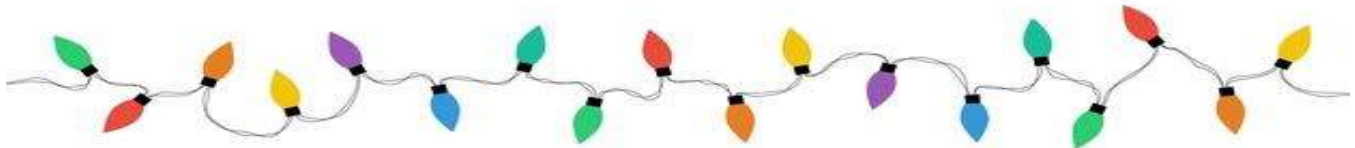


Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



Dec. 2022



Dear Fellow Members:

As 2022 comes to a close, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! There is much to be thankful for as I look back at the 2022 year. I feel as though we collectively moved the club back in service after the COVID-19 issues. We held our traditional club shoots, and held our traditional competitive leagues, including two trap leagues this past year! It was fun getting back on the ranges and at events with the members once again -- the friendly competition and comradery cannot be described, but must be experienced. The general meetings have been enjoyable, for me anyway, although they may be too long for you! And as always, the meals at Club meetings have been outstanding! The participation in our meetings has had a positive energy on which I gauge the health and pulse of our club and its membership -- and I feel it says we are doing very well. We've also seen many new enthusiastic members join the Club, even though we've sadly lost a few due to personal, economic, and in some cases, terminal reasons.

As a Hunting and Fishing Club, I hope each of you that has participated in hunting, has experienced a successful harvest; at least better than me anyway; yup, that's goose egg for me!

So after reflecting on the past year, we now look forward to the 2023 year ahead of us, entering the club's 77th year! We again have a full schedule of leagues, club events, club elections, and general meetings. Our ranges have never looked better and we have continued to be a conscientious and good neighbor to our community. We continue to see a real increase in Second Amendment (2A) wins on the national and Maryland State level, but diligence can never sleep, and we must remain engaged in this fundamental right; this includes always making the best decisions for the club's members and the longevity of the club itself as a haven for those of common interest.

In closing, there are far too many to thank for all of the contributions each of you have made to the club, its successes, and its viability. We'll continue to encourage your involvement in our Club. The "OUR" is the important word in that statement -- we each have a stake in the pulse and success of SCFHClub. So I thank each of you for your positive contribution to our Club, whether it's attending meetings, participating in leagues and committees, attending club events, serving in office, contributing to work around the club, or simply reading the many communications we send to keep each of us current on club happenings.

I welcome our 77th year and look forward to what appears to be a promising season for SCFHClub. I look forward to seeing each of you at 2023 meetings, so please check the website calendar of events for updates.

Nick D'Apice, President



Member Only Shoots

Buffalo Shoot Jan 8
 Bench Rest Feb 5
 Sniper Rifle Feb 12

Upcoming General Meeting Dates

January 13
 January 27
 February 10
 February 24

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club 2023 Calendar of Events

January

General Meetings 13, 27
 Board Meeting 9
 Training 7
 Air Gun League 4,11,18,25
 **Buffalo Shoot 8

February

General Meetings 10, 24
 Training 4
 Air Gun League 1,8,15,22
 **Bench Rest 5
 ** Sniper Rifle 12

March

General Meetings 10, 31
 Training 4
 Air Gun League 1,8,15,22,29
 M1/AR Meeting 14 (7pm)
 Pistol League Mtg 16(7pm)
 **Bench Rest 5
 Trap League 19,26

April

General Meetings 14, 28
 Training 1
 **Pistol League 2,15,29
 **Bench Rest 2,30
 Egg Roll 16
 Trap League 2,15,23,30

May

General Meetings 12, 26
 Training 6
 Air Gun Banquet 20 (6pm)
 Flea Market 7
 **Pistol League 13,21
 **Bench Rest 21
 **Lever Action Shoot 28
 Trap League 6,13,21,28

June

General Meetings 9, 30
 Training 3
 **Pistol League 10, 24
 ** .22 Rifle Shoot 11
 Hunter Safety 12, 15, 17
 Trap League 4
 Trap League Banquet 10 (6pm)

July

General Meetings 14, 28
 Training 1
 **Pistol League 15, 23
 **Pistol Shoot 9

August

General Meetings 11, 25
 Training 5
 Hunter Qual 5, 19
 **Trap Shoot 6
 Internet H. Safety 27
 **Pistol League 13,26
 Hunter Safety 7,10,12
 **Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 20
 Trap League 13,19,26

