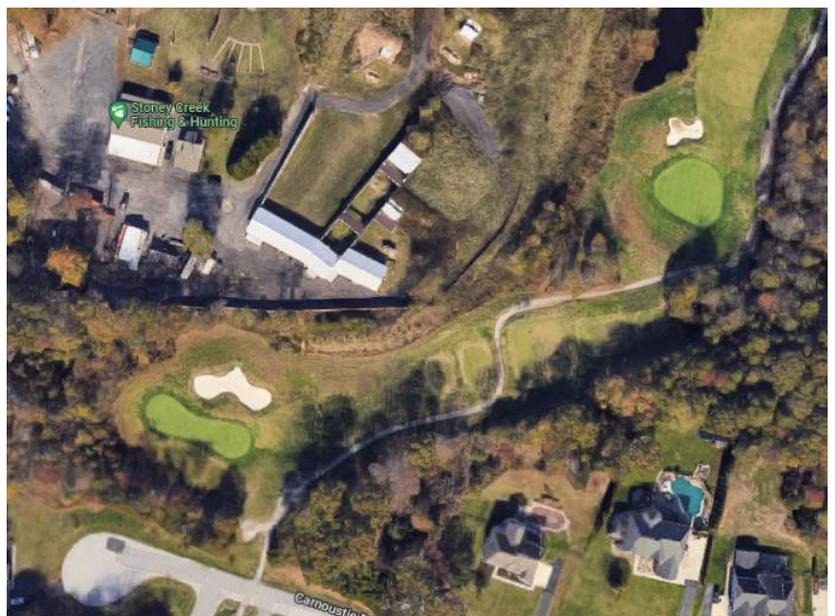
JULY TRAINING: RANGE REFRESHER & FIRST AID

AUGUST TRAINING: TRAP 101

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.





Training and Academics

Safe and Proper Range Operations Refresher And Range First Aid

Refresher only: June 26th & 29th - 630 pm

Refresher & First Aid: July 1st - 10am

Haven't been to a meeting in a while?
You haven't shot at the range in years?
Come out for a quick refresher course!

Multiple days so you don't have an excuse not to come!

Immediately after the July 1st refresher,
come learn some range first aid.
The course is being given by a
state certified paramedic.



No first aid certifications will be given at this class



Rim Fire Rifle Club Shoot

The following are the rules for the .22 Rimfire Club Shoot:

- A. Any .22 caliber Rimfire Rifle (bolt, lever, semi-auto, etc.)
- B. Scopes and slings (per Club Shoot Rules) will be allowed, but no other aids are allowed. (Shooting jackets, gloves, etc.)
- C. The same gun must be used throughout the match.
Should the rifle become non-functional and another rifle is available, the second rifle may be used; however, the competitor must shoot the match in it's entirety with this replacement rifle (i.e. start the match over from the beginning, not from where the rifle ceased working).
- D. The match will be shot offhand/standing per Club Shoot Rules.
No support external to the shooter (e.g. no leaning on bench or enclosure)
- E. The course of fire shall be:

20 rounds at a 20 bull SCFH Air Gun rifle target @ 25 yards

One shot at each bull only!

Should a target have two holes in one bull, the target will be scored using the lower of the two holes.

This means there should be one target without a hole and that will be scored as a miss.

10 rounds at 'paper pig' target @ 50 yards

Each hit counts 10 points

10 rounds at 'paper Beer Cup' target @ 75 yards

Each hit counts 10 points

10 rounds at a 9" paper plate @ 100 yards

Each hit counts 10 points



2023 Airgun League Results

Youth Rifle Supported

- 1st Carmen Turner
- 2nd Vincent Harriday
- 3rd KT Flanagan
- 4th Thrace Sherman

Youth Rifle Elbows

- 1st Jack Anderson
- 2nd Pierce Rosencraz

Youth Rifle Offhand

- 1st Ben Shultz

Adult Rifle Peep

- 1st Ted Mathison
- 2nd Kristine Anderson
- 3rd John Grace
- 4th Joseph Wiley

Adult Rifle Scoped

- 1st Rob Biddlecomb



Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Annual Survey Confirms 38 Deer With Chronic Wasting Disease

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported today that 38 white-tailed deer sampled within Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, and Washington counties in 2022 tested positive for chronic wasting disease, a neurological disease found in deer and elk.

