



Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

www.scfhclub.org

May 2019



From The Club President

All,

It is coming to that time of year again when club dues are to be paid. Last year we had several members dropped from the club because of non-payment. Please make sure your dues are paid on time and that if you're late, you include the late fee as well. If you have any questions, please contact the Club Financial Secretary - Karl Sovik, the Vice President - Scott Baumgartner or me.

Remember, always practice safety on the range and whenever handling firearms.

Have fun, shoot straight and shoot often!

Ray Ten Kate
Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting:

May 10th & 31st

Dinner service begins at 6:30p

Meeting begins at 8:00p

Events

On Sunday, May 5th, the club hosted the biannual Outdoor Flea Market in our clubhouse. Despite the weather, the event was hailed by many as “the best ever.” Heavy rain prevented the turkey & trap shoots, but that didn’t stop the day’s overall fun. **Thank you to Bob Larsen** for all his hard work on this event and to the many club members who volunteered their time to help the event run so smoothly. There are already 10 tables sold for the fall Outdoor Flea Market that will be held on November 3rd from 9a-2p.



Range Improvements

Club members who use the rifle/pistol ranges will notice a few recent improvements to our facility. New awnings were installed over the target houses at the 100-300 yard ranges and the backstop mounds were resculpted on every range. The improvements not only look great, they maintain safety and minimize erosion.

Thank you to the club members who volunteered their time on these projects!



Events

Tuesday Night Trap

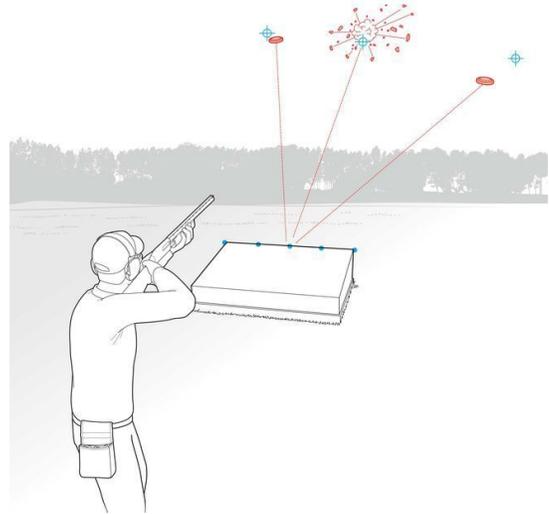
<http://www.scfhclub.org/TrapRange.aspx>

Our Tuesday Night Trap shoots are a great way to get out of the house and spend the evening at the club. Squads begin shooting at 5p with the last squads formed at 7:30p.

Open to the public so challenge your friends & coworkers.

Shoot a perfect round of 25 and your name is placed on our plaque in the clubhouse.

Prices per squad: \$5 club member / \$6 non-member
12ga & 20ga ammunition is available for purchase.



According to *The Old Farmers Almanac*, these are the best fishing days:

May	4-18
June	3-17
July	2-16, 31
August	1-15, 30, 31
September	1-14, 28-30

New "Time" Period Begins

May 1st began the new period for working off your club hours. Members have until **April 30, 2020** to work off their required hours for the good of the club.

Archery Range Work Party

There will be a work party to lay mulch, repair targets, and general clean up of our archery range on Saturday, May 25th at 9a. Please email the archery chairman via our webpage if you want to earn a few work hours.

Range Improvement Chairperson Needed

We need a club member to volunteer to head the range improvement committee. Please email our club Vice President if you can volunteer.

Junior Duck Stamp Winner

<https://www.fws.gov>



Ms. Nicole Jeon, 16, from Scarsdale, NY won the 2019-2020 National Junior Duck Stamp art competition with her acrylic painting of a harlequin duck.

The contest is actually the culmination of an educational program in which young people study waterfowl anatomy & habitat. Then, using their gained knowledge, make sketches, drawings or paintings of eligible North American waterfowl species.



Events

National Turkey Federation Central Maryland Chapter Family Field Day



The Maryland Central Chapter's Family Fun Day will be held on our club grounds on **June 23rd** beginning at 11a.

Volunteers are needed to help run ranges & activities.

