



# Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

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## From the Club President

It has been another interesting year at the club; we have had some good and not so good times. As a reminder, I'd like to challenge each and every member to take the time to review and become more familiar with the range rules; we cannot allow a lapse in memory or careless act the chance of shutting down the finest gun club in Maryland.

I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with joy and prosperity in the coming year. May you all be safe during the holiday travels and enjoy the holidays with your families and friends.

Best Holiday Wishes,

Raymond Ten Kate  
Club President

# Events

## Fall Outdoor Flea Market

The annual Fall Outdoor Flea Market was another huge success!

We are already taking table reservations for the Spring Outdoor Flea Market, so start sorting your outdoor gear now. It is a great event to get cash for your no longer needed gear.

Thanks once again to Bob Larsen for his masterful coordination of both the flea market events and to our Kitchen Officer, Jon Schweitzer for the outstanding eats!

## Pistol League Banquet

Our club pistol league held its end-of-league awards banquet last month. The 2019 league consisted of 10 match dates beginning in April and concluding in August. Our pistol league is by far the most social yet challenging league that we have here at Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club. Consider joining the 2020 Pistol League.

The **Top Gun** for the 2019 league was **Mike Atkinson** with an amazing total score of 17,836, which includes 1,357 X's.

The 2020 Pistol League will form in early April, so there is plenty of time to practice your 25-yd & 50-yd off-hand shooting techniques and your breath control over the wintertime at our ranges.

Congratulations to all the league participants!

**Thank you to Denise Hoffman** for expertly managing the league for the 6th year in a row!

Centerfire

Expert	Score	X's
Mike Atkinson	8882	648
Michael Goddard	8828	540
Jon Schweitzer	8826	582
Chuck Ledley	8580	347
<b>Sharpshooter</b>		
Robert Dill	8626	411
Sloane Franklin	8527	368
<b>Pro Marksman</b>		
Denise Hoffman	8441	348
Robert Greene	5827	190
<b>Marksman</b>		
Barb Ledley	7519	148
Scott Baumgardner	6350	137

Expert (875 - 900)  
 Sharpshooter (849 - 874)  
 Pro Marksman (823 - 848)  
 Marksman (000 - 822)

Rimfire

Expert	Score	X's
Mike Atkinson	8954	709
Jon Schweitzer	8918	665
Michael Goddard	8880	570
Robert Dill	8857	581
Chris Fowler	8856	554
Bill Arrington	8820	518
Chuck Ledley	8747	483
Joseph Donley	8726	457
Scott Baumgardner	7063	417
<b>Sharpshooter</b>		
Sloane Franklin	8666	373
Bob Larsen	8365	304
Lauren Atwood	8337	293
Denise Hoffman	8300	261
Jim Degenhart	7588	274
<b>Pro Marksman</b>		
Richard Brooks	8310	261
Barb Ledley	8262	254
Frank Burger	7353	189
<b>Marksman</b>		
Michael Haberman	7937	164

# Photos from the Pistol League Banquet

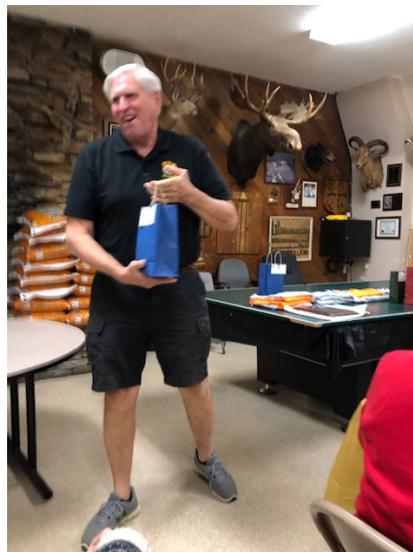


# Fall Trap League Banquet

Our Fall Trap League recently held its end-of-league awards banquet.

The High Gun for the league was **Rob Tracey** with a final score of **435**.

Thank you to Ron Grubb for managing the league once again! He had a difficult task “herding the cats” around a hectic events calendar but expertly handled the task.



Thanks for the photos, Karl!

# News

## Tuesday Night Trap Winter Break

That's a wrap for our 2019 Tuesday Night Trap season!

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to shoot and to those who volunteered their time to make Tuesday Night Trap so successful. Tuesday Night Trap is the largest funding source of all of the club's programs and events, which is important for keeping our membership dues low. You guys rock!

See you on 3/10 when our 2020 Tuesday Night Trap season begins!



