



August / September 2011 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting July 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:00 PM.

Officers present: Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Eric Schramm, Rick Sherman, Tim Daily, Nick Hardie, and Christine White.

Also present: Andy Sperr, John Lyon, Mike Engle, Al Castrechino, Mike Kirchgessner, and Wayne Blattner.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie:

Highlights from the **July Transactions** showed:
Income from Black Box: \$1,798.00 – a lot of members, and guests, have been using the club. That's great!
Expense for lawnmower parts and repairs: \$82.00

Membership: Eric Schramm

We received a letter from Paul Heppner to become a life member.

Work fines - Remember that all active members are required to work (at least) 8 hours each year at club functions or other work for the club. This is not a huge time commitment, and we have lots of opportunities to have fun while you fulfill your yearly commitment. Sept 24 / 25 hunters tour is the next such opportunity.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

6 loads of fill were dropped off from the town - no charge to the club!!

3 loads used in Sherwood Forest; some at the end of the rifle range.

More fill coming for Sporting Clays, to fill in holes; and some for the new pistol berm.

Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

Will be similar prizes as had for 2010 – will be a good 2011 season!

We are looking for sign ups for the shoot at North Star, in September.

Ranges/ Archery: Allan Rice and Tim Daily

The club still needs to find a replacement for Sporting Clays chair.

Allan has been speaking with interested parties.

"Ironman Shoot"

Allan Rice reported no one registered, and therefore this event had to be cancelled!

Thank you for your efforts, Allan, to try to make this happen.

Club Calendar: Mike Kirchgessner

Club member, Mike Engle's fishing group, the 'Lake Ontario United', held a fishing tournament, the Sandy Creek Shootout, and used Northstar's facilities during the tournament. They generously donated \$100 to Camp Rushford in the name of North Star, for the use of our facilities! THANK YOU, Mike and Lake Ontario United!

New Business:

Pete McCann will order more North Star hats for sale

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

No member meeting in August – replaced by member appreciation day

Board of Directors Meeting August 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:00 PM.

Officers present: Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Allan Rice, Rick Sherman, Tim Daily, Nick Hardie, Jeff Baugher, and Christine Grove.

Also present: Andy Sperr, Mike Kirchgessner, John Lyon, Jim Gillette, Sr and 2 PNM (Potential New Members -- see below under membership).

Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie:

Highlights from the **August Transactions** showed:

Income from Black Box: \$1,414.00.

Partial payment for birds – Preserve: \$1,500

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Membership: Pete McCann for Eric Schramm

Two PNM, Paul Hendricks and Craig Almeter attended meeting. Both were accepted for membership!

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

A lot of poison ivy has been found growing on the club grounds.

Ranges/ Archery: Allan Rice and Tim Daily

The club still needs to find a replacement for Sporting Clays chair.

BOTH skeet houses were found with the traps loaded, armed and ready to fire, and the doors closed!

Security: Jeff Baugher

There are still a few members who have not provided their club access card number to Jeff; members who are active.

It was decided to give another 2 weeks to members to get this information in. If not, their key will be shut off.

Club Calendar: Mike Kirchgessner

Recently there have been a few parties at the clubhouse; one being fairly large, and fun.

We want to say THANK YOU to all involved, for cleaning up the property and clubhouse after these parties!

We appreciate it.

New Business:

A new batch of North Star logo hats have arrived, and available for purchase!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.



**General Meeting
Sept 1, 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.

Members present: Al Castrechino, Frank Castrechino, John Lyon, Andy Sperr, Jeff Baugher, Rick Sherman, Frank Petricone, Buz Bauman, Stu Hansel, Allan Rice, Dan Mikel, Jim Rabjohn, Mike Kirchgessner, Steve Baase, Christine Grove, Pete McCann, Nick Hardie, Jerry McCoy, Matt Fumia, Bill McDonald, Tom Castellana, Walt Slowig, Greg Beyler, Scott Todd, John Wise, Eric Schramm, John Iati, David Beehner, Tom Tennant, Dick Groves, Chris Wiest, Wayne Vossler, Jerry Mostek, Rich Iuppa.

Secretary's Report: Christine Grove

Read your News Notes for some good info!

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Refer to the Board of Directors meeting notes, included here, for details of the **August Transactions**.

Membership: Eric Schramm

We have two new members – Craig Almeter and Paul Hendricks; Welcome!

There are three more spots to fill at this time. Eric is in the process of contacting those on the waiting list.

If you know you have sponsored someone on their application for membership, and you know their phone number has changed, please contact Eric, so he has that information on file.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

We have seen a significant proliferation of POISON IVY. We are working very hard at trying to get rid of it but it is pesky. It has grown up some trees, and blends in, so be careful when walking near trees. Sheriff Jim has quite a solution ... he has taken to shooting the stuff... now if any of you want to question his sanity, you gotta remember that he has been around for a LONG time and maybe that is the way they took care of poison ivy in yester-year. Not quite sure we are ready to pass this remedy on to Cornell Co-Operative Extension just yet..... but we'll see. At any rate, be careful.

