



Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

www.scfhclub.org

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From The Club President

With the summer heat, spending time outdoors can pose a health risk many of us don't think about. Heat related illness kills many people every year and you should be alert for the signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Heat stress can manifest itself as cramps, rash and could lead to heat syncope; dizziness or fainting. The next phase is heat exhaustion, where a person begins sweating profusely and not cooling down, nausea, dizziness, confusion, clammy and/or pale or flushed skin. The final phase of heat related illness, which can be deadly is heat stroke. Symptoms include hot skin (without sweating), chills, hallucinations, dizziness, slurred speech and confusion. In this case immediately seek medical help.

In all cases it is best to get the person out of the heat and into the shade if possible. Give the person fluids to rehydrate and look for the signs of heat stroke. DO NOT give caffeinated beverages like coffee, or sodas that contain caffeine. Be aware of those around you and if you see someone in distress, know what to do!

Stay safe, shoot often, & shoot straight!

Ray Ten Kate
Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting:

August 9th & 30th

Dinner service begins at 6:30p

Meeting begins at 8:00p

Events

NWTF Central Maryland Family Field Day

<http://www.nwtf.org>



The Central Maryland chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation selected our club grounds on which to host their annual family day recently. There were 75 people at the event that allowed attendees to shoot rifles, shotguns, bows, and view a live wild turkey up close.

Our kitchen crew provided a fantastic lunch to the families & volunteers! Since 1973, the mission of the NWTF has been *the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage.*

Many of our club members at SCFHC are also members of the Central Maryland chapter of the NWTF. Their monthly meetings are held at the Green Turtle restaurant, Gambrills, Maryland.



Thank you to our many club members who volunteered for the registration team, range safeties, kitchen crew, and supervisory liaisons! They kept everyone safe, well fed, & full of joy.



Events

2019 Fall Trap League

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

August 11th – October 20th

Open to the public

Come out and join our 2019 Fall Trap League.

The 10-week league is held mostly on Sundays from 10am to 2pm.

The cost is \$20 each shoot (50 shots) and includes awards, t-shirt, & league banquet.

Awards presented to the top three finishers in each class.

Review our trap range rules for shotgun and ammunition requirements.

To sign-up, please email the Trap League Chairman at stoneynetrap553@gmail.com



Club Archery Shoot

Members who would be interested in a no-fee club archery shoot to possibly occur in September are asked to make your voices heard.

Potential categories and course of fire for this shoot could use your input on this new club member only shoot.

This shoot is being developed and would provide awards for the top three archers in each category.

Please email the Archery Chairman via the “contact us” link on our webpage.

Monthly Trap Numbers:

There were over **200 shooters** who shot during our Tuesday Night Trap in the past month!

Thank you to the club members who volunteer every Tuesday to help run these weekly public shoots.



Giant 14” Former Pet Goldfish!



The Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, a nonprofit in upstate New York recently found this former pet swimming in a local waterway. They are pleading for people not to flush or release their finned pets, instead simply return them to the store if you can no longer care for it.



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/giant-goldfish-caught-wild-shows-why-you-should-never-flush-fish-down-toilet-180972497/>

News

The Northern Snakehead Report

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/snakehead.aspx>

The story of this invasive fish's release into our local waters back in 2002 is well known. And their territorial march up the Chesapeake Bay has been worrisome. But despite the best efforts of various Natural Resource agencies, the Northern Snakehead is well established within the Mid-Atlantic States. Recently they've been caught around our area in Rock Creek, Severn River, Middle River, Bush River, Susquehanna River, and have even been caught in a few fresh water ponds in Baltimore & Dundalk.

Fishing for these predators is very similar to fishing for largemouth bass. But the snakehead puts up a much stronger fight. One must be very cautious once it is in your net or boat as their slipperiness and hyper-thrashing can throw a treble hook deep into your hand in a flash! Lip grippers & a large net are a few of the must have items.

