

The Nimrod League Newsletter

January, 2018

Monthly Meeting

We begin this month's newsletter with news of an email that I received from NIMROD member, Russ Chaplis. Russ is a long-time member and some of you may remember he is very involved with restoring chestnut trees to the New England region. Our club has a project right here on our property! Under Russ's guidance, we have planted several disease resistant chestnut trees to aid in the restoration effort. He wanted to share some wonderful news about his step-daughter, Major Cindy Callisto of the US Air Force. Please see the article under our Good and Welfare section. Russ is even mentioned! Congratulations, Russ, to you and your daughter!

Secretary Maryanne Lane followed the Pledge of Allegiance with her report of our last Eboard meeting on November 7, 2017. This is a good time to recognize Maryanne's continued outstanding work as our secretary. She is particularly valuable to me this month as I was unable to attend our most recent board meeting. Her accurate, copious notes and efforts serve the club and me extremely well. Thank you, Maryanne!

Treasurer Cindy Smith was next up reporting on the club's finances. Per usual, her report was unremarkable. We're not wealthy, but our club is in good shape with all financial transactions duly reported. She too is equally deserving of recognition. Being treasurer requires diligence, patience, and obviously precision. Cindy is a perfect fit in her role. Thanks, Cindy!

To everyone, 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: January 9, 2018**. 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...

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018

(Don't worry, we'll have you back in plenty of time for kickoff!)

NIMROD ICE FISHING DERBY at Long Pond in Rutland

Free hot dogs, hot coffee, sodas & cookies! Awards, trophies and Medals!

No Equipment Necessary!

Bring yourself, wives, kids, grand kids!

Don't miss it! (7:00 Am to Noon)



Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Make sure ice is safe. Refer to Mass Wildlife for Guidelines.”

Here's the link:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ice-strength-and-safety>

New Business

We received the 8 Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter and also one from the Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council. Christmas cards and well wishes were sent to us by Bruce Ebbeson, Petersham Pump, and Travis and Ben Marion. We also received our dues notice from the Worcester County League of Sportsmen, bills from National Grid, Princeton Board of Health, and Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. We are looking forward to March, 2018 for Hunter Safety instruction. Just a reminder, we are looking for volunteers for the Sportsmen's Show in Boxborough, January 26-28, 2018?

Membership

Another of our officers, Paul Fraser, reports that dues are coming in quite regularly. When you get your dues in, you will get a key. He is accepting dues on Thursday nights at Trap. We have new member induction coming up. His name is Joseph Caporelli. We are getting close to our paying membership limit of 400 members. We have 70 life members. If dues are not paid promptly, you may lose your spot!

Board of Trustees

All audits in order.

Trap/Skeet

Thursday nights are still a little quiet. We need the lower field snow blown off. We also need assistance with rifle range snow removal. There is some discussion of putting clearing snow around the dumpster in the plow contract. The Massport Worcester Security people here the last two Fridays. We made \$90.00 for the club. They were very pleased and expressed their thanks.

Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday night from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson reported that the kitchen remains clean, thank you. The kitchen inspection went well. We will purchase cleaning supplies to use with gloves for the stove. Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, March 31, 2018. We will have coffee and donuts at 8AM. Cleaning will be completed before noon. This is a good way to earn work hour credit. Volunteers should call Bruce Ebbeson [508 853 1589](tel:5088531589).

Some people are placing leftovers in our kitchen refrigerator without marking the date. The FDA Food Code requires that we mark the date of all leftovers. The code requires all time and temperature sensitive food products be labeled, including leftovers. They must be kept below 41 degrees Fahrenheit for a maximum of seven days. To protect the health and

safety of our members, please throw away expired leftovers and any undated leftovers. Dave Oriol and Bruce Ebbeson appreciate your help and cooperation regarding this issue. Thanks, in advance!

Game Dinner

Our game dinner is scheduled for May in 2018. So far, we have moose, deer and a few pheasant. Please leave any donations for our dinner in the kitchen freezer and notify Bruce Ebbeson at 508-853-1589.

Remember to label all packages to identify type of game and date.

Rifle Range

No report.

House

The Princeton Fire Department requires us to keep a path cleared from the parking lot past the bulkhead to the rear exit. Our electrical panels are almost fully labeled. The PFD inspection went very well with just the notice about keeping access clear.

Ralph has a contact who will work on our existing refrigeration equipment. If we buy the parts, he'll do the work for free. The feeling is to start with the Kitchen first and then continue with the maintenance to the Bar appliances. Ralph will head up the project. Placement of equipment was discussed. We will try not to add noise to the archery area.

