



# NEWS AT THE TOP

October 2022

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

At the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we will confirm the candidates that have no challengers. To be clear, Pat Rizzuto will be Club President again; Anthony Curcuruto will be Secretary; and Craig Miebach will be Treasurer. For Vice President we have John Morgan and Frank Costello. As mentioned in the minutes, John was nominated by the current officers and Frank was nominated by Jim Munley.

The voting will be as follows: The club secretary will hand one ballot to each member present. Members will make their selection in secret and the ballots will be collected by the secretary. Ballots will be tallied by the secretary and monitored by the two candidates.

Aside from the upcoming election to fill the VP position, there are a few open positions members can fill. We are looking to fill two field chairman positions – one at each field and we are looking for volunteers to mow Reynolds Field. Responsibilities for each can be found on page three in the newsletter.

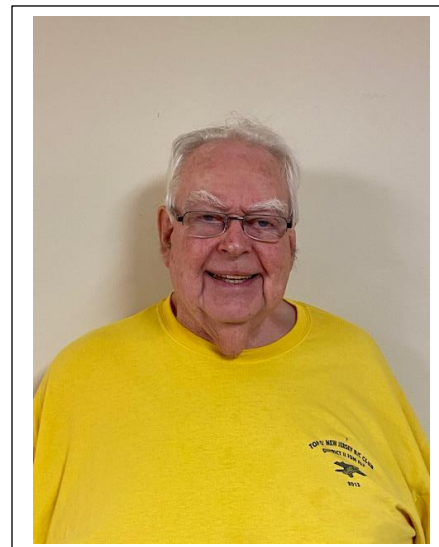
There have been some concerns about hunting near our fields. I put a schedule in the newsletter for deer and turkey hunting. Take notice and be careful during those times.

**See you at the Meeting**

## The Candidates



**John  
Morgan**



**Frank  
Costello**

# October 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Craig was absent. There were 11 members at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meet were read and approved without correction.

Treasures Report: None. Craig was absent and did not send one in.

Fields: Both fields are in good flying shape. At Hardyston, follow the safety protocol is a plane goes down on the farmers property and you have to retrieve it.

Membership: There was a moment of silence for the passing of a long-time member – John Kassatkin.

Safety: There are hunters around each of our fields so beware. Also, there is a bear constantly at Hardyston, so be again be aware.

Old Business: Nominations for club officers was opened up again. No new nominations were made. For next month's election, we have the slate proposed by the current officers. The slate is Pat Rizzuto for President, John Morgan for Vice President, Anthony Curcuruto for Secretary and Craig Miebach for Treasurer. Frank Costello was nominated last month for Vice President.

New Business: The combination for the lock at Hardyston will be changed to match the one at Reynolds. It will be done after January and after all members paid their dues. Mowing – since Mike Shauger is moving to Florida, we are losing our mowing contractor. Frank Fanelli will be mowing Hardyston. We need five volunteers for Reynolds to mow five times each. Compensation will be free membership for the year. A motion was made and approved to purchase Mike's mower for \$500. A motion was made and approved to upgrade Mike to Life Member.

At the end of the meeting, Anthony made a presentation on a new *foamie* he put together and talked about its pitfalls.

## **Field Chairman Needed for Both Fields**

Field chairmans are needed for both fields. The responsibility are:

- Assure the field is mowed each week. If the designated mower is not available make sure a substitute is assigned. The field chairman can be the designated mower
- Schedule and manage several work parties as needed. Recommendation is that a work party is scheduled for the first week in June and the first week in August
- Attend to other issues at the field as needed

## **Mowing at Reynolds Field**

The club is looking for five volunteers to mow Reynolds Field. Each volunteer would mow the field five times. The incentive or compensation is that the volunteers would not have to pay dues. One volunteer would serve as the lead and manage the schedule for the others. The lead would also be responsible for finding a place to secure the mower. The adjacent church would be a good choice (they have a shed that might be of use ) offering a donation of maximum of \$200. Also, the lead would have to store the mower over the winter. Leaving the mower at the field is not viable. It would be subject to theft, vandalism, and destruction caused by mice.

This proposal will only work if the church houses the mower during the cutting season and a place, is secured during the winter for the mower.

Cost savings:

Mowing cost for 25 cuts = \$1875

Mowing by volunteers = \$375

The club will be saving \$1575

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Reynolds Field Chairman: Open Position

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## Meeting Schedule for 2022

<b>January 21, 2022</b>	Canceled
<b>February 17, 2022</b>	Over
<b>March 17, 2022</b>	Over
<b>April 21, 2022</b>	Over
<b>May 19, 2022</b>	Over
<b>June 16, 2022</b>	Canceled
<b>July 21, 2022 Reynolds</b>	Over
<b>August 18, 2022 Hardyston</b>	Over
<b>September 15, 2022</b>	Over
<b>October 20, 2022</b>	Over
<b>November 17, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>December 2, 2022</b>	No Meeting

## Treasurer's Report

Reprint from September 2022

August's opening balance was \$9,962.09. Collections for the month represent \$95 for a new membership application. Expenses for the month totaled \$657.00 represented by mowing \$510 and Pizza / Soda for the July and August meetings \$147. August's ending balance is \$9,400.09.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$1,654
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$9,400

## **In Memory – Barbara Rizzuto**

Pat Rizzuto's wife Barbara, passed away on Tuesday, November 1st. Visitation was on Sunday, November 6th from 3pm to 6pm and November 7th at 11am at the Ferguson—Vernon Funeral Home. Barbara's obituary can be found [here—Barbara Rizzuto Obituary \(1943 - 2022\) - Franklin, NJ - Legacy Remembers](#)



Pat and Barbara were together a very long time. I understand they were married for over 60 years and were high school sweethearts. I am sure Pat is going to miss her very much.

Keep both of them in your prayers.

# New Jersey Deer Season 2022-2023

Archery: September 11, 2021 - October 29, 2021 and October 30, 2021 - January 31, 2022

Youth Archery: September 25, 2021

Firearm: December 6, 2021 - December 11, 2021

Youth Firearm: November 20, 2021

# New Jersey Wild Turkey Season 2022-2023

Fall General Season: October 24, 2021 and October 26, 2021 -October 31, 2021