September

General Meetings 8, 29
 Training 2
 Hunter Qual 2, 3
 Internet H. Safety 9
 **Pistol League 10
 M1/AR Banquet 16 (6pm)
 **All Gun Shoot 24
 Trap League 3,10,17,23,30

October

General Meetings 13
 Training 7
 Internet H. Safety 1
 **Side-X-Side and 15
 20-Gauge Trap Shoot
 Pistol Banquet 7 (5pm)
 Rifle Shoot 22
 Trap League 8,14,22

November

General Meetings 10
 Training 4
 Flea Market 5
 Calendar Meeting 1 (7pm)
 Bench Rest Meeting 8 (7pm)
 Trap League Banquet 4 (6pm)
 Trap Closes 21

December

General Meetings 8
 Training 2
 Air Gun League Mtg 13 (7pm)
 Merry Christmas 25

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

Hunter Qual 9AM to 1PM

TRAP EVERY TUESDAY @ 5PM RE-OPENS March 7

WEB SITE INFO - www.scfhclub.org

EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



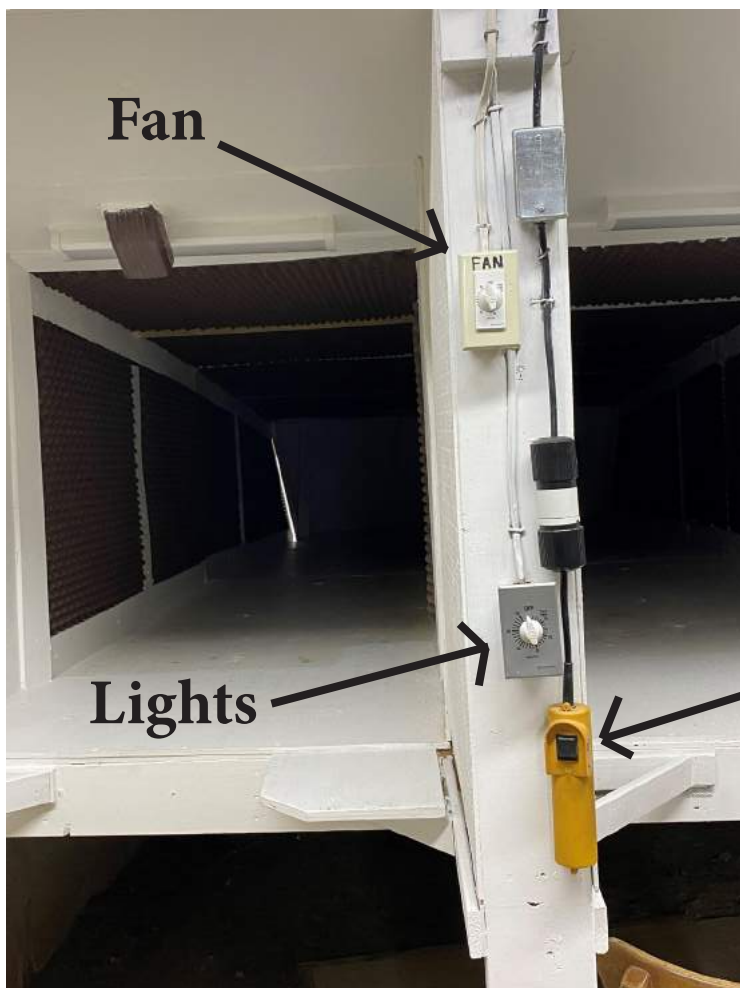
New Range Rules:

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.



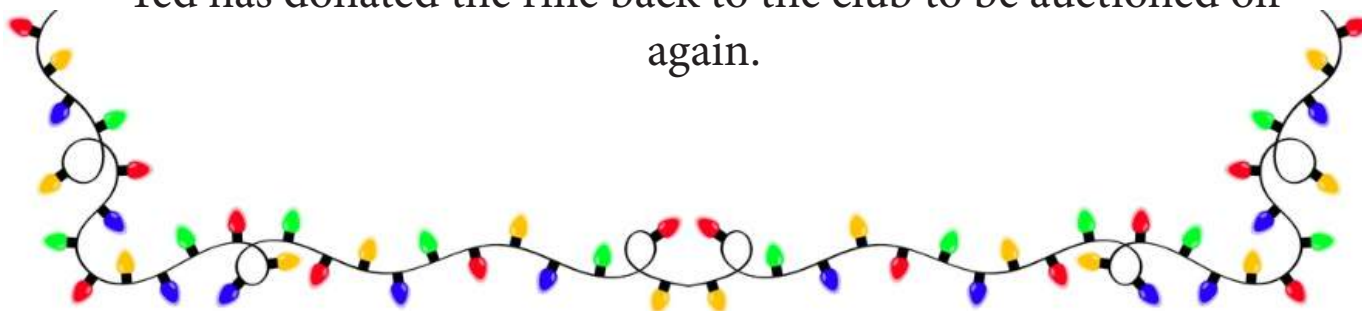
100 yds+ Eyebrow, Adjust like normal
25-50 yds - Outer Door, open all the way



