

Monthly Meeting

Not much news this month. Covid-19 is the reason. Maryanne sends in a short wildlife snippet that happened recently in her neighborhood. As she tells it...

I live between Indian Lake and Assumption College on Salisbury Street in Worcester: My neighbor saw a **bobcat** hanging out early morning just behind my deck, sitting just as nice as you please in the grass! Given that I have very well-fed groundhogs, red and grey squirrels, racoons, skunk, chipmunks, field mice and the occasional rabbit, (**Critical Info.**)I found **just** a rabbit's foot a few weeks ago in my back lot – “unlucky rabbit!” Clearly, I do not doubt her sighting! Maybe I should think about getting a Trail Camera set up???.....

Thanks, Maryanne! I hope your neighbor realizes what a rare and great sighting this was! Bobcats are notoriously stealthy and not often spotted.

Maryanne also expects that weather permitting, the format for our September club meeting will remain the same.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. We would love to hear about your latest exploits! I will 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 – The August meeting is on and will happen on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. It will be held outside from 6 PM to 8 PM. The grill will be up and running and we'll have ready-made sides purchased elsewhere. Having burgers and hot dogs outdoors makes compliance with state guidelines easier. Make it a point to attend if you can.

Communication

*I did not attend the Eboard meeting, so once again I am especially grateful to Maryanne for her minutes of the meeting. I gather that it was a sparsely attended so throughout this month's newsletter I will leave in place the news from last month. If you see the sentence in italics, “**There is nothing new to report in this area.**” You will know that what follows under the subheading is from last month. Thank you.*

We filed our July issue of the Nimrod Newsletter and received American Hunter Magazine.

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 sunscreen and stay hydrated.”

Archery

There is nothing new to report in this area.

From an email to Chris from Chair Jason VanHillow: There will be no organized shoots at Nimrod for 2020. All have been cancelled. The Annual New Year's Day Shoot is on for January 1, 2021. The committee is looking at May 1st and 2nd in 2021 for the IBO.

Bar

Gary will be out for a while. We will have coverage. The tip jar has been removed. Cigar Night netted \$253.00.

Birds

There is nothing new to report in this area.

New poles and nets are up in the pens at the jail. Permits for the upcoming season are in the works.

Kitchen

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We can now light the pilot from inside the oven. It will take some time for the instructions to be learned by everyone. Bruce Ebbeson sent the following email:

The kitchen remains closed as we are not compliant with Covid restaurant regulations. Kitchens serving the public must have a Serve Safe Certified supervisor in the kitchen at all times to ensure that there is compliance with the new regulations. Dave and Bruce recommend that we serve restaurant take-out and use paper plates and plastic tableware that are available in the kitchen. Single use condiments must be used and are in the kitchen. The days of buffets and shared large containers of condiments are over.

BE SAFE out there. This is the new normal.

Trap

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Adam and Etta Goodband are doing a great job and our Thursday night Trap is running smoothly. A date for the Turkey Shoot is being discussed along with format. We may grill outside or perhaps have a food truck come in. We will most likely eat outside.

We will be following the CDC Guidelines and here are some of the specifics:

- Wear a mask or follow Social Distancing (6ft apart).
- Club house doors will be open for access to the bathrooms. Main bathroom doors will be propped open.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations.
- Weather permitting, the gun rack will be located outside on the patio. We will not be using the inside tables for staging shooting equipment. We will have picnic tables outside spaced apart and the covered pavilion area available for stage your shooting supplies, people also have the option of working directly from their vehicles in the parking lot.
- When signing up only the person running the table will handle the pen and sign shooters to their squad as requested.
- The Skeet squads will be reduced from 5 to 3 shooters to allow more space.
- The Trap crew will ensure that inside surfaces get sanitized on a regular basis.

House

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Our website renewal fee is due. Be assured Cindy will be on it.

Grounds

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Grass is looking brown. We repaired some of the picnic tables. We need volunteers to paint the replacement pieces of lumber. Many thanks to Kevin for spreading the high-quality road grindings the we purchased. We are very pleased with the widening of the road to the Range. The contractor did a nice job.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! There is always some way you can contribute to **YOUR CLUB**. Talk to Neal Whitehead on where he can use help. The Grounds need constant updates from trimming to weeding flower beds. The above painting assignment is available too. Bring the kids and the dog and put an hour or two in. Thanks!

Rifle Range

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Ralph now has the plans for the barriers. We can now move on to that phase of the project.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Check out the WCLS newsletter online. <http://www.wclsc.org/>

The next meeting will be in September.

Land Use

There is nothing new to report in this area.

There is more signage work to be completed. Some small signs for property lines and large ones near Oak Circle and other points of entry.

Membership

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We could not hold the Game Dinner, but we did hold the raffle. We had 3 winners. Nimrod made about \$400.00. We inducted 5 new members to the club on Tuesday the 11th. They are as follows: Karl McHugh, Karl Otto Graf, Edmond Matthews, Eric Bruneault, and Louis Mordillov.

Scholarship

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Roy has sent 4 scholarship awards to the recipients. The recipients are Kelsea Dowd, Kyra Ceryanek, Jordan Smith, and Ryan McCarthy. All our scholars are involved in current environmental projects or activities. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you!

Documentation

No report.

Grant Writing

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Al Afonso has reached out to Tina twice and is awaiting a response. With the pandemic it is difficult to assess what monies will be available through grants. Al is anxious to get going.

Rentals

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We are clear of rentals for the foreseeable future.

Conservation Camp

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We are not sponsoring this year and are awaiting our deposit to be returned.

Old and Unfinished Business

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We voted to proceed with electronic access to the club and clubhouse. Replace the trap walkways and build the Rifle range barriers. It may sound like a lot, but it is really a package deal that will get done in stages. The electronic access will occur first, and the demolition of the old walkways needs to happen before we get a paver contractor in to replace the walkways. Measurement will also need to happen. Finally, the phase of our Rifle Range project including the barriers will be completed. We are looking at an extended period of time before all is finished.

New Business

There is nothing new to report in this area.

Kevin is going to give the grappler a shot at the demolition of the old trap walkways. We will need to truck out the waste. Joe shared information that some clubs are setting up memberships as a subscription with automatic renewal. Isaac sent out an informal survey to gauge our club's feeling. I am sure he is still waiting for responses.

Good and Welfare

We have some catching up to do in this area. Proper mailings went out, but we are late reporting these recent passings to the membership.

To the families of the following, we extend our deepest condolences: Don Welcom, Rita Hassett, David Turner, Antonia Capuccio, and Carl Grusell. We remember all of them fondly and may they rest in peace.

Everyone STAY SAFE! It looks like this life may be with us for a while.

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 will see that it is included.