

Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

www.scfhclub.org

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From The Club President

As hunting season is upon us, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and successful hunt!

Thanks to all for the support during my absence and it seems that a lot has been accomplished. The new lights on the trap range look great. The new trap machine in house #1 is operating fantastically and should provide many years of shooting enjoyment.

We've had a change in newsletter editors. Rick has moved on to retirement life in Florida and Lauren has become the chairperson for future editions. Welcome Lauren, and thank you for stepping up and volunteering to publish this bylaw mandated product. She can be reached at newsletter@scfhclub.org

Stay safe, shoot often, & shoot straight!

Ray Ten Kate
Club President

Club Dinner & General Meeting: October 11th

Dinner service begins at 6:30p Meeting begins at 8:00p

News



New Trap Machine

The club replaced the heavily used trap machine in trap house #1 last month. Voted on and approved by the membership at an August general meeting, the club chose Pat-Trap to install one of their world-class machines.

This hydraulic driven, made in the USA, ATA certified machine is capable of throwing "true doubles" and is made of commercial grade materials. The new machine should serve the club for many years and will help keep our public Tuesday Night Trap shoots a successful & lucrative event for our club.

Come out on a Tuesday night and test your skills against her!



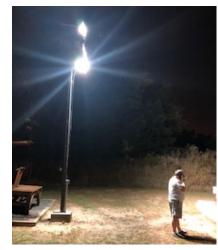
Trap Field Improvement

Our caretaker George McCauley recently designed and built a new light pole for the trap range. The new "Moe Pole" was placed in the center, but behind the firing line and has hi-power, energy efficient LED lights. The entire trap #1 field is beautifully lit-up and there is now illumination pointing down to the scorer's stand and the area behind the firing line that increases range safety.

Thank you to George and to the group of club members who volunteered for this range improvement project!















Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp

"Resting in Peace," a depiction of a pair of resting Wood Ducks by Gerald Putt, from Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania will be on your 2019-2020 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp.

Mr. Putt stated, "I consider Maryland to be the home of waterfowl hunting."

The \$9 stamp is required for all migratory bird hunters (coots, doves, rails, snipe, waterfowl, and woodcock).



News

Fall Outdoors Flea Market

The Stoney Creek fall "Outdoorsman Flea Market" will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 9am to 2pm. As of right now, I have 17 tables sold. I expect that a few tables will double up and some may cancel, don't worry we will have the room. A club table will be available with 10% of the sale going to the club. We have a number of return dealers, some new dealers, and it looks like a great day is shaping up.

Our kitchen will be open for breakfast & lunch, plus our trap range will be open for both trap shooting and a 50/50 cash turkey shoot. So bring your appetite and shotgun.

If you are interested in a table, please contact me at 410-598-5745.

Bob LansenFlea Market Chairman

DNR Hall of Fame Induction

Fellow club member Gary Townsend was recently inducted into the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Hall of Fame for his many years of dedicated service.

The ceremony was held in our clubhouse. Attendees included the students of our last traditional Hunter Safety Course of the year, Gary's family, and many important figures in the Maryland outdoors profession.

Congratulations Gary! The membership is very proud of you & your lifelong dedication to our outdoors.



Top left to right: Captain Tracey Campbell (NRP), Sergeant Cameron Brown (NRP), Boating Safety Coordinator Julie Brown, Army Colonel (ret) & Hunter Safety Hall of Fame Instructor Ira Click.

Bottom left to right: Western Regional Hunter Ed Coordinator Donnie Simmons, Natural Resources Police Lieutenant Robert Ford, Gary Townsend, Central Region Hunter Ed Coordinator Augie Gray.





Gary and his lovely family

Events

SCFHC Hunter Safety Instructor Team

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

Part of our heritage within SCFHC is to promote the love of the outdoors to our younger generation. Within our club, we have many members who are certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to teach hunter safety courses. Jon Schweitzer coordinates with DNR for these classes to be held in our clubhouse and ranges; additionally, they schedule a few Internet Field Day Workshops where people who completed the on-line hunter safety course meet their hands-on requirement. These club member instructors volunteer countless hours in their efforts to ensure that the future of hunting and the love of the outdoors are passed onto the next generation.

Please email Jon through our webpage if you are interested in becoming a DNR certified instructor.

Thank you to all of our club members who are volunteers on our SCFHC instructor team!

Instructor Karl leads the students on the simulated hunting walk



Instructor Greg shows the students the bullet damage to a metal object during the outdoor portion of the Hunter Safety course.