The most probable area to catch a Northern Snakehead other than the Potomac River is in the area around the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on near Cambridge, Maryland. The snakehead population in that area is very high, but so are the many fishermen who are now specifically targeting them. There are also many snakehead specific fishing tournaments in the Blackwater refuge throughout the summer; a good resource for these tourneys is the

Snakeheadlife.com group found on Facebook. If you are a kayak/canoe fisherman, put in at the soft boat launch off MD Route 335 and paddle East toward the backwater areas. If you are a shoreline fisherman, try using bull minnows along the Key Wallace Bridge, Decoursey Bridge, or along the bridge at the soft boat launch on MD Route 335.

Snakeheads are very easy to filet because they do not have the bone structure of our typical fish. Using a sharpened filet knife, make a diagonal incision next to each gill, then drag your knife along the top of the fish and down towards the intestine area. The result will be a solid, boneless, white-flesh filet that does not have any fishy after taste to it. Fried snakehead bites make a delicious appetizer or grill the filets into fish tacos.



News

The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/news/190628Firstday.php>

The Federal Duck Stamp program started during the 1930's when a deadly drought took hold of the United States' central heartland. Farming practices at the time were draining much of the marshlands that the migrating birds relied on coupled with unregulated hunting for food, sport, and fashion were decimating waterfowl populations.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation that began the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, or as it is simply known as, the Federal Duck Stamp.

The act requires hunters who are sixteen years of age or older to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp in order to hunt categorized migratory birds.

Each Federal Duck Stamp that is purchased grants \$24.50 to the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund which is used to purchase or lease wetland habitat. That translates to .98 of every dollar is meant for wetlands that will be included into our National Wildlife Refuge system.

Since its inception, the Federal Duck Stamp has brought in over \$800 million that helped secure over 5.7 million acres of wildlife habitat. This has increased hunting & outdoor opportunities for everyone.

In 2014, President Obama authorized a \$10 increase to the stamp that raised the price to \$25. It was the first price increase in over 20 years. The added revenue will provide funding to purchase easements while allowing the private landowner to maintain many of their property rights.

The stamp isn't just for waterfowl hunters. Conservationists, bird watchers, photographers, and nature lovers are highly encouraged to purchase & collect the Federal Duck Stamp annually as well. The stamp allows for free access to any National Wildlife Refuge that charges a fee, like the Wildlife Drive tour at our own Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge near Cambridge, Maryland.

Mr. Scot Storm, from Freeport, Minn., won the 2018 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest with an acrylic painting of a wood duck and decoy. His painting has been made into the 2019-2020 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp that is now available for purchase.

This is Mr. Storm's second time winning this contest, his art first appeared on the 2004-2005 Federal Duck Stamp with his painting of a pair of Redhead ducks.

Mr. Storm's 2004-2005 winning stamp



Legislation

As many are aware, the twenty candidates running to be the 2020 Democratic nominee for President of the United States recently held their two days of debate. Key takeaways from the debates concerning gun control are:

- Eight of the candidates, to include front-runner Joe Biden, openly supported confiscation, many under the guise of a buy-back program. Some supported outright confiscation of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.
- None of the candidates expressed any opposition to confiscation nor did any provide any recognition or acknowledgement of Second Amendment rights.
- One candidate, Senator Kamala Harris from California, indicated that if she is elected and the Congress did not act within 100 days to ban imports of modern sporting rifles, she would do so by executive action.
- Joe Biden not only proposed a confiscation plan, but also blamed the firearm manufacturers as “the enemy;” he would require all firearms sold to be equipped with “smart gun” or “authorized user technology” neither which exists.
- One of the twenty candidates has already dropped out, Congressman Swalwell from California, who had a 65-point gun control plan. A new candidate has joined the ranks of Democratic candidates and he is Tom Steyer, a billionaire also from California. His campaign is based largely on impeaching President Trump and fighting climate change. He supports background checks on “every gun sale in America.”

Whoever is the Democratic candidate for President, if he or she wins the Presidency, we will see gun control like never before. Stay tuned!

Ted Mathison
Legislation Chairman

Legislative Committee Members Are Needed!

Club members are needed to join our legislative committee.

The committee keeps the club informed on all legislative actions that affect our love of the outdoors.

It is also a great way to earn your mandatory club work hours.

