

## The Nimrod League Newsletter

January 2017

### Monthly Meeting

#### Invitation:

We're starting January's newsletter with an announcement reminder for one of Nimrod's most exciting and fun events! Our annual **Ice Fishing Outing on February 5, 2017, Super Bowl Sunday!**

**Super Bowl Sunday morning, February 5th. Long Pond, Rte 122, Rutland, MA. Sunrise til noon, but come and go anytime.** Bring kids, grand kids, nephews, nieces, and wives to this great Nimrod tradition on the "Hard Water". Free hot dogs, hot coffee, and sodas. Bring your grilles, venison, and thermos. Trophies and Ribbons for biggest fish, smallest fish, ugliest fish, etc. Extra bait shiners on hand for anyone who needs them. Bring skates, sleds, hockey sticks, etc. Dress warm and have a ball! Call John Meyer 508-864-2028 if any questions.

This is an event at which everyone should make an appearance! If you have never watched a child feel a fish on the end of a line through the ice, and then pull it up and land it, you are in for a real treat. A day on the ice is always an unforgettable experience! Please join us and as John Meyer says, "NO EXCUSES!" and "SEE YOU ALL THERE!" Don't worry, you'll be back in plenty of time for kickoff!

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](mailto:eralic23@gmail.com)

Monthly Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – next Meeting January 10, 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. Home in bed by 9:00.

#### Speakers

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

#### Monthly Safety Tip

"Watch your step, and don't shoot yourself."

#### New Business

We received a letter from the WCLS regarding the insurance offer in last month's newsletter. If you're interested in the insurance discounts the WCLS has a great offer! Our audit is our top priority. We want to close the books to start a new year.

Including our newsletter in the WCLS monthly print newsletter was discussed. Issues of cost and the dates of our Eboard meetings not matching the publishing date were brought up. Finally, the timing of our budget proposals was raised. Our audit and the new year increases the urgency in this matter.

### **Membership**

Our membership is growing larger monthly! The Board accepted the following people as candidates for membership with a vote scheduled at the next general meeting: Chris Lennon, Kyle Skagerlund, Devon Parkhurst, Michael Doucette, Oliver Taylor, Nick Haddad, Timothy Stalmok, Grace Fitzpatrick-Schmidt, and Paula Fitzpatrick.

### **Board of Trustees**

A date for the audit is forthcoming, as soon as Chris Crague can find a date amenable to all the people involved. Pat Orrell was elected to the board. Congratulations, Pat!

### **Trap/Skeet**

Trap and Skeet were cancelled on the 26<sup>th</sup> due to the snowstorm. Thursday nights have been quiet. Consequently, it was decided not to open the kitchen for the coming weeks until the enthusiasm returns. The holiday season, weather, and deer season may all be contributing factors for the downturn.

Trap and Skeet is every Thursday night. We encourage everyone to come out on Thursday evenings for a night of shooting and fellowship.

### **Kitchen**

Volunteers for cooking at upcoming general meetings are as follows: January: Pat Orrell, February: Bruce Ebbeson, March: Russ Chapel, and April: Bob Horgan. June and July are open if anyone would like to volunteer.

We are still looking for donations for our game dinner. If you have any game, please label it and leave it in the refrigerator 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!

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

Get your tickets early as this event will be sold out!

### **Rifle Range**

Maintenance is on the agenda for the range. The 100-yard berm needs repair. The plywood has to be replaced as well as the berm firmed up. The intent is to have the work completed early in the new year.

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

## **House**

Many thanks to Ralph Cochran for getting our inspections completed. There were some minor details that had to be corrected or upgraded. Everything went well and the Club is set for another year.

## **Executive Board**

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM. 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)**

Conservation Camp candidates were brought up. They are two girls, Tom Dowd's daughters. We are accepting applications starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Camp is August 6-18, 2017.

## **Fund Raising (30 in 30)**

Following last year's successful 30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle, the idea to repeat the drawing was floated. Some at the EBoard meeting felt that they could have sold more tickets if we didn't refer to it as "30 **GUNS** in 30 days." Others felt that the idea of giving away the guns **WAS** a big selling point for them. There was some discussion and the topic was tabled for another time.

## **Grounds**

Please remember that we always can use plenty of volunteers for shoveling and snow blowing. Many hands make light work!

## **Finance**

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

## **Bar**

No report

## **Birds**

No report

A spring clean-up work party is in the future. The hunting area is shaping up into very good bird cover. There is however, a lot of timber lying on the ground that needs to be picked up and piled. Keep this party in mind for volunteer hours. This would also be the area affected by the Mass Wildlife grant if that comes through.

## **Revenue**

No report

## **Archery**

**Archery Lessons** will continue for another 6 week session every Saturday, starting January 7<sup>th</sup>. All lessons are taught by an USA Archery certified coach. They are 1 hour sessions at 9am or 10am. Ages 9-adult. Space is limited so if you are interested email Tina Gianos: [tgianos@comcast.net](mailto:tgianos@comcast.net) ---to reserve a spot. Fee is \$60 for Nimrod members and \$90 for non-members. We also have Open League Night, every Friday at 7pm. This is open to all for a \$10 fee. (Group snacks are always welcome. Thanks!)

**Upcoming Event:** Nimrod will host the IBO Shoot on May 13 & 14, 2017. The Rifle Range will be closed that weekend.

## **Worcester County League of Sportsmen**

The League is preparing for Kid's Day at NORCO on Saturday, March 4, 2017. They are seeking volunteers for the Boxboro Outdoor Exhibition, particularly in archery. They are also in the early stages of planning a Youth Trap Event. The thought is to have events held at different area clubs, perhaps an event in the north, one club from the central, and one from the south. The shooters would then meet in finals to be held at NIMROD sometime in July or August. We will need volunteers for the championship. WCLS will provide 12 and 20-gauge ammunition.

Our Kid's Day at NIMROD is February 19, 2017. We should be able to run that event on a \$300 budget for food and other miscellaneous expenses. The bird houses, walking sticks, and archery equipment are being readied for the day.

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](http://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 are saddened to report that Dan Thibeault's wife has passed away. John O'Leary also has passed after bravely battling cancer. John was well-known in the outdoor world and a "big" personality. He was very active in both the WCLS and the Leicester Club. We extend our condolences to Dan and John's families and friends.

It was also mentioned at the Board meeting that we rarely have any good news to report under Good and Welfare. We would like to remedy that with your help. 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.

Some good news for this month might be that we wish everyone a **Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**