

Monthly Meeting

Welcome to this month's late version of the newsletter. Your information on the board meeting has been delayed because the Eboard meeting was delayed a week. Neither Chris Craigue nor Kevin Chviruk was available to run the meeting the last Monday of May, so the meeting was put off until the first Tuesday in June. When the meeting was postponed there was some talk of a coup, but then everyone thought better since that would be EXACTLY what both Chris and Kevin would want!!!

Also check out a memory of mine that was prompted by the Eboard meeting. I put it appropriately I think, under the Board of Trustees heading.

Chris Craigue gave everyone plenty of time to arrive as we were meeting on an atypical date. The Pledge was at 7:19 and we began as usual with Maryanne's Secretary's Report. No earth-shattering news, but Cindy was working late so we would catch up with the Treasury report later. She had plenty of numbers for us when she finally arrived.

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: June 11, 2019**. 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 among others. I missed the "others." Sorry.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Check yourself thoroughly for ticks after being afield!”

Get your significant other to help. Who knows? It might end up being fun!

New Business

Ed Reitz made a proposal for a guest policy. I'll try and summarize, but the final language will be discussed at the June 11 club meeting. Here is a draft version:

Any guest(s) must be accompanied by a member and the member is responsible for the guest(s) following our standing rules and acting in a polite and courteous manner. If they (the member and guest(s)) are using the rifle range they will be limited to just one position/station that they will share.

Please attend the Tuesday, June 11 meeting for more details and exact language.

Summer Function

The Summer Function is not being held this year.

Old and Unfinished Business:

None

Conservation Camp

We have 2 spots filled and payment has been completed.

Scholarship

No report.

Membership

Isaac Houston has volunteered to take over as Membership chairperson. Thank you, Isaac.

We have four new membership applications to bring before the membership. They are as follows: Julia Zukowski, from Hubbardston, Patrick Hassett and Stephen Phillips, both from Jefferson, and Mark Gratton of Rutland. To Julia, Patrick, Stephen, and Mark, **please join us at our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2019**, when we welcome you to our club.

Board of Trustees

I have what I think is an amusing story I'd like to share. There were 12 children in my father's very Italian family growing up. Yeah, I know.

My father was Dominic, and his brothers were Pepino (Uncle Pep), Marcellino (Uncle Mike), Rudolpho (Uncle Rudy or Reuben), and Wallace (Uncle Wally), whom I never met as he was killed in action during WWII. There were so many that I have to name them according to gender. The sisters were Aunt Gilda, Aunt Elmina, Aunt Nita, Aunt Mary, Aunt Cleofe, Aunt Delena, and Aunt Lillian. The girls' names and differences were not as colorful as the boys but definitely still VERY Italian. Some were born in Italy. My grandfather was Antimio, we just called him Grampa, and my Gramma was Francesca, whom I also never knew. They were all just beautiful names!

Now over the years of my childhood and adulthood I attended a great many wakes and/or funerals as sadly, they have all passed away. I remember one wake in particular that I attended when I was talking with my cousin Barry (he was my Aunt Mary's son). He chuckled as he said it, "Listen! Listen... it's so loud!"

I stopped and listened and there was a palpable din in the room. It was almost like they were yelling at each other, which they were. Why?

Barry answered my confused expression, "They're all deaf. They have to yell to hear each other!" We laughed because he was completely correct. There were so many of them, and they were all getting on in years, and they saw each other so infrequently, that a death in the family was like a family reunion. They had to catch up on all the news with each other. And they did so, VERY LOUDLY!

Now, I tell you this memory because of something that happened at the Eboard meeting last Tuesday. Roy Baer and Pat Orrell were having a side conversation at the meeting during which they were supposedly whispering, or so they thought. Their two deep voices didn't sound like much of a whisper. I glanced around the room as various people looked up at them because we couldn't hear Chris who was trying to run the meeting. At one point I think I caught Chris smiling and repressing the urge to interrupt Roy and Pat so that he could continue with business. He didn't, and Pat and Roy ended their conversation shortly thereafter.

The night spurred the memory of my family's wake and I thought I'd share it with all of you. There are some of us older members, as I adjust my own hearing aid, that very simply, are just quite deaf! And to Roy and Pat, just so you know, YOU CAN'T WHISPER TO EACH OTHER.

Trap/Skeet

The Ham Shoot report didn't make the May newsletter, so I'll include them here. Despite intermittent rain the Trap & Skeet Committee would like to thank those that attended and kudos to the lucky ones who went home with plenty of loot. There were hams, wine, and a Cablela's Gift Card! Charlie Stoneham went home with the gift card. Everybody went home with a full stomach after a wonderfully prepared breakfast and lunch! We can thank the Werme family, Paul, Brenda, Ken, Diane, Kevin and Michelle, for the culinary delights! A good time was had by all.

The Summer League started Thursday, June 6th. We had some rainy Thursdays, but our popular trap night will get busy. The committee would like to thank Tina Gianos for securing a \$2,000 NRA grant. The **Young Guns Qualifier is scheduled for June 18.**

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

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson did some general maintenance and shut down appliances that are not presently needed. This is always wise and saves a few pennies on our monthly bill. I'm sure the momentarily idle freezer will be going full bore when donations for next year's Game Dinner begin rolling in. The gas valve has been repaired. Please make an effort to get instructions for using the kitchen if you're not sure how to proceed. The light and exhaust fans switch has to be in the on position for the gas valve to turn on. That's the way the inspector wanted it.