Ralph and Larry are continuing work on the cell phone repeater.

Our clubhouse laminate floor that is a no-wax product has been selected. Ralph will oversee ordering and installation. The floor can be installed over the current floor. Cost will be approximately \$5,000.00. Bathrooms and entrances should be tiled. We will discuss and vote at the next general meeting. Ralph will come with paperwork on area and actual costs.

Special request!!! Make sure the trash goes out, including cans and bottles from the Bar.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. 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 would 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. Member concerns are always addressed. Many times, one board member will inform others that a single member voiced a certain matter that he/she found troubling. Our club can rest assured that any points brought up by a member are ALWAYS brought to the attention of the entire board.

Grounds

Rick Longbottom is doing the plowing. **BUT**, and it is a big “but,” Neal Whitehead needs help with snow blowing, shoveling, any other snow removal maintenance chores. There is a lot of “cleaning up” that needs to be done after a snowstorm and plowing. Please volunteer. Just show up with a shovel and pitch in. Thanks!

Land Use

Kevin Chviruk has done a great job widening and smoothing our trails. We will be renting the excavator again this spring. The brush hog and the York rake have been on active duty for several occasions. Chris Craigue paced off the distance from the stream to the proposed Rifle Range Pavilion location. It looks like we’re twice the required amount. We shouldn’t have any problems with permits.

Finance

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

Bar

Gary Girardi was enjoying Switzerland. No report.

Birds

We have 200 special preserve shooting tags for \$20.00. They have no expiration date. See Kevin Chviruk for more information.

Revenue

No report.

Archery

Jason reports that he would like to do another Paint Night. Jason also sends a reminder from Dave Fillow at membership to make sure dues are paid.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso is procuring lumber donations for Kid’s Day. He is seeking volunteers to work on bat boxes and various other projects for the event.

Grant Writer

Tina Gianos is the person to see if you have a source of funding. Even if you are not sure, please contact her so that she can research the entity. If a committee wants to have a program for kids or a community, she can look for grants in those areas. Time can be a factor. She needs at least 3 months to complete the application process. Thanks!

Good and Welfare

This month we have good news for our Good and Welfare section. Here's the picture and article from Russ Chaplis about his youngest step-daughter. You should be very proud, Russell! Thank you for sharing the good news! Russ's late wife was also a veteran and a major in the US Army. We thank all of you for your service. There is also one correction: Major Cindy Callisto hails from Rutland, MA, not Worcester as stated in the article. Enjoy!



Maj. Cindy Callisto, 377 Medical Group nurse practitioner, accepts the award for Top Air Force Nurse from Tom McCaffery, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, at the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Callisto was honored with others from Department of Defense services.

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, New Mexico –

Kirtland Air Force Base is Now Home to the Air Forces's Top Nurse.

Maj. Cindy Callisto, a nurse practitioner at the 377th Medical Group, was named the 2017 Top Nurse in the United States Air Force. She said she is proud of her award.

"It was shocking and amazing," Callisto said. "I was cool with just winning for Air Force Global Strike Command, but then they told me I won at the Air Force level. I was in shock. I really enjoy my patients and my staff. I feel like I owe it to them to do my best."

Callisto, who is originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, joined the Air Force in 2000. Callisto credits her team for helping her through an undermanned summer at Kirtland. The nurse staff was at 50 percent manning during one of the most critical times of the year.

"This team is incredible," Callisto said. "I got really lucky when I inherited this team. We had a rough summer, but everyone just really helped each other out. We didn't say 'you can't take time off because we're short.' We instead said, 'what can you go do to recuperate?' and that really helped us a lot."

Coming from a military background, Callisto's father was very supportive.

"He hadn't worn a uniform in a while, being a retiree, so he drove down to Fort Belvoir [Virginia] from his Fairfax [Virginia] home to get a brand new one so he could attend the awards banquet in uniform with me," Callisto said. "We were able to get the only picture of the two of us in uniform."

Callisto doesn't want to stop here though, as she has aspirations of leading other nurses in a clinic.

"I would love to be a chief nurse," Callisto said. "I love mentoring and teaching. I feel like it would be a better role for growing new nurses for the Air Force. I want to change the culture in the nursing field so we can retain more young Airmen."

Source credit: *This article was originally published on the Kirkland Air Force Base website.*

Here is the link:

<http://www.kirtland.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1402123/kirtland-boasts-top-nurse-in-air-force/>

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.