If you can volunteer, please show up in your club range shirt at 10am.

Congratulations to all of our club members who filled their turkey tags this spring!

Lauren Atwood with her first ever turkey – 10” beard & 1” spurs



Sloane Franklin with his opening day beast!



Rick Murphy with his opening day bird taken close to the wire at 11:51am!



Sloane helps another hunter pack-out



A club member got this bird on the third day of the season.



Legislation

The Maryland General Assembly completed this year's 90-day session on Monday, April 8th at midnight. Overall, there is good news considering the avalanche of anti-gun Bills submitted this year.

First, the bad news.

HB 1343 and SB 1000: The General Assembly approved abolishing the Handgun Permit Review Board so that anyone who desires to appeal a State Police denial of a carry permit, or overly burdensome permit restrictions, must now make their appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH), where an Administrative Law Judge will hear the appeal. As mentioned previously, this is a formal, judicial environment, and it is highly recommended that an attorney represent anyone appealing to the OAH. SB 1000 has been declared an "emergency measure" which means it will become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature. It is unknown whether the Governor will veto the Bill. It presents a real dilemma for him.

Bills that passed.

HB 92/SB 113: These Bills require the fees for carry permits be paid either by electronic check, a credit card or an online method of payment approved by the Secretary of the State Police. Apparently, regular checks will no longer be accepted.

HB 96/SB 346: The Bills were amended and now permit loans of regulated firearms without going through a dealer; but if you make a loan you must ensure the person to whom you are making the loan is not prohibited from owning firearms. Failure to do so can result in up to one-year imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. The Bill becomes effective October 1, 2019. There are copies of the final Bill on the table with the prohibitions on firearm ownership listed therein.

SB 622: As originally proposed, this Bill would have had the Attorney General's office conduct a study on where guns used in crimes came from, the types of charges involved with these firearms and so forth. Fortunately, the Bill was amended to instead have the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention conduct the study. The study will also look at the concealed carry laws of other states. The Bill requires the State Police to provide any and all information needed to conduct the study. It could be a real eye opener, but unfortunately the results are not due until December 2020, two months after the next election.

Bills that did not pass.

HB 95: As mentioned at the last meeting, this Bill would have added antique firearms to the list of prohibited arms; it died in the House Judiciary Committee.

SB 97: The bill would have declared that anyone in the State of Maryland could not be denied the right to purchase, possess or carry a firearm solely on the basis of being authorized to use marijuana for medical reasons. The Bill was passed by the Senate but died in the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 468 and SB 441: These bills would have prohibited a person from leaving 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 was otherwise secured. The bills did not make it out of either the Senate or the House committees.

HB 523: This bill would have prohibited the use of lead ammunition and pellets in college and high school shooting programs. It was voted down in committee.

Legislation

Bills that did not pass (continued)

HB 612: The Bill would have prohibited as of October 1, 2019 the sale, possession, purchase, transfer or receipt of AR-15 Sporter H-BAR model rifles, or any H-BAR variation thereof. This would have made anyone who purchased an H-BAR since 2013 an instant criminal. The Bill died in the House Judicial Committee.

HB 740 and SB 882: These Bills, as originally drafted, would have prohibited the manufacture, possession, selling, etc. of homemade firearms. The particular focus was on firearms made by **3D** and other computerized assisted programs. The Bills were extensively amended. The House version was passed by the full House, but the Senate version died in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

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, and 30 days between firearm purchases. These provisions were striped from the Bills, but what remained was the requirement that all transfers of rifles and shotguns between individuals, to include loans, had to go through a FLL dealer. This was the House version, which the full House approved. The Senate to its credit, modified the Bills further so that only the sale of firearms would go through an FFL, not loans. The House would not back down, so a Conference Committee was formed to work out a compromise. However, the General Assembly session ended before the Conference Committee could act. It was a real close one.

SB 114: This Bill would have allowed the Maryland State Police to give preliminary approval of a permit to carry pending the completion of the 16 hours of mandatory training thereby saving an individual a considerable amount of money if the permit application was to be denied. This was a sound and practical solution. The Bill was passed by the full Senate, but did not make it out of committee in the House. So much for helping Maryland's citizens!

