



## STONEY CREEK FISHING & HUNTING CLUB

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## From the Club President

Fellow members,

we have been through some very tumultuous times thanks to the pandemic. Some of the decisions the board and I have had to make were not easy nor without some controversy; thank you all for the support and disagreement. We all learn from the debates and become better because of it.

Hopefully much of this will be behind us shortly and we can return to normal operations. The by-laws committee is actively working to address the issues we have had with operations for guidance in the future.

With regard to hours, you can see George McCauley at the club pretty much anytime to help out and get some time. The range officer, Joseph can always use a hand running the matches and spiffing up the ranges as well. Joseph can be reached via the club email and if he like can publish his number for ease of contact. The trap officer, Rob Tracey may also have some opportunities during Tuesday night trap or other days to help load the birds in the trap house. Ask around as there really is opportunity if you put in a little effort.

Thank you,

Raymond Ten Kate  
Club President

## News



### REMINDER

Per Maryland's Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007, smoking is not permitted in indoor areas of the club grounds while they are open to the public.

This includes but is not limited to, most all club meetings and events such as Hunter Safety, the Flea Markets, Tuesday Night Trap, etc. Indoor restrictions cover the Club House and the Rifle and Pistol Range during public events only.

Also, please remember that there is only one general meeting during the months of October, November and December. Happy hunting!

# News

## Kitchen "Chili Challenge" Friday, September 25, 2020

Dear Members:

Stoney Creek will be having a "Chili Challenge" for the pre-meeting dinner at the upcoming General Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2020.

Members that are interested in creating their "OWN" special Chili dish and bringing it to the club are welcome. All dishes should be prepared to serve at least 20 cups/samples. All dishes should be at the clubhouse and ready to eat by 6:30pm.

Please advise Rob Clay(Kitchen Officer) that you are going to be entering your "Special" recipe.

All Members/Guests coming to the dinner will be able to sample and enter a vote for the "Best" recipe in the challenge.

The Kitchen will be supplying Cornbread and Fries as well as dessert.

\$5 is the fee for Dinner..... \$2 dollars will be taken from every purchased dinner to go into a pot for the dish that gets the most votes. (example - If we get 25 people for dinner....the "Best" dish winner gets the pot of \$50 !)

Good Luck!

Clay's Kitchen

Kitchen Officer, Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club

# Fishing Report

## DNR Fishing Report:



### Forecast Summary: Sept. 23 – 29:

The upcoming week will bring cooler days, moderate winds and low chance of rain all week, continuing to cool Chesapeake Bay waters. Bay surface water temperatures have cooled to the upper 60s and low 70s and this trend will continue. These dense, cooling surface waters will sink, mixing the bay's water from surface to bottom. This will result in cool-water preferring fish being able move more vertically in many areas and be more scattered until turnover conditions stabilize. As a result of the below normal flows from the Susquehanna, upper bay salinities are slightly higher than normal. As always, best fishing areas could be further refined by intersecting them with underwater points, hard bottom, drop-offs, and large schools of baitfish.

[Expect average flows for most Maryland rivers and streams.](#) There will be above average [tidal currents](#) Sunday through Tuesday as a result of the upcoming full moon on Oct. 2.

Expect average clarity for Maryland portions of the bay except the Northeast, Bush, Back, Patapsco, middle Chester, and middle Patuxent rivers.

To see the latest water clarity conditions, check [Eyes on the Bay Satellite Maps.](#)

For more detailed and up-to-date fishing conditions in your area of the bay, be sure to check out [Click Before You Cast.](#) Get regular updates on Maryland's waters sent to your inbox with our Eyes on the Bay newsletter. [Sign up online](#)

# Legislation

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## Special Bulletin - Temporary Licensing Delays DPS System Outage Corrected Legislative Report #13.1 - June 25, 2020

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### Greetings!

Earlier today, I received another courtesy phone call from the Licensing Division of the Maryland State Police. At approximately 8:30 pm last night (Wednesday, June 24th, the system outage at the Department of Public Safety was corrected. As of this writing, the system has been functioning correctly and the licensing division is working overtime to overcome the backlog as quickly as possible.

[Click here for the MSP press release.](#)

You can safely share this email by copying and pasting the link below into a standard email to fellow gun rights advocates:

[Click here for the link to Legislative Report #13.1 on 2A Maryland's home page.](#)

*Stay safe and healthy!*

John H. Josselyn  
2A Maryland

[Click here to send your comments or suggestions.](#)

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### MSP Press Release: Background Checks Underway After Data System Restored

June 25, 2020 (PIKESVILLE, MD) — Maryland State Police Licensing Division employees worked throughout the night and will continue to work around-the-clock to address pending regulated firearm purchase applications after a state data system was restored late yesterday.

