

## **The Nimrod League Newsletter   September 2016**

### **Monthly Meeting**

September has arrived while the summer wanes and gives way to cooler nights. For many of us, the autumn of the year is our favorite time. If you have not read *A Rough Shooting Dog* by Charles Fergus you are missing out on a classic hunting book. Read about more than just upland bird hunting and Fergus' first springer spaniel, Jenny. His eloquence will inspire you to reflect on your own life experience. This one should be in everyone's library...

"For the hunter, fall is the island, and the rest of the year is the swim."

— Charles Fergus, "*A Rough-Shooting Dog*," 1991

Monthly Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – next Meeting is September 13, 2016. 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. Home in bed by 9:00.

### **Speakers**

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

### **Monthly Safety Tip**

When using the Rifle Range, please remember to raise the flag and lock the gate as you enter. Also please lower the flag and lock the gate again as you exit.

### **New Business**

Fund raising was discussed for a local public entity. Email from the person was shared and it was decided that the request was not within the scope of our club charter.

### **Membership**

Paul Fraser reports that we have received an application, with check and signed waiver from Kelly Davis. Kelly's application will be voted on at our general meeting. Paul also reports that interest is high in joining our club, and he expects it will continue for the immediate future.

### **Board of Trustees**

Scheduling meetings was discussed. It was decided that September 14 at 7:00 PM would be the first meeting date for the trustees this year, to be followed by another in early

December. The date is yet to be determined for December. The plan is to discuss dates at the September 14 meeting.

### **Trap/Skeet**

Paul Fraser also reported that the last two weeks Thursday nights have been better attended. Al Afonso has the kitchen up and running for burgers and such. We encourage everyone to come out on Thursday evenings for a night of shooting and fellowship.

### **Kitchen**

Clean-up is set for Saturday, September 17. Volunteers to help are needed and welcome. There will be coffee and donuts at 8 AM and Bruce Ebbeson will make a great lunch. We will be finished before noon. It is an easy and fun way for members to get in their work hours requirement. Please call Bruce at (508) 853-1589 to volunteer. "Many hands make light work."

### **Rifle Range**

Tom Wiegand was not able to make our board meeting, but Kevin Chviruk notified the board that clean fill was needed to complete our renovations to the range. He has a contact that is local and willing to donate the material and trucking. A location to put the fill was discussed. Further discussion was postponed so Tom could have some input.

### **House**

Ralph Cochran and Joe Afonso reported on the cell phone booster. A small version is available for within the confines of the clubhouse at approximately \$300. A larger booster is available that would also cover the immediate area outside the clubhouse. The cost for that one is around \$900. The consensus of the discussion was that in the clubhouse we have the land line available and having a booster limited to just the building did not make sense. Technology is ever growing and it made more sense that people should be able to leave the building and take a call or make a call outside.

Ralph also raised a concern on dampness in the cellar of the clubhouse. The board advised Ralph that the cost of a dehumidifier was within the budget and should be our first step in trying to solve this problem. Thus, we are now looking into purchasing a dehumidifier.

## **DON'T FORGET!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is our Chicken Barbecue! We will have Trap from 10 AM to noon, followed by a cash bar cocktail hour with the food served at 1 PM. There will be burgers and dogs for the kids as well as games, archery and much more. Fun for the entire family! You can get tickets at the monthly meeting, at Thursday night Trap and Skeet, or by calling Bob Horgan at 774-272-0327. This is a great day! Come and enjoy!

### **Executive Board**

John Meyer, Gary Salerno, and Chris Erali reported on our Standing Rules committee. The committee compiled prior standing rules, standing rules that needed to be changed, as well as recommended additions. The rules were reviewed and edited by the Board. A list was accepted by the Board and will be voted on by the membership at a future general meeting. This final list will supersede any prior or outdated Standing Rules.

### **Grounds**

Neal Whitehead informed the Board that the finish mower attachment for the tractor is also out for service. It may seem strange to be talking about the upcoming winter while it is still summer but we need to be prepared. Our snowblower will be sent out for service as well in the near future. **Neal is also accepting bids for snow removal.** He requests that anyone interested in plowing to contact him. He would like to have everybody in place before the end of October. Thanks!

### **Finance**

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

### **Bar**

Gary Girardi reports all is well.

### **Birds**

Kevin Chviruk had no news regarding the pheasants. They're growing I'm sure. Kevin meanwhile is processing permits for the club and other necessary paperwork.

### **Revenue**

Roland Morse is completing his term as club treasurer. The year 2016 is rapidly drawing to a close. The club is in desperate need of someone to take on the job of treasurer! If you have

any desire to become more involved in helping our club, and are detail oriented, and can balance a checkbook... The club needs you! Please see our president, Chris Craigie if you are interested. The club is also accepting good-natured drafting of any "volunteer" as well.

### **Archery**

No report. Upcoming opportunities for instruction were discussed.

### **Worcester County League of Sportsmen**

Joe Afonso reports that the wood duck box project planning continues along with the launch of their new website. The League is looking for volunteers for Big Moe on Sunday, September 18 and to assist at a booth at a future gun show in Marlboro. Please contact Joe if you're interested. And check out the new website!

### **Good and Welfare**

John O'Lari is back in the hospital. Hopefully, by the time this is published he'll be back at home continuing his battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John.