



November 2010 *NewsNotes*

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2010

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

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

Also present: Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Paul Drake, Dick Groves & Bill Plews.

Prospective New Members present: Mike Borowski & Jim Coopenberg

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

There were no corrections or deletions to the October NewsNotes.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Since the Board meeting is now regularly scheduled mid-month, the Treasurer's Report is in a state of flux and will contain only high spots of financial activity. The usual complete full month **Transactions Report** will continue to be made at the general meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

Nick reported that the Preserve bill for birds (expected to be about \$5K) is outstanding.

Membership Report: Dick Allen

After the Board introduced themselves, Dick introduced two New Potential Active Members: **Mike Borowski & Jim Coopenberg**, who each gave a brief resume' and their reasons for wanting to join North Star. Following discussion, the board unanimously approved their membership. Dick will proceed with Orientation on 11/4 and they will meet the membership at the next general meeting.

WELCOME to North Star, Gentlemen.

There are currently 146 names on the Waiting List with 6 openings. Two of these are on hold due to school schedules, but will be finalized at Christmas recess. **Lucas Burritt** has returned from military duty and is expected to fill one opening.

Constitutional Change: Dick Allen

Dick has proposed a change in the constitution to bring it up to date with respect to redemption of Membership Certificates following resignation, termination or death of a member. The proposed change would make consistent the wording of Article 2, Section 9 of the constitution and the

Membership Certificate. Copies of DRAFT of the proposed change were given to the Board and will be addressed at their next meeting.

Pete McCann raised the possibility of a review of the entire constitution. This was deferred to a future meeting.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Everything is ready for the winter season. The fuel tanks have been topped off

THANKS to **Frank Castrechino** who was seen cleaning the clubhouse smoke stack. Good Job, **FRANK**.

The septic tank was pumped out and judged to be in good condition by the contractor. A bill for approx. \$200.00 was approved to be paid.

Greg Beyler voiced a concern about the propane tank assuming a tilted profile. With the Board's approval, he volunteered to correct the problem.

Hunters Tour: Al Rice

The number of shooters did not reach expectations, but all the feedback was very positive as usual.

A total of 124 League rounds (incl. only 19 on Sunday) were shot. There were 53 Practice rounds over the 2 days, including many North Star members. This may explain the slippage of North Star in the ranks of participation in the Tour. Low participation affects our priority in choice of dates for future tours.

15 Youth participated at no charge. It was another financially successful event, due to the many volunteer members who contributed their time & effort on Saturday &/or Sunday. Thanks again to all.

Nick indicated that early details show gross receipts of \$2650.00 less kitchen expenses of \$2116.00 and the \$340.00 League fee. Target costs were not included in these preliminary numbers.

Sporting Clays: Tim Daily

Pete requested serial nos. & \$ value for the 5 new auto traps for insurance purposes. Nick provided them.

Archery: Bill Plews

Tentative layout of the new archery pavilion has been staked out. Plans will be presented to the Board for consideration and then submitted to the Town for approval.

The new 2011 crossbow regulations are not expected to affect the plans.

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**General Meeting
November 4, 2010**



Rifle Range/Safety: Greg Beyler

It's hard to believe, but Greg is finding targets set up on the range **WITHOUT A BERM BACKUP !**

This is clearly an unsafe practice, and must cease immediately.

Rifle Range Rule 7 Section B states:

"Target faces are to be no further than Two (2) feet from the face of a berm". Is there any need for further explanation?

Your membership may be in jeopardy for violating this rule.

Upcoming Elections: Paul Drake

The Nominating Committee submitted the following names as current nominees for office for elections scheduled for the January meeting: There have been some changes since the October 6th general meeting notes. Additional nominations will remain open until the December general meeting. Elections will be January 6.

- (1) President: **Pete McCann** (term limited)
- (2) VP1 Mem. **Eric Schramm**
- (3) VP2 Comm. **Jeff Baugher**
- (4) Secretary **Christine White**
- (5) Treasurer **Nick Hardie**
- (6) Field Capt. **Tim Daily**
- Director 1 **Allan Rice**
- " 2 **Jim Rabjohn**
- " 3 **Rick Sherman**

New "Reservation Chair"

Refer to the Board meeting notes of September 16 for details. **Mike Kirchgessner** was appointed to this new position by the President, and will be assumed effective January 1, 2011.

Clubhouse Access Cards: Jeff Baugher

The cost of replacing the access cards is almost \$5.00 and a minimum order is 100 cards.

Given this information, the Board unanimously agreed to raise the charge of a "lost" card from \$5.00 to \$15.00. The cost of replacing a defective/malfunctioning card will continue to be NO CHARGE.

NewsNotes on the Web Site

Jeff Baugher asked the Board to consider adding the *NewsNotes*, updated monthly, to the website. After some questions about details, the Board was generally in favor and agreed to bring it to the general members at the next meeting for comment.

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 Forces and especially for Rosa B. Allis, mother of Active Member Dennis Allis. The condolences of all North Star members are extended to the Allis family.

Members present: Dick Allen, Steve Baase, Jeff Baugher, Buz Baughman, Greg Beyler, Ed Breslawski, Larry Britt, Tom Castellana, Frank & Al Castrechino, Paul Drake, Doug Files, Stu Hansel, Rich Iuppa, Glenn Johnson, Mike Kirchgessner, Bob Knyrim, Greg Lessord, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Bill McDonald, Dan Mikel, Jerry Mostek, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Eric Schramm, Rick Sherman, Dan Spencer, Andy Sperr, Scott Todd, Mike Turturro, Jim Walton Terry Voight, Christine White, Chris Wiest, Terry Voight and Wayne Vossler.

