



July 2010 *NewsNotes*

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting June 24, 2010

Call to Order by President Pete McCann 7:00

**Present:** Officers Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Dick Allen, Eric Schramm, Tim Daily, Nick Hardie  
Other: Jeff Baugher

**Secretary's Report:** Andy wondered (by email communication) about a precedent for borrowing tables and chairs from the club house. Discussion included options such as if the club house is already reserved, the member wishing tables and chairs would be required to ask permission from the member already having the facility reserved. Pete to draw up a proposal for reservations.

**Membership:** Dick reported that there was 1 "official" member opening, and suggested awaiting the June 30 deadline for membership renewal for tallying any further count.

**Building and Grounds:** JR reported that the skeet houses have been stained (thanks John Iati). The houses took a lot of stain, proving that they needed the attention. Several stumps around the grounds have been removed (thanks JR and Frank Stackman). Two new tires and new lights and grill are on the tractor (as approved by the general membership last month). Rebar (reinforcement rod) has been left in a couple places from Archery Target movement (not necessarily by Archery shooters). These heavy metal rods don't mix with the mowers used to keep the club grounds looking great. Striking these bars causes significant damage to the mowers, and almost caused a serious injury. PLEASE remove the rebar supports when moving targets.

**Range Report:** Tim said the ranges are in good shape.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nick reported we were minus \$86 for the month (all financials exclude 2010-2011 membership revenue). See July General meeting notes for additional details.

If anyone has a spare key to the "black box" please contact Nick. Thanks.

**Club Safety / Security:** A couple wine bottles were found in the "chalet" garbage can. We have no idea if this was from members, or uninvited "visitors." Reminder to all

members and guests of members: Alcohol is not permitted past the barn. Absolutely no alcohol is permitted at or near the shooting grounds.

### Miscellaneous reports / future activities:

Pete asked about interest in a club "party" that would be held in September. Possibilities included BBQ chicken, fried turkey, a band, etc. No decision was made, but Pete will send a questionnaire to membership and bring it up at July's member meeting.

Allan Rice is organizing a Red Wings baseball outing on July 24. A flyer is on the web site, and Pete will send an e-mail.

July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> are the next Fun Shoots. Sign up sheets will be available at member meetings. Youth Day shoot will follow the August 14<sup>th</sup> shoot.

Communications: Wayne Blattner's niece Susan Foss wrote the club a thank you letter for the use of the clubhouse for a baby shower. A future NRA member, I'm sure.

Adjournment, 8:20



### General Meeting July 1, 2010



The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for all the members of our Armed Services.

**Members present:** Dick Allen, Steve Baase, Buz Baumann, Jeff Baugher, David Beehner, Greg Beyler, Keith Bowers, Larry Britt, Ron Breslawski, Al & Frank Castrechino, Tim Daily, Paul Drake, Phil Dugan, Nick Hardie, Mike Kirchgessner, Bob Knyrim, Jim Priestley, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Dan Mikel, Bill Plews, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice and Andy Sperr.

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## *NewsNotes Update:*

**Thanks to Paul Drake**, who noted that the definition of “disciplinary action” regarding violation of shooting hours: a “\$100.00 fine for a first time offense and termination of membership for a repeat offense” is already incorporated in the By-Laws. This is repeated again so that no member can plead ignorance of this very important regulation.  
The June issue was otherwise accepted as published.

## **Treasurer’s Report:** Nick Hardie

The **June Transactions Report** dated July 1, 2010, showed the following:

Income:	\$2,619.00
Expenses:	2,705.41
June Net:	-88.41
Preserve Account:	5,074.44

Major Income items were: Archery League \$263.00; Black Box (Clays \$562.00; Fun Shoot \$583.00; Skeet \$216.00). Expense items included Administration \$825.00; Eqpt.repairs \$676.00; 10 Stand Transmitter \$295.00.

## **Membership:** Dick Allen

Two openings for Active Membership are the result of resignations by John Hyde and Ed Olczak.

**Jeff Baugher** volunteered to assume John’s responsibilities in managing clubhouse access passes. **Thank you, Jeff.**

Nick Hardie estimated that only about 150 members have submitted their dues by the June 30 deadline. This suggests that there may soon be a substantial reduction in the Waiting List of over 150 and lots of work for Dick.

## **Building & Grounds:** Jim Rabjohn

See the Board Meeting notes for details of lots of ongoing activity.

## **Important & Worth Repeating:**

\* There have been several instances of damage to tires and mower blades striking rebar rods left in place after archery targets have been relocated.

**PLEASE: If you remove or relocate an archery target for any reason, pull the rebar/anchor and dispose of it safely.**

\* **BOOZE & GUNS DON’T MIX.** Empty wine bottles were recently found at the chalet. **Ground Rule 14 prohibits drinking on the ranges or consumption before shooting on club property.** Maybe it was kids celebrating graduation, maybe not. It was suggested that we post signs prohibiting alcohol behind the barn. An idea worth implementing?

## **More Safety concerns:** Tim Daily

Tim reminded all members that Trapper Training is restricted to Board Members or the Field Captains ONLY.

## **Archery:** Bill Plews

Bill expects that he & **Dan Spencer** will have a plan for the archery pavilion to submit to the Board by their next meeting.

This should be suitable to submit to the Town for a building permit. They hope to complete the project soon.

## **Member Appreciation Day**

As reported several times recently, the August 5 General Meeting will be replaced by the traditional Member Appreciation Day. It will feature half-price shooting and free food from 5 ‘til 7.

## **Red Wing Family Night:** Al Rice

Al is planning a North Star Family Night at Red Wing Stadium on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the web site for details.

