

The Nimrod League Newsletter
Monthly Meeting

April, 2017

We begin this month with an old passage by a favorite poet.

*"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March."*

- Robert Frost, *Two Tramps in Mud Time*, 1926

Special Event this Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Our General Meeting
Sportsmen's Swap!

This will take place between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM (along with eating), and then we will have an abbreviated meeting. Clean out all that old gear and bring it to the meeting on Tuesday!

Please send me any outdoor stories you may have. We'd love to hear about your latest exploits! I'll serve as editor and get the story into a presentable format, subject to your approval before publishing. Please email me, Chris Erali, at eralic23@gmail.com
Monthly Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – next Meeting April 11, 2017. Make it a point to attend if you can. From 6:00 – 6:45 pm for a cocktail and socializing – then we serve the best \$5 meal in town! Club business discussed with occasional guest speakers from 7:15 - 8:30 ish. It is usually an early night unless someone gets long-winded...

Speakers

Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a speaker at a future meeting.

Monthly Safety Tip

“Watch out for ticks!”

And while we're on the subject. We're taking recommendations for preventative measures and practices for our dogs and us. I'll start us off... I have had good results for my dog with a new product called **Nexgard**. It's a monthly treatment that's administered orally. I like it better than any of the topical ones.

If you have any tips or suggestions in the battle against these little critters, including dealing with them on our own person, please send them in!

Email: eralic23@gmail.com

We'll post them here as home remedies!

New Business

Treasurer Cindy Smith kept us current on our latest expenditures. We received *8 Point Sportsmen's Club's* latest newsletter and *Watershed Currents* DCR newsletter.

Joe Afonso is still looking for a couple more mentors for the Youth Turkey Hunt. He also is looking for donations of rough cut lumber to make bat boxes for Kids' Day next year. The Hunter Education Class took place Saturday and from all reports went over well. We are also still looking for gifts for the Yankee Swap at the Game Dinner. Bruce Ebbeson donated a nice salmon mount for our wall in the clubhouse.

Membership

Paul Fraser reports that we lost 14 members who did not renew and 19 are still unpaid. This loss also seems to be offset by the number of applications we have been receiving since enlarging our total number of members. We have no waiting list this year. New applications to be voted on this month are: David Rogol, Eric Risi Jr., Eric Risi Sr., Jeffrey and Sheryl Lauria, and Thomas Thurgood. The last one is submitted as a family, but we are still waiting for waivers from all family members. If the waivers don't come in we will vote on the membership as a single.

Board of Trustees

No news at this time.

Trap/Skeet

Correction from last month's printed newsletter. We reported that there was some "mice problem." Like many of us who have been around firearms and are getting shall we say, "long in the tooth," I did not hear the report correctly. In my defense, I was not wearing my hearing aids and I did not hear Paul Fraser report that there was a "problem with the mikes," NOT MICE! In retrospect, he was obviously referring to microphones! Paul let me

know to correct the online newsletter, but the printed version stayed incorrect. My apologies...

Trap/Skeet has been a little slow. We're hoping for a change in the weather.

Kitchen

The kitchen is being kept nice and clean. Thanks to all who have helped in that regard.

Volunteers for cooking at upcoming general meetings are as follows: April: Bob Horgan, May: Pat Orrell, and Joe and Issac for June. We are still looking for someone for July.

Spring Cleaning is set for April 22, 2017 Volunteers are welcome!

We will start after coffee and donuts at 8AM and be done by noon, when we'll have elk burgers for lunch. We will have the pressure washer going and Ralph has asked that we include the trash barrels in our spraying. We have requests to do the picnic tables and freezer coils/fins as well.

Game Dinner, April 20

Remember when you donate! Label with a "game name" and date!

We are still looking for donations for our game dinner. If you have any game, please label it and leave it in the freezer and call Bruce at (508) 853-1589. He will vacuum package it for the freezer to prevent freezer burn and keep it fresh for our dinner. Thanks!

Paul Frasier always needs help setting up and cleaning up afterwards. This also is a good way to earn work hours. Bruce and Larry appreciate the regulars in the kitchen who produce one of the best Game Dinners you can find.

Upcoming Event: Game Dinner is on May 20, 2017. Tickets are \$25.

Get your tickets early as this event will be sold out! As of March 28 there were 65 tickets sold. The limit is 90 so get yours while you can!

Rifle Range

Tom Wiegand reports that we're waiting for snow and mud to go. The plan is to organize a work party. We will be getting 10 yards of sand to build up 25 yard range from Leahy. Then both the pistol range and the rifle range will be shooting in the same direction. Date is forthcoming.

The range will be closed May 13-14, 2017 for the Archery IBO Shoot.

House

Ralph not present, No report

There was a lengthy discussion of our freezer woes. Reliable freezers have been an ongoing problem. This is one area that we are still seeking an answer. Fortunately, we are okay right now, thanks to the donation of Peter Brewer's freezer. A decision to solve this issue looms darkly in the future.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. There were some lively exchanges. Much discussion and decision-making on a variety of issues. We aim for the newsletter to convey the highlights.

