



March 2011 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting February 17, 2011

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

Officers present: Dick Allen, Jeff Baugher, Nick Hardie, Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Eric Schramm, Rick Sherman and Andy Sperr.

Also present: Greg Beyler, Paul Drake, Mike Kirchgessner, John Lyon, Bill Plews, Doug Rivals and Dan Spencer.

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

Several corrections will be made to the February NewsNotes:

Secretary **Nick Hardie** may be hardy, but isn't spelled that way. Sorry, Nick.

The request for a Membership Certificate was made by Dad, **Ron Breslawski** for his son, Junior Member, **Ed**, not Ed for Ed, as misstated in the General Meeting notes of February 3.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

The February Transactions Report dated 2/17/2011 highlighted the following:

Income: \$ 911.00

Expenses: 1,244.88

February net\$ -333.68

Major expense items were US postage & dues for SCOPENY \$580.00;

Rifle League targets were \$108.00, offset by very encouraging participation fees.

Income included new member dues & Membership Certificate sale (net \$340.00).

Skeet (\$108.00) & Sporting Clays (\$233.00) also contributed.

Correspondence:

A request for a contribution to the Hilton Wheelfest was received. In years past, we have donated discount tickets for the Sporting Clays Course. Since these were recently discontinued, the Board agreed to make a \$25.00 cash donation this year.

Membership: Dick Allen

We currently have 2 Junior Members on hold for Active Membership. Dick is trying to overcome scheduling difficulties. Neither candidate has paid their dues yet.

Dennis Davis returned his (antique?) Membership Certificate, numbered 001 and dated May 1, 1976, to the president for redemption. Although there are some earlier dated certificates, this one may be a collector's item. Pete suggested that we may frame & mount it on the clubhouse wall.

Fred Blom, having met the requirements, has requested Life Membership in the club. Approved by voice vote. Given all the above, the membership stands at about 175, with the Waiting List at approx. 150.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

The propane tank has been filled and we have been billed. **THANKS, again** to the anonymous snow plow operator(s) who are keeping the club's roads & trails clear.

Archery: Dan Spencer & Bill Plews

After some discussion about the orientation of the new archery range & pavilion relative to the roadway, the Board OK'd Dan & Bill to provide a layout and contact the Town re any necessary permits to proceed. A late March or early April start on the project is their goal.

They also requested \$1,200.00 for new targets. Since this is within their budget, the Board approved by voice vote. The Spring Archery League is tentatively scheduled for 6 – 8 weeks, beginning April 27, on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM and after. There may also be some Sunday AM shoots on dates TBD later

St. Patrick' Day Shoot Special:

Allan Rice, through **Beikirch Ammunition**, has arranged to have a representative of Browning Arms at the St. Patrick's Day Shoot. There will be a number of new model s of Browning shotguns for use by participants at the 10 Stand at member rates. Because these NewsNotes may not reach members in time, a special e-mail message will be sent to members in time to take advantage of this offer. It will also be on the agenda at the next General Membership meeting on March 3.

Club Calendar

The increasing number of requests for use of the club's facilities may result in the need for a better defined policy than the informal first come-first served policy currently in place.

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Among examples that came up at the meeting were:

- Walker FD March 12
- St. Pat's Shoot March 19
- Scout Troop 125 March 25-27
- Rifle League Ongoing

Recurring conflict with members' use of the Rifle Range, Skeet & Sporting Clays Course were cited as concerns. Priorities for use of club grounds and possible need for earlier reservations by "outside" groups were mentioned. The issues were not resolved at this time. It was agreed that there were no compelling reasons not to allow the Scouts access for their event and the Walker Fire Dept. withdrew their request for this year, temporarily minimizing the immediate problems. The Board agreed that the club will again provide targets for the Scouts at no charge, as in the past.

Fall Hunter Safety Classes

Doug Riva asked to confirm the "regular" dates for the Fall Hunter Safety Classes at North Star. They will again be Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday of Labor Day week, September 6, 7 & 10.

Membership Certificate Ownership

Pete McCann raised the question of the rationale for ownership of more than one Membership Certificate. This is authorized in Article 2, Section 9, *Membership Certificates*, paragraph C. No answers came from the floor. Further discussion was deferred until a future date.

Fire Insurance Coverage

The recent visit by a representative of our insurance provider resulted in the revelation that North Star is seriously underinsured for fire protection. **Pete** reviewed the distinction between 80% co-insurance and "flat" coverage. The following discussion resulted in a suggestion by **Eric Schramm** that we establish a committee to review alternative coverages, which may result in premium increases of up to \$1,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.



**General Meeting
March 3, 2011**



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 in honor of our men & women serving in the Armed Forces of our country.