Instructor Sloane demonstrates the explosive affects of rifle bullets verses an ice block to the students on our club ranges.





The Master Naturalist

THE EASTERN COYOTE

There has been a growing concern as of late for the increasing habitation of the eastern coyote in urban and suburban areas. This disquietude is not unreasonable; it's not uncommon for coyotes to attack, kill and even eat household pets like small dogs and cats (though attacks on humans are very rare – coyotes almost always prefer to avoid us). Here are some facts about eastern coyotes that can help you understand their origins and behaviors so that you may avoid any potential negative impacts of eastern coyote presence in your area;

- There is no strong evidence that coyotes existed in the east before their recent spread from the west. Maryland and Delaware were the last two states in the east to be inhabited by coyotes, with the first coyote in MD being documented in 1972.
- In 2014, a DNA study of northeastern coyotes showed them on average to be a hybrid of
 western coyote (62%), western wolf (14%), eastern wolf (13%), and domestic dog
 (11%).* Despite this, the eastern coyote is NOT categorized as a separate species than
 the western coyote.



N.J. Division of Fish & Wildlife; National Geographic

- Eastern coyotes are larger than western coyotes, but not by much; western coyotes average 24 to 31 pounds, while eastern coyotes average 31 to 35 pounds.
- Coyotes are active primarily at dawn, dusk and at night, though they may hunt during the
 day, depending on the habitat and food availability. They are extremely adaptable and do
 not hold strong to any typical behaviors or social patterns. Some coyotes live and hunt in
 packs, some remain solitary.
- The coyote's diet fluctuates with the seasons. In the summer, coyotes commonly feed on
 insects, fruits and berries. In the winter, their diet consists mainly of flesh. Typical
 coyote prey includes small white-tailed deer, rabbits, mice, groundhogs, turkeys,
 raccoons, etc. The cold months are when coyotes are much more likely to be a danger to
 small pets.
- Where you see red foxes, you're less likely to see coyotes. Though their relationship
 may become more tolerant over time, coyotes treat red foxes as competition and
 typically drive them out of the area or kill them. Increased coyote presence is being
 observed to be in correlation with a decrease in red fox numbers in some counties in
 Maryland (red fox predation on cats and dogs is extremely rare; cats and small dogs are
 too large and aggressive for a fox to naturally contend with).



Photo at left: Adult coyote; by Steve Thompson

Photo at Right: Hunting vole; by Tom Koerner



* Monzón, J.; Kays, R.; Dykhuizen, D. E. (2014). "Assessment of coyote-wolf-dog admixture using ancestry-informative diagnostic SNPs". Molecular Ecology. 23 (1): 182–97. doi:10.1111/mec.12570. PMC 3899836. PMID 24148003.

Hunting Coyotes

- Hunting and trapping are MD's #1 management practice of coyotes currently.
- Coyote hunting by predator calling is year-round in all counties in MD, and incidental take of coyotes by hunters legally pursuing other game species is permitted. There is no bag or possession limit.
- To hunt coyotes, you will need your current hunting license and a furbearer permit.
- Coyotes can be hunted day <u>AND</u> night in all counties between Oct 15

 Mar 14. Coyotes can be trapped
 Nov 15-Feb 15 east of the
 Chesapeake Bay, and Nov 1-Feb 1
 west of the Bay.
- For the best chance of success, hunt where you have found coyote sign. They prefer to travel on roads along habitat type divisions (between agricultural fields and woods, for example. You may find scat, tracks and/or the remains of a prey animal such as fawn bones or a large collection of turkey feathers.



Photo above: Coyote scat; by Sloane Franklin



Lauren Atwood Maryland Master Naturalist

Club Shoots

The club held an Archery shoot on September 22nd. Nine club members participated in this years match. Thank you to our Archery Chairman for a fun, challenging club shoot and to the volunteer range officers who helped the match run safely & smoothly.

Congratulations to all of the archers who participated in this match!



Three Beautiful Archers! Dave, Cynthia, and JD

Compound Bow

Dave Greenberg (57) Billy Clay (31) Joseph Donley (30) Rob Clay (30) Ray Heslep (10)

Crossbow

Joseph Donley (42) Lauren Atwood (40) Cynthia Carr (40) Frank Burger (25)





There was plenty of equipment to try out for those new to the sport



Lauren tied for second place in the crossbow category



Club Shoots

Side x Side Shoot & 20-Gauge Shoot

Our annual combined Club SxS Shoot and 20-Gauge Shoot on **October 27th** 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.

The same shotgun cannot be used in both shoots.

