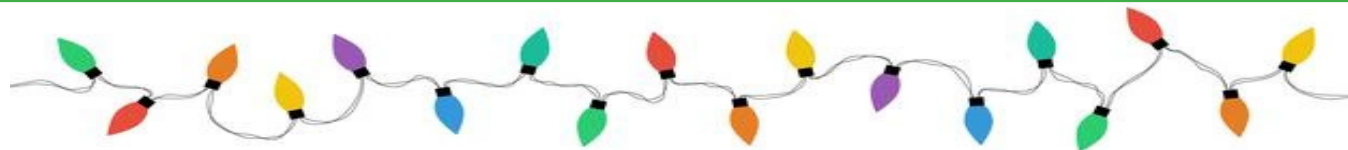


# Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club



Fellow Members,

Happy Holidays to all. I hope you are having a fun holiday and hunting season. It's been another interesting year, but we have much for which to be thankful. The new 2022 calendar is published, the ranges are up and running with a much needed facelift, and I'm looking forward to getting back to normal business in the coming year.

We're hoping to get the kitchen and vending back to some type of "new normal" operation for our membership in the coming weeks working in collaboration with the Anne Arundel Health Department; Brian Heslep and I will keep you posted.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance this past year. I would also like to send a special thanks to George McCauley and Mike Goddard (newly elected to the board) for their daily work to get the firing ranges back online; their recorded work hours recorded are were off the charts. I have tried to thank each person individually for their efforts in interim communications, so if I missed anyone please let me know. When using the ranges, until we get the new Range Rules published, if you have any questions, please ask.

I would like to thank the officers and the board for their patience this past year. It has been an unusually busy time. I also encourage others to run for office in March as new energy and ideas are welcome to keep this a great place to compete, practice, and socialize.

Please check the website, as it has been a way to publish information in a timely manner, including range, schedule, and events ([www.scfhclub.org](http://www.scfhclub.org)). Please also use the email listings provided to contact individuals confidentially, or send anonymous suggestions to [suggestions@scfhclub.org](mailto:suggestions@scfhclub.org); you can even send directly from your email or via the website.

Lastly, thanks again to Joe Wiley for his tremendous efforts to put out our club newsletter! Don't forget to please send any information and/or pictures you want published in a future newsletter to [newsletter@scfhclub.org](mailto:newsletter@scfhclub.org). Hunting pictures will be published in the next newsletter so please send Joe your harvests and information.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, good riddance 2021, and welcome 2022!

Sincerely,  
Nick D'Apice



## Member Only Shoots

Buffalo Shoot - 1/9  
Bench Rest - 1/30, 2/20  
Sniper Rifle 2/13

## Upcoming General Meeting Dates

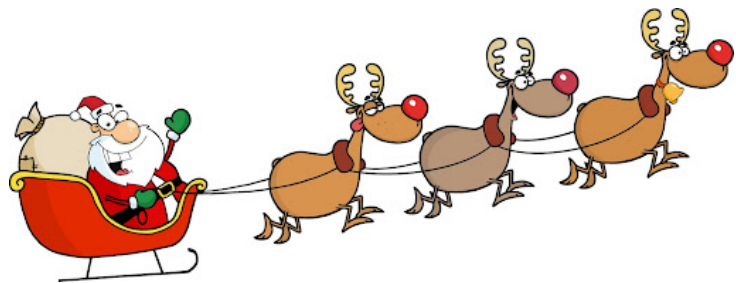
January 14th  
January 28th  
February 11th  
February 25th

### New!

Available now! White american flag club logo on long sleeve Black shirts. \$20 each!!! See the club quartermaster, available at meetings



Chances for a Club M1 are still available. Contact Sgt. at Arms Ed Panowicz or President Nick D'Apice. Chances are \$20. Available at meetings. Only 100 will be sold.



## Air Gun League

The Airgun League starts January 5th and runs every Wednesday through the end of March. For more info and to sign up, contact Brian Heslep. With the price of ammo, the league is a great way to stay on top of your shooting with friends & Family

Shooting consists of  
40 bull's eye targets at 10 meters Shooters may use air Rifles, Pistols, or both.