Winner of the 3rd M1 Raffle:

Ted Mathison

Ted has donated the rifle back to the club to be auctioned off again.



PARKING ALERT

For those of you that don't know, our range parking area is directly next to a hole at the golf course. It is important to know where you park when visiting the range.

Stoney Creek Fishing and Hunting club is not responsible for your vehicle in the parking lot. The Golf Course is not responsible for your car getting hit.





ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!!!

Elections are in the first quarter of 2023, with the slate drawn up for the first meeting in March.

1. The Time and attendance list is used and based on the last 21 meetings prior to the first meeting in March, and the following is generated for “members in good standing”: Those with 12 or more meetings are eligible to run for office. Those with 6 or more meetings can vote.
2. The resulting slate is presented at the first meeting in March.
3. Nominations from the floor can be accepted at the first meeting in March.
4. Elections are held on the second meeting in March. It is a closed members only meeting. Dinner is provided at no charge to members by the club.
5. Committee formations will occur again after the election, so this is an opportunity for members to get involved and volunteer if they are willing and want to get hours for time worked.



Club Printed Calendars are now available
for \$5.

Please See Ron Colvin to purchase your
Calendar!!!



Updated Range Rules

The updated range rules that were adopted during the December 9th meeting can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.scfhclub.org/documents/SCFHC-Range-Rules-2022.12.09.pdf>

2022 Pistol League Results

2022

High Overall Shooter

Nick D'Apice

17705 Points 1115 x's

Center Fire

1. Bobby Dill - 8707 Points 477 x's
2. Christopher Shiflett - 8601 Points 399 x's
3. Denise Hoffman - 8346 Points 314 x's

Rim Fire

1. Bobby Dill - 8886 Points 606 x's
2. Christopher Shiflett - 8843 Points 557 x's
3. Chuck Ledley - 8716 Points 442 x's



Winner of the 2022 Alibi Award goes to:
Chuck Ledley





Buffalo Shoot

This is a 20 shot match for rifles .40 caliber and larger.

All shots will be fired from a chair using crossed sticks (provided by the club) to support the barrel of the rifle. While the butt stock will be supported by the shooter alone. The shooters arms may only be supported by their body and not by artificial means. One minute per shot maximum time allowed. This is for cartridge rifles only. Only LEAD bullets may be fired at the steel silhouettes. JACKETED bullets must be fired at the paper silhouettes on the target frames. Smokeless powder, Black powder or its equivalent may be used.

Iron sight Cartridge & Scoped Cartridge rifles. (Consisting of two separate classes)

Iron sight Muzzle loading & Scoped Muzzle loading rifles (Consisting of two separate classes)

CARTRIDGE COURSE OF FIRE

100 yards – 5 shots at chicken

150 yards – 5 shots at pig

200 yards – 5 shots at turkey

300 yards – 5 shots at ram

MUZZLE LOADER COURSE OF FIRE

100 yards – 5 shots at chicken

150 yards – 5 shots at pig

200 yards – 5 shots at turkey

300 yards – 5 shots at Ram = This is only for those who have done the 300 yard sight in with the Ranger officer or their designee!

NOTE: Time is 10am-2pm for all club matches. All shooters must be signed in by 2pm, shooting will continue until all signed in shooters have completed the match.



Sniper Rifle Shoot

This shoot is for scoped rifles only, broken into three separate categories and two classes.

The three categories are:

Vintage – for any scoped model rifle or clone as issued by a military in 1953 or earlier

Unlimited – for any scoped model rifle or clone as issued by a military in 1954 or later

Open – for any rifle, commercial or military, that will not fall into the Vintage or Unlimited categories.

The same rifle may not be shot in more than one category!

A member may shoot once in more than one category.

Aids: A sling may be used in ANY manner. Shooting mats MAY be used. Any type of recoil reducer, internal or external to the firearm, may be used.

