



## STONEY CREEK FISHING & HUNTING CLUB

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## From the Club President

Fellow Members,

I want to thank each and every one for their support and understanding while we are in the midst of a global pandemic and national emergency which has made for some hard decisions. We would rather postpone events to help make sure our members remain safe and healthy than take the risk of having someone become ill from an accidental exposure. We all have our various relationships outside the club and cannot guarantee we have not been exposed to the CoVid-19 virus. Looking at the calendar we have few activities scheduled for the rest of March which is a good thing.

I hope and wish for everyone's safety and wellbeing during this time.

Best Regards,

Raymond Ten Kate  
Club President

# News



ALL EVENTS involving public participation are hereby cancelled until further notice to protect our members and the general public from incidental exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The events referred to include but are not limited to: Tuesday Night Trap, Trap League and Airgun League. We are currently following the guidelines recommended by Federal and local government for gatherings which stands as 'no more than 10' as of 3/19.

- The club is open for card carrying members ONLY! No guests or family at this time.
- Please check the website for updates on events affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

## **FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING ELECTIONS**

Greetings:

I hope this finds all members well and in good spirits. The Board apologizes for the late notice of the cancelation of the March meetings. After much discussion, we voted to cancel the March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings to protect our members, based on the facts and information that we had at that time. Whether it was the right decision or not, it was made. In accordance with the Bylaws, the slate of members running for office was to have been presented to the membership at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with elections to occur on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, that did not and will not happen. It will happen, however, when we are able to meet next. That being said, we do not know what is going to happen with the COVID-19 outbreak and the resulting government restrictions or how long those restrictions may be imposed. However, the Board will continue to monitor the situation and decide the best course of action going forward. Our current Bylaws do not define a protocol for a situation such as the one we're dealing with currently. I ask that you be patient and trust that we are working to see that the elections occur as soon as responsibly possible. Should anyone have questions, please feel free to contact myself and/or Ray Ten Kate.

Sloane R. Franklin  
Chairman

# Legislation

## 2020 Session - *ACTION ALERT* Legislative Report #10 - March 17, 2020

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As we noted previously in Report #09, "much can happen between now and Wednesday." We could not have been more correct and none of it has been good.

Instead of passing essential legislation (state budget) and adjourning as they should have, the Democrats seized the moment to launch an unmitigated feeding frenzy of gun control and tax increases.

It has been reported that the Maryland General Assembly will adjourn sine die at 3 PM on Wednesday, March 18th.

You can safely share this email by copying and pasting the link below into a standard email to fellow gun rights advocates:

[Click here for the link to Legislative Report #10 on 2A Maryland's home page.](#)

John H. Josselyn  
2A Maryland

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House and Senate Democrats Run Amok Exploiting COVID-19 Crisis and Hiding Behind Closed Doors to Pass Gun Bills

Senate Bill 646, as passed in the Senate, will make it nearly impossible to possess a firearm in your own home virtually impossible to have it readily available for self-defense. This bill now goes to the House where it will move rapidly UNLESS you drop everything you are doing and call and email BEFORE 10 AM . Keep in mind that this is your last chance to voice your opposition to these bills.

Passed in the Senate so far this evening:

Senate Bill 646 Public Safety – Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements  
OPPOSE [Click here for the text.](#)

Final votes are possible tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18th:

Bills in the Senate - OPPOSE

HB 0035 - in Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR)

HB 1078 - in Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR)

HB 0591 - in the full Senate

HB 1629 - in the full Senate

SB 1047 - in the full Senate

SB 1050 - in the full Senate

Bills in the House - OPPOSE

SB 0646 - in the House Judiciary Committee (JUD)

Bills in the House - SUPPORT

SB 0506 - in the House Judiciary Committee (JUD)

Anti-gun bill already passed in both the House and the Senate - destined for the Governor's desk:

House Bill 4 Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Sales, Rentals, and Transfers  
OPPOSE [Click here for the text.](#)

## Club Shoots

The club held its second shoot of 2020, the sniper rifle shoot, on 2/9/20. Here are some photos of the shooters doin' their thing (thanks Mark!).



# Club Shoots 2020

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buffalo Shoot</b> being held on <b>01/12/20</b></p> <p><b>High overall</b> – John Grainger 36</p> <p><u>Smokeless</u>      <u>Black Powder</u>      <u>300 YDS</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup>      Sloane Franklin 11      Richard Brooks 5      George McCauley 19</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>      Fred Fischer 5      <b>Pistol</b> – 1<sup>st</sup> Frank Burger 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sniper Rifle Shoot</b> held on <b>02/09/20</b></p> <p><u>Open Prone</u>      <u>Vintage Prone</u>      <u>Unlimited Prone</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup>      John Grainger 188      John Grainger 197      John Grainger 196</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>      John Russo 185</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Open Chair</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup>      George McCauley 195</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>      Frank Burger 170</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup>      Richard Books 166</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lever Action Rifle Shoot</b> being held on <b>05/31/20</b></p> <p><u>Iron Sight</u>      <u>Scope</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.22LR Rifle Shoot</b> being held on <b>06/14/20</b></p> <p><u>Optics</u>      <u>Open Sights</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pistol Shoot</b> being held on <b>07/12/20</b></p> <p><b>High overall</b> –</p> <p><u>Center Fire</u>      <u>Rim Fire</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Military Rifle &amp; Pistol Shoot</b> being held on <b>08/09/20</b></p> <p><b>High Overall</b> –</p> <p><u>Open Sight</u>      <u>Scoped Sight</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Trap Shoot</b> being held on <b>08/02/20</b></p> <p><b>High Overall</b> –</p> <p><u>Class A</u>      <u>Class B</u>      <u>Class C</u>      <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Archery Shoot</b> being held on <b>09/XX/20</b></p> <p><u>Compound</u>      <u>Crossbow</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All-Gun Shoot</b> being held on <b>09/27/20</b></p> <p><b>High Overall</b> - John Grainger</p> <p><u>Rifle</u>      <u>Pistol</u>      <u>Shotgun</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Side X Side Trap Shoot &amp; 20 Gauge Challenge</b> being held on <b>10/25/20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Side x Side Trap Shoot Results</u></p> <p><b>High Gun</b> –</p> <p><u>Class A</u>      <u>Class B</u>      <u>Class C</u>      <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>20 Gauge Challenge Results</u></p> <p><b>High Gun</b> –</p> <p><u>Class B</u>      <u>Class D</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rifle Shoot</b> being held on <b>11/01/20</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	

