

## **The Nimrod League of Holden Newsletter   December, 2015**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The next meeting is December 8th, 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**

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 met at the clubhouse on November 10. If anyone is interested in running for office please attend the December meeting and place your name as a write-in on the ballot.

### **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 will be coming out in early December. The dues fee is \$100.00 for 2016. A new gate key will be given out this year when you renew your club membership.

## **Board of Trustees**

Our investments are holding steady at this time.

## **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!

The Turkey Trap Shoot was a great success; one of the best ever. The Shoot was made great through the efforts of both volunteers and shooters. The trap committee wishes to thank Paul Fraser, Dave Fillow, Steve Gogos, Kevin Chviruk, Ralph Cochran, Dave Wilson, Neil Hasset, Greg McIntire, Carlo Cappuccio, Larry Josti, Travis Zukowski, Ann Zukowski, and all the shooters.

## **Kitchen**

The kitchen will be closed on 12/13/15 PM for cleaning.

I would appreciate volunteers including any who helped me in September and others who would like to help make our club a better place for everyone.

Call Bruce at (508) 853-1589

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

A generous number of pheasants were placed in the donation bucket on Saturday mornings and the 11/1/15 Special Hunt. Thanks to all who shared part of their bag to help make our dinner on May 14, 2016 a success. Thanks also to Isaac Houston and Larry Josti who helped me clean them.

Paul Frazier donated Striper but we need more bass, Pollock, cusk, hake or other fish that you can share. We need 10 pounds of vacuum sealed bluefish that I will smoke for pate.

We have no big game and will appreciate deer, moose, bear, eland, gemsbok or anything that you might have. Having just pheasant will make for a sparse boring dinner.

If you have some extra meats please call Bruce at (508) 853-1589.

## **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**

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).

Work on tree cutting continues. There is a stack of hardwood near the shack on the rifle range for members to cut up, split, and take home.

### **House**

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

Ralph is working on getting the permits for our annual inspections.

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.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> IBO Archery Tournament. Rifle range closed.

June 12 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

July 24 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

### **Executive Board**

No report given.

### **Grounds**

The John Deere tractor is back from Padula's. 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!

### **Finance**

The trustees report that our investments have been holding steady for the past few weeks.

### **Bar**

Doing well as usual.

### **Birds**

Kevin reports that the special bird hunts and the usual Saturday stockings have gone very well 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.

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.

### **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.                      Bob Hokanson

Peter Brewer                          Jim Gibbons

Jim Crystoff in the passing of his father.