20 Mini silhouette targets at 15 meters

For a total of 60 shots

.177 pellets with a maximum velocity of 750 fps

Fee is \$8.00 per night

Call Brian Heslep at 443-618-6906 or email at [icedefender@yahoo.com](mailto:icedefender@yahoo.com) (please put Air League in Subject)



Dinner is Served



Ted caught in the act of eating dinner



**Can you Identify the Member?**



# Range Renovations



# Range Renovations and Reopening



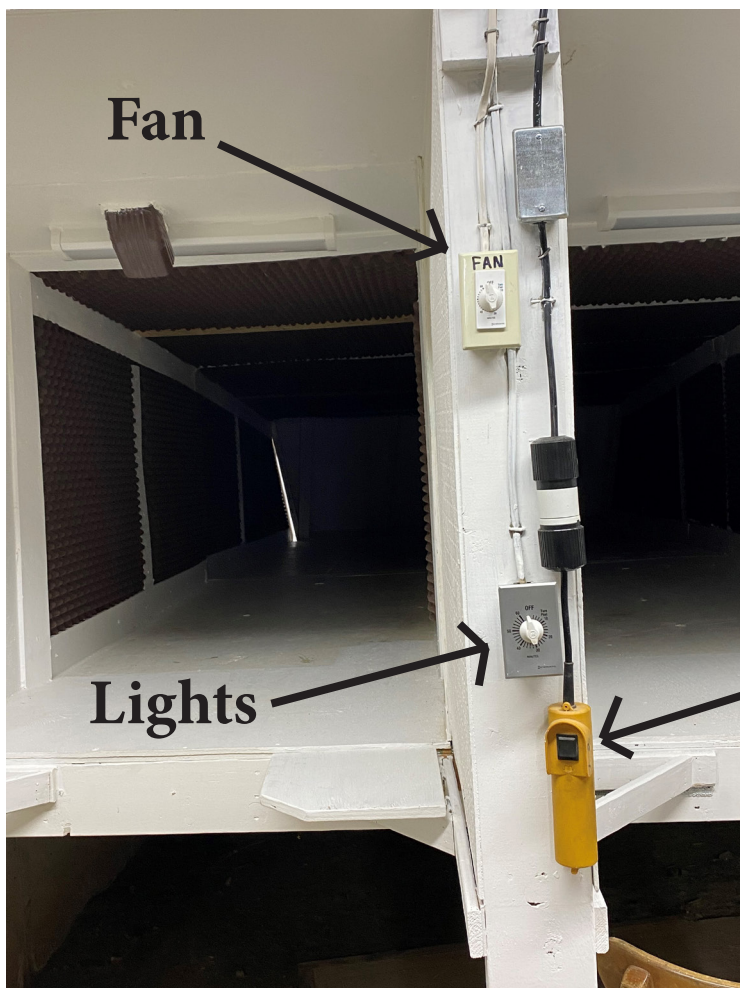
## New Range Rules:

### All Ranges:

Please turn on the exhaust fans that have been installed on each lane during use.

### 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**

## Maryland 2021 Black Bear Hunt Harvest Results Released

Hunters harvested 54 black bears during Maryland's 18th annual black bear hunt. Official results have been compiled and reported by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources following the five-day hunt held Oct. 25-29 in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties.

Abundant natural food in the mountains of Western Maryland slowed bear movements, and warm and sometimes wet weather conditions made hunting difficult. Hunters harvested 34 female and 20 male bears under these less-than-ideal conditions.

“Mother Nature proved challenging this year for our bear hunters,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “Although the harvest was lower than normal, it is encouraging to see the healthy harvest in Frederick and Washington counties, where the bear population continues to grow.”

### 2021 Maryland Black Bear Hunt by the Numbers:

54 black bears were harvested: 6 from Allegany County, 5 from Frederick County, 33 from Garrett County, and 10 from Washington County

- 146 pounds is the average weight of bears harvested
- The heaviest bear weighed 362 pounds and was taken in Washington County
- 63% of bears were taken on private land
- 4,716 hunters applied for a permit
- 950 permits were awarded



## Chesapeake Bay 2021 Young-of-Year Survey Results Announced

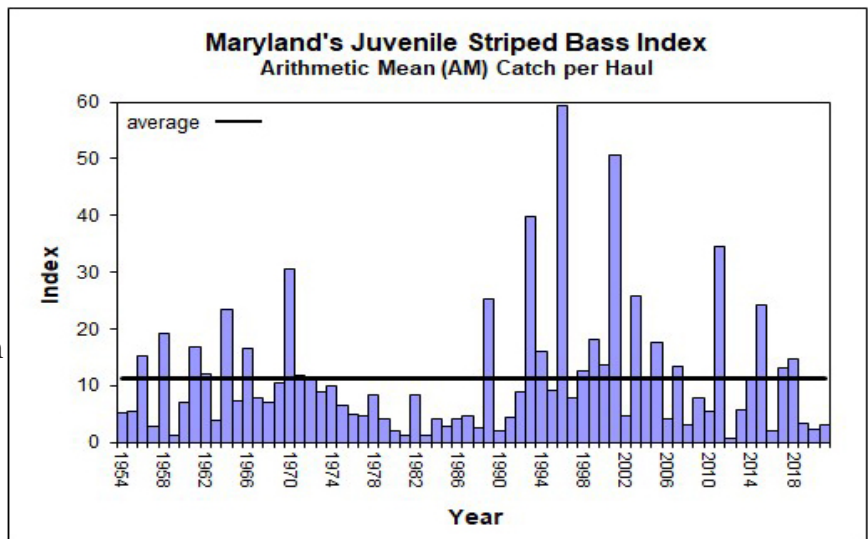
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced results of this year's juvenile striped bass survey, which tracks the reproductive success of the iconic fish in the Chesapeake Bay. The 2021 young-of-year index is 3.2 which is slightly higher than last year but still below the long-term average of 11.4.

