

Monthly Meeting

I apologize again for my tardiness in getting the newsletter out. I have been in Maine on a fishing trip and then came back to holiday celebrations for the 4th. Fishing was a success as I caught my first land-locked salmon!

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 July 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...

Our Board meeting started a little late. Secretary Maryanne Lane was just a touch delayed, but we approved her meeting minutes anyway. Cindy Smith presented her Treasurer's report and we proceeded forthwith.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion

“Don't forget life jackets!”

As we hit the water for a variety of boating activities, please be thorough and make sure all youngsters are properly protected, and all competent swimmers should have at least a flotation cushion. Safety is paramount and make sure you keep the area within the boat organized and neat. No stumbles needed!

New Business

Our grill's deterioration was discussed again. The cost of rebuilding would be around \$350 for replacement parts. To just replace the cooking grates would be \$150. Discussion concluded that we would plan on a new grill in next year's budget and only replace the grates for the rest of this year. We think given the light schedule of events that this is the prudent route to take.

Membership

We have 2 applications this month. They will be voted on at our next general meeting. They are Joseph Kenney and Scott Patricks, both from Holden. To our 2 new prospective members, please join us on our next general monthly meeting, June 11 when we welcome you to our club.

Board of Trustees

Audit is complete. Report is forthcoming.

Trap/Skeet

Thursday nights have been a little quiet, but steady with some “regulars” attending.

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

Dave Oriol was in working on the dishwasher. A report is forthcoming. The new chafing dishes have arrived.

Game Dinner

Please leave any donations for next year’s dinner in the kitchen freezer and notify Bruce Ebbeson at 508-853-1589.

Rifle Range

Tom Wiegand reports that the range looks great! The sieves are working well and being used properly and effectively. One bucket is half full of brass and there is no sand in the trash. We will be having a paint spraying party at the range for our new benches. A date will be scheduled. There is some concern regarding the new archery course intruding on the range area. We will get an update from the archery co-chairs.

House

Ralph Cochran reports that the new super flush toilets are installed. We have a new mount hanging in the clubhouse of a lake trout caught in Canada. The trophy fish was donated by Dr. Jim Blodgett’s family of West Boylston.

Executive Board

This month’s meeting adjourned at 8:33 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.

Special Committee (Scholarship)

We have just one application from Jacob Van Hillo.

Grounds

Neal Whitehead has been very busy. Life, work, and family can get in the way of NIMROD. Imagine that? Kevin Chviruk, as a result has been helping with the mowing. Kevin has done his best Tim Allen imitation from "Home Improvement." The tractor has a little "too much power" and the yoke was bent after getting caught on an edge of concrete. A minor detail that is being repaired. We are on a bi-weekly schedule with the dumpster. The dumpster is within the view of our camera system. Joe Afonso, our resident "techie", is working on checking any recorded video, something about a password issue. It's a good thing we have Joe and his crackerjack memory who assures us that he will solve the problem in short order. As you can imagine, there was plenty of amiable ribbing going around.

Finance

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

Bar

Summer is a quiet time on the schedule. There is not much to report.

Birds

No report.

Revenue

Special Committee: 30 Guns in 30 Days

Our fundraiser "30 Guns in 30 Days," has begun. Tickets are available for all members to sell. Cabela's will be our source for the prizes. We are selling 1,000 tickets for a chance to win gift cards for \$14,000 worth of guns. 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.

Please call any of the following members for tickets!

Ralph Cochran, 508-769-2600

Howard Gelles, 508-751-9455

Greg McIntyre, 508-769-3632

Good luck! Sell those tickets!

Archery

Co-chairs were unavailable. No report.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso reports that the League is on strong financial footing. A land purchase is being considered. The Youth Trap Tournament is ongoing. As of the meeting, 3 of 9 clubs completed their qualifying rounds. Flyers for the Big Mo are coming out soon. Last year's insurance issues appear to have been resolved. There are no meetings planned for the summer. The League will recommence regular meetings in September.

Raffle tickets are on sale to help defray any Youth Shoot costs. Prizes are a one year membership at the Gun Parlor, a 9mm handgun, and a couple of cases of buckshot. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. See Joe Afonso for tickets!

Good and Welfare

A \$100.00 check was sent to Veterans, Inc. for Francis Girardi.

Cindy Smith's dad is home recovering from surgery.

Vic Shuster is home and mending. He would appreciate a call or a call.

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.