# Legislation

## Federal

- The argument phase of a very significant gun control case (New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc v. City of New York, New York) was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on 12/02/2019. The case stems from the New York City ordinance mentioned at an earlier meeting. The city had a two-handgun possession permit system; one that allowed carry outside one's home and another that authorized possession only at home or at one's place of business. The 'at home' permit prohibited carry to a second home and shooting ranges outside of the city. You could carry only to seven specific shooting ranges within the city.
- The ordinance was challenged by a number of pro-gun organizations but lower courts, to include a Federal appeals court, sided with the city. When the Supreme Court decided to hear the case, New York City revised the ordinance and petitioned the Supreme Court not to hear the case as the change to the ordinance made the case moot. The Supreme Court rejected the city's plea and decided to hear the case anyway.
- A number of Democratic U.S. Senators then filed a brief with the Supreme Court arguing that the Court was 'too politically tainted' to hear the case and that if it did, the Democrats would restructure the Court in the future. This was a blatant attempt to coerce the Court to drop the case, but the Court has held firm and will hear the case.
- This is the first major gun rights case that the Court has heard in about a decade, and many believe it could result in a very significant ruling on gun rights by setting a precedent that will affect future gun rights cases.
- Based on the arguments heard on 12/2, it seems likely that the case will be dismissed, but the Court has until late June to make their decision.

## Anne Arundel County Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

- Some of the recommendations of the Anne Arundel County Task Force are beginning to trick out. These include supporting Anne Arundel County Legislation that would;
  - o Require reporting of lost or stolen guns within 48 hours in the County vs. the Maryland State law requirement of 72 hours
  - o Require, again in Anne Arundel County, that any firearm left unattended in an area accessible to minor children be secured with a child safety lock
- The Task Force's initial findings and recommendations are to be reported out by December 15, 2019

# 2019 Hunting & Fishing Photos



Shawn Rikard with the amazing buck he shot with a bow on 11/1



George with his 9-point buck that he shot on opening day of early muzzleloader



Lauren with the doe she shot with a crossbow on the second day of the season



Chris with his first snakehead, caught on 10/3 (he has since established himself as a master snakehead wrangler)

Lauren's 12-year-old daughter, Illyana, with her first deer ever. Shot with a shotgun on Youth Day 11/16



# Club Shoots

Wow! What a fantastic year of no-fee club shoots. We had eleven chances to get out of the house and throw some lead down range. And our new Archery chairman developed a new club shoot for our archers. I don't know of a better way to break up a calendar year than to participate in these events.

## Our 2019 Club Shoot Top Gun is John Grainger!

Incredibly, John won High Gun in 4 club shoots and placed first or second in several others. If you ask him, he will tell you that the key to his many victories was knowing his firearm capabilities and practice, practice, practice.

Don't like seeing John's name on all the plaques and certificates? Come out to the 2020 club shoots beginning with the Buffalo Shoot on January 12<sup>th</sup> to try to top his scores.

Here's a look back at some of our 2019 club shoots.



# Club Shoots

## Buffalo Shoot held on 01/13/19

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Smokeless</u>	<u>Black Powder</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Showacre	Ron Showacre
2 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger	John Grainger	John Grainger
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Miller	Sloane Franklin	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Showacre		
	<u>Unlimited Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair Jr.</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fred Fischer	George McCauley	Liam Miller

## Lever Action Rifle Shoot held on 05/05/19

	<u>Iron Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger	Tim Holbrook
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Holbrook	John Fendley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred Fischer	John Russo

## .22LR Rifle Shoot held on 06/16/19

	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Open Sights</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger	John Grainger
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Stewart	Chris Stewart
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joseph Donley	Frank Moran Jr.

## Pistol Shoot held on 07/14/19

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Center Fire</u>	<u>Rim Fire</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bobby Dill	Bobby Dill
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sloane Franklin	Jon Schweitzer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chuck Ledley	Robert Larsen

## Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot held on 08/11/19

High Overall – John Grainger

	<u>Open Sight</u>	<u>Scoped Sight</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Scott Baumgardner	Chris Stewart
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Stewart	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Los	

## Trap Shoot held on 08/04/19

High Overall – Rob Tracey

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Colvin	Sloane Franklin	Karl Sovik	Bobby Dill
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray Ten Kate	John Grainger	Ryan Grubb	Wayne Teter
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harris Howland	Gary Townsend	Chuck Powers	Rich Brooks

## Archery Shoot held on 09/22/19

	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Crossbow</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Greenberg	Joseph Donley (JD)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Billy Clay	* Lauren Atwood / Cindy Carr
3 <sup>rd</sup>	*JD / Rob Clay	Frank Burger
		* tie

## All-Gun Shoot held on 09/29/19

High Overall - John Grainger

	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Pistol</u>	<u>Shotgun</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	George McCauley	George McCauley	George McCauley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Heslep	Ken Rimorin	Sloane Franklin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harris Howland	Sloane Franklin	Harris Howland

## Side X Side Trap Shoot & 20 Gauge Challenge held on 10/27/19

### Side x Side Trap Shoot Results

High Gun – Sloane Franklin

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger	Ron Grubb	Nick D'Apice	Richard Brooks
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Chuck Powers		
3 <sup>rd</sup>				

### 20 Gauge Challenge Results

High Gun – Ted Mathison

	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sloane Franklin	Nick D'Apice
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Grainger	Ron Grubb
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chuck Powers	

## Rifle Shoot held on 11/03/19

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Fisher
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ray Ten Kate

# The Master Naturalist

## Maryland's 2019-2020 Deer Season Update

### Opening Firearms Weekend

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that hunters reported **8,061** deer taken on opening day of the 2019 Maryland firearm season, 11/ 30. That number includes **4,248** antlered deer and **4,953** antlerless deer (**147** of the antlered deer were sika, **126** of them were antlerless sika). The opening day total represents a **29%** increase over last year's Saturday opener harvest, but the overall weekend harvest of **9,201** was down **9%** from 2018's opening weekend due to the constant rain and heavy wind across the state on Sunday.