The Department of Natural Resources works with neighboring states to monitor chronic wasting disease in the deer population, and establishes management areas to help study the disease and hopefully curb its spread.

Of the positive samples, 34 came from within the existing Chronic Wasting Disease Management Area (Allegany and Washington counties), while three positive samples came from Frederick County and one positive sample came from Carroll County.

“Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, this disease continues to spread both regionally and nationally,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Acting Director Karina Stonesifer said. “The department will continue to monitor this disease using the best science available to minimize the impact on our deer population and to keep hunters informed.”

In response to finding positive samples in Carroll and Frederick counties, the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Area has been expanded to include all of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, and Washington counties.

Hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts help by reporting any deer that are emaciated, unhealthy, or acting abnormally. Hunters also help by granting permission to the department to collect brain tissue samples from harvested deer. Anyone with information may contact the department at 410-260-8540.

Maryland’s chronic wasting disease surveillance program began in 1999 and, to date, more than 13,300 deer have been tested. Additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture facilitated expanding chronic wasting disease surveillance to the entire state for the first time since 2009. A total of 1,722 samples were submitted for laboratory testing under the new surveillance program.

Chronic wasting disease was first confirmed in Maryland in February 2011, apparently related to a 2005 outbreak in West Virginia. Since then, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia have all documented chronic wasting disease in the region. The latest findings bring the number of positive cases in Maryland to 171.

Concerns about chronic wasting disease should not stop anyone from hunting deer or enjoying venison. Research suggests the disease cannot be naturally transmitted to humans. However, as a general safety precaution it is recommended that hunters avoid consuming the meat of sick animals as well as the brain, lymph nodes or spinal column of any deer — all of which are normally removed during the butchering process.



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](#)



Novotny v. Moore

On behalf of our members and in partnership with the Second Amendment Foundation and Firearms Policy Coalition, Maryland Shall Issue and three individual plaintiffs are challenging unconstitutional aspects of SB 1, the so-called “Gun Safety Act of 2023” in the US District Court for the District of Maryland. SB 1 effectively nullifies the "general right to carry in public" for carry permit holders confirmed by the Supreme Court's decision *NYS-RPA v. Bruen* just this last June. It does so by banning firearms in a whole host of locations otherwise open to the public, including places like stores and shops, restaurants, museums, and healthcare facilities. The suit also challenges the general ban on possession of firearms on public transit owned or controlled by the State Mass Transit Administration and in the tens of thousands of acres of woodlands in State parks, State forests, and State Chesapeake forest lands. We have every confidence that we will prevail in whole or in part in this suit.

A guide on the effects of the recent changes to legal handgun carry in Maryland can be found [HERE](#).





Maryland Summer-Fall Striped Bass Season Regulations Includes New Maximum Size to Conserve Spawning Stock

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced regulations for the summer recreational striped bass fishing season beginning May 16, 2023, including a new maximum size of 31 inches that is being enacted in states throughout the Atlantic Coast. The department will continue other conservation actions – including a one-fish daily catch limit and a summer closure – that have been in place the past two seasons to protect the future of striped bass fishing.

The summer-fall season in most areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries will be open May 16 through July 15. All areas of the Bay will be closed to any targeting of striped bass from July 16 through July 31, and will reopen August 1 through December 10. Anglers may keep one striped bass per person, per day, with a minimum length of 19 inches and a maximum length of 31 inches. A smaller maximum size of 26 inches is in place in the Susquehanna Flats, Lower Susquehanna River, and North East River until June 1.