New Members also present: See Membership

NewsNotes Proposal: Jeff Baugher

The Board forwarded Jeff's proposal to begin on-line publishing of the monthly *NewsNotes* on the North Star web site. It would be limited to "protected access" only and private & personal data would not be accessible to non-members. The members present voiced approval of the idea and Jeff will proceed with implementation.

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

There were no changes or deletions suggested to the October *NewsNotes* as published.

Treasurer's Report: Pete McCann for Nick Hardie

The **October Transactions** of 10/31/10 showed income of \$3,540.00 and expenses of \$8,128.43.

Major expense items were: Preserve birds \$5210.00 plus \$120.00 for locks, keys, etc.

The septic tank cleaning was \$205.00 with an "OK" for its condition. Sporting clays receipts were \$393.00 with \$520.00 spent for another auto trap & accessories. Utilities came to \$192.00.

Membership: Dick Allen

1b. Three new members, accepted by the Board were introduced to the members. They were: **Ed Borowski, Jim Coopenberg & Lucas Burritt**. After brief introductions, they were welcomed into the club with a round of applause. **Lucas** is a member of the US Marine Corps Reserve who recently returned from service in Iraq and is grandson of former Life Member **Charlie Gerhardt**.

WELCOME to NORTH STAR, GENTLEMEN.

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The Waiting List is now “down” to 146 names. It has taken Dick 27 calls to net 11 names for openings in the roster. Tough job, well done, **Dick**.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Thanks to **Al & Frank Castrechino** for doing a fine job as chimney sweeps on the clubhouse stove.

Also Thanks to **Tom Castellano** who painted the “chicken coop”.

Among the jobs needed to be done is a fair amount of firewood that needs to be split. It's located in the pavilion and in the woods (ask Jim).

Adopt-a-Highway: Steve Baase

Unfortunately, too late for these *NewsNotes*, due to lack of response the semi-annual highway cleanup has been postponed one week until Saturday, November 13th. Steve needs 6 members for several hours to do a job that gives North Star positive vibes in the community and is an excellent opportunity to meet your work requirement. Please call Steve at 934-8380 and volunteer your help.

Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

Gross receipts were approx. \$2650.00 with kitchen expenses of \$345.00 and league fee of \$340.00. See the Board meeting notes for additional comments.

Range Safety: Tim Daily

Tim continues to find traps on the clays course, both manual & auto, in the cocked, covered mode. This is a serious safety hazard to the next unsuspecting member.

PLEASE, make sure you shut down the trap properly when you move to the next station

Camp Rushford: Andy Sperr

Applications will be available soon for July & August 2011 openings at the NYS DEC Conservation Education Camp at Rushford. North Star budgets for 2 youngsters each year and there are additional funds earmarked for more if there are applicants. If you have youngster, boy or girl 12 to 14 years old, this is an excellent opportunity for them to learn about the outdoors from professional instructors in an outstanding environment with other kids their age. Contact Andy @ 225-0373 with any questions.

Monroe County Conservation Council: Chris Wiest

The State has approved a crossbow season for the next 2 years, concurrent with the regular gun season as a “trial”. The Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. will conduct a Snowmobile Safety Course soon.

Preserve: Dick Groves

All of the 509 birds have been released. There is no info re success rates.

Old Business

Officer Candidates: Paul Drake

See the Board of Directors meeting notes for names submitted by the Nominating Committee.

For the record, among the 3 Directors listed, Rick Sherman is nominated for the 3 year term. By NSSC rules, Jim Rabjohn is still incumbent for 1 more year and Allan Rice is in office for 2 more years.

All other offices are open for additional nominees until the close of the December General Meeting.

Elections will be held at the January meeting.

Rifle Range:

Dan Mikel displayed an economical target holder for possible use on the new pistol berms. It is designed for commercial-grade steel targets. Call Dan for information. He also noted that the Monroe County Sheriff is routinely checking the grounds these days. If you see him, wave him down and Thank Him for helping to keep the club more secure.

He and Greg Beyler are working on plans to upgrade the Rifle Range. If you have any suggestions contact one of them.

Old Business/Recent Litigation

There have been a number of questions and concerns regarding the recent litigation involving North Star and the potential impact on individual members. In anticipation of duplicate concerns, the Board of Directors has formed a committee to collect and organize your questions. The committee consists of Greg Beyler, Nick Hardie and Mike Kirchgessner. Please direct your questions, concerns or comments to one of these gentlemen. After they have gathered all your questions, we are planning on seeking legal counsel and will report the findings to the club membership. The Board knows that you are concerned and is sensitive to this issue.

We WILL get answers for you. In the interim, we ask that you do not overreact.

50/50: Jeff Hayden might be sorry he missed out.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



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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:

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:

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
APR 9-10	NORTH STAR
****	Workers and Help Needed ****
MAY 7-8	SALMON CREEK (Prizes/5man shoot)

Note: There's still time to sign up for the tour and qualify for some terrific prizes. Contact Allan Rice for more information. Check out the Hunter's Tour web site at <http://hunterstour.org> Anyone interested in car pooling to the Salmon Creek shoot, contact Allan Rice or Jim Rabjohn.

Congratulations to Jr. Member Joshua Sime, son of Member Tom Sime and brother of Jr. Member Jonathan Sime, was named "Mr. Marshall" for Homecoming at Marshall University, Huntington, WV. Joshua is a graduate of Greece Olympia. Joshua was crowned October 30.

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
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 database	Marty Barry	
	honda300@rochester.rr.com	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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Websites worth visiting

North Star: www.northstarsportsmansclub.org
NRA: www.nra.org
LPWA: www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com
SCOPE: www.scopeny.org
NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org
Hunters Tour: www.hunterstour.org
www.keepandbeararms.com
www.gunweek.com
www.womensshooters.com
www.ussportsmen.org
www.saf.org