Hunters in Region A — Allegany, Garrett, and western Washington counties — harvested **878** antlered deer. Hunters in Region B — the rest of the state — harvested **3,370** antlered and **4,953** antlerless deer.

The Junior Hunt weekend had beautiful weather, resulting in a harvest of **2,423**. The harvest was **12%** higher than the Youth Hunt weekend harvest of 2,164 last year. Juniors registered **1,471** antlered and **952** antlerless deer.

Harvest totals by county can be found on the DNR's website.



### Early Season Archery & Muzzleloader Harvest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources also announced that hunters harvested 21,073 deer during the early portion of the archery and muzzleloader seasons (September & October). Of this number, 692 were antlered sika deer and 681 were antlerless sika deer.

This number represents a 12% increase from last year's harvest of 18,839 deer for the same period. This isn't surprising, as last year's early deer season was hampered by an abundance of rain.

Hunters harvested 647 deer on Sundays that were open to archery hunting during the period, accounting for 6% of the total archery harvest.

Totals by county and the % change from last year can be found on the DNR website.

### Goose Season

Make sure you've got your stamps! Maryland's migratory Atlantic Population (AP) Canada goose season starts 12/20 and runs thru 1/4 for the first half of the split, with the second split starting 1/14 and running thru 1/31. Bag limit is one goose per day, one half- hour before sunrise to sunset.

### Duck Season

The last split of duck season starts 12/16 and runs thru 1/31. Daily bag limit is 6 ducks, no more than:

2ea of mallards (only 1 can be a hen), black ducks, canvasbacks, hooded mergansers, redheads & scaup

3 wood ducks

1 pintail, fulvous tree duck, mottled duck

5 sea ducks (no more than 4 scoters, 4 long-tailed ducks or 4 eiders)



Lauren Atwood - Master Naturalist

# 2019 Hunting & Fishing Photos



Sloane with his first Sika deer, shot on public land during early muzzleloader



Lauren with her first antlered buck, shot on 10/6 with a shotgun



Dave with his first Sika stag, shot on public land with a bow on 10/15



Sloane with his first velvet buck, shot on opening day with a crossbow



Two snapping turtles having fun on 10/12

# Range Rules Review

**When bringing a guest to the club to shoot, please remember the following range rules;**

The ranges are maintained for the use of members of the club. All members are required to show their current membership identification and Range Badge, upon request, to either the caretaker or any club member. Members in good standing are allowed to be accompanied by one (1) shooting guest. Members are fully responsible for the actions of their guest. **A guest will shoot under the direct supervision of the member.** One shooting booth shall be shared for the use of the member and guest. **Direct supervision means the member watches all of the shooting guest's actions including handling of firearms.**

**Spotting must be done from behind the shooting guest.**

The bold underline section means that the member will be in the booth behind his guest at all times while the member is shooting. If the member leaves the booth and his guest remains there is the chance his guest may shoot the firearm without direct supervision and result in a major rules violation.

# General Info

**President**

Ray Ten Kate

**Vice President**

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**Secretary**

Frank Burger

**Treasurer**

Sloane Franklin

**Financial Secretary**

Karl Sovik

**Sergeant at Arms**

Joseph Donley

**Range Officer**

Lee Moran

**Clay Targets Officer**

Chris Colvin

**Kitchen Officer**

Jon Schweitzer

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Club President

Club Vice President

Sloane Franklin (Chairman)

Richard Brooks

Frank Burger

John Grainger

Ted Mathison

George McCauley

Jon Schweitzer

Karl Sovik

Gary Townsend

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**Newsletter Editor**

Lauren Atwood

## Air Gun League

The Airgun League starts January 8th and runs every Wednesday through the end of March. For more info and to sign up, contact Brian Heslep. The league is a great way to stay on top of your shooting game over the winter and is suitable for all ages! Hope to see you there!

The NRA RSO Course offered to club members will take place on Saturday, 1/4 at 8am. The sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse and the class will be limited to 25 people. After 25 people have signed up, those still interested can put their name on the waitlist.

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

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

Letter from the editor:

Thanks so much for bearing with me while I got things set up for myself to take over the newsletter! Please let me know if you're interested in helping out by taking photos at club events, providing interesting info to add in or by writing articles. Huge thanks to Rick Murphy who has worked hard for the past year and a quarter to put out a fantastic newsletter every month. I hope I can do half as good a job for as long as I'm the one in this position. Enjoy your relaxing new life in Florida, Rick!

- Lauren



Contact Stephen Moody

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