



STONEY CREEK FISHING & HUNTING CLUB

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FALL/WINTER 2020-2021



From the Club President

Fellow members,

I hope you all had a successful hunting season as I know times were tough this year. I have seen many reports of low deer sightings which could be attributed to a rise in EHD this past year. With proper management and luck the herds will rebound and years to come will improve.

You have all been patient and supportive during the COVID pandemic and for this I thank you. It has been a truly chaotic year and a half to say the least. I know the other officers and Board members share my sentiments when I say we have a great group of people and club.

Finally, elections are fast approaching and calls will be coming soon to see if those qualified would like to run for office. Please look hard and long at taking advantage of the opportunities and run for office, there is plenty of help and guidance should you throw your hat in the ring.

Raymond Ten Kate
Club President



MEETINGS TO RESUME IN FEBRUARY

Per the County Executive's Executive Order 42, we are now permitted to have gatherings of up to half the clubhouse's capacity, which is 70. As such, and unless tighter restrictions are imposed between now and then that lessen that capacity, we are anticipating that February's meetings will take place as scheduled. We look forward to seeing everyone and will notify the membership promptly if anything changes these plans.

News

Air League

Just as a reminder our air league is still open every Wednesday starting at 5pm, so get out the air rifles and pistols. What a great way to shoot and have fun with friends and family. Sharing time and love for shooting with the kids, grand kids, spouse, friend or simply practice. We have COVID rules in place to keep everyone safe

Shooting consists of

40 bull's eye targets at 10 meters

20 Mini silhouette targets at 15 meters

For a total of 60 shots

Shooters may use air Rifles, Pistols, or both.

.177 pellets with a maximum velocity of 750 fps

Fee is \$8.00 per night

Call Brian Heslep at 443-618-6906 or email at icedefender@yahoo.com (please put Air League in Subject)

Fishing Report

DNR Fishing Report:

Trout Stocking in January

Species Codes:

RB = Rainbow Trout; **GN** = Golden Trout; **BN** = Brown Trout



Date	County	Location	Number/Species	Date	County	Location	Number/Species
1-14-21	PG	Greenbelt Lake	250 RB/GN	1-21-21	Cecil	Howards Pond	800 RB/GN
1-14-21	PG	Governor's Bridge Pond	400 RB/GN	1-21-21	Harford	Deer Creek	1500 RB/GN
1-14-21	PG	Lake Artemesia	1000 RB/GN	1-21-21	Harford	Forest Hill Pond	500 RB/GN
1-11-21	Wash.	Israel Creek	800 RB/GN	1-20-21	Cecil	Big Elk Creek	1000 RB/GN
1-11-21	Wash.	Little Tonoloway Creek, Upper	400RB/GN	1-19-21	Howard	Little Patuxent River	1100 RB/GN
1-6-21	Charles	Hughesville Pond	400 RB/GN	1-19-21	Montgomery	Lake Needwood	1000 RB/GN
1-6-21	Charles	Myrtle Grove Pond	1500 RB/GN	1-15-21	Allegany	Evitts Creek	2300 RB/GN
1-6-21	Prince George's	Allen's Pond	600 RB/GN	1-15-21	Allegany	Wills Creek	2300 RB/GN
1-6-21	Prince George's	Melwood Pond	500 RB/GN	1-14-21	Garrett	Deep Creek Lake	5000 RB/GN
1-6-21	Prince George's	Tucker Pond	500 RB/GN	1-14-21	Carroll	Piney Run Reservoir	1300 RB/GN
1-5-21	Calvert	Hutchins Pond	450 RB/GN	1-14-21	Calvert	Calvert Cliffs Pond	100 RB/GN
1-5-21	Charles	Wheatley Lake	900 RB/GN	1-14-21	Howard	Centennial Lake	250 RB/GN
1-5-21	Howard	Centennial Lake	750 RB/GN	1-14-21	PG	Greenbelt Lake	250 RB/GN
1-5-21	Prince George's	Greenbelt Lake	450 RB/GN	1-14-21	PG	Schoolhouse Pond	600 RB/GN

Legislation

Website: www.2AMaryland.org Email: 2A@2AMaryland.org

New Gun Bills Filed Since Our Last Report

SB0479 [Public Safety - Access to Firearms - Storage Requirements \(Jaelynn's Law\)](#) HB0200
Increasing the scope of existing firearms “child” storage laws by replacing the term “child” with the word “minor” which raises the age limit from 16 to 18 years of age. Removing the limitation in current law which applies to loaded firearms only to include all firearms whether loaded or not. Imposing additional restrictions on the storage of firearms AND ammunition. Imposing penalties ranging from 90 days or \$1,000 up to 3 years \$5,000. **OPPOSE**

