



October 2010 *NewsNotes*

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7 PM. This was the first meeting held on the **Third Thursday of each month**, which will be the "normal" schedule for future meetings.

**Officers present:** Dick Allen, Tim Daily, Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Al Rice, Eric Schramm and Andy Sperr.

**Also present:** Paul Drake, Curt Drewell, Mike Kirchgessner and Frank Petricone.

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

There was nothing to report.

In response to the question, "Given the new Board meeting schedule on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and the general meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, what is the best schedule for publication of the NewsNotes?"

Those present all agreed that while it wasn't a big deal, the most information came as a result of the general meeting, so normal publication will follow the general meeting until further notice.

#### **Shoot & Hoot:** Pete McCann

Pete reported that a week earlier he was ready to cancel the event due to low response. Since then many members and spouses signed up, so he is proceeding as planned.

**FOOTNOTE:** A good sized crowd had a great time, with more Hooters than Shooters. **Al Castrechino's** chicken BBQ was the best ever and the 2nd band played well beyond their scheduled time. Those of you that didn't show missed an excellent time. Maybe next year?

#### **Nominating Committee:** Paul Drake

The Nominating committee continues their diligent effort to acquire a challenging slate of officers for the 2011-2012 NSSC calendar year. All incumbents have been contacted regarding their interest in continuing in office. Numerous phone calls have been made to members possibly interested in assuming leadership roles. Nominations will be solicited from the floor and announced at the future meetings. Names will be published and nominations closed at the December meeting with elections held at the January general meeting.

#### **Reservations Chairperson**

With the increasing number of requests for use of the clubhouse for members' events, a suggestion was made that the President designate a member to assume the role currently filled by the Secretary to be in charge of clubhouse reservations. Mike Kirchgessner volunteered to fill this spot. The procedure would not be changed from the current process, only the member in charge. Look for the change effective when posted on page 4 of the *NewsNotes*. Mike suggests this change go into effect on January 1.

#### **Winter Offhand Rifle League**

Frank Petricone presented a written proposal for a Winter Rifle League to begin after the hunting season. The Board approved his request to present the proposal to the members for an indication of interest before proceeding farther.

#### **Free Rifle Marksmanship Clinic**

Curt Drewell also presented a written proposal for a free rifle marksmanship clinic, consisting of a 3-4 hour evening classroom session followed by a 6-8 hour "live-fire" session. This would be scheduled in the Spring of 2011 so as not to interfere with the upcoming hunting seasons. The Board approved Curt's request to present his idea to the members at the next meeting.

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

The Board approved Dan's request for a bill for \$1000.00 for berm construction for two new **"Rimfire & Pistol Caliber Shooting Berm"**.

One is at the east end of the Rifle Range pavilion and the second tucked into the trees on the north side of the roadway between the skeet field and the 10 Stand. Operating guidelines will be posted at each location and will be modified as experience dictates. **Please use this new facility carefully & safely.** Any ideas for improvement should be directed to Dan.

#### **Hunter Safety Class**

It was reported that 30 of 39 who signed up, showed up for another successful class. There were 14 ladies enrolled! Another good job by that committee.

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## Membership: Dick Allen

The application by **Wayne Vossler** for Life Membership was approved by the Board. Two upgrade of Junior Members are on temporary hold due to their college schedules. Dick also voiced his concern about detailed requirements in Article 2, Section 9 Membership, under Certificates, Section (A) and the Membership Certificate itself which states *"This Membership Certificate is redeemable for one (1) year after the resignation/termination from Active Membership or death of the owner/member."*

There are 2 members, one currently Active and another long-ago member who may be affected by this question. The President asked Dick and Andy Sperr to address this issue and make a recommendation for changes in the Constitution to clarify the issue.

## Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

Al noted that the number of shooters has increased significantly this season over last year. Bath from 63 to 111 and Williamson from 102 to 153! He attributes this to the incentives/prizes established for participation in this year's tour.

He anticipates a large turnout at North Star on **October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Extra trappers may be needed.**

## Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

As part of the Pistol Berm project, all the tree stumps, brush & trash on the proposed new archery layout were buried.

Sherwood Forest was cleared, leveled and seeded. All that is needed now is a plan for the pavilion to submit to the town for approval.

A recommendation by the septic tank consultant to defer tank cleaning was rejected by the Board which felt that the <\$200.00 wasn't worth the risk of a problem during one of our well-attended shoots. Jim will ask the contractor to estimate the condition of the tank given 5+ years' use since installation.

## Sporting Clays: Al Rice

Al said **THANK YOU to everyone (including shooters)** who are contributing to the maintenance & cleanliness of the clays course. Also to **Tim Daily, Mike Engle & Scott Todd** for their in helping with course modifications.

He hopes to have the 5 new auto traps delivered by the Hunters Tour scheduled at North Star on October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.



## General Meeting October 7, 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 honoring all our members in Service.

**Members present:** Jeff Baugher, Buz Baumann, Greg Bennett, Wayne Blattner, David Beehner, Greg Beyler, Keith Bowers, Ron Brezowski, Larry Britt, Ron Carlton, Frank & Al Castrechino, Tom Castellana, Larry Conn, Paul Drake, Curt & Eric Drewel, Doug Files, Matt Fumia, Bob Hart, Ray Hauss, Rick Iuppa, Mike Kirchgessner, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Bill McDonald, Corey McAfee, Dan Mikel, Jerry Mostek, Jim Nichols, Frank Petricone, Jim Priestley, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Doug Rivals, Dave Scorse, Frank Waldron, .Andy, Sperr, Kevin Sullivan and Christine White

## Treasurer's Report

Pete reported the following information provided by Nick Hardie:

Major income items were dues & fees: \$2,736.00;  
Expenses included: \$2,900.00 school taxes, \$1,080.00 for the new pistol berms and the \$8,329.00 balance for the new auto-traps & batteries.

