

**Monthly Meeting**

Despite any innocuous, all-in-good-fun rumors you may hear, there has not been a bloodless coup at Nimrod this month. Chris Craigue was not able to be at the E board meeting, but our club's function was left in the very capable hands of Kevin Chviruk.

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](mailto:eralic23@gmail.com)

Monthly Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – **Next Meeting October 10, 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...

With Kevin presiding, our Board meeting started with Maryanne Lane's secretary's report followed by Treasurer Cindy Smith's report. Maryanne's as usual was clear, detailed and right on point. Cindy reported some deposits and expenditures, and a balance for one account, but was having some issues with the software. Ah, technology... I'm sure she'll have everything up and running soon.

**Speakers**

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

**Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion**

Bird Hunting Season is upon us:

**“No firing at low birds.”**

**New Business**

We received the 8 Point Newsletter. It is worthy of note since they too have recently installed a video surveillance system. We also received a very thoughtful thank-you note from Kelsey Dowd for her camp scholarship. The young lady acquitted herself quite nicely both at camp and in her gracious note. An enthusiastic, “Well done!” is in order for Kelsey.

**Membership**

No report.

**Board of Trustees**

No report.

## **Trap/Skeet**

No report.

## **Kitchen**

Bruce Ebbeson reports that we are still having issues with our dishwasher. After the third repair, the rinse cycle even now is not reaching proper temperature. Dave Oriol is following up with the technician. More news to come... Cooks for future general meetings are as follows: October/Bruce Ebbeson, November/Dave Oriol, and December/Don French.

## **Game Dinner**

Our game dinner is scheduled for May in 2018. The hunting season is upon us! Keep NIMROD in mind when you bag something. Please leave any donations for next year's dinner in the kitchen freezer and notify Bruce Ebbeson at 508-853-1589. Remember to label all packages to identify type of game and date.

## **Rifle Range**

### **Upcoming Event!!! This Saturday...**

#### **NIMROD BENCH REST RIFLE MATCH**

DATE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2017)

TIME: 9AM – 1PM

TWO RIFLE CLASSES:

- HUNTER BARREL
- HEAVY BARREL

(ANY CENTER FIRE CALIBER)

FIVE SHOT GROUP ON BULLS EYE TARGET 100 YARDS

GROUP SIZE MEASURED FOR:

1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACES IN EACH CLASS

ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 FOR FIRST TARGET IN EACH CLASS.                      ADDITIONAL TARGETS \$.50

Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Winner notification will be made at Match, Club meeting, Newsletter and Google notice.

No cash or trophy prizes. Please **contact Rifle Range chair, Tom Niegand**, for more information or to register. Thanks!

Kevin reported some issues at the range with a member not using paper targets. He dealt with it immediately at the range. Thank you, Kevin. And remember that we encourage our membership to take ownership and responsibility for our club. If you see something being done that is not according to best practices, speak up! Treat the NIMROD property as your own. There was some discussion regarding this issue with some ideas for new and old members. Orientation for everyone is in our future. If you'd like to help in this area, let Kevin Chviruk know you are interested.

### **House**

Cindy Smith offered to donate a couple of propane tanks. Our Summer Function went well and a good time was had by all. We sold 66 or 67 tickets which was a good turnout. We were lucky to get grates for the pit as they are usually reserved months ahead. Hopefully, we'll remember that for next year! Many thanks and our compliments to Bob Horgan for a successful summer function. He extends his gratitude to Bruce Ebbeson, Joe and Al Afonso, Chris Penny and Tom Thorogood. Finally, Bob reports that the upstairs fan needs replacing. It is a mite noisy and sounds like the bearings are gone.

### **Executive Board**

This month's meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM. Way to go, Kevin! Pressure is on, Chris... 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)**

No report. We will now begin looking for applicants for next year.

### **Grounds**

Neal Whitehead is now accepting bids for snow plowing this winter. Let Neal know as soon as possible of any interest. There also was some discussion of the Rifle Range and Grounds sharing the cost of a York Rake for our tractor. Tom Wiegand and Kevin will investigate pricing. They agreed to split the cost from their respective budgets.

## **Finance**

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

## **Bar**

All is well with the bar. The chicken barbecue was a hot day and all coolers were functioning well. Gary Girardi gives the appliances a thumbs up and also sends kudos and thanks to Bob Horgan for a great summer function.

## **Birds**

The season opens October 14, 2017. The Youth Hunt will be October 29. Our birds are doing well with a good survival rate. Our normal vendor who provides birds for our special bird hunts had a significant loss of his population. Kevin is investigating other options.

## **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**

Jason Van Hillo reports the Paint Party fundraiser is a go for October 20, 2017. Contact Jason for more information. There was some discussion with Gary Girardi regarding bar stock for the event. As we get closer to the date, Jason and Gary will communicate on this issue.

## **Worcester County League of Sportsmen**

No report.

## **Grant Writer/Committee**

No report

## **Good and Welfare**

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.