VINTAGE – No glass bedding, only the type of work that would have been done by an armory prior to, or including 1953 time frame. e.x. Trigger job, floating the barrel and shimming the action. No after market triggers and it must be in the as issued cartridge. Modern scopes and mounts may be used. Scope must be set at no more than 6 power, (verified by Range Officer or designee). Try to keep as close to issued sniper as you can.

UNLIMITED - Any power of scope. Any work of any type may be done, but the rifle must stay as close to as issued condition as possible.

OPEN – Any rifle that does not fall into the Vintage or Unlimited category or the member chooses to shoot in this category instead of either of the above categories for which it qualifies.



A Buck and his lady enjoying the club property

Maryland Hunters Harvest 103 Black Bears for 2022 Season

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported that hunters harvested 103 black bears during the state's 19th annual black bear hunt held Oct. 24-29 in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties. The harvest comprised 41 male and 62 female bears. An additional 10 bears (3 male and 7 female) were harvested from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 by farmers using their agricultural damage permits.

The significant increase in harvest from 54 black bears taken in 2021 was attributed to better hunting conditions, more hunter participation, and an added day to the season. The 2021 hunt was hampered by poor weather and abundant natural food sources, which slowed the harvest. This year, better weather and typical fall food conditions were more favorable for hunting. The harvest was slightly lower than the previous 5-year average of 116 bears.

“Bear hunters enjoyed prime fall weather this year to spend time with friends and family pursuing one of our most recognizable game species,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “Bear hunting remains an essential tool for managing our expanding bear population to minimize human conflicts and ensure it remains healthy for future generations.”

2022 Maryland Black Bear Hunt by the Numbers:

103 black bears were harvested: 70 from Garrett County, 19 from Allegany County, 10 from Washington County, and 4 from Frederick County

The average harvested bear weighed 177 pounds

The heaviest bear weighed 427 pounds and was taken in Garrett County

67% of bears were taken on private land

4,775 hunters applied for a permit

950 permits were awarded



The 2023 General Assembly Legislative Session begins at noon on January 11th, 2023

Lets not get caught with
our pants down this
legislative session





Chesapeake Bay 2022 Young-of-Year Survey Results Announced

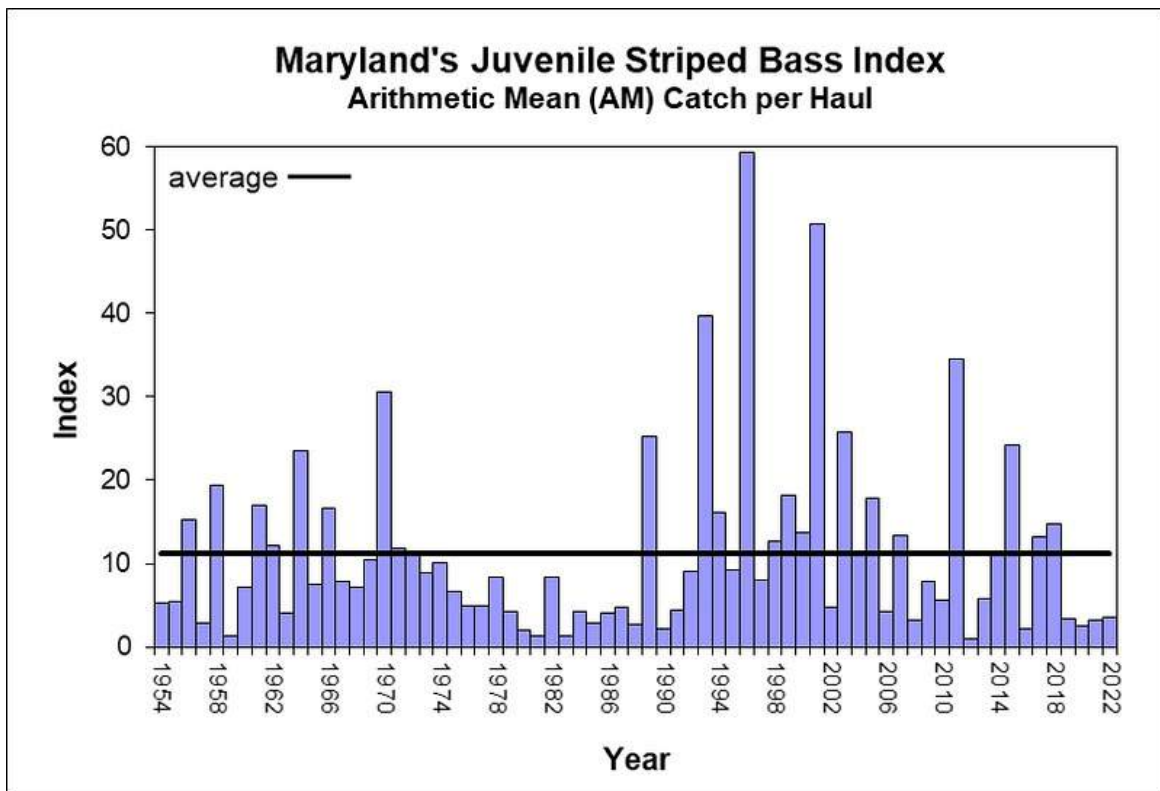
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced results of this year's juvenile striped bass survey, which tracks the reproductive success of the iconic fish in the Chesapeake Bay. The 2022 young-of-year index is 3.6, which is slightly higher than last year's result, but remains below the long-term average of 11.3.

