



North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting December 16, 2010

The Meeting was called to order by Pres. Pete McCann at 7:00 PM.

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

Also present: Chet & Chris* Ciesinski, Mike Kirchgessner and Joshua* & Tom Sime.

The President welcomed our newly elected Director, **Rick Sherman** and *Potential New Active Members, **Chris Ciesinski & Joshua Sime**.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Very low financial activity occurred according to the **November Transactions** dated 12/16/2010. Income was \$493.00 and expenses were \$839.08. Administrative expenses totaled \$339.00 including kitchen \$200.00 and utilities \$221.00. Income items included kitchen \$171.00 black box (clays) \$185.00 & advertising \$100.00. The Preserve balance stands at \$725.44.

Membership: Dick Allen

Dick introduced **Chris & Joshua**, two Junior Members who, have reached the age of 21 and are eligible to become Active Members. They both gave a brief resume' of their backgrounds and reasons for wanting to join North Star, after which each of the officers introduced themselves. Following a brief private discussion among the Board, both were unanimously accepted as Active Members of North Star. Orientation was scheduled for before the next general meeting January 6, at which they will be introduced to the membership. **WELCOME, GENTLEMEN.**

Because of conflicting school & NSSC schedules, the Board agreed to hold one additional Jr. Member's application open until a mutually convenient time. There are 2 or 3 new openings (one anticipated request for Life Membership, Rick Carter's passing & 1 resignation will be pursued by Dick. The Waiting List stands at 150.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

There was no report. But, as usual at this time of year:

It would be appreciated if anyone entering the grounds with a snow plow blade, would lower it (GENTLY) and remove the white stuff that seems to accumulate each year. You may record your time in the Sign-In Log for work hours credit.

Sporting Clays: Allan Rice for Tim Daily

We've had some problems with one of the new ("cheaper") auto traps and one new battery died after only 2 months but has been replaced by Interstate.

Litigation Committee: Mike Kirchgessner

Questions continue to come in and are being compiled before any action is taken.

A motion to increase our liability coverage was deferred until the question list is completed and addressed.

Nick Hardie requested permission to write to other groups (NRA, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, etc.) which may be able to offer suggestions on how best to address our concerns. The Board approved Nick's proposal.

New Years Day/Hangover Shoot

Allan Rice noted that many have followed North Star's lead and are planning shoots which will compete with ours on that day. This raised the question of estimates for food, etc. The Board agreed to stay with last year's budgeted 150, although we actually had more than 170 and ran out.

Special American Flag

Jim Rabjohn called attention to the American Flag newly mounted on the North wall of the clubhouse. It was presented by **Mike Richardson** to North Star through member **Tim Furness** following the Handicapped Veteran's Day Shoot. This flag was flown for many months over our troops fighting in Iraq & Afghanistan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

New Year's shoot Update

We had a great turn out for this year's shoot. It would not have been successful without the help of our members: Paul Adamek, Tony Basso, Buz Baumann, Jim Butlin, Al & Frank Castrechino, Tim Daily, Rich Drescher, Phil Dugan, Doug Files, Matt Fumia, Dick Groves, Nick Hardie, Rich Iuppa, Mike Kirchgessner, Dick MacKenzie, Jerry & John Mostek, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Doug McMartin, Tom O'Brien, Frank Petricone, Jim Priestley, Joe Prince, Jim Rabjohn, Dick Ramble, Allan Rice, Andy Sperr, Frank Stackman, Scott Todd, Mike Turturro, Frank Waldron, Rick Westurn.

Thank you!

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General Meeting January 6, 2011



The meeting was called to order by President Peter McCann at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in honor of the members of our Armed Services and a **Moment of Silence in memory of Joyce Lemcke, the mother of Tammy Castrechino and Mildred Blom, the mother of Fred Blom.**

Members present: Dick Allen, Dennis Allis, Tony Basso, Buz Baumann, Jeff Baugher, David Beehner, Greg Beyler, Robert Blank, Fred Blom,, Ed & Ron Breslawski, Larry Britt, Frank & Al Castrechino, Mike Darrough, Paul Drake, Curt Drewel, Phil Dugan, Mike Engle, Jim Gillette, Angelo Gucciardo, Nick Hardie, Mike Kirchgessner, Bob Knyrim, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Bill McDonald, Dan Mikel, Frank Petricone, Joe Prince, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Eric Schramm, Rick Sherman, Andy Sperr, Frank Stackman, Mike Tubbs, Wayne Vossler, Christine White, Chris Wiest and Jeff Winter.

