

The Nimrod League of Holden Newsletter February, 2016

Monthly Meeting

Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The next meeting is February 9th, 2016. Make it a point to attend if you can. Cocktail and socializing is from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Then we serve the best \$5 meal in town! Club business discussed with occasional guest speakers starting at 7:15 pm.

Speakers

We have had many interesting guest speakers at monthly meetings. Do you have a suggestion or contact for a future meeting? Let us know!

Monthly Safety Tip

All firearms and ammunition must be properly stored away from children.

New Business

The club is now looking for candidates wishing to attend the 2016 Jr. Conservation Camp. Teenagers 13-17 years old need to contact Al Afonso. The two week summer camp will be in August 2016.

Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Applications are due by May 15, 2016.

Membership

Membership has reached the 300 limit cap and there is a short waiting list to join.

Please notify the club membership chairperson if you have a change of address, change phone number, or change your E-mail address.

It is time for membership renewal. The renewal notices came out in early December. The dues fee is \$100.00 for 2016. New gate locks have been installed for 2016 and the 2015 keys will not work. A new 2016 gate key will be issued when payment of dues are received.

Members: Please read the updated NIMROD BYLAWS posted on the web site.

There is still time to sign up for a committee and get your 8 hours in for 2016 and avoid the \$50.00 surcharge in 2017. All committees are looking for people to help out.

The membership voted in January to raise Ed Brackett, Joe Jakubiak, and Gary Salerno to Senior Member status.

Board of Trustees

The end of year report indicates the club has lost a small amount from our investments due to the stock market fluctuations.

Trap/Skeet

Trap/skeet is doing well. Come down and shoot on Thursday nights! Chef Larry Josti is grilling sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs and other treats in our kitchen. Don't own a shotgun yet? No problem! We always have members who are willing to educate and teach safe shooting Thursday nights. Always a willing shooter available with a loaner gun to assist new members!

The trap committee needs to purchase additional clay pigeons. Senior club members will vote on this expenditure at the February meeting.

Notice: Change of date: Ham Shoot will be April 24th. 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Kitchen

The spring cleaning will be done on April 16 at 8AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Cleaning will be finished by noon and a good lunch will be made for the volunteers. The kitchen must be clean for the cooking that will be done during the Archery Tournament on April 30 and May 1 and our Game Dinner on May 14. Bruce needs four volunteers. This is a good opportunity for members to earn hours for their work requirement. Volunteers should call Bruce Ebbeson at (508) 853-1589.

Game Dinner: May 14, 2016

We need big game donations. One deer heart and liver have been donated to date. Call Bruce Ebbeson at (508) 853-1589 if you can help with a donation.

Rifle Range

Please make sure that your shots will hit the sand backstops and/or 100 yard impact area. Please avoid ground ricochets and shots going over these protective berms. Paper, cardboard, or clay pigeons are the **ONLY** acceptable targets on the rifle range. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it. Police all your live ammo.

Rifle Range Improvements

Stumping and range engineering drawings are in the near future.

House

We give a special thank you to Bob Avedisian for his weekly efforts to keep our clubhouse clean.

All the required inspections have been completed except for the Board of Health.

March 6 11am-3pm Kids Activity Day. Bird house building, archery, lunch, etc.

March 14, 16, 19, & 21 Hunter Ed. Course.

April 2-3 Boy Scouts. Rifle range closed.

April 9 Women on Target. Range closed.

April 10 Bow hunter Ed. Course.

April 15 WCL meeting & dinner.

April 24 Ham Shoot 9am-2pm.

April 30th – May 1st IBO Archery Tournament. Rifle range closed.

May 14 Game Dinner.

June 11-12 Triple Crown 3-D Archery Match. Rifle range closed.

June 12 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

July 24 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

Executive Board

No report given.

Grounds

Please sign the log book if you are using the tractor for any purpose. The Grounds Committee is actively seeking new recruits - a great way to become a bit more involved in the club and meet some other members!

We'll need volunteers to participate in keeping the trap fields, skeet field, and rifle range open and cleared of snow throughout the winter. Any interests in grounds work please email Neal Whitehead. Get your work hours in early!

The small John Deere tractor now has the snow blower attachment ready for use.

Finance

No Report.

Bar

Doing well as usual.

Birds

No Report.

Revenue

Web Site is up and running with a classified section and embroidered patches and logo clothing available to order through a link. Post your outdoors articles, hunting/fishing gear, ammo, guns, etc. for sale here.

Joe Afonso and Ralph Cochran are working on having a 30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle. Joe gave a presentation at the January club meeting explaining how this raffle will be run throughout the month of June.

Joe Afonso and Ralph Cochran are the co-chairmen of the revenue committee.

Archery

Announcement: The Nimrod Club has been selected to host the 3D Massachusetts IBO State Championship 2016 match for the IBO New England Series! This will be a 2 day event on April 30th and May 1st, expected to bring in 150-200 archers, and is expected to be not only a fun and exciting event, but a great revenue producer for our club. We will need many volunteers to make this a success.

There will be a Triple Crown 3-D shoot on June 11-12th.

The Indoor Archery League meets every Friday at 7 PM. It is open to the public. \$10.00 fee/wk. Please bring a group snack if you can.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

The league has voted to negotiate the possibility of selling a conservation restriction on property they own in New Braintree. There are also several legislative bills the WCL is supporting including S.414, the use of crossbows for hunting and S.415, the Sunday hunting of deer during archery season.

The League is sponsoring a Kids Activity Day at Nimrod on March 6th from 11am-3pm. There will be archery, rifle range, bird house building, food, and other activities.

Good and Welfare

Thank you all to the many members that have contributed their hours to club service!

Please visit the Nimrod League of Holden's Facebook page and "LIKE" it if you have a Facebook account. You will then automatically receive any notices that we post.

Any member who knows of someone that should be listed in our "good thoughts" section can contact any member of the E-Board with a name.

Please keep the following people in your good thoughts:

Jim Gibbons Tom Wiegand Sr.

Donald French Sr. Linda and Matthew Brewer