

The Nimrod League Newsletter

October, 2018

Monthly Meeting

Chris Craigie started the meeting off as usual with the Maryanne's Secretary's report. Maryann gave her usual detailed, stellar report that always amazes because you think to yourself, "Oh, that's right! I completely forgot about that." But it is always in our Secretary's report.

Cindy was late so Chris filled in and recapped our finances. His cursory reporting made Cindy's arrival a welcomed event. Cindy is always ready with answers for any of our chair-people. When it comes to money, she is the one to talk to. The entire board looks to her for answers regarding our finances. Her computer is always ready with the minutiae of our bank accounts. As usual, all is in order.

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: October 9, 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 - 8:30ish. It is usually an early night unless someone gets long-winded...

Communications

We received the 8-Point Sportsmen's Club newsletter. The Massachusetts Sportsmen's Association sent their newsletter along to us as well.

Speakers

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

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Wear orange! Be sure of your target.”

New Business

The topic of various charities soliciting money from our club was raised again. This time it was a request from the “Wounded Warrior” project. Undoubtedly, a worthy cause, but as decided the last time this issue came up, our club was not designed to do such projects and any future solicitations would be carefully screened by the Board.

Old and Unfinished:

Linda Brewer and John Meyer reported on our Club History. They decided that we really need two committees to complete this on-going project. There will be a Records committee and an Historical one as well. Linda hopes to produce photographic evidence of the goings on at our

club and John is busy searching for any primary source documents of our club. He already is excited by several documents that tell some of the story of the founding of the NIMROD club. Linda and John were enthused with the progress that they have made already. Last month, you may recall that Joe Afonso recommended a Microsoft storage contract. We will soon be scanning and downloading our club's history for posterity!

We are still working on getting the DCR approval on our Rifle Range work. We may have to reapply for our town permits due to the delay.

Conservation Camp

No report.

Scholarship

No report.

Membership

We have two new members to vote on this month. They are **Alexander and Shawn Honcharik** of Holden. To our two new prospective members, please join us at our next general monthly meeting, on Tuesday, October 9th when we welcome you into our club.

Board of Trustees

No Report

Trap/Skeet

We will be purchasing a half a truckload of targets.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Class A	Class B	Class C
Kurt Peterson	Kris Koss	John Leahy
Kevin Chviruk	Paul Fraser	Maryanne Lane
Dave Wilson	Charlie Stoneham	Al Afonso

Important Dates: **November 4, 2018 Turkey Shoot**

May 5, 2019 Ham Shoot

Kitchen

No report.

We have Bob Horgan to cook our meal this month of October.

Dave Oriol is the chef for November.

Pat Orrell is scheduled for January.

Pat Orrell raised the issue of help for the chefs. Pat's comment was, "I'm concerned that I am going to the same well all the time." It would be great if some of our members who are less involved than they might be, offered to help for the club meals. If you have time before the meal on a Tuesday, please let the cook know that you are available. Sometimes you may not be needed, but often you would. No cooking experience is needed and there is always plenty of cleaning up that must be done before we can lock the doors for the night. If nothing else, you will get the opportunity to meet and chat while you work with some of our members outside of your usual circle of friends. The Board felt Pat's suggestion was a good one and worthy of some consideration by the members. For those of you that don't know, our webpage has several tabs at the top. If you click on "Club Officials," a list of all board members and their phone numbers are on the page that opens. If you're willing to volunteer, anyone on the board would be happy to steer you in the right direction to contribute your time. Thank you!

Bruce Ebbeson reports the compressors for the freezer and the fridge have been moved to the basement. Hopefully, the move will eliminate the extreme heat in the kitchen and help remove moisture in the basement. If all goes according to plan, the efficiency and reliability of this equipment will improve.

Game Dinner

Bruce will put the **pheasant donation bucket** out on Saturday mornings and special bird hunts. Please donate. He will clean, vacuum seal, and freeze them for our game dinner in May. We would also appreciate donations of big game meat. **Please put any donations in the freezer and let Bruce know at (508) 853-1589.**

Rifle Range

Ed Reitz was not present, but Chris reported that the Clean-Up day went very well. Many target holders were made and once again the range is in good shape.

For everyone, just a word on the target holders that have been made. We want to avoid the necessity of making new target holders. A couple of months back we had as a safety tip, "Be sure of your target and what's behind it." The target holders are getting shredded by people discharging a round that is going to hit the holders. Many shooters make sure that they aim at the sand berm. That's great! But look a second time. There may be target holders in front of the berm. It may not even be your target, but you are shooting at a shorter distance and the round continues beyond your target into one of the holders. Move the holders that you are not using if necessary. One box of bullets can do a lot of damage that just may be unintentional. We have plans for improvements, but in the meantime, please use the holders to raise your target vertically away from the base target holder. Most of our members are very conscientious and

follow the protocol so that the holders do not get shot up. Please use the range responsibly and avoid placing targets on the ground and consider what is behind your target because as mentioned above, the discharged round goes through your target and continues in some cases into another holder. Again, the majority of our members are great, and this is not an issue. Thanks to all of you for your diligence.

House

No report.

Executive Board

This month's meeting adjourned at 9:09 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

Bids are being accepted for snow plowing. Please contact Neil Whitehead. The bids must be in this month. All members are welcome after any snowstorm, small or big, just bring a shovel and come and help clean up. Thanks!

Finance

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

Bar

No report.

Birds

Opening day of bird hunting season is October 13th.

Kevin reported that two of our youths went to Norco for safety training.

Special Youth Hunt will be Sunday, October 21, 2018.

If your youth is over 12 with some Hunter Education either the pheasant hunting training or they have their Hunter Ed certificate, they are welcome to come.

The club will be supplying a lunch, a hunter orange hat and safety vest.

We have four spots taken, and I'm still looking for eight more. Contact Kevin Chviruk.

The dates of the other **Special Bird Hunts are on Sundays:**

November 18th, December 9th, & December 23rd

Revenue

No report.

Archery

A door knob was repaired. New butts have been ordered. When they arrive we'll be organizing a work party. Good luck to all during hunting season.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso reported that the board reelected Mel Krause. The Young Guns Tournament brought in over \$7,000.00. Kids Day is coming. Let WCLS know if you would like to help. Mel True passed away. The Big MO went well. Steve Hall, who is running against Anne Gobi, came and spoke at the meeting. Anne has always been a big supporter of sportsmen. It will be interesting how her opponent will campaign.

Land Use

No report.

Grant Writer

Tina Gianos is working on a final report on our birds and archery grants.

Good and Welfare

Russ Chaplis' brother passed away.

Paul Chalale has Lyme disease.

Chris Erali received an email from John Gowing. His father, Robert Gowing, was a long-time Holden resident of Holden and charter member of NIMROD. He lived in Holden from 1954 to 1993 when he moved to Florida. There he was an active Florida sportsman until his death in June of this year.

John continued in his email:

"I have many fond memories of the Nimrod, where, under Dad's watchful eye I acquired shotgun, rifle, and pistol skills, as well as a penchant for Chicken Barbecues. I'm just dropping this note to update you folks on his passing, and to remove him from the roles. I'd love to stay on the mailing list for nostalgic reasons and would be glad to mail someone a check for postage. Thanks in advance for your consideration."

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NRA Life Member

I emailed John and suggested that he stay informed on our website when the monthly newsletter is published.

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.