Scheduled Cooks

Bob Horgan will be cooking in June, Linda Brewer July, and Bruce Ebbeson again in August.

Many thanks to these folks for volunteering to serve as cooks. **Please remember they can use HELP!** Contact them for times if you can come help prep before, and during the meal. **Clean-up help is even more appreciated. Most times people have already been at the club for several hours. Clean-up is the last thing they want to do. If you have 30 minutes or so after dinner, come in to the kitchen.** Someone will show you the routine for washing dishes, the tables, and the floor. Many hands make light work and it is much appreciated! In most cases you only miss a little info from the general meeting. And not listening can be a bonus for your digestion!

Thanks to all!

Game Dinner

It's not too early to start thinking about next year! Keep in mind we're always in need of donations! As you venture out and catch some game on the line, don't forget fish is always needed for our dinner. If anyone has taken responsibility for chairing our game dinner or would like to take on that task or share in it, please inform someone on the Eboard of your willingness. If you have already done so, please let me know so that I can post contact information regarding donations and instructions for prepping any game.

Rifle Range

Cameras are up and working great! Materials will be needed to construct more target frames. There will be a work party to clean up the range and make additional frames.

.22 Rimfire Bench Rest Rifle Competition—June 8, 2019

House

No report.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:05 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

Any member looking to volunteer some hours working on Grounds can always find weeding, grass-trimming, and painting picnic tables. We have an opportunity to get some asphalt grindings at \$400 a load to spread on the Rifle Range road. We received permission from the powers that be to use them. Club members with experience spoke of seeing grindings used in this way with success. The Eboard voted to use \$1,600 and purchase four loads. There is some concern that the lower meadow on the Rifle Range Road is quite wet. The wetlands/swamp seems unusually high and may be expanding. We could have some beaver activity. If that proves to be the case, we will take appropriate steps to alleviate the problem.

Land Use

The approximate price of a gate at the powerline entrance is \$200. The gate will be painted yellow and outfitted with reflecting tape to make it visible even in low light. The boundary markers are here, and an ad hoc committee will be formed to organize installation. The point of entry signs' format is set and will be ordered. The spending of up to \$3,000 has been approved. The sum may seem large, but we have talked about this as a club for at least 15 years. The board felt it is time. Given issues that have arisen in the last few years, the time for action has come.

Finally, the new DCR official will do a walk-through of club property. Chris Craigue will serve as guide.

Finance

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

Bar

No report.

Birds

No report.

Revenue

No report and no current projects listed.

Archery

Jason sent us all an email regarding upcoming Archery shoots I'll include the information again here. We are looking volunteers for the upcoming 3D shoots. This year we have 3 shoots scheduled.

First is IBO New England Series Championship. The opportunity to hold this shoot is a huge compliment to our club. We were asked if we could host this. We received the honor because of our club's reputation of presenting an excellent course for shooters to get one last practice round in before the IBO Worlds which is an invitation-only shoot. 90% of our shooters will attend this shoot in West Virginia in August

Jason and his committee will be working on the course following the 4th of July holiday. They will need the two weeks following it to plan and set up for the event. They can always use help.

July20/21 IBO New England Series Championship

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Saturday, the 20th

7am-10:30am -parking assistants

7-12 registration

7-3ish kitchen help. Please let Jason know what hours you can work so he can have adequate coverage all day

Sunday, the 21st

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7-12 registration

7-3ish kitchen help. Please let Jason know what hours you can work so he can have adequate coverage all day

4ish target round up

This will be a very busy weekend. Even if you can only help for an hour or 2, its helps everyone! Feel free to call or text Jason's cell (774-270-4049) with any questions. Thanks!

News on future shoots is forthcoming after this one is completed.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe displayed a State Resolution for Outdoor Day with all the usual signatures from Governor Baker et al. We still have our fingers crossed for the crossbow bill in the state legislature. **Young Guns** event is underway and proceeding as expected. **The finals will be at Nimrod, August 11 at 5 PM.** Hats for the competitors and raffle tickets for all will be available. Lastly, the William Tell archery shoot plans are underway and the League made some bylaw language updates.

Business Records:

Linda Brewer reported that an anonymous person donated a scanner. There was discussion that our storage room/office would need a thorough cleaning and reorganization to make it more useable for things like toner, paper, and the scanner itself. Generally, to make it more of an office instead of a warehouse.

Historical Records:

John Meyer is going to start an oral history of the club with some of our older members. John has been a busy Nimrodder of late. He deserves compliments and thanks for his efforts regarding keeping access to Chaffin's Pond AND his gathering of historical sources and putting together the story of the Nimrod League of Holden. This will be an ongoing project and hopefully will never end!

Photography

Linda continues to post amazing photos of club events. Please check them out on our Facebook page. A reminder: It's not too early to get your trail camera up and operating. The Trail Camera Photo Contest is coming!

Grant Writer

No report.

Tina 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 the 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

There were no entries for this month. Let us count our blessings.