Secretary's report: Andy Sperr

There were no changes suggested to the December *NewsNotes*, as published.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Refer to the Board Meeting notes on page 1 for the current update.

Nick summarized the financial results of the annual Hangover Shoot as follows:

There were 155 Shooters (An excellent turnout given that there were several other competing events).

Again, **THANKS to all the members who contributed their time & efforts.** (See list below.)

Gross income was almost \$3,500.00.

Expenses totaled \$1,730.00

Less targets, food, etc. = Est. net \$1,584.00

Cash deposit to bank: \$3,363.00

Camp Rushford: Andy Sperr

We have 2 firm applications for this summer camp, Chris Wiest's son Connor and Toby Burnside's grandson.

Toby attended the DEC Camp almost 55 years ago, followed by his son 17 years ago, and now a 3rd generation, Josiah Sykes.

Add to this: **Kurt Brinkman** donated **another \$200.00** to a growing fund earmarked for this project.

There was a rousing round of applause acknowledging Kurt's generosity.

THANK YOU, KURT.

There is still time to enroll in this summer's camp. If there is a youngster in your family, boy or girl, 12 – 14 years old, contact Andy at 225-0373 for details.

Membership: Dick Allen

We currently have one opening. The Waiting List holds at approx. 150.

Dick has proposed a slight change in the Constitution which will clarify the obligation of the club with respect to Redemption of Membership Certificates. See end of these *NewsNotes* for more details of the proposed change.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

A new supply of burn barrels have been placed around the clays course donated by **Bill McDonald**.

Our propane tank has been refilled and we are A-OK for now.

Jim asked for someone to provide an appropriate sign for the new flag, currently hung on the north wall.

See the entry in the 12/16/2010 Board meeting notes &/or read the news release on the bulletin board for more details of the background of this important symbol.

Rifle Range, Pistol Berm & Safety

Greg Beyler called attention to the fact that some members have been shooting at the new pistol berm at an angle from the right end of the rifle range pavilion.

Until the pavilion is extended to the east (planned for Spring) **this unsafe practice is prohibited.**

A suggestion was made that we place a safety chain across the back of the trailer. **GOOD IDEA!**

We had a number of very full loads of shooters at the Hangover Shoot which had riders hanging over the rear end. Someone volunteered to take care of this simple item.

Club Calendar

At this time, the major items on the calendar are the St. Patrick' Day Shoot, Saturday, March 19th.

Reservations for the clubhouse & pavilion are now being handled by **Mike Kirchgessner**. Contact him for your special event. See page 4 for contact information.

Monroe County Conservation Council

Chris Wiest reported that the 2nd Annual *Sportsmen & Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day* will be held Tuesday, January 25th in Albany. This will be an opportunity for sportsmen to make their wishes known to the NYS Legislature. Reservations for bus transportation can be made through Chris (phone no. on page 4.)

He advised all members to keep informed about issues affecting our Right to Bear Arms by joining the NRA, SCOPE or the NYSR&PA.

Winter Offhand Rifle League

Frank Petricone again reviewed plans for the league which will begin mid-January and will require 2 shoots per months through April, totaling 8 shoots for score. There have been approx. 10 signups so far.

Additional details were posted in the December *NewsNotes*. Or contact Frank at 392-3118 or e-mail at

Hipower308@hotmail.com.

Rifle Marksmanship Clinic: Curt Drewel

This project will begin following the league with class sessions scheduled for Friday, April 22 from 6 'til 10 PM and range work on Saturday, April 23 from 8 AM until 4 PM.

Deadline for signing up is April 1.

Additional details will be provided by Curt at future meetings.

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Trapper Certification: Al Rice

Four trappers have been (re)certified and are the ONLY junior members eligible to trap under the new rules recently established by the Board. Members were reminded that the club is no longer responsible for scheduling or compensating trappers for individual shooters. Any questions or issues should be directed immediately to **Al Rice** or Field Captain **Tim Daily**.

Election of Officers: Paul Drake

The following nominees for office were confirmed:

President:	Peter McCann*
VP1 (Memb.)	Eric Schramm
VP2 (Comm.)	Jeff Baugher.
Secretary	Christine White
Treasurer	Nick Hardie*
Field Capt.	Tim Daily*
Director (3 Yr)	Rick Sherman

* Indicates incumbents.

