

# The Nimrod League Newsletter

July 2021

## EBoard Monthly Meeting, June 29, 2021

Many renovations and improvements up at the Nimrod Club. Take a ride and check them out. Make sure you have your new fob for the automatic gate! What a pleasure! Chalk up plenty of points for technology and Membership Chair Sam Ganeson and other members who helped make this happen. The Dark Ages is in our rearview mirror. On that topic, please recognize that we are all “part owners” of our property. Now that it is easy to get in and out through the automatic gate if you are out and about swing by and check on the property. Take ownership. A short drive out to the range and through the area and off you go about your business. Member presence gives us more security. It only takes a couple of minutes. It is your club.

Our old trap field has been completely removed and grass has been planted. The new trap field has been poured and new grass seeding to finish it off will complete that project. By fall things will be green and beautiful from the back patio of the clubhouse! We will have more information coming when we get to Trap.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. **Anybody have an interesting day of fishing? We would love to hear about your latest exploits!** I will 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. – **The next general club meeting will happen on Tuesday July 13, 2021.** We will meet live and in person.

### Secretary Report

Maryanne and I both missed last month’s Eboard meeting so there was no report.

### Treasurer’s Report

Cindy’ report was up-to-date and accurate. Necessary checks have been written and our financials reported.

### Communication

We received the Worcester County League newsletter and a GOAL solicitation. In addition, the latest issue of *American Hunter* arrived along with the *Hanover Theater Backstage Magazine*.

### Speakers

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

### Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

**“Watch out for ‘hang-fires’ from new ammunition and reloads.”**

### Archery

No report.

### Bar

Eric Smith reported that the cash register is malfunctioning. Its computer is sending an “E” to the screen probably standing for “Error”. This has happened previously, and Eric and member assistance will investigate for the solution. Somebody fixed it last time. Whatever we did we have to do it again. Good luck with remembering!

### Birds

Dave Craigue will be taking over as Bird Chairman from Kevin Chviruk. We are waiting on permits for 2021.

## **Finances**

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

## **Game Dinner and Summer Function**

No report. Presently on hold.

## **Grant Writer**

No report.

## **Grounds**

Property maintenance is never-ending, and the Grounds committee is always looking for help. Contact Neil Whitehead or Kevin Chviruk to volunteer. The mower blades have been sharpened and areas that are only periodically cut are now at summer height will need a trimming. Kevin will cut the pasture and weed-whacking, tree cutting, weeding, and various other summer chores are on the docket. The orchard is growing up around the apple trees. Kevin will use the brush hog on the area until some grass grows. It will take a year or so before some green fills in the soil area. Grounds cannot do everything without help and it is of great value to the club for members to get their volunteer hours logged in this capacity.

## **House**

No report.

## **Kitchen**

Joe Aphonso is bringing take-out for this month's regular club meeting. Pizza, subs, and wings are on the order as the Big Y will provide the vittles. For August, Bruce Ebbeson and Dave Oriol will be our chefs. Thanks to all! Remember this is also a good way to get volunteer hours completed. They will need help.

## **Land Use**

The apple trees are growing. The rainy weather is a huge help. Many thanks to all who have assisted in watering when the trees needed it. **REMINDER:** Club policy is that MEMBERS ONLY have permission to use ATV's in support of hunting. You can put up stands, check trail cameras, or support grounds maintenance like watering our apple trees. Remember, there is to be **NO RECREATIONAL TRAIL RIDING!**

## **Membership**

Sam Ganeson reports that we have no inductions of new members this month. Sam has done yeoman's work in getting our new key fobs out. The respite from new member processing is well-earned. Thanks again, Sam.

## **Records**

Linda will continue organizing the office at some point.

## **Rifle Range**

Work continues with blocks being put in place with guidance from the engineers. Water run-off is being controlled by silt guard. We will also have hay and fence in place where needed. Estimated amount is 200 feet with 100 stakes. We will continue to rent the power machine for an extended time to complete the project. The Eboard voted unanimously to spend the estimate of \$6,000.

**Remember, whatever you carry in, bring it out with you when you leave. (including all trash) Thanks!**

## **Standing Committees**

### **Scholarship**

Here is a recap of last month's award ceremony.