The 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. The index is slightly higher than 2020 but consecutive below average indices are a concern, and biologists continue to examine factors that might limit spawning success.

Atlantic Coast states enacted responsible conservation measures in recent years to reduce harvest and protect striped bass during 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.

Graph of comparative historic juveniles striped bass indices Other noteworthy observations of the survey were increased numbers of Atlantic menhaden in the Choptank River and healthy reproduction of American shad in the Potomac River. The survey also documented reproduction of invasive blue catfish in the upper Chesapeake Bay for the first time.

Twenty-two survey sites are 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, commonly called rockfish, captured in each sample.



The Virginia Institute of Marine Science conducts a similar survey in the southern portion of Chesapeake Bay.



### **New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen**

The transcript and recorded audio of November 3rd Supreme Court Hearing of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen are now available.

[Transcript](#)

[Audio](#)



### **NRA To Hold 151st Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Houston May 2022**

FAIRFAX, Va. — The National Rifle Association announced today the location of its 2022 Annual Meeting and Exhibits will be held in Houston, Texas over Memorial Day weekend May 27-29, 2022.

The NRA had planned to host its 150th celebration in May 2021 in Houston - the site of NRA's largest convention on record. The NRA community was disappointed when high COVID rates in Harris County led to the cancellation of this marquee event.

The Association anticipates no further changes to the locations of the NRA's Annual Meetings and Exhibits from 2023 through 2026.

## 2021 Pistol League

**High Overall:** Nick D'Apice 15,991 points, 1,093 x's

### Center Fire

**First Place:** Joseph Donley - 7,932 points, 480 x's

**Second Place:** Jon Schweitzer - 7,898 points, 499 x's

**Third Place:** Bobby Dill - 7,825 points, 422 x's

### Rim Fire

**First Place:** Jon Schweitzer - 8,030 points, 593 x's

**Second Place:** Joseph Donley - 7,992 points, 536 x's

**Third Place:** Bobby Dill - 7,979 points, 528 x's



## 2021 Fall Trap League

**High Overall:** Chuck Powers, 424/500

### Class A

**First Place:** Bobby Dill - 384/500

**Second Place:** Bryan Taylor - 380/500

### Class B

**First Place:** Reid Raynor - 414/500

**Second Place:** Bryan Warner - 409/500

**Third Place:** Dave Krueger - 390/500

### Class C

**First Place:** Rob Grubb - 351/500

**Second Place:** Rob Larsen - 334/500

**Third Place:** Rob White - 333/500

### Class D

**First Place:** Joe Wiley - 281/500

## Meet Caiden...

A 13 year old boy who just wanted to go hunting with his family. Caiden has been diagnosed with a learning disability but he didn't let that stand in his way. This young man has been on hunting trips many times, but always as an observer. He was determined to participate in his family hunts. The family traveled from Cecil County to attend our hunter safety classes led by Jon Schweitzer. Unfortunately Caiden did not pass the first time around. Jon and the instructor team recognized that Caiden had retained the knowledge from his family experiences and what he learned in the classes, but could not successfully transfer that knowledge to the answer sheet. The instructors ultimately read the questions to him (which is done regularly) and put into terms that he has heard before. The answers were also read to him and explained, from which he was able to pick which one he wanted. He achieved a passing score of 92%!

Caiden has just gone on his first hunt, not as an observer but as a successful hunter. Way to go Caiden! Also, a great job should be given to his family and the Stoney Creek instructors that have turned him into a safe hunter.



**Congrats  
Caiden!!!**  
From all of us here at SCFHClub

## DNR Introduces 'Wild Maryland' Cookbook Online

For anyone who likes their food on the wild side, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has published a new online cookbook. Wild Maryland includes recipes submitted by Maryland residents and featuring the state's waterfowl, seafood, deer, and other wild game that can be hunted, trapped, or caught. The book also includes a section of recipes that features ingredients found while foraging in the wild.

[Wild Maryland Online Cookbook](#)

### Get a Fresh Tree

The freshest Christmas trees are found at choose-and-cut tree farms, and Maryland has many of them.

Christmas trees sold at lots, often run by churches, scout groups and other service organizations, can also be very fresh. Even though the trees were most likely cut weeks in advance and shipped long distances, most will have been refrigerated for much of the time to keep them fresh. Many local service organizations buy their cut trees from Maryland growers, and these trees tend to be fresher yet.