Each 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 shoots.
50 rounds, shot as follows:
25 targets at 16 yards
25 targets at your determined handicap yardage

Email <u>Clay-Target-Officer@scfhclub.org</u> for any questions concerning this club shoot.

Rifle Shoot

The club will be holding its annual rifle shoot on **November 3rd** from 10a to 2p. This event is open to all club members in good standing and requires the shooter to fire at three distances.

Open sights & optics are in the same class. Hunting type slings are allowed (no shooting jackets, gloves, etc)

Course of fire:

6 shots @ 100 yards (off hand/standing) 7 shots @ 150 yards (kneeling or sitting) 7 shots @ 200 yards (prone)

Club certificates will be awarded to the top three shooters.

Email Your 2019 Outdoors Photos

We all have a couple photos of our 2019 fishing, hiking, shooting, and hunting trips. Email your snaps to newsletter@scfhclub.org and we will spotlight them in our January edition.



Sloane's opening day 8-pointer in velvet

Here are a few early season photos that our club members have already sent in.



Fred F. & Rick M. snakehead fishing in Blackwater



Chris S. got a few September squirrels



Lauren took her daughter Illyana dove hunting

2019 Club Shoot Results

Buffalo Shoot held on 01/13/19				Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/10/19			
High of 1st 2nd 3rd	Ron Showacre R	Black Powder on Showacre Mike Miller	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Open Prone John Grainger Mike Miller Ron Showacre Unlimited Chair Fred Fischer	Vintage Prone John Grainger Sloane Franklin Open Chair George McCauley	Unlimited Prone John Grainger Open Chair Jr. Liam Miller	
Lever Action Rifle Shoot held on 05/05/19				.22LR Rifle Shoot held on 06/16/19			
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Iron Sight John Grainger Tim Holbrook Fred Fischer	<u>Scope</u> Tim Holbrook John Fendley John Russo	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Optics John Grainger Chris Stewart Joseph Donley	Open Signature John Gra Chris Ste Frank M	inger wart	
Pistol Shoot held on 07/14/19 High overall – John Grainger Center Fire Rim Fire 1st Bobby Dill Bobby Dill 2nd Sloane Franklin Jon Schweitzer 3rd Chuck Ledley Robert Larsen			High C	Military Rifle & I Overall— John Grainger Open Sight Scott Baumgardner Chris Stewart Bob Los	Pistol Shoot held on 08/11/19 Scoped Sight Chris Stewart		
*** 1	N. D. I. T.	Trap Shoot h	eld on 08 /	04/19			
1st 2nd 3rd	overall – Rob Tracey <u>Class A</u> Chris Colvir Ray Ten Ka Harris Howl	te John Grainger		Class C Karl Sovik Ryan Grubb Chuck Powers	Class D Bobby Dill Wayne Teter Rich Brooks		
	Archery Shoot held on 09/22/19			All-Gun Shoot held on 09/29/19			
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Compound Dave Greenberg Billy Clay *JD / Rob Clay	Crossbow Joseph Donley (JD) * Lauren Atwood / Cynthia Carr Frank Burger * tied	High (1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Overall- <u>Rifle</u> Results	<u>Pistol</u> Pending	<u>Shotgun</u>	
		Side X Side Trap Shoot & 20 Gau	ge Challe	enge upcoming on 10/27/	/19		
High (Gun – <u>Class B</u>	<u>Side x Side Trap S</u> <u>Class C</u>		ults	Class D		
High (Gun – <u>Class B</u>	20 Gauge Challeng <u>Class C</u>		1	<u>Class D</u>		
		Rifle Shoot upon	oming on 1	11/03/19			
High (1st 2nd 3rd	Overall –	Open Sights		Scope			

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Hunter Safety Internet Field Day

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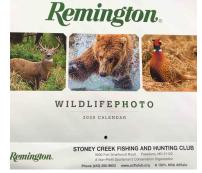
October 6th

Ranges are closed until 3p during these hunter safety educational events.

2020 Club Calendars For Sale

Our limited edition club calendars are going fast!

See Ron Colvin to purchase yours for **only \$3** at our next meeting.





12-Gauge Turkey Shoot November 3rd 12pm

\$5 per squad, per shooter 50/50 cash prize

Refer to our club Range Rules for shotgun and equipment requirements

Club License Plates



Contact Stephen Moody

General Meeting Reminder

Please recall that we only have one general meeting per month until January 2020.

This is an important reminder for tracking your attendance in order to participate in our club elections in March.



Life Time Memberships: \$1,000

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