HB0450 [Election Law – Polling Sites – Firearms Prohibition](#) SB0010
Making it illegal to possess a firearm within a certain distance of a polling site on election day. Most of the state polling sites are in schools and firearms are already prohibited. Approximately 18 of the 312 polling sites would be impacted. A civil offense punishable by a fine only. **OPPOSE**

HB0538 [Handgun Permits – Qualifications – High-Risk Occupations](#)
Defining certain occupations (e.g. correctional officers, parole officers, emergency services, physicians, etc.) as “high risk” and thus qualifying as a good and substantial reason for a permit to wear and carry a handgun. **SUPPORT**

HB0543 [Firearms – Right to Purchase, Possess, and Carry – Use of Medical Cannabis](#) SB0190
A repeat of previous bills to enable persons with a medical cannabis license/prescription to purchase, possess and carry firearms. This runs contrary to existing federal law. If passed, persons could be subject to prosecution under federal law. **No Position**

HB0633 [Gun Theft Felony Act of 2021](#)
Making it a felony to steal a firearm, punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years and up to a \$1,000 fine (or both) for a first offense. Second offense punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years and up to a \$2,500 fine (or both). Any sentence under this section to be separate from and consecutive to a sentence for any other offense. **SUPPORT**

HB0638 [Public Safety - Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms](#) (CROSSFILE PENDING)
Prohibiting the manufacture of personal firearms from 80% receiver kits after January 1, 2022. Prohibiting the continued possession of home built personal firearms after January 1, 2022 unless certain information is engraved or stamped on the firearm. Requiring the firearm owner to maintain a written record of the firearm and required information. Limiting the transfer of a properly marked home built firearm to only another family member who possesses a Handgun Qualification License (HQL) or a law enforcement agency.

Prohibiting the possession of so-called “covert” firearms which cannot be recognized as a firearm as well as prohibiting the possession of so-called “undetectable” firearms. **OPPOSE**

Club Shoots 2020

Buffalo Shoot held on 01/12/20

High overall – John Grainger 36

	<u>Smokeless</u>	<u>Black Powder</u>	<u>300 YDS</u>
1 st	Sloane Franklin 11	Richard Brooks 5	George McCauley 19
2 nd	Fred Fischer 5	Pistol – 1st Frank Burger 7	

Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/09/20

	<u>Open Prone</u>	<u>Vintage Prone</u>	<u>Unlimited Prone</u>
1 st	John Grainger 196	John Grainger 188	John Grainger 197
2 nd	John Russo 185		
	<u>Open Chair</u>		
1 st	George McCauley 195		
2 nd	Frank Burger 170		
3 rd	Richard Books 166		

Lever Action Rifle Shoot being held on 05/31/20

	<u>Iron Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1 st		
2 nd	CANCELED	
3 rd		

.22LR Rifle Shoot being held on 06/14/20

	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Open Sights</u>
1 st		
2 nd	CANCELED	
3 rd		

Pistol Shoot held on 07/12/20

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Center Fire</u>	<u>Rim Fire</u>
1 st	Bobby Dill	Bobby Dill
2 nd	John Schweitzer	John Schweitzer
3 rd	Scott Baumgardner	Scott Baumgardner

Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot held on 08/09/20

High Overall – **Open Sight:** John Grainger **Scoped:** Chris Stewart

	<u>Open Sight</u>	<u>Scoped</u>
1 st	Joseph Donley	N/A
2 nd	Chris Stewart	N/A
3 rd	Rob Tracey	N/A

Trap Shoot held on 08/02/20

High Overall – Chuck Powers (41)

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 st	Rob Tracey (38)	Bob Larsen (40)	Ray Ten Kate (38)	Frank Tracey (23)
2 nd		Mike Koch (38)		John Russo (19)
3 rd		John Grainger (37)		

Archery Shoot being held on XX/XX/20

	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Crossbow</u>
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

All-Gun Shoot held on 09/27/20

High Overall – John Grainger

	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Pistol</u>	<u>Shotgun</u>
1 st	Joseph Donley	Bobby Dill	Frank Tracey
2 nd	Ray Ten Kate	Rob Tracey	Ray Ten Kate
3 rd	Rob Tracey	Joseph Donley	Rob Tracey

Side X Side Trap Shoot & 20 Gauge Challenge held on 11/08/20

Side x Side Trap Shoot Results

High Gun – Sloane Franklin (43)

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 st	John Grainer (40)	Wayne Teter (38)	Harold Brannon (32)	Larry Barr (25)
2 nd		Ray Ten Kate (37)	Mike Koch (31)	
3 rd		Gary Townsend (36)	Ron Grubb (27)	