Please email Ted through our webpage under “contact us” and select the legislative chairman.

Club Virtual Suggestion Box

Do you have a suggestion for the club but cannot make the next general meeting?

You can email your comments, suggestions, or announcements to our virtual suggestion box.

suggestions@scfhc.org

The Master Naturalist

THE RED-EARED SLIDER

The club was recently visited by a large, female Red-Eared Slider (photo at right) who likely trekked from a pond on the golf course in search of somewhere safe to lay her eggs. Easily identified by the red stripe behind its eye, this non-native terrapin is the most popular pet turtle in the United States. As poikilotherms, they do not have the ability to regulate their own body temperature; they rely on the temperature of their environment, which is why they are frequently found basking in the sun on logs and rocks.



COOL FACT: Whether a red-eared slider is male or female is determined by the incubation temperature during embryo development: females at 80-90F, males at 70-80F

EASTERN RATSNAKE



Eastern Ratsnake at the club
(Lauren Atwood)

On the same day that the slider paid the club a visit, so did a large Eastern Ratsnake, MD's largest snake out of 27 species & subspecies that call MD home. Its diet consists of small mammals (mice, rats, etc.), birds & bird eggs. Their predators include cats & birds of prey. They are typically docile; I walked within inches of one that was sitting up & waiting to ambush prey next to a sidewalk last year...he didn't move.

VENOMOUS SNAKES IN MD



Top: Eastern Copperhead (Linh Phu),
Bottom-Left: Timber Rattlesnake
(Scott A. Smith), Bottom-Right:
Juvenile Ratsnake (Rand Weinberg)

Out of the 27 species & subspecies of snakes in MD, only two are venomous; the Eastern Copperhead (found in all counties except a few on the Eastern Shore) and the Timber Rattlesnake (found only in Western MD counties). These snakes will have slit-like pupils and large, diamond-shaped heads. Juvenile Ratsnakes are often mistaken for Copperheads (see photos at left). It is illegal to kill snakes in MD*, and dangerous to attempt to harm snakes (many bites occur this way).

*COMAR Sec. 08.03.11.09

Hunting in Maryland

- 2019-2020 hunting licenses are now available for purchase
- Bag limits for white-tailed deer, sika deer & turkeys remain the same as in 2018 – 2019
- Proposed Sunday hunting opportunities for 2019-2020 have been posted for public comment (some opportunities added, some taken away)
- The total deer harvest was 11% lower in 2018-2019 than in 2017-2018

Quick Animal Facts:



Most coyotes are illiterate



Lauren Atwood
Maryland Master Naturalist

Club Shoots

The club held its annual Pistol Shoot on July 14th. This was the fifth in a series of ten free club shoots that the club is hosting throughout 2019. Fourteen club members participated in this year's pistol shoot. The overall top gun for the pistol match was John Grainger with a combined score of 884.

Thank you to our Range Officer, Lee Moran for yet another fun, safe, and challenging club shoot.

Congratulations to all of the club members who participated in this shoot!



Frank, Chuck, Lee, & Bob having a strategy session



Lauren identifies her target at 50 yards



George shows us how it is done!



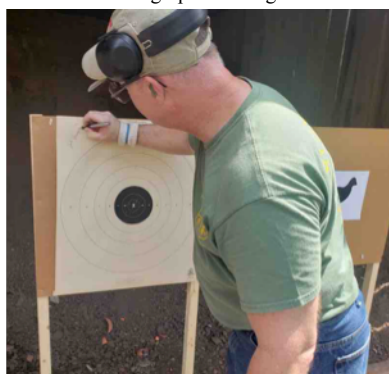
Chief Range Officer Lee struggles to see if Chris Stewart scored any actual points at 25 yards



Sloane broke out the gun show at the gun match



John, the High Gun award winner, autographs his target



Club Shoots

Trap Shoot

Our annual Club Trap Shoot will be held on **August 4th** from 10a to 2p. The match is open to all club members in good standing and their immediate family members per our bylaws.

We'd love to have an under-18 Junior Class in this year's tournament.