When selecting a tree at a local tree lot, apply these tests of freshness:

- Bend several needles on the tree. If they spring back into shape, the tree is fresh. If they break or remain bent, the tree has dried out too much.
- Tap the base of the tree on a hard surface. If many needles fall off, the tree is too dry. The tree should have a pungent evergreen smell, and its branches should be full and springy.
- Feel the base of the tree. It should be moist and sappy. Make sure that the base is small enough to fit into your stand.

### Prevent Drying

Whether your tree is cut or live, wrapping it for the drive home will prevent additional drying. Transporting the tree inside your vehicle will serve the same purpose.

Once home, place your tree in the basement or garage for a day or two. Bringing a cold tree immediately into a warm house will shock the tree and cause its needles to drop earlier. To help the tree absorb water and stay fresh, saw 1 inch off its base, cutting diagonally, and place the tree in a bucket of water until you are ready to mount the tree in its stand.

### Popular Species



Balsam Fir



Scotch Pine



White Pine



Noble Fir



Frazer Fir



White Spruce



Douglas Fir



# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



## Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club 2022 Calendar of Events

### January

General Meetings 14, 28  
Training 8  
Air Gun League 5, 12, 19, 26  
\*\*Buffalo Shoot 9  
\*\*Bench Rest 30

### February

General Meetings 11, 25  
Training 5  
Air Gun League 2, 9, 16, 23  
\*\*Bench Rest 20  
\*\* Sniper Rifle 13

### March

General Meetings 11, 25  
Training 5  
Air Gun League 2, 9, 16, 23  
M1/AR Meeting 8 (7pm)  
Pistol League Mtg 17(7pm)  
\*\*Bench Rest 13  
Trap League 20, 27

### April

General Meetings 8, 29  
Training 2  
\*\*Pistol League 9, 23  
\*\*Bench Rest 10  
Egg Roll 24  
Trap League 3, 10, 23, 30

### May

General Meetings 13, 27  
Training 7  
Air Gun Banquet 21 (6pm)  
Flea Market 1  
\*\*Pistol League 7, 22  
\*\*Bench Rest 15  
\*\*Lever Action Shoot 29  
Trap League 8, 15, 22, 29

### June

General Meetings 10, 24  
Training 4  
\*\*Pistol League 5, 19, 26  
\*\*22 Rifle Shoot 12  
Hunter Safety 13, 16, 18  
Trap League Banquet 11 (6pm)

### July

General Meetings 8, 29  
Training 2  
\*\*Pistol League 9, 24  
\*\*Pistol Shoot 10

### August

General Meetings 12, 26  
Training 6  
Hunter Qual 6, 27  
\*\*Trap Shoot 7  
Internet H. Safety 28  
\*\*Pistol League 7, 20  
Hunter Safety 8, 11, 13  
\*\*Military Rifle & Pistol Shoot 14  
Trap League 14, 21, 27

### September

General Meetings 9, 30  
Training 3  
Hunter Qual 3, 4  
Internet H. Safety 10  
\*\*Pistol League 11  
M1/AR Banquet 17 (6pm)  
\*\*All Gun Shoot 25  
Trap League 4, 11, 18, 24

### October

General Meetings 14  
Training 1  
Internet H. Safety 2  
\*\*Side-X-Side and  
20-Gauge Trap Shoot  
Pistol Banquet 8 (5pm)  
Rifle Shoot 23  
Trap League 9, 15, 23, 30

### November

General Meetings 11  
Training 5  
Flea Market 6  
Calendar Meeting 2 (7pm)  
Bench Rest Meeting 9 (7pm)  
Trap League Banquet 12(6pm)

### December

General Meetings 9  
Training 3  
Air Gun League Mtg 14 (7pm)  
Trap Closes 13  
Merry Christmas 25

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

Hunter Qual 9AM to 1PM

**TRAP EVERY TUESDAY @ 5PM RE-OPENS March 1**

WEB SITE INFO - [www.scfhclub.org](http://www.scfhclub.org)

EVENTS LINE 410-255-2119

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Club Officers

### President

Nick D'Apice

### Vice President

Denise Hoffman

### Secretary

Bobby Dill

### Treasurer

Jon Schweitzer

### Financial Secretary

Karl Sovik

### Sergeant At Arms

Ed Panowicz

### Chief Range Officer

Joseph Donley

### Clay Target Officer

Robert Tracey

### Kitchen Officer

Brian Heslep



Contact Stephen Moody  
for club license plate details

## Tuesday Night Trap

That is it for the 2021 season, Trap  
will return on March 1st.

Hello Everyone,

This newsletter marks my first year in the club, and what a busy year it has been for all of us! If you haven't had a chance stop by and see the range improvements. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again for the 2022 club shoots and leagues.

Joe Wiley

## Board of Directors

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Jon Schweitzer (Chairman)

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Robert Tracey

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