HB 342/HB 541/SB 115: These bills were pretty much identical and would have added "self-defense" as satisfying the requirement for a "good and substantial reason" for the issuance of a carry permit. The Bills were heard in both the Senate and House committees, but as in the past, they were not acted upon.

We now wait to see whether the Governor will veto HB 1343 and SB 1000 which abolished the Handgun Permit Review Board.

It was a tough year and things looked pretty glum back in January, but overall, with the exception of the Handgun Review Board's demise, we did well thanks to all those who wrote, called or showed up at the hearings. **Numbers do count!**

There were several very close calls, and the same anti-gun people will be back next year. It could be another tough go particularly if Michael Bloomberg again wades in personally and through his *Mom's Demand Action* group.

Again, thanks to all those who stood up and took action. I hope these reports have been helpful.

Ted Mathison
Legislative Chairman

Club Shoots

.22 Rimfire Rifle Shoot

Our annual .22 Rimfire Rifle Shoot will be held on **June 16th** from 10a to 2p. The match is open to all club members in good standing and their immediate family members per our bylaws.

Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle (bolt, lever, semi-auto, etc) is permitted
Scopes and slings (per club rules) are allowed but no other shooting aids are permitted
The same gun must be used throughout the match
The match will be shot offhand/standing

Course of fire will be a total of 50 rounds, shot as follows:
25 yards- 20 rounds
50 yards- 10 rounds
75 yards- 10 rounds
100 yards- 10 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

	<u>Smokeless</u>	<u>Black Powder</u>
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

	<u>Unlimited Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair Jr.</u>
1 st	Fred Fischer	George McCauley	Liam Miller

Lever Action Rifle Shoot held on 05/05/19

	<u>Open Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1 st	RESULTS PENDING	
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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Hunter Safety Classes

<http://www.scfhclub.org/HunterSafety.aspx>



Traditional Classes:
June 17th & August 12th

Internet Field Day Workshops:
August 24th, September 14th, & October 6th

Please remember that there is limited range use for club members during the field day workshops.

Hunter Sight-in Dates

<http://www.scfhclub.org/HunterQuals.aspx>

Bow, Crossbow, Hunting Rifle, Shotgun, & Muzzleloader

August 3, 4
September 8, 15



Maryland Boating Checklist

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/BoatingSafety/recreationvessels.pdf>

Stay safe & legal out on the water this season.

Although not listed on this checklist, there are also regulations for operating a kayak.

Know Before You Go!



RIDE INSIDE
Bow riding, or sitting on the edge of a moving boat, is illegal. A fall can put you in the path of the propeller, causing serious injury or death.

Maryland Required Equipment Checklist

	PWC	Boat less than 16 Feet	Boats 16 feet to less than 26 feet
Boating Safety Education Certificate	✓ 1	✓ 1,2	✓ 1,2
Certificate of Number on Board	✓	✓ 2	✓ 2
Validation Decal Displayed	✓	✓ 2	✓ 2
PFDs: Type I, II, III, or V	✓ 3	✓ 4	✓ 4
PFDs: Type IV			✓
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓ 2	✓ 2
Ignition Safety Switch	✓		
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ 5	✓ 5
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle or Bell	✓	✓	✓
Daytime Visual Distress Signal			✓ 6
Nighttime Visual Distress Signal	7	✓ 5	✓ 6
Navigation Lights	7	✓	✓

1. Applicable if operator is born on or after July 1, 1972.
2. Except all non-motorized vessels.
3. Everyone onboard a PWC must wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
4. Children under 13 years of age must wear a PFD while underway on a vessel under 21 feet in length. In addition, children under 4 years of age must have a PFD equipped with a grab strap, inflatable headrest and crotch strap.
5. Required on inboard engines.
6. Required when boating on federally controlled waters. Sailboats less than 26' in length that are not equipped with propulsion machinery are not required to carry day signals.
7. Certain items are not applicable to PWC because they are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.



Life Time Memberships: \$1,000
5-Year Memberships: \$125
3-Year Memberships: \$85
1-Year Membership: \$35

Renew using our club link to update your membership at these prices.

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