

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



March 2022

Fellow Members,

We are moving into Springtime, and the weather is improving... and the CLUB ELECTIONS are coming in March! So please check your hours with "Time Keeping", Kevin Burket. If you have the requisite twelve (12) meetings for an elected position, please consider running for an office! All offices are up for grabs each year!! Also, if you have a minimum of six (6) meetings, you are eligible to vote in the club elections, which will be held at the "members only" club meeting on March 25th. We will be presenting the slate of those running for elected positions at the March 11th meeting. Communications will be sent out along the way, describing the slate, reminding you of the voting procedures and important dates, and announcing the results, so please keep an eye on messages from the club.

We will also be holding the M1 Garand "bingo style" raffle draw at the March 25th meeting; if you are participating, you should have received your random number for the upcoming drawing; you will be contacted if you win and are not present.

March has a host of leagues and activities starting. Tuesday Night Trap starts on March 1st. On the weekends the Trap League will begin and the Bench Rest League will continue their matches. The Pistol and M1/AR leagues also have their formation meetings in March, while the popular Air Gun League is winding down for the season. With April, May, and the summer quickly approaching, Hunter Safety, the Spring Flea Market, the Egg Roll, and a host of other club events will be occurring.

I would also ask that each of you look at the messages shared by Ted Mathison pertaining to the Second Amendment (2A) Maryland legislation and consider calling or writing as suggested for those hearings; every voice counts, and we are all affected by these rulings. Also, I suggest some follow-up research areas for each of you after February's meetings and discussions: consider using a trace-blocking search engine when online, such as <DuckDuckGo.com> or <Dogpile.com>, so that you aren't targeted. Also consider researching the ideologies we are facing today by reading topics such as the "Frankfurt School", or lighter reading in chapter #6 of "Righteous Indignation" -- these sources go a long way helping understand the current political climate in our country, our state, and why we must each have our voices heard.

Finally, please be aware of the updated range configuration since October -- always use the exhaust fan when shooting and please clean up your mess before leaving. If in doubt, ask.

In closing, we have experienced a rather tumultuous year in 2021. Between COVID, contentious internal discussions, the restrictions on the kitchen and vending, and a range fire to name but a few, it has been a challenging year. However, I feel we've come through this with a stronger membership and club with a renewed sense of pride in and part of our community.

Nick D'Apice
President





Member Only Shoots

Bench Rest - 3/13, 4/10
 Pistol League Meeting - 3/17
 M1/AR Meeting - 3/8

Upcoming General Meeting Dates

March 11th
 March 25th
 April 8th
 April 29th

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club 2022 Calendar of Events

January

General Meetings 14, 28
 Training 8
 Air Gun League 5,12,19,26
 **Buffalo Shoot 9
 **Bench Rest 30

February

General Meetings 11, 25
 Training 5
 Air Gun League 2,9,16,23
 **Bench Rest 20
 **Sniper Rifle 13

March

General Meetings 11, 25
 Training 5
 Air Gun League 2,9,16,23
 M1/AR Meeting 8 (7pm)
 Pistol League Mtg 17(7pm)
 **Bench Rest 13
 Trap League 20, 27

April

General Meetings 8, 29
 Training 2
 **Pistol League 9, 23
 **Bench Rest 10
 Egg Roll 24
 Trap League 3, 10, 23, 30

May

General Meetings 13, 27
 Training 7
 Air Gun Banquet 21 (6pm)
 Flea Market 1
 **Pistol League 7, 22
 **Bench Rest 15
 **Lever Action Shoot 29
 Trap League 8, 15, 22, 29

June

General Meetings 10, 24
 Training 4
 **Pistol League 5, 19, 26
 **.22 Rifle Shoot 12
 Hunter Safety 13, 16, 18
 Trap League Banquet 11 (6pm)

