

Monthly Meeting

After struggling with computer issues this week, I am finally getting to write this on Wednesday night! My apologies to those receiving the snail mail copy of this newsletter. It will be late and probably not arrive until after our monthly club meeting on Tuesday, the 10th. Our Eboard meeting started a little late with Maryanne's Secretary's Report. She didn't have one and took a good-natured ribbing about it being the best one we have had in a long time! Then Chris regaled us with a story about a freshwater mussel shell he had found. After a little build up to getting an expert to identify it, some good storytelling, the upshot of his curiosity was that it was a common Eastern Floater mussel and nothing much unusual about it. So, went, Chris's story...

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: March 10, 2020**. 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 \$375 in donations which prompted Chris to propose an additional \$500 scholarship. It was approved 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:

“Watch your step on icy footpaths and muddy walkways.”

Archery

No report.

IBO Shoot: May 2-3

Volunteers please contact Jason VanHillow.

Audit

Audits have been completed on the Bar and on Birds. All is in order. Audits will be completed in due time for any areas that are outstanding. The club officers really try to stay meticulous in issuing and requiring a paper trail for all cash. Kudos to all.

Bar

Gary Girardi turned \$1350 to Cindy for the last 2 months with receipts. All is well.

Birds

Kevin Chviruk is looking for help with our pheasant program. Please contact him if you'd like to get involved.

Finance

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

Game Dinner

Chris Craigie has volunteered to serve as coordinator for our game dinner. His aim is to somewhat reshape and redefine what our game dinner will be. Over the years our event has become so intimidating to our members that no one wanted to take it on. In past years, Bruce Ebbeson and his assistants have served up to 8-10 main game courses and an equal number of appetizers! Thank you to all! They were delicious! The great Ralph Waldo Emerson opined, "Simplify, simplify, simplify..." His advice is well intended and taken. Chris plans to serve appetizers, a variety, and fewer main courses plus dessert. He will need volunteer cooks to help prepare different dishes.

Volunteers: *Contact Chris Craigie with dishes you can prepare so he can plan the menu. He will also need volunteers to serve and clean up.*

Many thanks to Chris for offering to take on the restructuring of a great event. He will need volunteers so please contact Chris with dishes that can be cooked at home and reheated on the night of the event. I am sure many of our members have some great recipes that we would all love to sample.

Date for the dinner: April 18th, 2020

Grant Writer:

Al Afonso is our new chairperson! Way to go, Al! You 'da man!

Grounds

Rick Longbottom has been plowing. It was decided to include an estimate to be added to our snow removal contract for clean-up after plowing. He graciously offered to take care of any storms that might occur for the rest of this season. Next year, the shoveling will be part of the contract. Thanks, Rick!

Grounds chair, Neal Whitehead, is seeking new committee members and help. Contact him if you are interested.

Spring Clean-up: Saturday, May 16th.

House

Ralph received a letter from the building inspector addressing some concerns. There are several issues including smoke detectors, exits and exit signs, lighting on exterior doors and in the attic. Ralph will respond ASAP.

Kitchen

The kitchen dishwasher/sterilizer has been repaired. All kitchen equipment is working perfectly.

The annual spring cleaning will happen at 8:30 AM on Saturday May 9. Chris Erali, Gary Hough, Duncan Pfyfe and Bill Walker volunteered to help Bruce clean the kitchen as they have also done for the past several years. Members who use the Nimrod kitchen are expected to maintain this level of cleanliness that is required by the Board of Health. Anyone else who would like to volunteer on clean-up day, please contact Bruce.

Scheduled Cooks

March is set with Bruce Ebbeson. April is Christine. May, Eric Twickler, June and July are open, with Bruce 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 or during the meal. **Clean-up help is even more appreciated.**

Most times people have already been at the club for extra hours. Clean-up is the last thing they want to do.

If you have 30 minutes or so after dinner, come into 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!

Land Use

We are presently engaged with the Princeton Open Space & Recreation Plan. A questionnaire was sent to residents with some interesting responses. This is an exercise in sharing information to benefit the town.

Membership

For March we have one new member to bring before the club. He is Christos James from Worcester. To all our new members please join us on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 when we welcome you to our club! We serve the best \$5 meal in town!

Photography

The Trail Camera Photo Contest is up in our hallway gallery. Take a look!

