

Monthly Meeting

Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The next meeting is March 8th, 2016. Make it a point to attend if you can. Cocktail and socializing is from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Then we serve the best \$5 meal in town! Club business discussed with occasional guest speakers starting at 7:15 pm.

Speakers

We have had many interesting guest speakers at monthly meetings. Do you have a suggestion or contact for a future meeting? Let us know!

Monthly Safety Tip

Good housekeeping, in and around the club house, including all ranges, is extremely important to maintaining a safe recreational environment. Please do your part.

New Business

The club is now looking for candidates wishing to attend the 2016 Jr. Conservation Camp. Teenagers 13-17 years old need to contact Al Afonso. The two week summer camp will be in August 2016.

Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Applications are due by May 15, 2016.

Membership

Membership has reached the 300 limit cap and there is a short waiting list to join. Please notify the club membership chairperson if you have a change of address, change phone number, or change your E-mail address.

It is time for membership renewal. The renewal notices came out in early December. The dues fee is \$100.00 for 2016. New gate locks have been installed for 2016 and the 2015 keys will not work. A new 2016 gate key will be issued when payment of dues is received.

Members: Please read the updated NIMROD BYLAWS posted on the web site.

There is still time to sign up for a committee and get your 8 hours in for 2016 and avoid the \$50.00 surcharge in 2017. All committees are looking for people to help out.

The E-Board has voted and approved to have Jonathan Marien elevated to senior member status. The club membership will vote to approve at the March meeting.

Board of Trustees

Our investments have improved slightly in the past few weeks.

Trap/Skeet

Trap/skeet is doing well. Come down and shoot on Thursday nights! Chef Larry Josti is grilling sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs and other treats in our kitchen. We always have members who are willing to educate and teach safe shooting Thursday nights.

Ham Shoot will be April 24th. 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Kitchen

The kitchen will be closed for cleaning on Saturday, April 16. Joe Afonso, Russ Chaplis, Chris Erali, Pat Orrell, and Harry Wilber volunteered to help Bruce Ebbeson clean it before 150-200 people are served at the Archery Tournament on April 30 and May 1 and 100 people at our Game Dinner on May 14. Bruce appreciates people properly cleaning the kitchen after they use it so that we maintain cleanliness that is required by the Board of Health. People are still not marking the date on leftovers and perishables like milk that is required by the FDA Food Code. These items must be thrown away after seven days. The Sharpie is in the drawer on the right side of the Hand Wash Sink.

Game Dinner: May 14, 2016

We would appreciate any donations of big game.

Rifle Range

Please make sure that your shots will hit the sand backstops and/or 100 yard impact area. Please avoid ground ricochets and shots going over these protective berms. Paper, cardboard, or clay pigeons are the **ONLY** acceptable targets on the rifle range. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it. Police all your live ammo.

Rifle Range Improvements

Stumping and range engineering drawings are in the near future.

House

A special thank you goes to Bob Avedisian for his weekly efforts to keep our clubhouse clean.

March 6 11am-3pm Kids Activity Day. Bird house building, archery, lunch, etc.

March 14, 16, 19, & 21 Hunter Ed. Course.

April 2-3 Boy Scouts. Rifle range closed.

April 9 Women on Target. Range closed.

April 10 Bow hunter Ed. Course.

April 15 WCL meeting & dinner.

April 24 Ham Shoot 9am-2pm.

April 30th – May 1st IBO Archery Tournament. Rifle range closed.

May 14 Game Dinner.

June 11 Triple Crown 3-D Archery Match. Rifle range closed.

June 12 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

July 24 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

September 18 Summer BBQ; Club Function

Executive Board

No report given.

Executive Board Meeting is held the last Tuesday of each month.

Grounds

Please sign the log book if you are using the tractor for any purpose. The Grounds Committee is actively seeking new recruits - a great way to become a bit more involved in the club and meet some other members! We'll need volunteers to participate in keeping the trap fields, skeet field, and rifle range open and cleared of snow throughout the winter. Any interests in grounds work please email Neal Whitehead. Get your work hours in early!

The small John Deere tractor now has the snow blower attachment ready for use.

Trash needs to go out every Tuesday for the Wednesday pickup. Please bring the trash and recycling totes to the end of the driveway by Tuesday night.

Finance

No Report.

Bar

Doing well as usual.

Birds

Kevin has begun the process of acquiring pheasants for our fall bird hunts.

Revenue

Web Site is up and running with a classified section and embroidered patches and logo clothing available to order through a link. Post your outdoors articles, hunting/fishing gear, ammo, guns, etc. for sale here.

Joe Afonso and Ralph Cochran are working on the 30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle. The raffle tickets are now available at all club functions.

Archery

The Nimrod Club will host the 3D Massachusetts IBO State Championship 2016 match for the IBO New England Series! This will be a 2 day event on April 30th and May 1st, expected to bring in 150-200 archers, and is expected to be not only a fun and exciting event, but a great revenue producer for our club. We will need many volunteers to make this a success.

There will be a Triple Crown 3-D shoot on June 11.

The Indoor Archery League meets every Friday at 7 PM. It is open to the public. \$10.00 fee/wk. Please bring a group snack if you can.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

The league has voted to negotiate the possibility of selling a conservation restriction on property they own in New Braintree. There are also several legislative bills the WCL is supporting including S.414, the use of crossbows for hunting and S.415, the Sunday hunting of deer during archery season.

The League is sponsoring a Kids Activity Day at Nimrod on March 6th from 11am-3pm. There will be archery, bird house building, food, and other activities.

Good and Welfare

Thank you all to the many members that have contributed their hours to club service!

Please visit the Nimrod League of Holden's Facebook page and "LIKE" it if you have a Facebook account. You will then automatically receive any notices that we post.

Any member who knows of someone that should be listed in our "good thoughts" section can contact any member of the E-Board with a name.

Please keep the following people in your good thoughts:

Jim Gibbons