



Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

www.scfhclub.org

February 2019



From The Club President

Well, deer hunting season has come to a close and the weather has been cold, but the day light hours are starting to get longer, so it's time to start thinking about spring! And... the Club Elections!

Please check your hours with "Time Keeping", George Fredericks. 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 meeting on March 29th. We'll be presenting the slate of those running for elected positions at the March 8th meeting. We'll be sending out communications 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.

Speaking of club communications, our Financial Secretary, Karl Sovik, has been diligently tracking down email addresses for members that are not receiving information. Karl has made tremendous progress, and we've been following up making sure they are valid and delivering. Please remember that we protect your contact information and will not disclose or use it for any purpose other than sending club communications to you. Also, to ensure that you receive club email, please check the following:

- That you have the email account, "**name**" scfhclub@scfhclub.org', in your contact list (the "name" field is known as a comment and is for information purposes only, and will contain the name of the sender on behalf of the club) and
- You have "white listed" this account to deliver email to you.

Taking the above measures will ensure that you promptly receive electronic messages from the club, including such announcements as updates to the By-Laws and the upcoming club voting slate! So please periodically check your "junk mail" folder, as our transmissions are sometimes incorrectly flagged as "bulk mail" and can get lost in the shuffle, leaving you in the dark. We'll be contacting you if you haven't responded to electronic queries or read recent email sent to your mailbox. If you need assistance configuring your email client to properly deliver club communications, please let us know.

So in closing for February, I hope to see you at this month's meetings.

Nick D'Apice
Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting:

February 8th & 22nd

Dinner service begins at 6:30p

Meeting begins at 8:00p

Events

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will be accepting the Atlantic Flyway Council's recommendation for a restricted goose-hunting season this coming year on the Atlantic Population (AP) based on a continued decrease in the breeding pairs of AP Canada geese.

Aerial surveys conducted each spring throughout the AP Canada goose breeding grounds are showing a decrease in the breeding pair population. There has actually been a decreasing population of breeding pairs of migrating Canada geese seven out of the past ten years.

The proposed 2019-2020 Maryland bag limits on the Atlantic Population (AP) Canada goose will be reduced to one goose per day, per hunter, in a shortened 30-day season within the AP hunting zone.

The September resident and late season resident goose seasons will remain unchanged.

Club members Sloane Franklin (left) and Lauren Atwood (center) after an early morning New Years Day 2019 AP goose hunt.



More information can be found at:

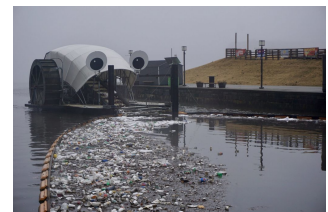
https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/AP-CAGO-FAQ.aspx



Baltimore's Mr. Trash Wheel

Have you visited the Inner Harbor Water Wheel? Also known as Mr. Trash Wheel, it collects litter & debris at the mouth of the Jones Falls River. The wheel is powered by the river current and by the solar panels on its roof.

Operating since 2014, the litter is either recycled or incinerated into energy. Over 750k plastic bottles, 10 million cigarette butts, 500k plastic bags, and tons of other pollutants were kept out of our bountiful Chesapeake Bay fishing grounds by this thing!



<https://www.baltimorewaterfront.com/healthy-harbor/water-wheel/>

Upcoming

Sniper Rifle Shoot

The club will be holding our annual Sniper Rifle Shoot on **February 10th**. This club shoot is open to club members who are in good standing and their immediate families and is designed for previously verified scoped rifles only.

There are three categories for the match and the same rifle cannot be fired in more than one category:

- Vintage: Any scoped rifle or clone as issued by a military in 1953 or earlier.
- Unlimited: Any scoped rifle or clone as issued by a military in 1954 or later.
- Open: Any scoped rifle, commercial or military, that will not fall into the vintage or unlimited category.

Shooting mats, slings, and recoil reducer may be used in this match.

Each competitor may shoot once in more than one category using a different qualifying rifle.

The competitor will fire 20 rounds at various targets that will be announced the day of the match.

Certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third in each category. Refer to your club booklet for additional details and rules.

Club Elections

Club members in good standing who are interested in an elected club position are encouraged to contact George Frederick in order to validate your qualifications.

Qualified nominees will be slated at the first general meeting in March.

Refer to our club by-laws for qualifications and duty descriptions.

2019 Hunter Safety Classes

The club will be teaching two traditional style hunter safety classes this year: June & August.

We will also be conducting three separate internet field days at the club: August, September, October.

Please remember that all of our ranges are closed or may have limited use during the field day events.

All of these hunter safety events fill-up quickly.

Dates and sign-up instructions can be found on our webpage at:

<http://www.scfhclub.org/HunterSafety.aspx>

Egg Roll / Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

Our annual Egg Roll and Easter Egg Hunt for kids will be held on **April 28th**.

Volunteers are needed to help on the event day.

Please email Brian Heslep via our webpage if you are interested in assisting in this great family event.

Club License Plates



Contact Stephen Moody via our webpage

Legislation

If you haven't already noticed, 2019 is going to be a contentious year and possibly a defining moment in the rights of legal gun owners within the United States of America.

Maryland Legislation

HB 0095: Would add antique firearms to the list of firearms that a person may be prohibited from possessing. Under the Bill, a person who is prohibited by law from possessing rifles and shotguns would also be prohibited from owning antique arms whether they are operable or inoperable, a family heirloom, or a collectable. <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/hb/hb0095F.pdf>

This Bill will be heard on February 25th at 10am.