Records

No report

Remember! We are seeking a fireproof safe to protect all our written records. It must be at least gun safe quality. Keep your eyes and ears working.

Business

We are due for the office clean-up. Date is forthcoming. Scholarships can now be submitted online. See below.

Historical

A fireproof safe is requested.

Revenue: We need a new Chairperson! This is a good gig because if you hold one successful fund raiser you'll be a hero! We don't have any scheduled, so the calendar is open for your ideas. It's also a great opportunity to contribute to the club and meet your 8-hour commitment requirement.

Rifle Range

The range is icy and/or muddy. Be careful walking around. The sand barrel needs refilling. The shed and tables are clean. Please pick up scrap cardboard. Thanks! Due to pending physical limitations from late March to early June Sam Ganneson and Ed Reitz will need some help.

Standing Committees

Scholarship

We are now accepting applications for the 2020 Nimrod Scholarships. Applications can be found on the Nimrod website: <https://www.nimrodleague.org/nimrod-scholarship.html>

Two of the scholarships awarded will be based on the applicant's interest and work in conservation and a third is based on leadership skills demonstrated by the applicant. This year a fourth scholarship will be awarded in honor of Mr. Donald French, Sr, a lifelong member of the Nimrod.

This year the **deadline is May 1st**, and applications can either be mailed to the club or emailed to Linda Brewer at LMHowrey@gmail.com. We have included a checklist on the website to assist applicants in submitting all the requirements for the scholarship.

This year there will be four scholarships offered. Last year we honored three late members of Nimrod: Vic Schuster, Peter Brewer and Jim Gibbons. We are accepting nominations for honorees for the 2020 Scholarships. Please reach out to Roy Baer, Don French Jr or Linda Brewer if you would like to make a nomination. Scholarships will be awarded at the June Club Meeting. Please plan on attending.

Standing Rules, No report

Summer Function, No report

Board of Trustees

The audit schedule is partially set. Completion date is March 31st. Trap and Membership are postponed to a later date.

Trap/Skeet

Trap and Skeet is going well. The clocks "spring ahead" this weekend so thankfully our daylight will be extended some into the evening hours. Remember, Trap and Skeet is every Thursday afternoon/evening. It is open to the public, so bring a friend and join in a night of good fellowship and shooting.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso reports a big thanks to everyone who helped at Woodworking Day. All and even extra kits were completed in preparation for Kids' Day. Mark your calendars, 5th annual Kids' Day, Sunday March 29th, 10 AM to 2 PM! Please also spread the word to friends and family. It's a great way to show off your club and some of what we have to offer. Each participant can make the following:

- Bird Feeder
- Walking sticks
- Pinecone bird treats
- Turkey calls

As always, we will have great food and drinks, as well as archery downstairs. And as always, this is put on for free by the club for all that attend.

For anyone interested in volunteering, please let Joe know. Volunteers will be needed at each station and helping in the kitchen. Year after year, it's the volunteers and club members turning out that make this a success.

If there are any questions, feel free to reach out anytime.

Once again and perhaps we will keep it as a permanent fixture is the new calendar, that was added on the website for all clubs' events. I'll repeat the link: <http://www.wclsc.org/events.html>

Important Dates: DCR Meeting is March 19 at Quabbin Reg. High School in Barre at 7PM. April 28 is lobby day in Boston. The Crossbow bill is on the agenda. Massachusetts State Police will have an ammo drop-off day.

And finally, the Banquet is March 20th.

New Business

Unofficial chef Pat Orrel proposed purchasing a barrel smoker for the club. They are simple to use. I have an offset and maintaining temperature can be tricky. I have seen Pat's barrel smoker in action and it is much easier.

The idea of a Holden Days table was discussed. More news to come.

Important Dates:

Hunter Education (*Register online with the state.*) *It will be at Nimrod.*

March 16th 6 PM-8:45 PM, March 18th 6PM-8:45 PM, March 21st 8 AM-4 PM, March 23rd 6PM-8:45PM

Women on Target May 17, 2020

Old and Unfinished

5th annual Kids' Day, Sunday March 29th, 10 AM to 2 PM!

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned around 9:30 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.

Good and Welfare

There were a couple of items for good and welfare that I missed. I sought clarification but was unable to get some at time of publication. I will update online as soon as I get accuracy.

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.