## **Good Idea:**

**Pete McCann** asked those present for support of a proposal for a chicken BBQ, followed by music (Country &/or R & B) for an upcoming Saturday afternoon and evening. Anyone wanting to shoot could do so earlier in the afternoon.

Saturday, September 18 was suggested. The members approved Pete’s request to pursue further details.

## **Tree Stands**

**Larry Britt** called attention to the fact that there were still several portable tree stands out back from last deer season, despite **Club Rule 20** which states “There are to be no permanent tree stands on club property”. Larry volunteered to remove any still standing. The membership approved, with the condition that they be relocated to the barn. Stands not picked up promptly may be auctioned off before next season. The Board may address specifying a “window” of time for temporary tree stands on the property during the fall season.

## **Clubhouse Reservations**

We’ve been getting lots of reservation for the clubhouse and the usual process of “first come first served” through the Secretary (see page 4) is working well.

We’ve also started to get separate requests for the loan of chairs &/or tables.

Reservations for the clubhouse are subject to, but not limited to the following:

- \* A reservation applies to the clubhouse & pavilion only.
- \* Tables & chairs go with the clubhouse.
- \* Reservations for tables or chairs are subject to 2<sup>nd</sup> priority.
- \* Members are still allowed access to all shooting venues.

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## **Proposed Pistol Berm:** Dan Mikel

After consulting with **JR & Tim Daily**, Dan is still fine tuning his proposal and will have more info next month. Current plan is a location on the right (north) side of the driveway, just before the Skeet Field. Biggest unanswered question is a source of inexpensive/free fill. Several options are being pursued.

## **10 Stand**

The 10 Stand open hours will be extended on Mondays 3 - 6 PM through July, except Monday, July 5.

## **New business:** Jim Rabjohn

Jim made plea for a new “utility vehicle”, a John Deere TX350(?) Gator with a box for approx. \$7,000.00. This item for \$8,000.00 was part of the budget approved for 2010-2011. After some discussion of the need for and the pros & cons, Jim moved and Buz Baumann seconded to proceed with the purchase. The motion was approved by an almost-unanimous show of hands.

A drawing of a TX Gator (may be different than shown).



Both items are in the barn for inspection. Photos can be seen on the web site: click “member information” then follow the link to “equipment for sale”

The club will auction off each item separately via sealed bids only, delivered to an officer or sent to PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468. Must be postmarked before the August 26 Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

**50/50: Glen Reed;** Sorry Glen. Bad timing.

## **Equipment for sale:**

**Tim Daily** has found two items that are not needed by the club, and suggested they be sold to the highest bidder. A silent auction is planned. The items are:

- 1) Homelite/Textron 3000 Watt generator with a B&S engine. Runs well. The generator is mounted to a lawn mower deck for easy transport
- 2) Turfpower by Agway 21” lawn mower; runs like a top, but doesn’t self propel



## Upcoming Events



Reserve the Clubhouse and Grounds for your event by contacting **Andy Sperr @ 225-0373** **and** noting it on the Clubhouse Calendar. . . First Come First Served  
Otherwise, your reservation may not be honored

### Board of Directors Meeting

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

### General Member Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

### Youth Day Shoot

Saturday, August 14 at 11 AM

### Member Appreciation Day

Replaces the August general meeting August 5  
1/2 price shooting, free food from 5-7

### Current Club Reservations:

Bob Fritz	Saturday, July 10
Brockport FD Picnic (Paul Drake)	Sunday, July 18
Stu Hanzel	Saturday, July 31
Tom Asenato	Saturday, Aug 7
Stu Hanzel	Saturday, Aug 14
LPWA Family Steak Roast	Saturday, Aug 28
Jim Rabjohn	Sat. & Sun. Sept 11 & 12

### Al Z. Heimers League Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00 AM

Relaxed Shooters Only, any age, just show up.

Come out & have fun - We're looking for shooters

### Regular Group Shoot

Saturday Mornings @ 9:00 AM

Call Doris Ott a day ahead for a trapper

### 10-Stand

10-Stand will be open every Monday from 3-6 PM for a trial period during July (except July 5)

**Summertime Open Shoots:** July 17; August 14

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-2775
VP1 Membership	Dick Allen	225-7814
VP2 Communication	Eric Schramm	227-6635
Treasurer	Nick Hardie	392-2816
Secretary	Andy Sperr	225-0373
Director	Ron Carlton	392-9140
Director	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Director	Allan Rice	755-1085
Field Captain	Tim Daily	392-7145
Sporting Clays	Allan Rice	755-1085
Preserve	Dick Groves	392-9892
	David Isaac	638-5305
Grounds	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Vehicles & Equipmt	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
10 Stand	Jay Giese	659-8655
Skeet	Doug Files	964-2424
Rifle Range	Greg Beyler	442-8143
Archery	Bill Plews	637-3665
	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Allan Rice	755-1085
Hunter Safety	Doug Rivaie	392-9074
Trapper Reservation	Doris Ott	352-0125
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
Club Database	Marty Barry	659-8677
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
Postal Service	Al & Tammy Castrechino	636-4376
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Weist	637-0579
Kitchen	Jerry McCoy	342-7277
Clubhouse		964-8000
NSSC email list	Paul Drake	
	Pdrake2@rochester.rr.com	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
	webmaster@northstarsportsmansclub.org	

### Websites worth visiting

North Star: [www.northstarsportsmansclub.org](http://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org)  
 LPWA: [www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com](http://www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com)  
 SCOPE: [www.scopeny.com](http://www.scopeny.com)  
 NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: [www.nysrpa.org](http://www.nysrpa.org)  
[www.keepandbeararms.org](http://www.keepandbeararms.org)  
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