Easily one of the highlights every year at the NIMROD Club is our scholarship presentations. This year, when friends, family, coworkers, and fellow Nimroders have been pulled apart by the pandemic, the scholarship awards night was even more special. With Linda McKay Brewer acting as emcee, and Roy Baer presenting,

being joined by Dave Fillow, Howie Gelles, and John Meyer, the evening was filled with pride, good memories, and honor.

The first award was for *Conservation* and in memory of Carlo Cappuccio. He was remembered fondly in remarks by Dave Fillow, and those of us in attendance could either picture or recall vividly Carlo's presence in our club. Roy Baer introduced Declan Matheson as our first recipient of the evening. For those of you who have not attended one of our scholarship nights, Roy always is a refined and tasteful presenter. He typically quotes something from each recipient's application while extending his and our esteem, pride, and enthusiasm in giving the award. Without question, Declan has a bright future ahead!

Another *Conservation* award was next, this time in memory of Al Horsfall. Al was remembered by Howie Gelles. Like Dave, Howie painted an equally lucid picture of Al and was followed by Roy's presentation to our second scholar, Ashley Newell. From Roy's description it was clear that Ashley is equally deserving of her scholarship. We wish her well!

Finally, our last award was for *Leadership*. This year we remembered Eric Johanson with much affection in words by good friend John Meyer. Eric was such a larger-than-life presence in our club. *Leadership* was an appropriate name to attach to a scholarship in his honor. John was as you would expect, tasteful yet touching as he related his memories of EJ. Roy Baer presented this year's award to Jordan Smith. From Roy's description it was clear that Jordan too is a worthy and admirable scholar.

In closing, the evening was a huge success. Members of the recipients' and memorial honoree's families were on hand and justifiably proud. President Chris Craigue kept club business to a minimum, and Linda kept the evening moving and fluid. Unlike the Academy Awards, our host will most likely return to emcee another evening of presentations! Congratulations to our scholarship award winners! All of you are talented and worthy recipients. Please come back and see us next year! We would love to have you relate how things are going as you take your first steps into adulthood. And congratulations to all club members who participated in this special event. It was really an elegant evening. Linda and Roy deserve many kudos.

### **Trap/Skeet**

Paul Fraser with a big assist from Louis J Morello Concrete and a big crew have completed the new trap walkways. It looks great! Several pours were required, and 15 yards of loam was dropped. The project is nearing completion.

Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who helped him in many different capacities to complete this project. They are as follows: Louie Morello, Henry Stidsen III, Scott Stidsen, Dave Fillow, Sam Ganesan, Henry Stidsen, Dave Wilson, Kevin Chviruk, Neal Whitehead, Linda Brewer, Al Afonso, Larry Josti, Adam Goodband, Neil Hassett, Patrick Hassett, Scott Matheson, Declan Matheson, Edmoth Matthews, Richard Horrigan, Kurt Pearson, Philip Ceryanek, Evan Lampros, Mark Fraser, Kevin Wittmer, Roland Morse, Eric Smith, and Gil Lavergne.

Many kudos to Paul and his crew. Thank you for your service to our club.

### **Worcester County League of Sportsmen**

Joe Afonso reports that the Environmental police request our help and watch for illegal net fishing or really "poaching". Also, as always illegal use of ATV's needs to be reported. A check has been issued to the lobbyists. There are 138 bills that will affect hunting, fishing, and land use. We will select 10 and concentrate

on those. The legislature can be like turning around the Titanic so it will be a while before we see the results of our efforts. The rate and stamp fee increases are in our future so do not be surprised when you log in to purchase necessary documentation. We are looking for instructors for Hunter Education across the state. The date for the deer butchering demonstration is August 8, 2021.

### **Old and Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Outside spraying for insect control has been scheduled.

### **Executive Board**

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:53 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 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.

### **Good and Welfare**

A check was returned to us for a memorial donation to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The name was incorrect. We will resend with the correct name.

Please keep Linda's sister in your thoughts and prayers. She has been re-diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastoma.

*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 will see that it is included.*