The Atlantic coastal striped bass population has decreased in size, but is still capable of strong reproduction with the right environmental conditions. Variable spawning success is a well-known characteristic of the species. Biologists continue to examine factors that might limit spawning success.

Biologists captured more than 40,000 fish of 58 different species during the 3-month survey. One positive result was the increased abundance of spot, a popular species used for food and bait. Spot abundance was the highest observed in over a decade.

Atlantic Coast states enacted responsible conservation measures in recent years to reduce harvest and protect striped bass during the spawning season. Maryland will work with other states in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to develop additional measures to enhance the striped bass population through the Atlantic striped bass fishery management plan.

For this annual survey, fishery managers examine 22 sites located in four major spawning areas: the Choptank, Nanticoke, and Potomac rivers, and the upper Chesapeake Bay. Biologists visit each site three times per summer, collecting fish with two sweeps of a 100-foot beach seine net. The index represents the average number of recently hatched striped bass captured in each sample.



State Record Smooth Dogfish Caught in Atlantic Ocean

Fay Ganster of Reading, Pennsylvania has been officially recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the new state record holder for the Atlantic Division with an 18-pound smooth dogfish she caught off the coast of Ocean City on October 22.

Ganster, a frequent vacationer to Ocean City, booked a shark charter trip with her husband months in advance. However, the trip was canceled due to bad weather. At the last minute, Captain John Forman of the Bottom Bouncer fishing charter boat called to give them the green light.

After four to five hours fishing near the Isle of Wight shoal, Ganster pulled in a few bluefish and sea bass. Using a chunk of cut bluefish as bait, she cast again, hooking her record catch. Ganster said it took about 20 minutes to reel it in and “was a little bit of a battle.”

“I haven’t been shark fishing in about 12 years,” Ganster said. She added of her record catch, “This is really cool...this is a big deal.”

The fish’s weight was officially certified at Sunset Marina in Ocean City. A Maryland DNR biologist confirmed the catch.

The smooth dogfish (*Mustelus canis*) is a member of the shark family and generally swims in packs or schools. The smooth dogfish can be caught year-round and there are no daily creel limits for anglers or vessels



2022 Fall Photos



Rob's first take of the 2022 deer season

Jon Schweitzer's 240 Buck and friend of club Joe Weshler.



the "crew" out fishing



2022 Rifle Shoot Results

1st Place: Ray Ten Kate
2nd Place: John Grainger
3rd Place: Nick Ackermann
Tail Ender: Mark Kulawiak

All Gun Shoot

John H. Grainger = High Overall

Nick Ackermann = 1st Rifle
Ray Ten Kate = 2nd Rifle
Chris Shiflett = 3rd Rifle

Bobby Dill = 1st Pistol
Chris Shiflett = 2nd Pistol
Wade Raynor = 3rd Pistol

Bobby Dill = 1st Shotgun
Reid Raynor = 2nd Shotgun
Chris Shiflett = 3rd Shotgun



Club Officers

President
Nick D'Apice

Vice President
Denise Hoffman

Secretary
Bobby Dill

Treasurer
Kevin Burket

Financial Secretary
Karl Sovik

Sergeant At Arms
Ed Panowicz

Chief Range Officer
John Grainger

Clay Target Officer
Robert Tracey

Kitchen Officer
Brian Heslep

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Jon Schweitzer (Chairman)
Ted Mathison
Gary Townsend
Robert Tracey
Michael Goddard
Scott Baumgartner
Brian Heslep
Karl Sovik
John Grainger



Contact Stephen Moody
for club license plate details

Tuesday Night Trap

Trap is closed for the Season!
See you all in 2023

Hello Everyone,

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joe Wiley

Membership
Brian Loher

Public Relations
Robert Larsen

Newsletter Editor
Joseph Wiley