This is a 50 shot match for all shotguns that meet our trap range requirements.

Course of fire:

25 targets at 16 yards

25 targets at your determined handicap yardage

Refer to your club booklet for more information or email our Clay Targets Officer through our webpage for any additional information concerning this no-fee club shoot.

Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot

Our annual Club Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot will be held on **August 11th** from 10a to 2p. The match is open to all club members in good standing and their immediate family members per our bylaws.

Guns may be any U.S. or foreign issued military rifle or pistol in original, as issued condition or clone.

No shooting aids permitted. Open sight & optic categories.

Course of Fire:

Rifle (25 rounds)

50 yards- Offhand- 10 rounds

100 yards- Kneeling- 5 rounds

150 yards- Sitting- 5 rounds

200 yards- Prone- 5 rounds

Pistol (14 rounds)

25 yards – 14 rounds

Refer to your club booklet for more information or email our Range Officer through our webpage for any additional information concerning this no-fee club shoot.

Side x Side Shoot & 20-Gauge Shoot

Our annual combined Club SxS Shoot and 20-Gauge Shoot on **September 8th** from 10a to 2p. The match is open to all club members in good standing and their immediate family members per our bylaws.

This event is actually two separate shoots. You do not need to participate in both shoots.

Each shoot is a 50 shot match for all SxS and 20-gauge shotguns that meet our trap range requirements.

Courses of fire are similar for each of the two shoot.

50 rounds, shot as follows:

25 targets at 16 yards

25 targets at your determined handicap yardage

Refer to your club booklet for more information or email our Clay Targets Officer through our webpage for any additional information concerning this no-fee club shoot.

Club Shoots

Buffalo Shoot held on 01/13/19

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Smokeless</u>	<u>Black Powder</u>
1 st	Ron Showacre	Ron Showacre
2 nd	Sloane Franklin	Mike Miller

Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/10/19

	<u>Open Prone</u>	<u>Vintage Prone</u>	<u>Unlimited Prone</u>
1 st	John Grainger	John Grainger	John Grainger
2 nd	Mike Miller		Sloane Franklin
3 rd			Ron Showacre
1 st	<u>Unlimited Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair</u>	<u>Open Chair Jr.</u>
	Fred Fischer	George McCauley	Liam Miller

Lever Action Rifle Shoot held on 05/05/19

	<u>Iron Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1 st	John Grainger	Tim Holbrook
2 nd	Tim Holbrook	John Fendley
3 rd	Fred Fischer	John Russo

.22LR Rifle Shoot held on 06/16/19

	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Open Sights</u>
1 st	John Grainger	John Grainger
2 nd	Chris Stewart	Chris Stewart
3 rd	Joseph Donley	Frank Moran Jr.

Pistol Shoot held on 07/14/19

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Center Fire</u>	<u>Rim Fire</u>
1 st	Bobby Dill	Bobby Dill
2 nd	Sloane Franklin	Jon Schweitzer
3 rd	Chuck Ledley	Robert Larsen

Trap Shoot upcoming on 08/04/19

High overall –

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 st				
2 nd				
3 rd				

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We always see her photos, but we rarely get to see who's behind the camera lens. Kandi has provided the club with outstanding (and free) event photography for many years.

Thank you Kandi Ten Kate for your continued volunteer work for our club!



Hunter Safety Dates

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

Traditional Class
August 12th, 15th & 17th

Internet Field Day
August 24th



Please remember that our ranges are closed during these educational events.

Civilian Marksmanship Program

<http://thecmp.org>

CMP firearms and parts are now being sold as an auction and no longer at a fixed price. <http://cmpauction.thecmp.org>

If you are awaiting a shipment from CMP, please check with your FFL dealer. Many shipments were recently returned to CMP because the FFL dealer failed to accept delivery.

As a CMP affiliated club, our members are eligible to purchase military surplus firearms, ammunition, and parts from the program.

Please email the CMP Chairman via the "contact us" link on our webpage if you require the application for CMP purchases.



Life Time Memberships: \$750
5-Year Memberships: \$125
3-Year Memberships: \$85
1-Year Membership: \$35

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

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