July

General Meetings 8, 29
 Training 2
 **Pistol League 9, 24
 **Pistol Shoot 10

August

General Meetings 12, 26
 Training 6
 Hunter Qual 6, 27
 **Trap Shoot 7
 Internet H. Safety 28
 **Pistol League 7, 20
 Hunter Safety 8, 11, 13
 **Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 14
 Trap League 14, 21, 27

September

General Meetings 9, 30
 Training 3
 Hunter Qual 3, 4
 Internet H. Safety 10
 **Pistol League 11
 M1/AR Banquet 17 (6pm)
 **All Gun Shoot 25
 Trap League 4, 11, 18, 24

October

General Meetings 14
 Training 1
 Internet H. Safety 2
 **Side-X-Side and
 20-Gauge Trap Shoot 16
 Pistol Banquet 8 (5pm)
 Rifle Shoot 23
 Trap League 9, 15, 23, 30

November

General Meetings 11
 Training 5
 Flea Market 6
 Calendar Meeting 2 (7pm)
 Bench Rest Meeting 9 (7pm)
 Trap League Banquet 12(6pm)

December

General Meetings 9
 Training 3
 Air Gun League Mtg 14 (7pm)
 Trap Closes 13
 Merry Christmas 25

**** Members Only Shoot -
 registration 10AM to 2PM**

Hunter Qual 9AM to 1PM

TRAP EVERY TUESDAY @ 5PM RE-OPENS March 1
 WEB SITE INFO - www.scfhclub.org EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Trap League Starts March 20th.

Open to the Public

11am-3pm

Must complete 10 of 12 shoots

50 Rounds/Shoot - 25 at 16 yds, 25 at Handicap

\$20/shoot

Handicap established after 4 shoots, handicap at 18 yards until established.



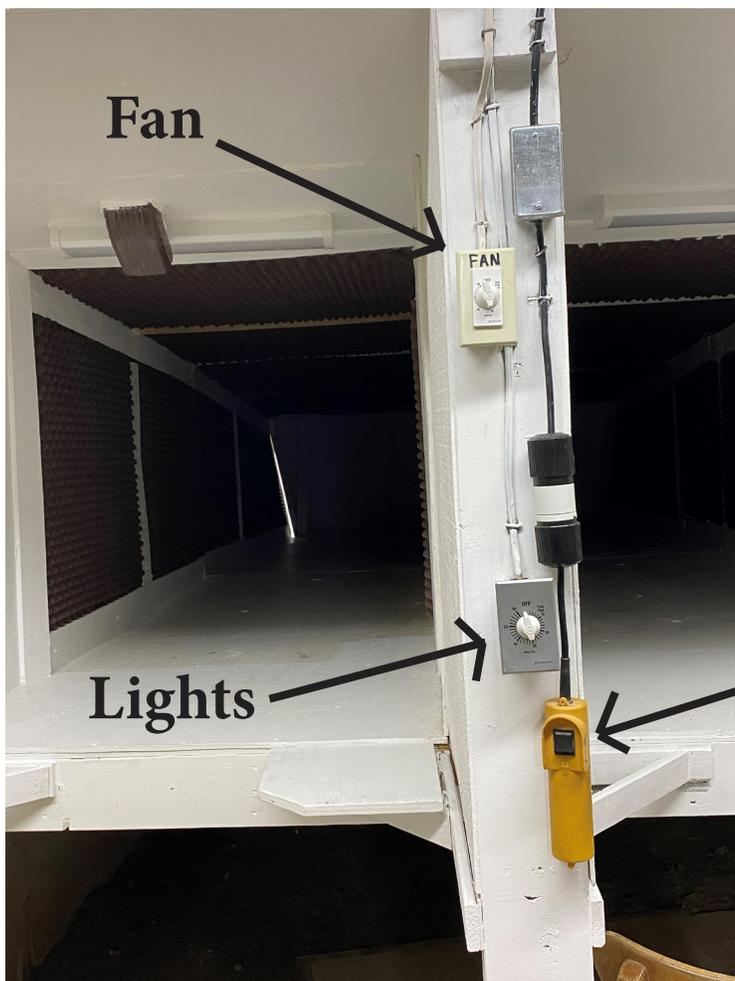
New Range Rules:

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



Hunting News

Editorial: Hunting and Trapping Regulation Proposals For the 2022-23 and 2023 -24 Hunting Season

I originally posted the link to this, but comments ended 2/28. I have collected a sampling of some of the comments submitted. There are a literal ton of people commenting on stopping the Black Bear hunt so i will skip those (DNR is NOT proposing to stop the hunt)

- They should try stocking ruffed grouse in Baltimore County state parks to get a population here.
- Make Garrett and Allegany county one buck
- Late muzzleloader season Region A should allow for antlerless deer through out the season the same as the early season
- Another proposal that there be a Sika deer stamp that has to be purchased by non-resident hunters since a lot of non-residents are coming to countries like Dorchester country just to hunt Sika deer and overwhelming our public lands. This would bring in extra revenue from outside the state
- Saturday season for black bear would be best. A lot of people can't take off Monday through Friday to hunt bear. Sat-sat would give a 3 days to hunt for the people who can't hunt during the week. Cross bows: 100% cross bows absolutely should uncocked in the vehicle.

[Click here to read all comments](#)

Maryland Reports 2022 Winter Turkey Season Harvest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that hunters reported taking 67 wild turkeys during the 2022 winter turkey season, which was open statewide Jan. 20-22. This year's harvest was 24% lower than the 2021 winter total of 89 turkeys.

St. Mary's, Baltimore, and Caroline counties reported the highest harvests respectively, although turkeys were reported from most counties across the state. Adult males, or "toms," comprised 30% of the harvest with the remainder being females and juveniles. Eighty-one percent were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters harvested their bird with a crossbow or vertical bow.

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

Maryland's spring turkey season, which provides the largest annual harvest, begins in April.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Charles	10	4	3	1	8	0	Montgomery	3	2	1	1	3	2
														Prince George's	3	0	2	5	7	1
Allegany	9	6	4	2	4	4	Dorchester	14	8	6	3	6	1	Queen Anne's	5	5	6	4	3	1
Anne Arundel	2	4	2	2	0	4	Frederick	6	6	7	3	12	3	Somerset	3	2	4	6	3	4
Baltimore	7	1	1	1	3	7	Garrett	9	8	7	9	7	4	St. Mary's	7	10	6	13	6	9
Calvert	0	1	1	2	0	0	Harford	2	2	1	0	5	3	Talbot	1	2	0	4	3	0
Caroline	2	2	1	5	4	5	Howard	1	1	1	1	0	4	Washington	11	8	7	3	5	3
Carroll	2	3	2	5	1	3	Kent	3	4	3	6	2	0	Wicomico	6	3	3	1	3	4
														Worcester	1	3	2	2	0	3
														Total	109	87	73	82	89	67



Hunting News

Maryland Hunters Report Taking 70,845 Deer in 2021-2022 Season

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported that deer hunters harvested 70,845 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 10, 2021 through Feb. 3, 2022.

The statewide harvest included 27,947 antlered and 39,498 antlerless white-tailed deer, plus 1,541 antlered and 1,859 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 13% lower than the 2020-2021 total of 81,729 deer.

“Maryland hunters concluded another successful but challenging deer season,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “Fluctuations in the annual harvest are attributable to various factors including hunter effort and natural food availability, but is also indicative that the deer population is trending toward a population level that reduces damage to agriculture and minimizes impacts on our natural communities.”

Hunters harvested 7,289 deer on Sundays, comprising 10% 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) decreased 16%, from 9,383 deer last year to 7,929 this year. Hunters in the western counties reported 4,888 antlered and 3,041 antlerless deer.

Hunters in Region B — the remainder of the state — harvested 62,916 deer, down 13% from 72,346 deer harvested last year. A total of 24,600 antlered and 38,316 antlerless deer were reported in this region.

