

The Nimrod League of Holden Newsletter January, 2016

Monthly Meeting

Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The next meeting is January 12th, 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

Be very careful on slippery surfaces.

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.

The December elections were held and we have voted in the same slate of excellent officers.

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

The E-Board has voted to raise Ed Brackett, Joe Jakubiak, and Gary Salerno to Senior Member status. The final vote will take place at the January member meeting.

Board of Trustees

No report.

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!

Kitchen

Al Afonso, Joe Afonso and Russ Chaplis volunteered to help Bruce clean the kitchen on December 13. Joe's friend Hari, a non-member, also volunteered. He will put his name on the membership wait list.

The Board of Health will do our annual inspection soon. The kitchen is now spotless.

People who cook in it must leave it this clean to protect the health of all members and guests who eat in our clubhouse. Leftovers, milk and all perishable food must be date marked with a Sharpie found in the drawer to the right of the hand wash sink before it is put in the refrigerator. All food that is seven days old must be thrown away. This is a Board of Health requirement that will help us prevent food borne illnesses.

Game Dinner: May 14, 2016

We have not received any big game donations. The success of our May 14 Game Dinner depends on the generosity of our members. Please help.

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.

A steel plate full of holes as well as ricochet dents and a spinning steel target have been in use at the range recently. Shooting at steel is not an approved target on our range. There is too much danger from ricochets and splatter.

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.

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.

All the required inspections have been completed and all went well.

Jan. 9, 2016 Club Rental.

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

May 14 Game Dinner.

May 15 Ham Shoot 9am-2pm.

June 12 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

July 24 3-D Archery Match. Range closed.

Executive Board

No report given.

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!

Finance

No Report.

Bar

Doing well as usual.

Birds

Kevin reports that the special bird hunts and the usual Saturday stockings have gone very well this past upland game season.

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 having a 30 Gun in 30 Days Raffle. Joe will give a presentation at the January club meeting explaining how this raffle will be run throughout the month of June.

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 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.

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 will be hosting the youth archery shoot at the annual Sportsmen's Show to be held in Boxborough Jan. 29-31st. Volunteers are needed. Any club member wishing to help should contact Joe Afonso.

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:

Ed Zukowski Sr.

Peter Brewer

Jim Gibbons