At about 8:30 p.m. yesterday, the State Police Licensing Division was notified by officials at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that the data system had been restored and access to background check information was available. Employees at the Licensing Division immediately began completing background check investigations on the regulated firearm purchase applications that had been pending since a system failure occurred on June 21st.

Licensing Division employees worked throughout the night and will continue to work around-the-clock until all pending and incoming regulated firearm purchase applications have been reviewed and are being completed within Maryland's required seven day waiting period. Even with employees working 24-hours-a-day to address this, the process is anticipated to take several days to complete. The Licensing Division continues to work with Maryland's licensed firearms dealers to track any regulated firearm released after the waiting period, but before full completion of the background check process.

As of 4:00 p.m. yesterday, information from Maryland firearms dealers indicated that of the 893 firearm purchase applications eligible for release, 54 regulated firearms had been released to customers after the seven day waiting period had passed. The individuals receiving those firearms were the first ones background checks were conducted on during the night. There were no prohibiting factors found for any of those applicants.

# Club Shoots 2020

## Buffalo Shoot held on 01/12/20

High overall – John Grainger 36

	<u>Smokeless</u>	<u>Black Powder</u>	<u>300 YDS</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sloane Franklin 11	Richard Brooks 5	George McCauley 19
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Fischer 5	<u>Pistol</u> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Frank Burger 7	

## Sniper Rifle Shoot held on 02/09/20

	<u>Open Prone</u>	<u>Vintage Prone</u>	<u>Unlimited Prone</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Grainger 196	John Grainger 188	John Grainger 197
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Russo 185		
		<u>Open Chair</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	George McCauley 195		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank Burger 170		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Books 166		

## Lever Action Rifle Shoot being held on 05/31/20

	<u>Iron Sight</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CANCELED</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## .22LR Rifle Shoot being held on 06/14/20

	<u>Optics</u>	<u>Open Sights</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CANCELED</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## Pistol Shoot held on 07/12/20

High overall – John Grainger

	<u>Center Fire</u>	<u>Rim Fire</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bobby Dill	Bobby Dill
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Schweitzer	John Schweitzer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott Baumgardner	Scott Baumgardner

## Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot held on 08/09/20

High Overall – Open Sight: John Grainger Scoped: Chris Stewart

	<u>Open Sight</u>	<u>Scoped</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Donley	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Stewart	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rob Tracey	N/A

## Trap Shoot held on 08/02/20

High Overall – Chuck Powers (41)

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rob Tracey (38)	Bob Larsen (40)	Ray Ten Kate (38)	Frank Tracey (23)
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Mike Koch (38)		John Russo (19)
3 <sup>rd</sup>		John Grainger (37)		

## Archery Shoot being held on XX/XX/20

	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Crossbow</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## All-Gun Shoot being held on 09/27/20

	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Pistol</u>	<u>Shotgun</u>
High Overall -			
1 <sup>st</sup>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>			

## Side X Side Trap Shoot & 20 Gauge Challenge being held on 10/25/20

### Side x Side Trap Shoot Results

High Gun –	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>				

### 20 Gauge Challenge Results

High Gun –	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>				

## Rifle Shoot being held on 11/01/20

1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup>

# The Master Naturalist

## The White-tailed Deer

As a result of the COVID shutdowns, a lot of seasoned and new hunters alike have been itching to escape the house and get into the woods for the 2020-2021 deer season. Here are a few interesting facts about white-tailed deer that you might not know, even if you've been watching them for decades!

- White-tailed deer sprint up to 35 miles per hour and are able to leap over 8 foot tall barriers.
- Deer antlers are the fastest growing bone known and can grow as much as a ½ inch a day.
- The typical, annual average home range for white-tailed deer is considered about one square mile (640 acres). However, the sex and age of the deer and habitat types will influence varying size home ranges.
- Deer have a four-chambered stomach that is required to digest the vegetation in their diet.
- Maryland white-tailed deer begin breeding in October and continue to breed through mid December. The shortening of day length (photo period) triggers the breeding season (NOT temperature). Any receptive doe that does not become pregnant will cycle back into estrous (heat) in about 28 days and will mate again.
- Fawns can live independently of their mother at about 2 months old.
- The first Maryland archery season for deer was in 1951.
- The first early muzzleloader season for deer was in 1994.
- By the beginning of the 20th century, Maryland's white-tailed deer survived only in remote sections of Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Frederick counties. Deer hunting season was eventually closed statewide in 1902. At this time, less than 1/2 million white-tailed deer remained in the nation.
- Maryland reopened deer hunting in Allegany County in 1927. At least five bucks were taken that season. Garrett County opened two years later with a one-buck bag limit that resulted in nine deer being taken. In 1931, a total of 32 bucks were harvested in Allegany and Garrett counties.