HB 0096: Would define the transfer of a regulated firearm as a “loan other than a temporary, gratuitous exchange of a regulated firearm between two individuals who remain in the same location for the duration of the exchange.” So, if you wanted to loan your regulated firearm to someone to go to the range or hunting, you would have to either accompany him or her or transfer the firearm through a dealer. This includes blood relatives and spouses. <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/hb/hb0096F.pdf>

This Bill will be heard on February 25th at 10am.

SB 8: Would prohibit the computer-aided firearms manufacturing by anyone other than federally licensed firearms manufacturers or when authorized by the Maryland State Police; including 3-D printed firearm pieces or parts. <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/sb/sb0008F.pdf>

Additional gun bills have been filed in the Maryland General Assembly; a number of them deal with the carry permit process.

Federal Legislation

U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS): For the first time in almost 10 years the SCOTUS has agreed to hear a Second Amendment case. It involves a New York City gun regulation that prohibits a person with a legally owned handgun, registered in the city, from transporting the handgun from the person's home to another location unless it is *only* one of seven City designated shooting ranges. As the Bill is defined, if you move from one residence to another in the city, you cannot legally transport the handgun; you have to leave it behind at the old residence. The Federal Second Court of Appeals has upheld the regulation as constitutional and the case has been appealed to the SCOTUS. The case probably will be heard in this years fall SCOTUS session.

Please note that during the Maryland legislative session new bills that may affect your firearms rights may be introduced without advanced notice, and hearing schedules for these bills may change from week to week. To stay abreast of what is happening, you are encouraged to sign up for free Maryland legislative email reports at:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/2019-Session---January-24--2019-Legislative-Report.html?soid=1126946810232&aid=-FqH6iCkDs>

If you are able to, please email or telephone your representatives and offer your opinion to the proposed bills.

Remember to be polite!

Club Leagues

Our club leagues are forming and they are a great way to increase your marksmanship skills in a safe & friendly environment, with a little bit of competition mixed in.

Newer club members may be apprehensive to join a league because of the competition aspect but really; the leagues are more fun than stressful. Below are brief descriptions and details of a few of the upcoming leagues.

Some of our leagues, like the Trap League, are open to your friends who are non-members as well.

The specifics about each league can be found in your club booklet.

In most cases, the league chairpersons will work with members who have conflicts with match dates, so don't let that keep you from joining one of our outstanding leagues and creating new friendships!

Bench Rest League

There is still time to join our league!

The next Bench Rest shoots are **February 3rd, March 3rd & 24th**.

The league consists of 5 matches scheduled between February and May.

Competitors are required to fire 10 rounds per match day at distances that are specified in your club booklet.

The fees, which include awards and a league banquet, are:

1st gun: \$8 per shoot

2nd or additional guns: \$5 per shoot

M1/AR League

The league formation meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 7th** at 7pm in our clubhouse. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in joining or email the league chair if you cannot make the meeting but intend on joining.

THIS WILL BE A TEAM FORMAT LEAGUE.

The M1/AR leagues specific rules will be reviewed at the formation meeting noted above. Don't forget that the club has a few M1s for our members to sign-out and use for this league if you do not own one.

There will be three divisions:

M1 Garand (iron sight – 30-06 or .308)

AR (iron sight- .223/5.56)

AR (unlimited- any scoped AR platform/caliber)

Each team/member will shoot 5 official matches and a few team practice sessions scheduled between April and July.

Each match requires the M1 shooter to fire 32 rounds and the AR shooter to fire 40 rounds.

There is a league fee of \$60 for the first division, \$50 fee for additional divisions that includes a t-shirt, awards, and a league banquet.

Pistol League

The league formation meeting will be held on **March 14th** at 7pm in our clubhouse. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in joining or contact the league chair if you cannot make the meeting but intend on joining.

The Pistol League meets has 12 matches that are held between April and September. Shooters must complete a minimum of 10 out of 12 shoots for league placement, awards, and banquet.

There are two categories in the league: **center fire & rim fire**. Members may compete in both categories and will be assigned into competition classes based on their scores.

The fees for this league, which includes league awards and banquet, are:

1 gun shooters: \$10 per match

2 gun shooters: \$15 per match

President

Nick D'Apice

Vice President

George McCauley

Secretary

Frank Burger

Treasurer

Sloane Franklin

Financial Secretary

Karl Sovik

Sergeant at Arms

Tom Bell

Range Officer

Lee Moran

Clay Targets Officer

Ron Grubb

Kitchen Officer

Jon Schweitzer

Board of Directors

Club President

Club Vice President

Ray Ten Kate (Chairman)

Richard Brooks

Sloane Franklin

John Grainger

Ted Mathison

Lee Moran

Jon Schweitzer

Ron Showacre

Gary Townsend

Badging / Gate Card

Sloane Franklin

Membership

Brian Loher

NRA Recruiter

Scott Baumgardner

Public Relations

Richard Brooks

Newsletter Editor

Rick Murphy

Free Boating Course

This is the perfect time of the year to refresh your nautical skills and learn any updated boating laws.



Stay safe this season by re-taking the free BoatUS course while we countdown to springtime.

Introduce your kids & grandkids to safe boating by taking the course as a family.

Take the free, state specific course at:

<https://www.boatus.org/free/>

Tuesday Night Trap begins March 12th



Have a suggestion for the club but can't make our next general meeting? Have an idea on a specific guest speaker?

Email it to our virtual suggestion box at:

suggestions@scfhclub.org



NRA

Life Time Memberships: \$600 (until 18 FEB)

5-Year Memberships: \$100

3-Year Memberships: \$85

1-Year Membership: \$30

Renew using our club link at www.scfhclub.org to update your membership at these prices.

Simply click the eagle image on our "join SCFH" link. Email Scott Baumgardner through our webpage for NRA questions.