Since there were no additional nominations from the floor at the last general meeting, the Secretary was directed to cast a vote for each nominee. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the lucky candidates. They will begin 6 months "orientation" and assume office officially on July 1, 2011 per the North Star Constitution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

50/50: Seems like Al Groth's name has come up several times recently. Sorry Al.

Advertisement: Kurt Brinkman has a substantial supply of 16 ga. lead shot at a good price (negotiable with Kurt). Contact him daytime at 647-1825.

Notice of proposed Constitution Change.

As first reported in the December 2010 *NewsNotes*, there exists a discrepancy between member certificates issued over the past several years and the redemption policy described in the Constitution. Our Membership VP (Dick Allen) has proposed a change to the Constitution to bring it into alignment with the wording on the Certificates. The statement on the Certificates is:

"This Membership Certificate is redeemable for one (1) year after resignation/termination from Active membership or the death of the Owner-Member"

The wording of the **proposed section 9 (A):**

(A) Redemption of Certificate of Membership: In the event an Active Member or Life Member becomes deceased or leaves the club voluntarily, the Member or the person's estate has the right to request redemption of the certificate provided that the request is submitted within one year and provided that there is available cash in the club's treasury. A draft in the amount of \$100.00 shall be forwarded to the Member who has left the club, or to the estate of said Member who has left the club under the aforementioned circumstances.

This draft will be sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested, together with a letter indicating that payment is being made according to the constitution of the club, and requesting that said Certificate of Membership be returned. In the event the certificate of Membership is not returned, a notation shall be entered in the club's records indicating that said Certificate of Membership has been retired and paid for. Where death is the cause of a Member no longer belonging to the club, payment to the estate of the deceased member, or in the event there has been no surrogate proceedings, payment to the next of kin shall be sufficient to request and retire said Certificate of Membership. If the request for redemption of the certificate is not received within one year of the death or one year of the member leaving the club voluntarily, the members of the Board of Directors may vote to cancel said Certificate of Membership without payment.

Members who possess an older certificate that does not include the one year limit for redemption and voluntarily left the club or became deceased before the adoption of this amendment, are granted a grace period for redemption of two years from the date the amendment is approved.

For reference, here is the **existing Section 9 (A):**

(A) Purchase of Certificate of Membership: In the event an Active Member or Life Member becomes deceased or leaves the club voluntarily, the club shall, in reasonable time and as permitted by available cash in the club's treasury, offer to purchase the Certificate of Membership from this person or the person's estate. A draft in the amount of \$100.00 shall be forwarded to the Member who has left the club, or to the estate of said Member who has left the club under the aforementioned circumstances. This draft will be sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested, together with a letter indicating that payment is being made according to the constitution of the club, and requesting that said Certificate of Membership be returned. In the event the certificate of Membership is not returned, a notation shall be entered in the club's records indicating that said Certificate of Membership has been retired and paid for. Where death is the cause of a Member no longer belonging to the club, payment to the estate of the deceased member, or in the event there has been no surrogate proceedings, payment to the next of kin shall be sufficient to request and retire said Certificate of Membership. In the event a member, who has voluntarily resigned or left the club for the aforementioned reasons cannot be located after due diligence, the monies paid for said Certificate of Membership shall be returned to the club treasury and upon a vote of the members of the Board of Directors said Certificate of Membership shall be canceled without payment.

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Upcoming Events



Reserve the Clubhouse / Grounds for your event by contacting **Mike Kirchgessner** @ 392-2360 **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:

St Patrick's Day shoot Saturday, March 19

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

Hunter's Tour dates:

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)

St. Patrick's Day Invitational Shoot



Saturday March 19th

50 Sporting Clays Targets

European Start at 8:30 AM 'til...

\$20 Includes Lunch

"10 STAND"

Available at members' prices

Lunch: Corned Beef & Cabbage

Carrots / Salt Potatoes

Rolls & Butter

Al C's "Famous Onion Sauce"

Served 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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	Rick Sherman	330-2515
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
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
Club Database	Marty Barry	659-8677
Reservation Director	Mike Kirchgessner	392-2360
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 Wiest	637-0579
Kitchen	Jerry McCoy	342-7277
Clubhouse		964-8000
NSSC database	Marty Barry	
	honda300@rochester.rr.com	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
	webmaster@northstarsportsmansclub.org	

Websites worth visiting

North Star: www.northstarsportsmansclub.org

NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainwaterfowl.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