

The Nimrod League Newsletter

January 2019

Monthly Meeting

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and Christmas season! And we hope you have a happy and healthy 2019!

I first must apologize to all members who receive the newsletter via regular mail. I had family house guests for 10 days and I was busy being a good host and probably like many of you eating and drinking wayyy too much. I do admit Nimrod has not been very high on my priority list. Everyone has left and we're back at it, albeit a little late. Sorry...

Our Eboard meeting was held on December 18 due to Christmas being on the last Tuesday of the month. Maryanne and Cindy started off with their usual reports. Both were on point and unremarkable. And that is just the way we like them. Thank you, ladies!

I have two stories that I will publish in future newsletters. One from our Alaskan Nimrodder, Jim Crystoff, and one from our recent presenter of skulls, Ken Baer. I am still catching up! To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that 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 8, 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 - 8:30ish. It is usually an early night unless someone gets long-winded...

Communications

We received the 8-Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter and a Christmas card from Bruce. Thank you, Bruce! Just a reminder to all this is Bruce's last year as head chef for the Game Dinner. The Board is looking for someone to take over his duties as head chef or chairman. A volunteer would be great? If you are not sure what the job entails, I'm sure Bruce would be happy to share his expertise. Best would be if you could work with Bruce at this year's dinner. You can call him, email him, or talk directly to him at one of the monthly meetings.

Speakers

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

We now have a new big screen television for all to see and use!

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Make sure the ice is safe, before venturing out.”

If you're not sure, please consult the Mass Fish and Wildlife website for updates.

New Business

December 11, 2018 Election Results!

Our election results are in! Everyone was running unopposed so naturally our officers were all reelected. The officers elected are as follows:

President: Chris Craigue

Treasurer: Cindy Smith

Vice President: Kevin Chviruk

Secretary: Maryanne Lane

Board of Trustees: Roy Baer

Cindy Smith had a great idea. She proposed that the club invest in some “real” plates. We have been serving any number of great meals that really lose something when served on a paper plate. The Board thought it a good idea and Cindy agreed to research cost and durability. As you can probably guess, Pat Orrell gave an enthusiastic endorsement!

Old and Unfinished:

We're still waiting on the new light from Princeton Light for the parking lot.

Bob Horgan donated a Harrington-Richardson single shot 12 gauge to be raffled at the game dinner. Thank you, Bob!

Joe Afonso reported that all residential areas have been wired for connection to the Internet. Ours should be happening soon!

Conservation Camp

Applications are being accepted. Cost is \$950 for youths 13-17 years of age.

Scholarship

We are giving 3 this year in memory of past presidents. The criteria focus will be on “Leadership.” The memorial honorees are Peter Brewer, Jim Gibbons and Vic Shuster.

Ice Fishing Derby

Once again it is scheduled for **Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019!**

Let's hope we get some cold to make some ice!

Membership

We have 3 new members to bring before the membership this month. They are Colin O'Brien of Petersham, Bryan Diehl of Holden, and Brian Boughton of Shrewsbury. To our 3 prospective members, **please join us at our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2018,** when we welcome you to our club.

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

It's the holidays and it has been quiet. If the weather cooperates Thursday nights will pick up. Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday afternoon/night. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Important Date: **May 5, 2019 Ham Shoot**

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson reports Our recent kitchen inspection went very well. The inspector was impressed with the overall cleanliness of our kitchen. He said that our stove and exhaust system was the cleanest he had seen in a commercial kitchen. Chris made the point that this set the tone for an overall very good inspection of our club. Many thanks to our members who use the kitchen AND for keeping it spotless.

Game Dinner

Our 2019 Game Dinner will be held on Saturday April 6. We have a good supply of game and **we need volunteers** to help prep, cook and serve the meal. We ALSO need volunteers to help set up before and clean up after the dinner. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, this will be Bruce Ebbeson's last year as head cook. We need a volunteer to take over as head cook in 2020. He or she should contact Paul Frasier. That person can work with Bruce at the 2019 dinner to learn the details of the evening and receive his recipes and process control charts for the dinner.

Rifle Range

No report.

The building permit will be renewed. The Range building has cleared all hurdles. Construction will start as weather permits.

2019 Rifle and Pistol Matches

Based upon feedback from members, here are the proposed matches for 2019:

- **22 Rimfire Benchrest**- iron sights at 25 yards, optics at 50 yards. Target will be NRA A17 Smallbore.
- **Black powder Rifle and Slug Gun**- iron sights 50 yards, optics at 100 yards. Target to be determined but leaning to a fun "know your limits" or hunting oriented target. This will be timed in early fall to facilitate sighting in for our hunters.
- **Pistol** - any caliber, iron sights and optics/open classes. Target TBD, but I'd like to organize something fun given our paper target restriction.

- **Centerfire Benchrest**- hunter barrel, heavy barrel, and now adding precision pistol class. Rifles shoot for smallest 5-shot group at 100 yards, pistols at 50 yards. Anyone have a Thompson Contender, XP100, or long barrel scoped revolver?

Dates and details TBD, but the plan is to schedule these on Saturday mornings.

** Any interest in an AR / AK / Military Carbine match? I know of several ranges where users enjoy "black rifles".

House

All is good with inspections and propane.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:12 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 club 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

Plastic barrels have been donated for the front gate and rifle range. The dumpster is emptied every 2 weeks on Tuesday. There was some discussion on whether the dumpster should be placed closer to the clubhouse. Issue was tabled for further thought.

Please remember that volunteers are needed to help with clean-up after a snowstorm. The walk-behind snow blower and the plowing still leave our grounds with plenty of shovel work. There are always stairs, doors and the like that need some light attention. Please no need to call or wait for a call, just show up the day after a storm, bring a shovel and pitch in!

New gates were discussed along with the rifle range. Paul Fraser has investigated the financial aspect. Locations and types were discussed. The subject was tabled for future discussion.

Finance

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

Bar

All is quiet.

Birds

No report

Revenue

No report.

Archery

No report.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso is still looking for wood for bird boxes and planters. Rough cut pine is preferred. The possibility of two tables at the banquet was proposed. We will see how much interest there is in attending. Let Joe know your intentions. The League will be represented at the Boxboro Sportsmen's Show on January 25-27 and at the Marlboro Gun Show on January 26-27.

Land Use

No report. The DCR gave us the go-ahead on the Rifle Range renovations.

Business

Records:

The Board discussed our need to preserve information and provide access to future committee chairs and members. We don't want our volunteers to repeat work that has already been done. This will help make the transition in leadership much smoother. In other words, what do you want to pass on to future committee chairs?

Historical:

The process is on-going. The 100th Anniversary of the founding of our club is coming up. More information is forthcoming.

Photography

The contest went very well with much excitement. Check out our gallery and Facebook page. Next up is a photo presentation of committee work.

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 too. Time can be a factor. She needs at least 3 months to complete the application process. Thanks!

Good and Welfare

Happy New Year!!!

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.