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Nimrod League Newsletter

January 2015

Monthly Meeting

Always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse. That's Jan.13th. Make it a point to attend if you can. Times are 6:00 – 6:45 pm for a beer and socializing. At 6:45 we serve the best \$5 meal in town. Club business discussed and occasional guest speakers from 7:15 - 8:30 ish. Home in bed by 9:00.

Speakers

Helen Blazis, wife of our Member Mark Blazis who writes the Outdoorsmen's Column for the Telegram and Gazette, will be a guest speaker at our January Meet. An accomplished outdoors person and world traveler herself, Helen will show a short film on her trip to Namibia in southern Africa.

Monthly safety tip:

A reminder to ALL members not to use the large berm support poles at the range as target holders. They are being shot up regularly and we need to protect them. These heavy telephone pole supports are expensive and very difficult to replace

New Business

Helping Out: Our VP Kevin Chviruk has reviewed the last several years of membership applications to log each new member's chosen areas to help out at the Club. Chairmen will be given the names so please expect a call to help out as needed. A great way to become more involved in your Club's activities.

Raffle: Upcoming raffle prizes include a very special salt water rod and reel worth about \$700. Second and third prizes are high quality jackets and boots. Call Paul Fraser for details at 508-829-5408.

Super Bowl Sunday Ice Fishing Outing: Long Pond, Rutland . Sunday, February 1st. Dawn till noon. Free hot coffee, donuts, sodas, hot dogs. Bring your grilles and cook your old venison! Prizes for ugliest fish, biggest fish, smallest fish, heaviest fish, longest fish, etc. A great day for Grampa to intro the grand kids to this age old sport. You don't need any equipment to come out for a great morning in the fresh air. Holes and tilts available for all kids to pull a fish.

Game Dinner: Bruce E. notes Game dinner is May 2nd, and a Game dinner Committee Meet is scheduled for March 19th. Call Bruce to help out. It is asked that all ice fishermen keep pickerel they catch and donate to the Game Dinner for a specially pickeled pickerel meal by Bruce Ebbeson.

Conservation Camp: Chuck Clark handling this for us but its his last year to do so. Al Afonso volunteered to handle next year.

Scholarship: Roy Baer accepting applications due by April 15th

Pitch Night: Kevin Chviruk notes first game night scheduled for Sat., Jan 17. Pre-game dinner starts at 5:00 pm. Call Kevin to sign up.

Bylaws: Chris Craigie to appoint a new Special Committee to manage, review, and suggest changes as necessary to existing Club Bylaws.

Membership

We are full up and new applicants are being added to our waiting list. Any questions on Membership feel free to call Chairman John Meyer, or co-chairs Paul Fraser and Dave Fillow.

Discussions at exec meet about requiring a mandatory orientation day for all new members in future. Instruction on range rules and safety, clubhouse rules, basic "Do's and don'ts" of the Club, etc. will be given. Chris Craigie to appoint a special Committee to address this. Plans in the works to re-constitute a list of all past "Standing rules" of the Club.

Board of Trustees

Trustees recently voted to make minor year end financial moves. Chris Craigie to appoint specific Trustees to catch up on auditing of each of our revenue receiving areas (archery, bar, trap, etc.)

Trap/Skeet

Very busy on the decent weather nights per Paul Fraser. Dave Fillow notes probable Ham Shoot scheduled for April 19.

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson was given the OK to purchase about \$900 in kitchen equipment which was voted on and approved by the Exec committee. Jan Meet meal to be cooked by Pat Orrell. Don't miss this one! Worcester County League meets at our Club 3rd Friday in April and Pat O will cook again.

Rifle Range

Tom Wiegand notes trash building up at range more quickly than in past years. Also we need to remove a lot of used up target frames etc from grounds near pistol shack. Tom making new frames to replace old ones. A sub committee has been set up, headed by Kevin Newell, to study in depth a long range plan for the Rifle Range.

House

Ralph Cochran notes that we've installed the new water softening system. He's now looking for a price to get chemicals to put in our heating system to protect our new pipes. Also, our new First Aid Kits are in but not yet installed in Club House. Dave Fillow asks for donations of old hunting and Sportsmen's books etc for the "Reading Room" library in the back of our Clubhouse.

- 1/10 Snowmobile Club / Ralph Cochran
- 1/17 Pitch cards nite and dinner, 5:00 pm / Kevin Chriruk
- 1/19 Range and Barn Work Party
- 2/1 Super Bowl Sunday Nimrod Ice fish Outing on Long Pond in Rutland
- 2/20-22 Civil Air Patrol Meets / Dave Oriol
- 3/16 & 18 & 21 & 23 Hunter Safety Course at the Clubhouse
- 3/19 Game dinner planning meet at the Clubhouse
- 4/11-12 Boy Scouts at the Club / Erik Johansen
- 4/14 Annual Nimrod Sportsmen's Swap Meet at the regular monthly meeting
- Bring your old, used, and unwanted outdoorsmens gear to trade. Hot dogs served.
- 4/17 Worcester County League dinner Meet at the Club
- 4/18, 3-D Archery Shoot at the Club / Tina Gianos
- 4/19 Trap Ham shoot / Paul Fraser and Dave Fraser
- 5/2 Game dinner at the Club
- 5/24 Women on Target by GOAL and the NRA / Kevin Newell.

Executive Board

Executive Board Meeting is held the last Tuesday of each month

Grounds

Neal Whitehead noted new racks for the Barn received in early Jan and to be installed in January.

Finance

Nothing to report

Bar

Nothing to report

Birds

Kevin Chviruk notes it was a great year. Birds were plentiful and fat. The Youth Hunt and the Special Preserve hunt both went wonderfully. Thanks for another great year Kev.

Revenue

Nothing to report

Archery

Tina Gianos notes a successful New Years Day Shoot was held with over 16 archers. She also notes she is running a Friday Night League at 7:00 every Fri nite at our Clubhouse. Call Tina for info. Her # is on our Web Site.

Tina and helpers have turned our basement archery range into a beautiful jewel. Take a look next time you are at the Club! Excavation of the new archery area above the newest trap field has been ongoing.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

WCL will be at the Marlboro Gun Show with a booth in January. Any Nimrod member looking for a fun weekend can contact Joe Afonso, our WCL rep, to volunteer to help man the booth.

The Worcester Sportsmen's show at the DCU has been discontinued and will now be held in Boxboro. Joe Afonso needs volunteers to help out in the WCL archery booth their for kids.

Good and Welfare

The Nimrod received two contributions from Life Members who chose to send in the amount of money they would have normally sent in for dues before becoming free Life Members. The Club thanks Roger Starbard and Arthur Soucy Jr for their generosity.

Classifieds

Post your outdoors articles, ammo, guns, hunting / fishing gear etc for sale here. Contact John Meyer at 508-864-2028.

Miscellaneous

Beaver Pond Trail:

Our new 1.6 mile (3.2 round trip) long Beaver Pond Trail is getting good use and we remind all members that it's fully completed. Well marked and cleared by Eagle Scout Clayton Johanson's work crew it is an easy to follow trail and a

modestly graded hike suitable for all but the youngest kids. Plan a hike from the Clubhouse before the snow flies for a great nature adventure. Explore a portion of the Nimrod's almost 500 beautiful and protected acres.

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