Frederick County had the highest reported harvest again this year, with 6,088 deer reported. Carroll County followed with 5,071 deer, and Baltimore County was third with 4,501. Garrett and Washington counties rounded out the top five with 3,923 and 3,899 deer, respectively.

Maryland Reported Antlered and Antlerless Deer Harvest for the 2021-2022 and 2020-2021 Hunting Seasons

County	Antlered			Antlerless			Total		
	2021-22	2020-21	% Change	2021-22	2020-21	% Change	2021-22	2020-21	% Change
Allegany	1,837	1,921	-4.4	1,177	1,379	-14.6	3,014	3,300	-8.7
Antietam	755	642	17.6	1,082	1,277	-15.3	1,837	1,919	-4.3
Baltimore	1,680	1,781	-5.7	2,821	3,575	-21.1	4,501	5,356	-16.0
Belt	551	468	17.7	787	916	-14.1	1,338	1,384	-3.3
Chesapeake									
whitetail	908	884	2.7	1,576	1,894	-16.8	2,484	2,778	-10.6
sika	0	0	*	0	2	*	0	2	*
Frederick	2,058	2,196	-6.3	3,013	4,006	-24.8	5,071	6,202	-18.2
Harford	1,197	1,227	-2.4	1,996	2,530	-21.1	3,193	3,757	-15.0
Howard	873	1,074	-18.7	1,082	1,557	-30.5	1,955	2,631	-25.7
Montgomery									
whitetail	732	728	0.5	1,235	1,327	-6.9	1,967	2,055	-4.3
sika	1,350	1,337	1.0	1,703	1,749	-2.6	3,053	3,086	-1.1

Frederick	2,674	2,854	-6.3	3,414	4,488	-23.9	6,088	7,342	-17.1
Garrett	2,443	2,873	-15.0	1,480	2,031	-27.1	3,923	4,904	-20.0
Harford	1,139	1,209	-5.8	2,023	2,371	-14.7	3,162	3,580	-11.7
Howard	775	807	-4.0	1,244	1,576	-21.1	2,019	2,383	-15.3
Kent	1,077	1,044	3.2	1,954	2,108	-7.3	3,031	3,152	-3.8
Montgomery	1,280	1,363	-6.1	2,026	2,741	-26.1	3,306	4,104	-19.4
Prince George's	702	662	6.0	928	963	-3.6	1,630	1,625	0.3
Queen Anne's	1,074	1,006	6.8	1,884	2,321	-18.8	2,958	3,327	-11.1
St. Mary's	657	792	-17.0	820	1,264	-35.1	1,477	2,056	-28.2
Somerset									
whitetail	734	691	6.2	1,337	1,566	-14.6	2,071	2,257	-8.2
sika	17	7	*	8	9	*	25	16	*
Talbot	694	697	-0.4	1,363	1,576	-13.5	2,057	2,273	-9.5
Washington	1,889	2,096	-9.9	2,010	2,616	-23.2	3,899	4,712	-17.3
Wicomico									
whitetail	1,046	1,063	-1.6	1,991	2,289	-13.0	3,037	3,352	-9.4
sika	140	118	*	112	116	*	252	234	*



Worcester									
whitetail	1,172	1,164	0.7	2,255	2,662	-15.3	3,427	3,826	-10.4
sika	34	38	*	36	78	*	70	116	*
Total	29,488	30,742	-4.1	41,357	50,987	-18.9	70,845	81,729	-13.3

*Small sample size





Striped Bass Regulations for 2022

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced today the following regulations for the 2022 recreational striped bass fishery (private and charter) in the Chesapeake Bay. The 2022 regulations are unchanged from 2021 and are generally described below.

Spring Trophy Season:

- April 1 through April 30: Anglers will be prohibited from targeting striped bass, which includes catch-and-release.
- May 1 through May 15: Anglers may catch one striped bass per day, with a minimum size of 35 inches, in the Chesapeake Bay from Brewerton Channel to the Virginia state line.