Members present: Dick Allen, Steve Baase, Jeff Baugher, Buz Baumann, Fred Blom, Ron & Ed Breslawski, Ron Carlton, Tom Castellana, Al & Frank Castrechino, Tim Daily, Doug Files, Paul Drake, Curt & Eric Drewel, Phil Dugan, Ray Hauss, David Johnson, Mike Kirchgessner, Bob Knyrim, Glenn Koester, Greg Lessord, John Lyon, Pete McCann, Jerry McCoy, Bill McDonald, Paul Neefe, Jim Nichols, Greg Pasinske, Frank Petricone, Bill Plews, Jim Priestley, Jim Rabjohn, Glen Reed, Allan Rice, Dave Scorse, Rick Sherman, Walt Slowig, Andy Sperr, Frank Stackman, Mike Tubbs, Terry Voight, Jim Walton, Chris Wiest, Christine White, Gordon Windsor and John Wise,

The President passed around 3 "Sign-up Sheets", one for attendance and one each for the upcoming **St. Patrick's Day Shoot on Saturday, March 19th and for the Hunters Tour at North Star on Saturday & Sunday, April 9th & 10th.**

We have great expectation for these events, which are 2 major fund raisers every year. Your help, even for a half day will contribute greatly to their success.

Secretary's Report: Andy Sperr

Two changes/additions to the January 2011 General Meeting *NewsNotes* were made:

- It was Dad, *Ron* Breslawski (not Ed) who requested and received approval from the Board to purchase a Membership Certificate for his son, Junior Member, Ed.

The change to Article 2, Section 9 (A) of the NSSC Constitution re Redemption of Certificate of Membership was approved by voice vote of the members present. This important vote was omitted in the record of the meeting proceedings.

Treasurer's Report

In Nick Hardie's absence, Pres. McCann reviewed the February Transactions Report dated 2/17/2011. See the details on page 1 as reported at the Board meeting of that date.

Membership: Dick Allen

Membership now stands (temporarily) at 175 with the upgrade of Jr. Member Chris Ciesinski to Active Member.. **Bob Knyrim** submitted his application for Life Membership. The Board will act on this at their next meeting.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Several large trees were felled by the recent heavy winds. THANKS to **Mike Kirchgessner & Doug Files** for their help in clearing them out. Sheet metal roofing for the archery pavilion was blown around by the same winds and have been relocated to the picnic pavilion temporarily. Two flat tires on the tractor have been repaired (maybe).

Ranges & Safety

There was some talk about a 300 Yd. Rifle Range and the light at the driveway & route 260 out front.

Steve Baase volunteered to contact NYSEG or the Town, who are responsible for the light.

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Archery: Bill Plews

A "survey" / layout of the proposed new Archery Pavilion is available for the Board to review before being submitted to the Town for approval. A meeting of interested Archers is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 to discuss plans & options for the new facility. A question about possible conflict between the Archery Range and Skeet or Sporting Clays activity needs to be addressed

St. Patrick's Day Shoot

See the Board meeting notes for details. **Al Rice** added some Winchester (and other?) brands of shotguns which will be available for trial on the 10 Stand that day. Special sale prices may apply at the end of the shoot.

Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

Very good turnouts have been showing up this season at other clubs. Weather permitting, North Star can look forward to a good turnout for both the St. Patrick's Day Shoot, March 19 and the Hunters Tour on April 9th & 10th.

Camp Rushford:

Chad Scorse, son of member **Dave Scorse** was approved by the Board for sponsorship to the camp this summer. This was made feasible through the generosity of Life Member **Kurt Brinkman**, who has funded several youngsters to camp recently.

MCCC: Chris Wiest

The Council sent a letter of thanks to Monroe County Clerk Cheryl DiNolfo for eliminating a "log Jam" in processing pistol permit applications. Unfortunately, her efforts did not seem to warrant any significant coverage in the local D & C. Too late for these notes? The DEC is sponsoring a "State of the Lake (Ontario) Seminar" from 7-10 PM on March 14 at RIT's Imaging Sciences Auditorium, in Chester F. Carlson Building. Call the DEC/Avon for more information. (585) 226-2466

Offhand Rifle League: Frank Petricone

Things are moving along smoothly in this new venture. Frank is calling a few "delinquent" participants to remind them of the schedule.

Rifle Clinic: Curt Newell

Curt apologized for an unintentional & unavoidable conflict of dates - Easter Weekend – with the planned clinic.

Adopt –a- Highway: Steve Baase

The Spring session is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. This is an excellent opportunity to supplement your work hours with a visible North Star community effort.

NOTE: More on hours below.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

50/50: Sorry, but Frank Celona missed a good kitty.

NOTE: Active Members can find their credited work hours listed on the address page of these *NewsNotes*. Work requirements must be met by April 30th 2011. Each active member is required to contribute 8 hours per year. Life Members are exempt

PS: the President is sending out frequent e-mails with current information about North Star happenings. They are often more timely than these *NewsNotes*, due to the timing of meetings & mailings. He is getting many "undeliverable" returns from the Internet. If you want to be aware of what is going on and don't attend club meetings, **it is your obligation to inform the club of any e-mail address change, otherwise you will be dropped from the e-mail list.**

Think Spring!!



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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
BSA Troop 125 (see notes)	March 25-27
Hunters' tour	Sat & Sun Apr 9&10
Marksmanship Clinic	Friday, April 22
Dick Ramble	Saturday, April 23
Ron Carlton	Saturday, May 21

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:

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	

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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