Total expenses for September exceeded income by \$7,600.00.

Our **"Shoot & Hoot"** event netted \$624.00 !!

## Membership: Pete McCann for Dick Allen

There is currently 1 (possibly 2) opening for Active Membership. Dick has not received a reply from one potential new member whose name will be deleted from the Waiting List after the next Board meeting if he does not respond.

## Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

As noted in the September 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the pistol berm project is essentially completed with grading & seeding of "Sherwood Forest" also included

## Sporting Clays: Allan Rice

As the result of heavy duty work by **Al, Tim Daily, Dan Mikel, and Scott Todd** the new auto traps were incorporated in the course for the **Hunters Tour, October 9 & 10**. The layout is temporary and will be adjusted as experience dictates following the Tour dates. **Please do not make any changes to the layout without contacting one of the group.**

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**ALSO:** Traps, both manual & auto, are still being left in the “armed” mode, which is a potential hazard to following users.

For your safety and that of fellow members, be sure to disarm any “cocked” traps when closing a station  
If you are uncertain of the proper procedure, ask someone who does..

## **New Pistol Berms:** Dan Mikel

Early experience has been good. **Operating Rules** have been posted at both locations. **Read & Follow Them!** Discussion about shooting closer than 25 yds. (e.g. 10 or 15 yds.) on the 25 yd. Rifle Range berm resulted in agreement it was safe and OK as long as no one else was using the other, longer range berms. Diagonal or “kitty-corner” shooting is absolutely forbidden.

## **Rifle Range:** Greg Beyler

Greg & Dan are planning the extension of the east end of the Rifle Range pavilion to provide cover for the short range pistol berm in 2011.

## **Monroe Cty. Cons. Council:** Jim Nichols

**Stephen Aldstadt** is the new president of **SCOPE** and their monthly meeting has been temporarily relocated from Gander Mountain to **Jay’s Diner** on West Henrietta Rd. The **NYS Conservation Council** is embarking on a 4-year study of wild turkey habitat in cooperation with the Wild Turkey Federation.

## **Nominating Committee:** Paul Drake

Their findings currently are as follows:

President: **Pete McCann** (Willing, but term-limited).

VP 1 Memb: Dick Allen/ Eric Schramm

VP 2 Comm: Jeff Baugher

Secretary: Christine White

Treasurer: Rick Sherman//Nick Hardie

Field Captain: Mike Engle (90% sure)

3 Yr. Director: Still open (Ron Carlton?)

Most incumbent Committee Chairs are willing to continue in office if unopposed..

**Additional Nominations are open until the December General Meeting at which time NOMINATIONS WILL BE CLOSED.** Elections will be held at the January 6<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Curt Drewell & Frank Petricone presented details of their proposed **FREE Rifle Marksmanship Clinic** and **Winter Offhand Rifle League**. They are both well-qualified and are collaborating on these projects. Good interest was shown by the members present. Current plans are for organizational meetings in December to finalize details.

The Board has endorsed both of these proposals.

**President Pete McCann** has also sent details of both proposals to all members on the e-mail list.

## **WHICH BRINGS US TO THIS REMINDER:**

Every month Pete sends out timely and important information regarding club activities via the Internet. He has been frustrated by the many returned e-mails from members who have not bothered to report changes in their e-mail address.

If you don’t keep us informed, you will be out of the loop.

**IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS RECENTLY, CONTACT PETE at [pmccann@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pmccann@rochester.rr.com) or call him at 392-3775**

## **Archery**

There was no formal report, but it was noted that recently-enacted legislation by the NYS Legislature re cross-bow use may affect their plans for future archery facilities at North Star.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

**50/50: Scott Todd**, you’re usually there.

## **Hunters Tour Volunteers Sat. & Sun. 10/9 & 10.**

The following members made the first round of the Hunters Tour at North Star another smooth-working, well-received operation. Financial results are not yet available, but there was an excellent turnout of shooters on Saturday with a less-than-expected number on Sunday, despite excellent weather.

**Tony Basso, Wayne Blattner, Brian Burgeson, Cody Castrechino, Frank Castrechino, Tim Daily, Dave DeClerck, Rich Drescher, Mike Engle, Mike\*Ferris, Matt Fumia, Dick Groves, Nick Hardie, Bob Hart, Dick Hauss, Bill Izyk, Mike Kirchgessner, Fay Knapp, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Bill McDonald, , Dan Mikel, Bruce Newell, Frank Petricone, Jim\*Priestley, Jim\*Rabjohn, Allan\*Rice, Andy\*, Dan & Jim Sperr, Scott\*& Zachary Todd and Brian Werner.**

THANKS to all who helped, with apologies to anyone we might have missed.



## 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:

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's Tour dates:

OCT 23-24	ROCHESTER BROOKS
NOV 6-7	CAYUGA COUNTY SPORTSMAN
DEC 4-5	SALMON CREEK SPORTSMAN
JAN 8-9	WILLIAMSON R & G
JAN 22-23	CANANDAIGUA SPORTSMAN
FEB 12-13	ROCHESTER BROOKS
FEB 26-27	PAINTED POST
MAR 12-13	CAYUGA COUNTY SPORTSMAN
MAR 26-27	BATH
<b>APR 9-10</b>	<b>NORTH STAR</b>
<b>**** Workers and Help Needed ****</b>	
MAY 7-8	SALMON CREEK (Prizes/5man shoot)

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
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 Rivaais	392-9074
Trapper Reservation	Doris Ott	352-0125
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
Club Database	Marty Barry	659-8677
<i>NewsNotes</i>	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
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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)  
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