Summer-Fall Season:

- May 16 through July 15, and resume August 1 through Dec. 10: Anglers would be able to keep one striped bass per person, per day, with a minimum size of 19 inches. During a chartered fishing trip, the captain or mate would not be permitted to land or possess striped bass for personal consumption.
- During the closure period from July 16 through July 31, anglers will be prohibited from targeting striped bass, which includes catch-and-release and charter boats.

*For the summer-fall charter fishery, the captain or the mate may not keep a striped bass during a charter trip.

Charter captains may also participate in a voluntary pilot program. Participating captains will be required to use the FACTS electronic reporting system and will be allowed to keep two (2) fish per person per day. Only one of those two fish may be greater than 28 inches.

Mid-Winter Upper Chesapeake Fishing Report - MD DNR

Persistent anglers are making the best of the cold water and icy conditions prevailing in the upper Bay. When they can find open water, there are yellow perch to be caught in the Susquehanna River, below the Railroad Bridge in the deep hole there. Wind and drift conditions will dictate how much weight one will have to use to get down to where the fish are. A bank sinker with a two-hook dropper rig baited with minnows or small jigs is usually what works best.

There are open water areas in some of the tidal rivers, but many of the upper sections are iced over. In some areas, like parts of the North East River, anglers have found enough ice to venture out for some ice fishing for yellow perch. If you do this, use extreme care and be safe.

Although the banks are icy and slippery, some anglers are able to get a line out into the flowing open waters of the Susquehanna in search of blue catfish. The catfish tend to be in the deeper parts of the river holding close to the bottom. When air temperatures and sunny conditions are favorable, fishing for blue catfish can be a lot of fun and can put some fresh fish on the dinner table. The upper Chester River is another excellent place to fish for blue catfish from shore or a boat; the Crumpton area is often a very good place to fish for them in the deep channel waters.

If catch-and-release fishing for striped bass is on your mind, there are fish holding close to the bottom out near the rock piles and concrete bridge abutments. These fish are so cold that when they are spotted on a depth finder they will look like a stack of cordwood. Chances are if you are jigging over them, you will snag more than actually take the jig. The water is just too cold for them to feed.

[Whole Report](#)



It's our favorite time of year when the Maryland General Assembly is in session. MSI is tracking numerous bills and i will add some of the larger ones and if they support or oppose. For those of you more interested, the Club is looking for someone to head the Legislation Committee - Joe W.

Notable Bills

SB 327 - SUPPORT - FOR the purpose of clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; and generally relating to a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

SB 535 - SUPPORT - FOR the purpose of establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and generally relating to theft of a handgun.

SB387/HB425 - OPPOSE - FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of "firearm" to include a certain unfinished frame or receiver; prohibiting a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an unfinished frame or receiver, or possessing a firearm on or after a certain date, unless it is required by federal law to be, and has been, imprinted with a certain number in a certain manner; requiring the Secretary of State Police to suspend a certain dealer's license if the dealer is charged with a certain crime; requiring the Secretary to revoke a certain dealer's license if the dealer is convicted of a certain crime; and generally relating to firearms.

SB 329/HB 30 - OPPOSE - FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from carrying or displaying a firearm on certain premises or carrying or possessing a firearm within a certain number of feet of a polling site during an election, subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating to prohibiting firearms in polling sites during an election.

Queen Anne's Co. Proposing to Restrict Shooting Ranges

On February 10th, the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission is considering imposing one-size-fits-all restrictions on where shooting ranges can be located. The meeting is to start at 8:45AM and participation will be available by video conference. Please [click here](#) for the agenda and instructions on viewing or participating and [here](#) to submit public comments..

Proposed Ordinance No. 21-09 amends the county definition of "Shooting Club" to read: "provided, however, that it operates on land that is not adjacent to an existing or approved residential subdivision." This restriction does not make any distinction as to whether a shooting range being adjacent to a residential area could be appropriate, such as indoor ranges, or ranges located on a large enough piece of property for any shooting activity to be far away from residences.