# The Master Naturalist

## THE BOBWHITE QUAIL IN MARYLAND

Most seasoned Maryland hunters know the plight of the bobwhite quail in this region; though once abundant, their numbers have declined since the 1960's due in large part to loss of habitat. The bobwhite, named for its distinctive call, can still be found throughout Maryland, with the highest concentrations being on the Eastern Shore and in the southern counties. Optimal habitat for bobwhite includes pine forests, brushy/shrubby areas, grasslands and overgrown fields. They are adaptable and prefer diversity in their cover options. In order to restore their population, interested Maryland landowners are being encouraged to manage their property for bobwhite habitat. There have been many examples of successful land management for quail in Maryland in recent years, as well as a good amount of resources available for anyone looking to create habitat for quail on their land. (photos from [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)) For more information contact Bob Long, the MD DNR's Upland Game Bird Project Manager ([bob.long@maryland.gov](mailto:bob.long@maryland.gov), 410-221-8838, ext. 106)



## THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT IN MARYLAND

The Ring-necked Pheasant was once a popular game bird in Maryland. But like the bobwhite quail, its numbers have dropped significantly over the past few decades. Though not a native species to Maryland (or North America, at that; they are only native to the Middle East, Central Asia, China and Japan), they can still be found throughout the state. With the right habitat conditions, they have displayed the ability to thrive here. Also like the bobwhite quail, suitable habitat scarcity has attributed to the steep decline of the pheasant population in our region but there are still relatively good populations of them in Baltimore, Frederick, Carroll and Washington counties. The Maryland DNR now also has a pheasant stocking program on some public lands that takes place in November. (photos from [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org))



## Turkey Hunting Starts 4/18!

It's almost time to start scouting if you plan to do some spring turkey hunting! A few weeks before the season begins, head out before sunrise to listen for gobbles while the turkeys are still roosting. Feel free to bring along a crow call to try and encourage a shock gobbler, but don't use turkey calls until the season begins. You don't want to educate them!

**ANTI-HUNTERS: HUNTING IS UNNECESSARY, YOU CAN BUY MEAT AT THE GROCERY STORE**

## **HUNTERS RIGHT NOW:**



Lauren Atwood - Master Naturalist

## 2020 Hunting, Fishing & Nature Photos



Lauren went shed hunting on 3/14 and all she got was this lousy balloon



A beautiful variety of duck species in Dorchester County on 2/15



Dave enjoying a Master Naturalist educational nature walk



Lauren helps put up tree cages at a restoration project site on 2/26

What have YOU been doing while hunting & fishing is in its slow period?  
Send in your photos!

## Range Rules Review



**ALL NEW AND UNVERIFIED SIGHTS, REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF SIGHTS USED, OPTICAL OR CONVENTIONAL, WILL BE SIGHTED IN FIRST ON THE 25 YARD RANGE.** After the sights are correct at 25 yards you can move to the 50 yard line and continue all the way to 200 yards one range at a time as necessary.

If you notice the first part of this range rule is all CAPITALIZED to express the importance of knowing where your shot is hitting. Our ultimate goal is to never have a round leave our range and if you don't know where your round is hitting it is very unsafe. Also "unverified" means any firearm you have not shot yourself and know its accuracy.

# General Info

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**ALERT:** Following [Governor Larry Hogan's emergency actions](#) to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland Natural Resources Police is making the following changes to the hunter education course, effective March 16 and until further notice:

**All traditional, in-person classroom courses are suspended.**

The minimum age requirement to take the internet-based course has been lowered to **10 years of age**.

The field day workshop (one day, in-person instruction) will remain in place. The minimum age requirement for this workshop has also been lowered to **10 years of age**.

Potential hunter education students are encouraged to take the online field of study course (<https://www.hunter-ed.com/maryland/>), which combined with the field day workshop will satisfy the hunter education requirement.

**Board of Directors**

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**NOTE: ALL HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES AT SCFHC ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, INCLUDING FIELD DAY WORKSHOPS**

Letter from the editor:

I hope everyone's staying safe and healthy in these ...interesting times. If you happen to come across any interesting articles in your time at home or have any photos from your time in the woods while you practice your 'social distancing', please feel free to send them my way for April's newsletter! Hopefully we're able to get back together again soon!

- Lauren



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