E Board meetings are held at 7 PM the last Tuesday of the month. Members are welcome if you'd like to come and observe our club's operation. Our membership can be very proud of the board and the time and effort that is made by everyone to keep our club running smoothly.

Special Committee (Scholarship)

The final check was issued and will be mailed this week.

Grounds

All is well. An **April 21 Clean-Up** is scheduled. 9:00 AM start time. Volunteers welcome!

Finance

The market fluctuates as we all know. Smart investors stay the course.

Bar

Gary Girardi reports that all goes well. Eric Johanssen will be covering our next general meeting, and Barbara French will handle the Worcester County League meeting.

Birds

No report.

Revenue

Special Committee: 30 Guns in 30 Days

We are going to repeat the fundraiser, "30 Guns in 30 Days." Cabela's will be our source for the prizes. The committee met and decided that we will use the same ticket but not glossy. We will have an alternate poster reading, "30 Gift Cards in 30 Days." That will not be printed on the tickets however. There was much discussion on how to handle reports that some people were not able to sell in some venues because of the fundraiser being about guns. There are also others who sold many tickets **because** it was about guns. The committee worked hard to come up with a compromise. We are selling 1,000 tickets for a chance to win gift cards for \$14,000 worth of guns. Last year, Nimrod bought any unsold tickets. We will not be doing that this year. We will eat any unsold tickets and not put them in the barrel, and we will give out this information when we sell the tickets. Doing so should eliminate complaints from last year when the Nimrod won a gun. This year we have 7 months to sell tickets. We need to sell 500 tickets to break even. Finally, it is possible to win more than once. If a ticket is drawn, it will be returned to the barrel. This was a successful

fundraiser last year and we did **not** sell all 1,000 tickets. We have an opportunity to make this a great producer of revenue. Good luck! Sell those tickets!

Archery

Tina Gianos reports that the IBO shoot is coming up, and we still need volunteers. Tina received news that our NRA Grant was fully funded for the \$1800 that we requested. We are getting 11 bows and sights. The hope is we will take delivery in time for the boy scouts outing. Tina has a concern regarding the new equipment: How do we secure it, but at the same time make it available for use. We're not running a Friday night league so there was much discussion on this issue. The board felt the equipment cannot be left out due to safety concerns. If someone dry fires, the bow is ruined and more importantly someone can get hurt.

Upcoming Event: Nimrod will host the IBO Shoot on May 13 & 14, 2017. **Volunteers needed!** Don't feel you must commit to the whole weekend. Give us a couple of hours. It's a great way to fulfill your volunteer obligation. The Rifle Range will be closed that weekend.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

The banquet was Saturday night. The league is organizing the Youth Trap Shoot. Matt O'Leary and Matt Lewenowski may do some sort of a Youth Archery Shoot as well. Nimrod won 2 free tickets to next year's banquet. The banquet was well attended with lots of political representation. The NRA brought up Youth Hunter Education piece, and Joe will check it out when it happens and see if this is something Nimrod wants to do in the future. Kevin spoke to someone at the Habitat Management for the state, and there is an effort to get funding for a Nimrod Habitat, we may get recommendations or money. More to come...

This next item could have been placed under the Rifle Range.

The Nimrod League of Holden and Gun Owners' Action League present a women's only instructional shooting clinic.

When? April 29, 2017

8:30am to 5:30pm

Where? The Nimrod League of Holden
168 Coal Kiln Rd Princeton, MA 01541

www.nimrodleague.org

Ladies, if you have ever thought about trying your hand at recreational shooting, here is your opportunity! Come and join us for a women's only instructional shooting clinic. You will

receive hands on instruction in archery, shotgun, rifle, and pistol by the fun, friendly and knowledgeable folks at our club. All women are invited to participate regardless of skill level. No previous experience is necessary; just the desire to learn and have fun. There will also be a lecture on state and federal gun laws. Successful completion of this event exceeds the requirements for application of a Massachusetts Firearm Identification card or a License to Carry if you are interested in either of those. All equipment and student texts are included. Lunch and refreshments will be served! The event fee is \$60 and is limited to 24 people. You must be at least 15 years of age to participate.

To register online & for more information:

<http://www.nimrodleague.org/women-on-target.html>

Good and Welfare

We send Dan Doherty get well wishes following his injurious interaction with a tree. As they say in the dog world, Dan, "Heal!"

One more notice that might work out for both parties. Wayne's Weaponry is going out of business. He's running a clearance sale from April 1st to May 1st. Wayne has been in the business for many years and has always been a friend to sportsmen. I'm sure he'd like to clear out his inventory, and who knows? You may be able to pick something up for a great deal? Stop by if you get a chance, and congratulations, Wayne, on your retirement!

Please if you have any news that you would like to have included in this section, good or bad, contact any member of the Executive Board, and we'll see that it is included.