In Maryland's portion of the Atlantic Ocean and its coastal bays, which are open to striped bass fishing all year, anglers may keep one striped bass per person, per day, with a minimum length of 28 inches and a maximum length of 31 inches. This regulation also goes into effect May 16.

The Maryland Trophy Striped Bass season, ongoing through May 15, is not affected by these regulations.

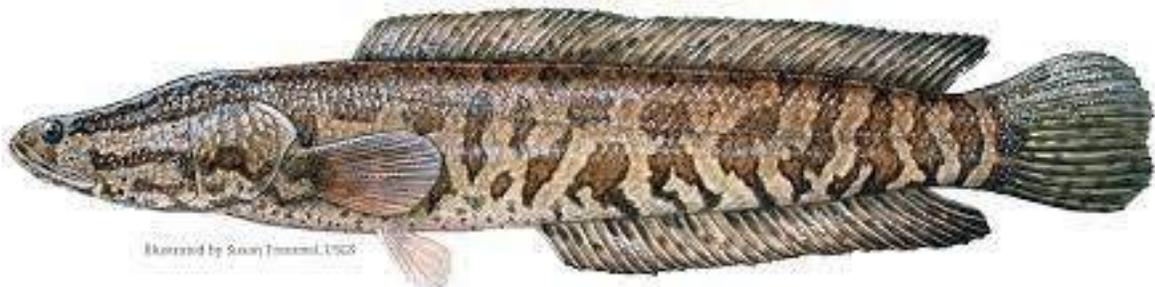
On May 2, 2023, the Striped Bass Board of Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission took emergency action requiring every recreational fishery from Maine to North Carolina, including the Chesapeake Bay, to implement a 31-inch maximum size limit. This conservation measure was done in order to provide protection for the strong 2015 year class as they grow into spawning age. Although the emergency rule expires October 28, it is likely to be extended by the board, and Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission are setting the 31-inch maximum for the entire 2023 season. The Commission has scheduled four virtual public hearings on this emergency action beginning May 17 – information on registering these hearings is available on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission website.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Continues Snakehead Tagging Program, Providing Cash Incentive for Anglers

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing a northern snakehead tagging program in an effort to spur removal of invasive fish from our waters. This spring, up to 500 tags will be put on snakeheads from Gunpowder River, upper Chesapeake Bay tributaries, and Mattawoman and Nanjemoy creeks of Potomac River.

Anyone who harvests a tagged snakehead will receive a prize of either \$10 for a yellow tag or \$200 for a blue tag. Anglers can report the tag number to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service phone number found on the tag, and they will be asked to email a picture of their harvested, tagged snakehead to Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Only snakeheads that are harvested—removed from the water and not returned—with a tag number that is reported by the end of 2024 will qualify for monetary rewards.

The program also helps biologists measure snakehead harvest in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The measure of harvest helps agencies learn if the fishery is being managed in a way that helps minimize impacts of northern snakeheads. The population of snakeheads has been increasing in the Chesapeake watershed since 2004, when they were first discovered in Potomac River. Snakeheads have also become valued as a delicacy by anglers who harvest them for food.



2022 Spring Photos



Air Gun Banquet 2023
Pictures thanks to Tom Rosencranz

2022 Spring Photos



Presentation to Wes Grogans Family



Nick Receiving his new M1!

Club Officers

President

David Bathras, Sr

Vice President

Bobby Dill

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Joseph Wiley

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Kevin Burket

Financial Secretary

Rob Clay, Sr.

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Ed Panowicz

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Rob Peel

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Ted Mathison

Gary Townsend

Robert Tracey

Michael Goddard

Joseph Wiley

Kevin Burket

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,

If you haven't noticed, my name is up here a few more times. I am looking for some help on the newsletter committee. Mostly I need help with taking photos and attending events that I am not able to go to. Reach out to me if your interested in earning some time.

Joe Wiley

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Brian Loher

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Newsletter Editor

Joseph Wiley

