

MARCH 24, 2020

This newsletter is to serve as notification to all members, of changes in Club Activities due to the quarantine issued by Governor Baker.

On Tuesday March 17th the Board of Directors met to discuss several agenda items as well as if the club should function at a time of social distancing.

The first agenda item was presented by the Rifle Committee Chairman Brian Baird and related to continued damage to the target frames by shotguns. This has been mentioned both at prior meetings and in the newsletters, however that damage continues. Not only does the damage to the target frames increase the cost to equip the ranges, it also increases the number of hours volunteers need to spend to maintain them. After discussion a motion was made and approved to allow only single shot projectiles at the rifle and pistol range. Therefore, effective immediately there will be no use of any type of multiple shot projectiles at the rifle and pistol ranges. This means no birdshot or buckshot are to be used at the rifle and pistol ranges. Signage will be installed at the rifle and pistol range regarding this change. There is a patterning board for turkey and steps will be taken to maintain it as well.

The second agenda item was the maintenance of the Club pond. Pete Allaire noted that in previous years a maintenance program was crucial in the pond staying healthy. The BOD approved that Pete continue the maintenance steps taken in previous years and that it continues throughout the season.

The third agenda item was the fishing derby. The BOD has decided on a postponement of the Spring Derby as the best course of action. We will look toward trying to hold it maybe in the Fall. I thank all those members of the Club who have already spent time in preparation. We can hopefully pick up the ball and run with it later. Meanwhile, we will still do a stocking of the Club Pond, but a smaller amount of fish for now. Members can still enjoy fishing at the Club.

The final agenda item was the club's response to recent quarantine orders by Governor Baker as well as CDC guidelines. The BOD approved the following steps. Effective March 17th, 2020 all rentals in March and April have been canceled and refunds will be issued. Anyone wishing to reschedule, will have first choice of available dates, once the restrictions are lifted. The club house will remain closed until further notice. The April monthly meeting has been canceled. All membership orientations have been canceled until further notice. As of March 24, 2020, the ranges remain open. It is recommended that everyone follow the CDC guideline of 6-foot separation and remain vigilant with effective handwashing. The BOD will continue to address routine club business as needed. Monthly meetings will continue once the Governors orders are lifted.

We will update the club web site and Facebook pages as things change. As always you can contact me at chuckrbaker@comcast.net. With any questions or concerns.

Stay safe, follow the CDC guidelines and we will get through this.

Sincerely,
Charlie Baker (Not the Governor)