

Monthly Meeting

I thought I'd open June's newsletter with an excerpt from the poetry of Edgar Guest. Hopefully, it will stir some memories in our members as it did for me.

“A boy and his dad on a fishing-trip—
Builders of life's companionship!
Oh, I envy them, as I see them there
Under the sky in the open air,
For out of the old, old long-ago
Come the summer days that I used to know,
When I learned life's truths from my father's lips
As I shared the joy of his fishing-trips.”

—Edgar Guest

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: June 12, 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...

At this month's Eboard meeting, Maryanne Lane's Secretary's report was followed by Cindy Smith's Treasury update. All our banking accounts are in order, thank you, Cindy. And our meeting minutes were accurately recorded, thank you, Maryanne. Also, a personal note to Maryanne, I was absent from the Eboard meeting and many thanks to her for the minutes that I use to write this newsletter. We as usual received the 8 Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter. In addition, we received the newsletter for the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine. You may recall that we discussed joining them for their endeavors in the great state of Maine. We also had a request from the American Tree Farm for updating their database. It was decided that no response from us was necessary.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Only paper targets are allowed at the rifle range.”

New Business

None.

Old and Unfinished:

None.

Conservation Camp: Ages 13-17, early August, Mass Fish and Wildlife

“MJCC”, Mass Junior Conservation Camp, WCL sends 3 members.

Scholarship

We have 4 applications. Not all of them are complete, but we have 2 good candidates. We will present the names at the next general meeting.

Membership

The Board accepted the following person as a candidate for membership with a vote scheduled at the next general meeting: Jackson Genatossio. Jackson, please join us at **our next general monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2018**, when we welcome you to our club.

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

Thursday nights are getting busier. Our Trap League starts June 7 and will run for 8 weeks. We have 4 weeks for make-ups. We are looking people to shoot 400 rounds. Payment is due on June 7, 2018. Contact Paul Fraser if interested.

Trap and Skeet is every Thursday night. We encourage everyone to come out on Thursday evenings for a night of shooting and fellowship.

Kitchen

Bruce Ebbeson reports the kitchen is in good shape and being kept clean. Pat Orrell reports that the meat slicer has been repaired and cleaned. A reminder to all that this is an expensive, heavy piece of equipment. It must be cleaned in place and does not dismantle. Watch your fingers! It is VERY SHARP!

Upcoming chefs for our dinners are: Doug King in June, we need someone to volunteer for July, and Bruce Ebbeson in August. September is open, and Bob Horgan is scheduled for October.

Game Dinner

We had a good turnout for our Game Dinner. The club made \$1,200.00 after expenses. Raffle winners were Richard Callahan, \$700.00, A.J. Oliveri, \$350.00, and Brian Schlagel, \$150.00. Many thanks to the following volunteers: Bob Averdisian, Howard Gelles, Linda Brewer, Dave Eddy, Tom Thorgood, Joe Afonso, Larry Josti, Ralph Corcoran, Bob Horgan, Bruce Ebbeson,

Pul Frasier, John Marian, Maryanne Lane, Eric Johanson, and Jim Asiente. Great job, everyone!

Rifle Range

It was discussed at the February meeting to continue with paper targets only at the range. It was also discussed previously that only the Chairperson of the Rifle Committee could make an exception for a specific event. This prompted a discussion of Standing Rules. In February, the committees did bring changes to a General Meeting. These changes were voted on and approved, and placed into our by-laws, as Standing Rules, and posted on our website. Violations of a rule were discussed as well. It was determined not to address the said person at that time. We felt the club had to make every effort to educate our membership. As of September 2013, the Standing Rules are: no fully automatic weapons, only paper targets, or clay pigeons. Below the Standing Rules we said we would not address this issue as Club Policy. Again a proposal was offered and seconded and the board voted for paper targets and clay pigeons on the Rifle Range. Hopefully, the issue is settled.

House

Ralph is working on some projects. Our septic system is being checked on.

Summer Function

We have to select a date, so we can order the chicken. Right now, the tentative date is Sunday, September 23, 2018.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:10 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

The Work Party on May 12th had a productive day. A lot of work was completed. Many thanks to all who volunteered. There is still much more work to be done. If anyone needs hours, please contact Neal Whitehead for more information.

Finance

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

Bar

Gary Girardi was very busy at the Game Dinner. The bar took in about \$560.00. The only major crisis was that we did run out of Bud Light. The horrors...!!!

Birds

No report.

Revenue

We sold one club jacket, and the Yankee Swap took in just under \$1,000.00. With no expenses for the swap that's a pretty good month!

Archery

Jason met with the Spencer Fish and Game. They are starting an archery program. They purchased from us 23 targets for \$1,400.00. We have 2 missing bows from our equipment. Joe will investigate. Also, there was news that Princeton is getting a Wi-Fi Tower.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe reports that there was a good turnout at Fitchburg Young Guns. Nimrod's qualifier round is coming up here on June 28, 2018. The raffle tickets are getting done.

Representatives of the League are taking a trip to look at land in Templeton this month. WCL is considering buying the land which is currently being used as a dog training facility. We would have to agree to maintain it as training grounds. Logging is a possibility and the goal is to preserve it for Conservation Rights. This purchase would add to the League's land portfolio of 100 acres in New Braintree.

The last WCL meeting for the year is in June and will be held at the Fox and Coon Club. The legislation regarding crossbows is stuck in committee. Many clubs have sent letters lobbying for its passage.

Grant Writer

No report.

Good and Welfare

Princeton is getting a Wi-Fi Tower.

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.