\*Info from Maryland DNR

## Hunting White-Tailed Deer

Deer behavior can change depending on the specific attributes of the area you're hunting in. Their level of skittishness, movement patterns and overall health will vary even from one hunting spot to one a few miles away. That being said, here are a few general tips that will help you out no matter where you hunt;

- Scouting is very important. Look for obvious deer trails, tracks and scat, especially in edge habitat (areas where forested and open habitat meet), such as wooded areas that border agricultural fields.
- Deer have a sense of smell 500 to 1000 times more acute than a human's. You want to setup downwind of where you expect the deer to be. Since that isn't always possible, and because the wind often changes direction, exercise scent control measures to convince the deer that you're too far away to be a threat (use scentless detergents for your hunting clothes, take showers with scentless soap, use scentless deodorant, use a cover scent that they won't be alarmed by {like pine if there are a lot of pine trees in the area}, etc.).
- Deer don't have great daytime vision (compared to a human, a deer's daytime vision has been estimated at 20/60-20/100), but they lack the yellow UV light filters that humans have, so they see blues markedly better than humans can. Because of this, they see best at dawn and dusk (much better than humans at this point) and their night vision ain't so bad, either. Where they excel is their ability to detect movement. Deer process what they see at least twice as fast as a human does, which is why they're so quick to react to movement. Your choice in camo is less important than your ability to stay still. When there are deer in the area, especially as dawn or dusk approaches, your movements should be extremely slow and subtle.
- Deer also have oval-shaped eyes that make it more difficult to detect movement from above, so utilizing a tree stand will give you the best chance to get the best of them.

### Legal Bucks in MD

In Maryland, an antlered white-tailed deer is defined as a deer with two or more points to one antler, or a deer with one antler three or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Maryland has a point restriction on hunting bucks – a buck must have at least three points on one antler. A point is defined as being 1" or longer, including the brow tines. You may take one buck that does not meet this restriction.

You may never harvest more than one buck in a single day.



Lauren Atwood – Master Naturalist

# 2020 Hunting, Fishing & Nature Photos



Lauren, Illyana and Sloane on the first day of dove season 9/1/2020



Lauren with her second deer of the season on 9/22/2020



Lauren with her first deer of the season on 9/18/2020



George's first deer of the season, a big 4-pointer taken on 9/19/2020. George is currently in the lead for the Big Buck Award!

Lauren and her mentee, Michelle, scouting for sika deer hunting!



What are YOU up to this fall? Send in your photos!

# Range Rules Review



As we get closer to normal operations please review your range rules before heading out to the ranges.

When starting shooting, changing positions or changing ranges;

**"3. Adjust the eyebrows as instructed by the Range Officer when you received your Range Badge Orientation. THE EYEBROW WILL BE NO HIGHER THAN THE TOP OF THE TARGET FRAME AS VIEWED FROM EACH SHOOTING POSITION, I.E. PRONE, SITTING (EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT A CHAIR) KNEELING AND STANDING."**

It seems that most of our range rule violations are from not adjusting the eyebrow correctly or failure to supervise our guests. If you're on the range with others about, watch over each other and be courteous when doing so. I'd rather someone point out a possible infraction and given the opportunity to correct the error then be bought up on charges as I think everyone would.

# General Info

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Rob Clay

**HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES RESUME:**

Effective Aug. 15, field day workshops for hunter education students who previously completed Maryland's approved internet-based course will resume. Class listings can be found on the department's website. Face coverings will be required and social distancing requirements will be in effect, even outdoors. Anyone who previously signed up for a Field Day Workshop will need to register for a new class.

Effective Sept. 1, traditional classroom instruction for hunter education students will resume. Class listings can be found online. Anyone who previously signed up for a traditional class, will need to register for a new class.

Students will be required to provide their own face coverings and bring them to class. Also, any student displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should refrain from attending any of the above classes. Each student will need to complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire before entering. Anyone who fails to follow these guidelines or who appears to be ill will be denied access to the teaching facility.

Students should be aware that due to social distancing requirements, there will be limits on the number of students allowed in a facility and class times may be extended.

**STONEY CREEK IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY CLASSES THIS YEAR DUE TO RANGE REQUIREMENTS!**

Club Calendars are in! Reach out to Ron Colvin to arrange purchase, they are \$3 each! The sale of these calendars benefits the club and they usually sell out quickly, so act fast!

**Letter from the editor:**

Hey, guys!

It's clearly been a slow summer, but hopefully the fall brings us some more action! I'm happy to see everyone back at our general meetings and I can't wait to see all of the awesome hunting photos you send me during the next few months! Remember, you can earn time by writing articles or taking photos at club shoots for the newsletter!

- Lauren

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