



Aug - Sept 2010 *NewsNotes*

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting July 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dick Allen at 7:05 PM. President Pete McCann was absent due to higher priorities of public office.

**Officers present:** Dick Allen, Ron Carlton, Tim Daily, Nick Hardie, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice and Andy Sperr.

**Also present:** Jeff Baugher, David Beehner and Paul Drake.

### Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

There was no feedback on the contents of the July *NewsNotes*.

**Paul Drake** voiced the thanks of the Brockport Fire Dept. for the recent use of the clubhouse.

This led to a discussion of the process for clubhouse reservations, which are showing a significant increase in volume this year. The *NewsNotes* page 4 state: "Reserve the clubhouse and grounds for your event by contacting (the Secretary) Andy Sperr @225-0373 and noting it on the clubhouse calendar. First come-First served. Otherwise your reservation may not be honored."

The Board agreed that the process was working OK and the first contact with the Secretary established priority.

Recording the date on the calendar was for the convenience of any member considering a reservation date. In addition, recent discussion by the Board agreed that a reservation included the clubhouse & pavilion plus tables & chairs, but did not preclude use of the remaining facilities beyond the barn by other members. Wording of the page 4 notice will be updated to reflect current practice. **Jeff Baugher** may also incorporate this updated information on the web site.

### Hunter Safety

Classes are scheduled for Tues. & Wed. Sept. 7 & 8 from 6 until 10 PM and Saturday, September 11 from 7 AM until noon.

Signup is at Hamlin Town Hall. The clubhouse will be closed during classes. Signup for Sat. AM sporting clays will be in the barn.

The first scheduled Archery League shoot on the afternoon of Wed., Sept. 7 should not present a problem.

### Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

The **July Transactions** report dated 7/28 showed:

Income: \$26,335.15

Expenses: 1,617.33

Preserve Acct. 5,074.44

Major income items were annual member & preserve dues.

Sporting clays contributed \$824.00 and the July 17<sup>th</sup> Fun Shoot \$950.00.

Anticipated large outlays for the new Gator & auto traps are not included at this point.

### Membership: Dick Allen

There will be about 10 openings as the result of resignations & upgrades to Life Membership.

**Special THANKS to Rob Johnson**, who resigned but paid his 2011 dues, and very generously contributed his \$100.00 renewal to the club for use at the discretion of the Board..

### Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

All "normal maintenance" of grounds & equipment is "on schedule". Great job as usual, **Jim**.

### 2010-2011 Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

There will be a tour for the upcoming season and a meeting is set for Sunday to schedule dates

It looks like North Star will have an early fall date for our first shoot.. Allan will use the existing reservations list to avoid a conflict with other events.

**Tim Daily & Al Rice** are hoping to get member approval for the purchase of 5 auto-traps and accessories (budgeted for and endorsed by the Board) in time for the first shoot. This will require membership approval, probably at a special session following Member Appreciation Day next week in order to meet the tight schedule.

### Archery

There was no one to report for the proposed Archery Pavilion, which may result in a delay in getting approval of a Building Permit for the planned structure.

### Special Youth Day: Al Rice

The August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline passed and there were **ZERO RESPONSES** to Al's flyer for a proposed "**Youth Day of Sporting Clays on August 14<sup>th</sup>**". This will follow the final Summer Fun Shoot that morning. This lack of response is a direct contradiction of our stated goal to include the younger generation in our activities. We need to encourage them to be a part of our shooting sports or we will lose them in the future. Somehow, we oldtimers are dropping the ball in involving our kids. Shooting for the kids is free and Al has plenty of food & prizes for all the kids attending.

Unfortunately, these *NewsNotes* may be too late a reminder for interested uncles, fathers or grandfathers out there.

He is also looking for **NEW** member-trappers to support the very successful Summer Fun Shoots.

Al may try some last minute reminders to encourage participation..

### Proposed "Shoot & Hoot" Event

Dick presented details of Pres. Pete McCann's thoughts for a **Combined Shoot/Chicken BBQ & Hootenanny** on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Included in the plans are two bands for entertainment & fun. Dick will get back to Pete with the Board's endorsement. Here again, we're up against a tight time line/window for publicity, etc.

**Save the Date & plan to have a Shootin'/Hootin' Time.**

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## New Business

### Nomination of Officer Candidates for 2011

In anticipation of nominations for officers for 2011-2012, **Paul Drake** canvassed those present for their willingness to run for office again. Responses varied from "wiling to run again, to prefer to give someone else the opportunity". Paul also reviewed a list of potential candidates from last year for board members' comments. He will e-mail his comments to the Board for review and ask for volunteers to make phone contact with other interested parties.. More to follow.