It was decided that Jim will purchase a tall ladder for the club, to be used when getting on the roof, etc.

Jim and Pete brought up Ole Yeller, how it is not used, and taking up space. The club may look in to trading it in for a snowblower.

Archery got a permit to build their pavilion.

Range Report: Dan Mikel, Greg Beyler and Allan Rice

Greg reported on the rifle range, and requested money for 2 loads of stone and 6 loads of soil/dirt for the range. This money is in the budget; and Greg's request was accepted by the members present.

Dan reported on the pistol berm – now affectionately referred to as 'Shady Range'.

Thank you to Glenn Johnson and Sheriff Jim Rabjohn for their help during the August 7 berm clean up party.

Thank you to Kevin Sullivan for the topographic plots of the range area.

Thank you to Dan Mikel for your efforts, hard work and follow through in making this pistol berm a reality at our club!

The current plan is to let the berm dirt settle over the winter; make sure we don't need more dirt in the spring.

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Clean up more brush, vines, roots; Dan plans to plant some small trees on the back of the berm this fall as well. Dan requested money for weed barrier, pressure treated landscape timbers, PVC for target holders and a load of stone. This money is in the budget, and was approved by the members present at the meeting.

BOTH skeet houses recently were found with the traps loaded, armed and ready to fire, and the doors closed! This is EXTREMELY dangerous! Please make a concerted effort to be sure the traps are left in the safe / OFF position.

Preserve Report: Dick Groves

The first shoot is scheduled for the weekend of September 24-25; and will work around Hunter's Tour.

Monroe County Conservation Council - SCOPE: Chris

Wiest, Frank Petricone, Allan Rice

Members should consider contacting your local representative to voice your opinion. Possibly the club would consider donations to senators who support gun rights.

Allan mentioned that Mark Johns, with the NYS Assembly, will be at Beikirch's in October. Stop in and say hello, talk with him.

Club Calendar

Fall Adopt-A-Highway will be Saturday, October 8, 8:30 am; approx. 3-4 hours. If you can come out and help with this, please let Steve Baase know.

Thank you to the guys who put on the Hunter's Safety Course in August! A few members, who stopped in and/or had children in the course, mentioned how thorough and organized it was. About 40 kids showed up! Great job!!

Hunter's Tour – Allan Rice reported that the same sponsors from last year are again on board this year, and more. At the last shoot, there was a 25% increase in shooters! North Star tour dates are September 24-25, 2011.

We still could use more people to sign up to help out at these shoots! We want to be sure we have enough support for the shooters who come out, so North Star can continue to be on the list to host this great event! Our club has a reputation for a great sporting clays course, with continued help, we will keep it that way

Club House Security

Time is growing close when all un-registered electronic key cards will be turned off. Most members have responded to the several requests to send information to Jeff Baugher, but as of Sept 1, there are still a fair number who have not. Detailed instructions have been in several issues of NewsNotes and a couple of e-mails from Pete.

Camp Rushford

The club received a very nice thank you note from Connor Wiest, who the club sponsored. He thanked us for giving him that opportunity - Connor "had a great time, and would recommend the camp to anyone ... It was an experience he will never forget!" Thank you to Andy Sperr for promoting Camp Rushford, and to the members who give extra to this, so we can send kids to this great camp!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

50/50: Frank Castrechino - Nick was so happy to finally have a member present to give the money to!

Additional new business (learned about after the meeting):

Junior Member, **Jim Mostek**, son of senior member **Jerry Mostek**, has enlisted in the United States Navy. He will leave for active duty in February of 2012 and pursue an MOS (military occupational specialty) of Naval Salvage Diver. Good Luck Jim and thanks for serving our country.

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Upcoming Events



Reserve the Clubhouse / Pavillion for your event.
First contact **Mike Kirchgessner** @ 392-2360
then note 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:

Greg Pasinski Saturday, Sept 17
Carl Burroughs Sunday, Sept 18

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

Ten Stand

June through August
Mondays from 3 – 6 PM

Hunter's Tour dates:

2011–2012 are available at www.hunterstour.org
North Star dates are September 24-25 and May 5-6

Adopt a highway

October 8th 8 AM contact Steve Baase

Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
VP1 Membership	Eric Schramm	227-6635
VP2 Communication	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Treasurer	Nick Hardie	392-2816
Secretary	Christine Grove	889-6458
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
Reservation Director	Mike Kirchgessner	392-2360
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
Postal Service	Tammy Castrechino	
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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