

The Nimrod League Newsletter November 2016

Monthly Meeting

Here's my quotation for the month...

“A man may not care for golf and still be human, but the man who does not like to see, hunt, photograph, or otherwise outwit birds or animals is hardly normal. He is super civilized, and I for one do not know how to deal with him. Babes do not tremble when they are shown a golf ball, but I should not like to own the boy whose hair does not lift his hat when he sees his first deer. We are dealing, therefore, with something that lies very deep.”

“We seek contacts with nature because we derive pleasure from them... The duck-hunter in his blind and the operatic singer on the stage, despite the disparity of their accoutrements, are doing the same thing. Each is reviving, in play, a drama formerly inherent in daily life. Both are, in the last analysis, esthetic exercises.”

–Aldo Leopold

Monthly Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – next Meeting November 8, 2016. Make it a point to attend if you can. From 6:00 – 6:45 pm for a cocktail and socializing – then we serve the best \$5 meal in town! Club business discussed with occasional guest speakers from 7:15 - 8:30 ish. Home in bed by 9:00.

Speakers

Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a speaker at a future meeting.

Monthly Safety Tip

“Don't shoot birds on the ground! Only shoot birds in the air.”

New Business

The idea of creating a grant writing committee with a chair person is being discussed. We can use someone to research and find available grants and then write the applications for them. Please let us know if you have any experience in this area. Also, there is a change being discussed to our standing rules regarding hunting on Saturday mornings during bird season. The language may be too restrictive. Stay tuned for our next general meeting.

Membership

Paul Fraser and Dave Fallow report that we have received several membership applications with checks and signed waivers. They are Mark Kent, Derek Briarly, and Ken Werme, all from Holden, Tyler Kroznowski of Worcester, and Philip Seyanek of Princeton. They were approved by the E board and will be voted on by the membership at the next general meeting.

Board of Trustees

Scheduling meetings was discussed. A date in early December is being considered. An exact date is yet to be determined.

Trap/Skeet

Upcoming Event! Sunday, November 6, Nimrod will hold a Turkey Shoot. Raffle tickets are available. Please see Paul Fraser or Dave Fallow for tickets! Join us for Trap and Skeet and enjoy a Sunday of shooting at Nimrod.

Trap and Skeet is every Thursday night. We encourage everyone to come out on Thursday evenings for a night of shooting and fellowship.

Kitchen

Cindy Smith volunteered to cook for our general meeting on November 8th. Thanks Cindy! We are still looking for donations for our game dinner. If you have any game, leave it in the refrigerator and call Bruce at (508) 853-1589. He will vacuum package it for the freezer to prevent freezer burn and keep it fresh for our dinner. Thanks!

Upcoming Event: Game Dinner on May 20, 2017

Rifle Range

Tom Wiegand reports the new shooting benches have been stored for the winter. There will be a staining party in the spring. The final report on our 2016 NRA grant was submitted. Tina Gianos is preparing another application for 2017 to be submitted by the November 1 deadline. The plans for our new pavilion at the Rifle Range are complete as the renovation of the range continues. We soon will have both the pistol and rifle range shooting in the same direction. This is a key safety measure that the club needs to make. Take a look at the plans when you get a chance. We will see many changes and improvements soon! The range will be closed May 13-14, 2017 for the Archery IBO Shoot.

House

Security of the club was discussed by the E Board. Video surveillance equipment will be purchased in an effort to keep our property more secure. There was a lengthy discussion regarding technology and the degree of investment to make now. Wireless using WiFi was discussed along with the pace of adopting new technology. As we all know, the latest and the greatest can be obsolete within 6 months. The other factor that arises is cost. A level of sophistication can be very expensive when it first becomes available, but the price drops significantly with time.

Executive Board

This month's meeting was a lengthy affair with many topics of discussion. Our membership can be very proud of the board and the time and effort that is made by everyone to keep our club running smoothly.

Grounds

Equipment maintenance was reported on by Neal Whitehead. Rick Longbottom was awarded the snow removal contract. We are ready for the winter.

Finance

The market fluctuates as we all know. Smart investors stay the course.

Bar

All is well.

Birds

Our Youth Bird Hunt was a success. There were many smiling young hunters who didn't want to leave our grounds they were having so much fun! Kudos to Kevin Chviruk and everyone who made the day a success.

Upcoming Events: Sunday, November 13 and Sunday November 27, Nimrod will hold Special Bird Hunts. The fee is \$100.00 for a day of fine shooting and dog work. Contact Kevin for details.

Revenue

Roland Morse reported our expenditures and balances for the month. The club is still looking for someone to replace Roland as treasurer for 2017.

Archery

Tina Gianos reports that lessons are going very well with lots of enthusiasm. There will be one more 6-week session of lessons. **Upcoming Event:** Nimrod will host the IBO Shoot on May 13 & 14, 2017. The Rifle Range will be closed that weekend.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

Joe Afonso encourages everyone to visit the new website. You can find links to various new functions on the Mass.gov website. There is a valuable one for duck hunters. You can now purchase a Federal Duck Stamp online. We no longer need to depend on our local post office to have them in stock. Joe also reports that the League has wood duck boxes, walking sticks, and bird houses all in place as Kid's Day activities. The league is still looking for someone to chair that event. **Upcoming Event:** GOAL Seminar on November 6. See the website for details.

Good and Welfare

John O'Lari sends his thanks for all the well wishes he received from our members.

Life member Bob Patrick passed away. We will send a donation to Lincoln Street Veteran's Shelter in his name.