**Tim Daily** said that with his new work schedule he needs someone to take over his sporting clays course maintenance duties. He will be willing to help as long as necessary in a "crossover" mode. Give him a call at 392-7145.

### Marksmanship Clinic Offer

Member **Curt Drewell** requested Board approval to offer a 2-day Basic Rifle Marksmanship Clinic for interested members at no charge.

Among his credentials, Curt is a former USMC scout sniper, certified NRA and NYS Hunting Safety Instructor.

The clinic would include:

1 evening of classroom instruction,

1 full day on the range,

Chronograph available to check load performance.

Other qualified instructors will be asked to participate and a Youth Class might follow if warranted.

The Board endorsed Curt's proposal and will contact him about further action with his proposal.

### Clubhouse Access Key Cards:

With the resignation of John Hyde, **Jeff Baugher** has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the keycards & associated records. The Board confirmed a \$5.00 replacement cost for lost cards and no charge for malfunctioning cards when "traded in".

**Finally, Nick Hardie** is the holder of 2 keys to the black 'Lock box" and is looking for any others. Anyone else/

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM



**General Meeting  
August 5, 2010**



Note: This meeting was an informal meeting called during the Member Appreciation Night celebration so that the club could address some time sensitive items.

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for all the members of our Armed Services.

### Newest Club Asset

**Jim Rabjohn** announced that the gator is in the barn.

### Help needed

**Al Rice** mentioned that **Tim Daily's** workload prevents him from continuing as co-leader of the sporting clays course. Al put out a request for volunteers to help him run the course.

## Chicken Barbecue

**Pete McCann** announced the Chicken BBQ night on 9/18 and dubbed it the "**Shoot and Hoot**" Price = \$25 for a round of clays and dinner. \$10 for just dinner. He has tickets on sale -- it will be offered to members and non-members.

## New purchase for Clays Course

**Al Rice** discussed his plan to purchase 5 auto traps for the clays course, and said if he acted immediately, he'd probably be able to have them operational by the fall Hunters' tour. He reminded us that the money was already approved and in the budget, but he needed member permission to buy the traps. Motion was made and seconded (**J Baugher** and **A Castrichino**) and it was approved by (nearly) unanimous vote.

## New grill for the kitchen

**Jerry McCoy** mentioned that the gas grill is in pretty sad shape. After brief discussion a motion was made and seconded (**J McCoy** and **P Drake**) to spend up to \$400 on a new gas grill. It was approved (again nearly unanimous).

## Tree Stands

**Larry Britt** noted that he removed 1 tree stand from the property and it is in the barn. 2 others are locked to trees. In keeping with a decision reportedly made at an earlier 2010 meeting (February member meeting), and documented in the February *NewsNotes* a motion was made and seconded to cut the cables of the 2 remaining stands and to place them in the barn as well. If not claimed by their owners by October member meeting, they would be raffled off (motion made by **G Beyler**, seconded by **J Priestly**). Some discussion, but in the end, the motion passed -- again nearly unanimous.

## Safety reminder

**Al Rice** reminded us about leaving traps cocked, noting a few were found put away un-released. For the safety of all users, please remember to fully de-cock all traps when finished with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35

**Board of Directors Meeting  
August 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7 PM.

**Please note: Effective beginning with the September meeting, at the request of President Pete McCann and , with the agreement of the Officers & Directors, all future Board meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month beginning at 7 PM.**

**Officers present:** Dick Allen, Nick Hardie, Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Allen Rice, Eric Schramm and Andy Sperr.

**Members present:** Buz Baumann, David Beehner,

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Paul Drake, Mike Engle, Jay Giese, Dick Groves, Mike Kirchgessner, Dan Spencer, Mike Tuttle and Bob Zink.

**Also 8 Potential New Active Members:** Steve Bubel, Tom Castellana, Michael Dobberty, John Hale, Ray Hauss, William McDonald, Robert Murdock and John Perry.

## **Membership:** Dick Allen

Dick contacted 21 names on the Waiting List for 11 openings. There are two additional PNAM's, who are scheduled for introduction & orientation, leaving 1 remaining opening unfilled at this time.

The Board introduced themselves and the PNAM's gave a brief summary of their background and reasons for wanting to join North Star. After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to accept all 8 as Active Members.