20 Gauge Challenge Results

High Gun – Sloane Franklin (39)

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 st		Wayne Teter (35)	John Grainer (33)	Mike Koch (25)
2 nd			Ted Mathison (31)	Bob Larsen (24)
3 rd			Gary Townsend (29)	Frank Tracey (23)

Rifle Shoot held on 11/01/20

1 st	John Grainger
2 nd	Ray Ten Kate
3 rd	Joseph Donley

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The Master Naturalist

The Eastern Cottontail Rabbit in Maryland

Participation in rabbit hunting may not be what it was a few decades ago, but the population of rabbits in Maryland is still strong and hunting them is an underrated good time! I have spoken with many people who believe there are less rabbits these days than there were 20 or so years ago, which may be the case in some areas, but overall Eastern Cottontail Rabbits still boast a healthy population throughout the state. If you've noticed less rabbits in an area you used to see them a lot, it could be for a number of reasons, but the most common is development of areas that were once great habitat for them. Rabbits are like deer in that they are largely edge habitat creatures. They need cover and a reliable source of food to thrive. An abundance of predators such as foxes and coyotes can also impact their numbers, considering that the average nest survival rate is only 50% as it is. Here are some facts about Eastern Cottontail Rabbits and tips for hunting them;

- Also like deer, rabbits tend to move most at dawn and an hour or two before dusk. These are the ideal times to hunt them.
- Rabbits tend to have a home range of only a few acres. Scouting for them is as important as scouting for deer if you want to have a shot at some. Look for signs like scat and the small trails they create in the cover for increased mobility within their home range. They may resemble little mazes.
Rabbits are a wary bunch with a great sense of smell. Head into the wind as to not flush them too early, and walk in a zig-zag pattern through cover to encourage them to flush as you get close.
- Be ready to shoot when the time comes (though as always, be sure of where your shot is going). Rabbits are fast and erratic in their movements.
- Be careful not to use too tight a choke when you're rabbit hunting. Open is best for shots 10-25 yards, IC is best for shots out to 35 yards.

*Info from Maryland DNR

Some MD Areas Seeing Reduced Deer Population

There has been reporting of reduced deer populations throughout the state and many have asked why. One of the leading theories is that this year's warm weather has resulted in an increase in the midge/no-seeum gnats which transmit EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease). This link discusses the possible effect on the 2020 reported deer harvest to date; <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/11/30/maryland-reports-early-deer-season-2020-results/>. According to the article, this disease has not been reported as transmissible to humans, but you should always ensure your game is cooked appropriately before consuming. Here are some things to know about EHD and what to do if you suspect it in your local herd;

- The disease is a viral infection causing deer to have elevated temperatures, which in turn causes them to seek out water to cool off. This is why when there are outbreaks you may find more dead deer near water sources. The incubation period is 5 to 10 days and can be fatal. Signs of deer infected with EHD include weight loss, lameness, and excessive salivation.
- The disease is mainly known to infect whitetail populations but has been found in other species as well as some domestic animals.
- A confirmed diagnosis requires isolation of the virus from sick or freshly dead deer with clinical signs or lesions typical of hemorrhagic disease. Preferred specimens for virus isolation are unclotted whole blood in EDTA or heparin and refrigerated samples of spleen and lymph node.
- Deer deaths from HD occur in the late summer or early fall. If you find a deer you suspect has died from HD, contact the DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service Field Office closest to you: Bel Air (410) 836-4552, Annapolis (410) 260-8540, Cumberland (301) 777-2136, and Wye Mills 410-827-8612.
- Deer can survive the disease, though they often suffer decreased mobility due to lameness after recovery.

*Info from MD DNR

Winter Turkey Harvest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that hunters reported taking 89 wild turkeys during the 2021 winter turkey season, which was open statewide Jan. 21-23. This year's harvest was slightly higher than the 2020 total of 82 turkeys.

Frederick, Charles, Garrett, and Prince George's counties posted the highest numbers. Adult males, or "toms", comprised 58% of the harvest with the remainder being females and juveniles.

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



Lauren Atwood – Master Naturalist

2020 Hunting, Fishing & Nature Photos



Big buck seen by Scott B. on the club grounds on 11/17/2020!



One of two mature bucks that Sloane got this season!
12/5/2020



Big chocolate-rack 8-pointer shot by Jon Schweitzer this fall! 215lbs, 165lbs dressed out.



Public land sika hind shot by Lauren on 10/2/2020!

2020 Hunting, Fishing & Nature Photos



9-point buck shot by Rob Tracey on 11/15/2020!
This year's Big Buck Award Winner!



