

## **The Nimrod League of Holden Newsletter November 2015**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The next meeting is November 10, 2015. 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**

All firearms must be cased, holstered, or have their actions open and chambers empty until on the firing line.

### **New Business**

All 14 items to be changed in the By-Laws have been voted upon and approved each time by the club senior members at the last three monthly meetings.

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.

The Club is looking for bids on approximately 420 yds. of loam or similar topsoil to finish off the Archery Range. The intent is to cover an area roughly 100 yards long by 50 yards wide and 3" deep with the intent of establishing a mow able surface. The Club will use its own equipment and volunteers to spread the loam and seed.

A nominating committee of senior members was chosen by lottery. The lucky members were announced and they will meet at the clubhouse at 6PM on November 10. If anyone is interested in running for office please attend this meeting and contact Hank Stidsen at 508-799-7714.

### **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.

A new gate key will be given out this year when you renew your club membership for 2016.

## **Board of Trustees**

Our investments are up a bit.

## **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. Don't own a shotgun yet? No problem! We always have members who are willing to educate and teach safe shooting Thursday nights. Always a willing shooter available with a loaner gun to assist new members!

A Trap Turkey Shoot will be held Sunday, November 8th. Come to the club and win turkeys, wine, etc. It's a blast!

## **Kitchen**

Any new food item that you put in the refrigerator must be dated with Sharpie pens that are kept in the drawer to the right of the hand wash station. This is a board of health requirement. Many members are not in compliance with the ordinance.

The kitchen will be closed for the final cleaning on Sunday, 12/13/15, just before the Board of Health inspection. The walls, ceiling and floor must be washed and disinfected. The refrigerator and freezer will be cleaned. All undated food must be thrown away. Again, to comply with the food code, all opened items and leftovers MUST be dated with a Sharpie pen found in the drawer on the right side of the hand wash sink.

Again, people using the kitchen must leave it as clean as it is now. It was left filthy after the summer function/chicken barbecue; the day after several members spent a day cleaning it. The club owes a very big thank you to the volunteer crew that spent several extra hours cleaning up the kitchen mess that was left after the barbecue ended.

## **Game Dinner: May 14, 2016**

We have received no fish donations. Chowder, fried fish, smoked fish pate and other dishes could be scarce at the dinner.

Bruce will put the pheasant donation bucket out on Saturdays during bird season and clean the birds for our dinner at 10 AM. He would appreciate anyone who volunteers to help him clean.

We need big game donations of all types.

You can place items in the kitchen freezer or call Bruce at (508) 853-1589 to arrange getting the meat to the club.

Our dinner will only be as good as the donations that we receive from members.

### **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.

Tom will be making some new target carriers and getting the range cleaned up in preparation for winter.

A motion was made and passed at the October meeting to hire an engineer to make an engineering study and plan to make range improvements. This study/plan must pass the town of Princeton before work can begin.

### **Rifle Range Improvements**

Our first step is to restore the range to its approximate historical width. We need to cut a number of trees and saplings mostly on the "left" side (as you face downrange). This is a mix of oak up to approx. 12" and pine of up to approx. 20". Many of these trees lean towards the open range area and will drop into it for easy access. Please keep in mind that all brush will need to be picked up and piled and that both the Rifle Range use and Bird hunting activities must be considered. Pine logs will be pushed aside with the tractor if too big to do by hand. Cutters will have first dibs on the firewood.

If anyone is interested in helping us out with the cutting please contact Kevin Chviruk at 508-523-0742 or at [kevchiv68@gmail.com](mailto:kevchiv68@gmail.com). Anyone wishing to cut **MUST** contact Kevin **FIRST**.

### **House**

We give a special thank you to Bob Avedisian for his weekly efforts to keep our clubhouse clean.

Oct. 23 Indoor Archery League. Every Friday, 7 PM. \$10.00/wk.

Nov. 1 Special Bird Hunt. Rifle range closed all day.

Nov. 7 Club Rental.

Nov. 8 Trap Turkey Shoot. 9am-2pm.

Nov. 12 Princeton PD on range. 8am-2pm. Rifle range closed.

Nov. 15 Special Bird Hunt. Rifle range closed all day.

Nov. 19 Princeton PD on range. 3pm-8pm. Rifle range closed.

Dec. 12 Club rental.

Dec. 15 Club rental.

Dec. 13 Kitchen Cleaning Day. Kitchen closed.

Jan. 9, 2016 Club Rental.

April 9 Women on Target. Range closed.

June 12 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

July 24 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

### **Executive Board**

No report given.

### **Grounds**

**One bid came in for snow plowing and sanding the parking lot and rifle range road/lot.**

Please sign the log book if you are using the tractor for any purpose. The club is waiting for John Deere to repair/replace the front end loader on the tractor.

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 and rifle range open throughout the winter. Any interest in grounds work please email Neal Whitehead. Get your work hours in early!

### **Finance**

The trustees report that we have been doing a bit better financially for the past few weeks.

### **Bar**

Doing well as usual.

### **Birds**

Kevin reports that pheasants will be stocked every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving morning. The Youth Hunt was very successful. All of the participating youth got pheasants this year.

### **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.

## **Archery**

Announcement: The Nimrod Club has been selected to host the 3D Massachusetts IBO State Championship 2016 match for the IBO New England Series! This will be a 2 day event on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Please contact Tina if you can donate pressure treated wood to be used on the new archery trail and to rebuild some of the old woodland trail target butts. We could also use donations of blankets, cloths, clothes, etc. to use as arrow backstops.

**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.**

**The membership voted and approved Tina Gianos to Senior Member status.**

## **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.

## **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.

Please keep the following people in your good thoughts:

Ed Zukowski Sr.

Peter Brewer

Jim Gibbons