## **Welcome to North Star, Gentleman.**

A request for Life Membership was received from **Dan Wilson** who has been an Active Member since 1993 and meets the age requirement. The Board accepted Dan's request and thanked him for donating his annual \$100.00 dues to be earmarked for Camp Rushford tuitions. One additional request for Life Membership is anticipated, but was not acted on at this meeting.

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

The tentative Treasurer's Report dated 8/26/2010 showed the following:

Income:	\$2,817.00
Expenses:	23,966.14
August net:	(-21,149.14) Preserve Funds
	5,319.44

Major items of expense were a down payment on 5 new auto-traps: \$7.8K; Targets: \$7.5K; New Gator: \$7.4K. Income items of note were: Fun Shoot: \$640.00 & "BB" \$462.00.

## **Blind Auction**

The generator drew 2 identical (!) high bids of \$51.00, which tie was resolved by the Treasure and a flip of the coin, won by Andy Sperr. Jim Rabjohn got the consolation prize lawnmower, for which there were no bids, for \$1.00 which was accepted by the Board.

## **Archery:** Dan Spencer

The Fall Archery league begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue on consecutive Wednesdays through the 29<sup>th</sup>. The 7 Nations competition will be on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the proposed Archery Pavilion will be developed and presented to the Board by early October.

## **Special Donation:** Mike Engle

On behalf of LOU, the Lake Ontario United group, Mike presented a check for \$100.00 to the club. This was in

appreciation for the use of the club's facilities by almost 100 Lake Ontario charter boat captains & clients, who used the clubhouse on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Hunters Tour:** Allan Rice

The season schedule is now firm. Check the web site for the full schedule and details of the new ground rules for eligibility for lots of good prizes. The upcoming months' schedule will be posted on page 4 of these NewsNotes

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

After some discussion on the topic of increased usage of the clubhouse by large groups, the Board directed Jim to pursue cleanout of our 1,000 gal. septic tank, which was installed about 5 years ago. He also received an OK to purchase 2 new (DeWal0t?) batteries for the portable drills in the barn

Jim asked the Secretary to warn all members that **Poison Ivy is growing rampant on the clays course.**

**LEAVES of THREE LET THEM BE**

**A word to the wise should be sufficient?**

## **Officer Candidates:** Paul Drake

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Jay Giese, Mike Kirchgessner Dan Mikel and Paul Drake** submitted a well-designed and thought-out list of potential candidates for the 2011-2012 (next) year and beyond. The Board discussed the suggested candidates and were asked to contact those names agreed on to determine if any of them were interested. The results will be presented at the Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting and members will be asked to submit any other possible candidates at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.



**General Meeting  
September 2, 2010**



The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Jim Priestley at 7:30 PM. This was followed by a moment of silence in honor of all the men & women serving in our Armed Forces.

Pete confirmed that **all future meetings of the Board will be held at 7 Pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.**

**Members present:** Dick Allen, Buz Baumann, Marty Barry, Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Kurt Brinkman, Larry Britt, Frank & Al Castrechino, Tom Castellana, Tim Daily, Curt & Eric Drewel, Phil Dugan, Dick Groves, Stu Hansel, Nick Hardie, Mike Kirchgessner, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Dan Mikel, Jim Nichols, Tom O'Brien, Frank Petricone, Jim Priestley, Jim Rabjohn, Glen Reed, Eric Schramm, Walt Slowig, Andy Sperr, Scott Todd,

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Wayne Vossler, Frank Waldron, Jim Walton, and Christine White.

See **Membership** for new Active Members present.

**Guest:** Pat Grove.

## **Secretary's Report:** Andy Sperr

Since there were no *NewsNotes* published since July, there was nothing to report.

This issue will try to cover all activities/meetings that have taken place since then.

## **Membership:** Dick Allen

Seven of 8 new Active Members were present for Orientation by Dick prior to the meeting. See the Board meeting notes for their names..

Those who remained for the meeting were:

**Tom Castelana, Michael Dobbartin, John Hale & Bill McDonald.**

A second **"Welcome to North Star"**, gentlemen.

**Wayne Vossler** submitted a letter to the Board requesting Life Membership. It will be addressed at their next meeting. **Dan Wilson's** gift of \$100.00 to the Camp Rushford fund was also acknowledged. ( See BOD notes.)

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

See the Board meeting notes for details of Nick's August Transactions report. He added an overdue **THANK YOU to Allan Rice & Mike Zingler, Jr.** for their work in unloading the most recent shipment of targets.