4-point buck shot this fall by Richard Brooks!



Deer #4 of 6 total for the season for Lauren!
11/1/2020



Early muzzleloader doe shot by Sloane on
10/28/2020!

2020/2021 Hunting, Fishing & Nature Photos



Lauren and her mentee, Michelle, doubled up on winter turkeys on 1/22/2021!



Sloane's winter tom shot on 1/21/2021!



Lauren on a duck hunt on the last day of the season. 1/30/2021



George's big 7-pointer shot on 12/30/2020!

What are YOU up to this spring? Send in your photos!

2021 Club Calendar

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club 2021 Calendar of Events

January

General Meetings ~~8*,29*~~
Training 2
Air Gun League 6,13,20,27

**Buffalo Shoot ~~10~~ 17

February

General Meetings 12,26
Training 6
Air Gun League 3,10,17,24

**Bench Rest 7
** Sniper Rifle 21

March

General Meetings 12,26
Training 6
Air Gun League 3,10,17,24

M1/AR Meeting 9 (7pm)
Pistol League Mtg 18 (7 pm)
**Bench Rest 7,28

April

General Meetings 9,30
Training 3

**Pistol League
3(SAT),18
**Bench Rest 25
Egg Roll 11

May

General Meetings 14,28
Training 1
Air Gun Banquet 15 (6pm)
Flea Market 2
**Pistol League 8(SAT),23

**Bench Rest 16

**Lever Action Shoot 30

June

General Meetings 11,25
Training 5
**Pistol League 5(SAT),20
** .22 Rifle Shoot 13
Hunter Safety 14,17,19

July

General Meetings 9,30
Training 3
**Pistol League 10(SAT),18,31(SAT)
**Pistol Shoot 11

August

General Meetings 13,27
Training 7
Hunter Qual 1, 22
**Trap Shoot 1
Internet H. Safety 28

**Pistol League
8,21(SAT),29
Hunter Safety 9,12,14
**Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 15

September

General Meetings 10,24
Training 4
Hunter Qual 4,5

Internet H. Safety 12
M1/AR Banquet 18 (6pm)
**All Gun Shoot 26

October

General Meetings 8
Training 2
Internet H. Safety 3
**Side-X-Side and 17
20-Gauge Trap Shoot
Pistol Banquet 16(5:00pm)
Rifle Shoot 24

November

General Meetings 12
Training 6
Flea Market 7
Calendar Meeting 3 (7pm)
Bench Rest Meeting 10 (7pm)

December

General Meetings 10
Training 4
Air Gun Meeting 15
(7pm)
Trap Closes 7
Merry Christmas 25

***Canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions**

****Members Only Shoot – Registration from 10AM – 2PM**

TRAP EVERY TUESDAY STARING AT 5PM – OPENS MARCH 2

Hunter Qualification 9AM – 1PM

Website Info: www.scfhclub.org

Events Line: 410-255-2119

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Range Rules Review



As a reminder, ALL firearms that you have not actually shot or question the validity of accuracy, you must first shoot at the 25-yard range and work your way up to the longer distances. This includes but is not limited to firearms previously bore sighted and not yet shot. Bore sighting is an excellent way to get the firearm on paper at 25 yards, but is not near accurate enough to take a firearm straight to a longer range.

Additionally, make sure to adjust the eyebrow each and every time you begin shooting and change positions. A proper adjustment is looking at the target through your sights in the position you are shooting (i.e. offhand, sitting, kneeling or prone) and adjusting the eyebrow to the top of your target holder.

General Info

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CLUB ELECTIONS COMING UP:

This is a reminder that our club elections are coming up in March. If you've been wanting to get more involved in the club's operations and events, please consider running for a position. This year, due to COVID, only 8 meetings are required to run for a position.

REMINDER: Tuesday Night Trap opens back up on March 2nd! This is a great opportunity to get your time in and become more involved with the club!

SHOTGUN AND AMMO RESTRICTIONS

No shot larger than 7.5.

Barrel length for 12-gauge and 16-gauge guns must be at least 26".

Barrell length for 20, 28-gauge and .410 shotguns must be at least 20".

Shot for all shotguns must be no more than 1200 fps or 3 dram equivalent.

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Letter from the editor:

Hey, everyone!

I'm sure I'm not the only one happy to see 2020 go! I'm hoping that we return to some kind of normalcy in the near future and I can get enough content to start putting out a monthly newsletter again! Although time requirements were temporarily reduced, I know opportunities to get the time you're still required to put in have been few and far between as we still deal with COVID issues. Remember, you can earn time by writing articles or taking photos at club shoots for the newsletter! See you all soon!

- Lauren



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