Current county zoning ordinances already regulate shooting clubs. They must be in Agricultural and Countryside zoning districts and subject to conditional use permits issued on a case-by-case basis, among other restrictions. The county already has sufficient discretion to ensure that shooting clubs operate in appropriate areas, and this proposed ordinance unnecessarily limits that discretion.

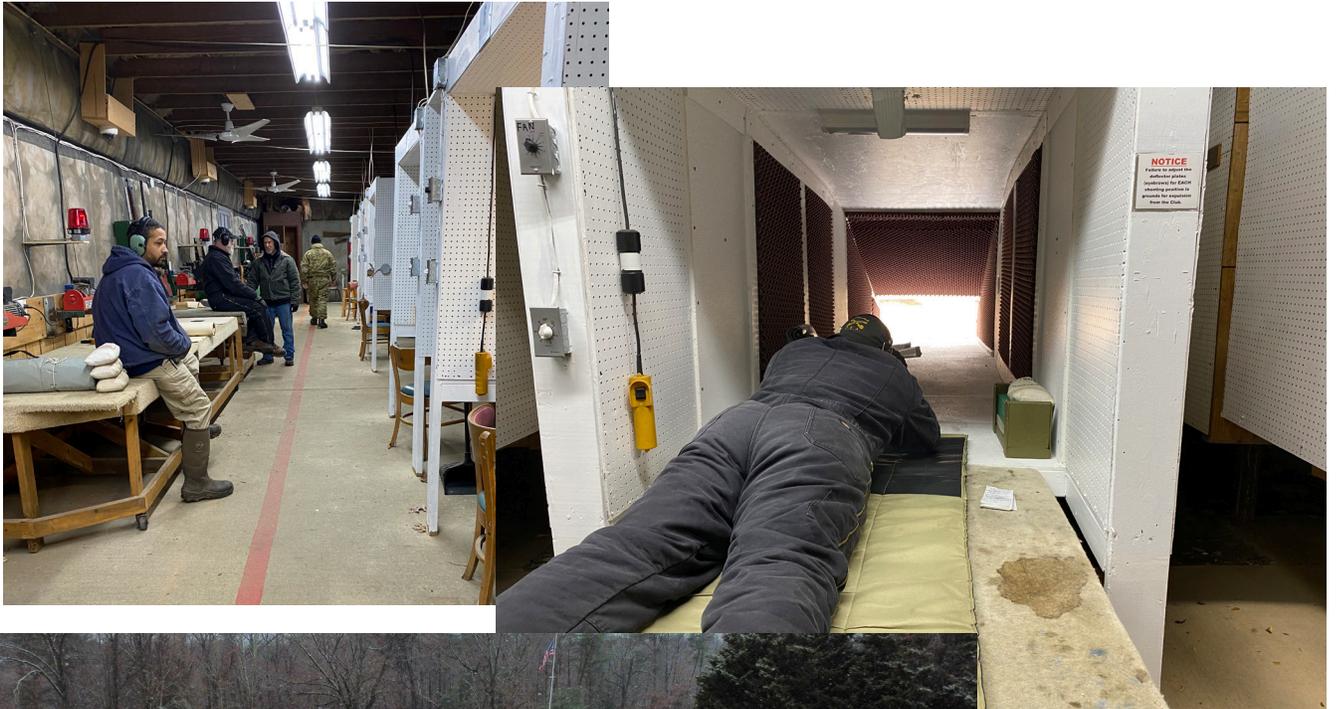
Club Photos - Sniper Rifle Shoot 2/13



Bill & Doug Sansone
Taking their Shots



Club Photos - Sniper Rifle Shoot 2/13



John Grainger eyes up the target



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John Grainger



Contact Stephen Moody
for club license plate details

Tuesday Night Trap

Trap will return on March 1st.

Hello Everyone,

I'm looking to make this more interactive. If anyone wants to add anything such as opinion pieces, news reports or what ever really you want, just let me know! If you are ever at any events that i am unable to attend, pictures are always welcome for the Newsletter (I can give you time for your efforts).

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