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

Your attention is called again to the **POISON IVY** which is "all over the clays course".

He noted that someone is using the 6' mower as a brush hog, which may be too much for that equipment. Please good judgement when using any club equipment. Treat it as if it were your own.

## **Sporting Clays:** Tim Daily

The new traps are expected for delivery by September 21<sup>st</sup> in time for the first Hunters Tour at North Star on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to publish the entire Tour Schedule with next month's *NewsNotes* and will include the upcoming months' shoots on page 4 monthly.

## **Preserve:** Dick Groves

There are 2 openings in the Preserve. Dick reviewed how the Preserve operates and asked anyone interested to contact him at 392-9892.

## **MCCC, NYSR & PA, SCOPE, etc.**

Jim Nichols, Frank Petricone & Curt Drewel all called the members' attention to the many gun-related issues potentially arising following this fall's elections. Make sure you know your candidates' position on issues that are important to you and let them know. One phone call, a

post card or an e-mail is worth a hundred petition signatures. Go to the recommended web sites on page 4 to get the latest good information.

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

After reviewing his ideas with Greg Beyler (Rifle Range) Tim Daily (Field Captain) & Jim Rabjohn (everything else) Dan proposed the construction of two 12-1/2 yd. pistol-only berms. One will be immediately adjacent and parallel to the 25 yd. rifle range berm, the other on the north side of the driveway, between the skeet field and the 10 Stand.. All "free dirt" options have disappeared. Dan moved and JR seconded that we spend \$1,000.00 which Dick Beehler gave Dan as an estimate for the job. The members agreed by voice vote.

## **Rifle Clinic:** Curt Drewel

A one or two-day (no charge) **Basic Rifle Marksmanship Clinic** is being proposed by **Curt Drewel & Frank Petricone** given sufficient members' interest, which was evident by the many positive comments made. Details will be presented to the Board for approval.

## **"Shoot and Hoot" Saturday, September 18**

Pete reminded the membership of this special event, Shooting begins at 9 AM. Chicken BBQ at 2 – 2:30 PM. Sweet Country music (2 bands at 5:30 & 7 PM. Tickets: Shoot & Eat \$25.00; Dinner only: \$10.00.

## **Nominations & Elections**

See the Board meeting notes for a status report.. Nominations from the floor for all offices will be open t the October meeting. Nominations will the be closed and elections will be held at the December general meeting.

## **Work Hours Requirement**

Effective with this mailing, accumulated work hours will be posted on the mailing label for each Active Member every month. This will allow members to track their progress toward the annual requirement of 8 hours. Any discrepancy can be addressed by contacting Marty.

## **Special notice**

Jim Rabjohn requested special dispensation from our parking policy. A classmate from Minnesota (?) has asked to park in the club parking lot for 1 or 2 days during the Hilton Class of '55 reunion. After the members gave voice approval, Pete emphasized that this was definitely a one-time exception, not a change in general parking policy

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

**50/50:** John Nichols was absent. Sorry, John.







## 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

Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

### General Member Meeting

First Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

### Current Clubhouse Reservations:

Doug Riva's Hunter Safety (see dates below)	
Ed Fiorino Ducks Unlimited	Thurs, Sept 9
Jim Rabjohn	Sunday, Sept 12
Shoot & Hoot (see details below)	Saturday, Sept 18
Frank Hurley	Saturday, Sept 25
WNY Vet appreciation hunt	Thurs, Nov 11
2011 Hangover shoot	Saturday, Jan 1

### 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

**Hunter Safety:** Sign up at Parma Town Hall  
Sept 7&8 7-10PM, Sept 11 7AM-12:30PM

### Shoot & Hoot

Shoot a round of clays then enjoy Chicken dinner and entertainment Sunday, Sept 18— contact Pete McCann for tickets and more information

### Hunter's Tour dates:

SEPT 11-12	WILLIAMSON R & G
SEPT 18-19	PAINTED POST
OCT 2-3	CANANDAIGUA SPORTSMAN
<b>OCT 9-10</b>	<b>NORTH STAR</b>
<b>**** Workers and Help Needed ****</b>	
OCT 23-24	ROCHESTER BROOKS
NOV 6-7	CAYUGA COUNTY SPORTSMAN
DEC 4-5	SALMON CREEK SPORTSMAN

## 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 Riva's	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
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### 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)  
[www.gunweek.com](http://www.gunweek.com)  
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