



February 2012 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting January 19, 2012

Due to bad weather the night of this meeting, attendance was very small; there was not a Quorum of board members to talk about and/or vote on anything.

We still had a quick meeting ... called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:16 PM.

Officers present: Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn and Christine Grove.

Also present: Andy Sperr, Mike Kirchgessner and Frank Petricone.

We discussed the upcoming St. Patrick's Day shoot, and reviewed/ tweaked the flyer that will be mailed out.

Frank Petricone reported that the Offhand Winter League got under way just that week.

Mike Kirchgessner wanted to make mention to all members ... when you reserve the clubhouse for yourself or a family member ... please remember that the club does not 'make ready' the club grounds and/or clubhouse for your party or gathering. For example, if 2 feet of snow falls the day before your party ... it is not the responsibility of the club to plow the driveway or parking areas because you will be there the next day. You need to make arrangements for that. It could be plowed, but don't assume it will be. As a courtesy to you and your family, friends, we want to remind you of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Webmaster corner

I'm spending some *News Notes* space to put in an advertisement for the **North Star** web site. Don't blame our secretary if you don't like this feature. I'm doing it without permission.

If you have not yet visited your club's web site, please take a moment to do so. If you don't have internet access at home, consider checking out the web site at the local library.

Did you know that the web site has photos of several club events? Did you also know that the only way we get photos on the web site is if members supply them? Please take that as a request for photos. I can bring my laptop to any meeting to get the new photos, or if you can spare a CD, that works too. Full resolution photos are preferred, and I'll compress them prior to publishing.

Our photos were featured in a recent Sporting Clays article in the prestigious magazine *Clay Shooting USA*. And a copy of the article is on our web site. By the way, all of the photos in the article were from North Star.

We have some shooting funnies on the web site, and I really wish I had more to put there (non-controversial, please). You should check them out, if you don't get a chuckle out of them, I'd be surprised.

And of course, there's club information there. The current issue of *NewsNotes* is there at least 4 days before the US mail delivers it to your house. Additionally, back issues of the monthly communication are available back to June 2010. To get to club information, you must have a username and password, and I won't supply them over the phone. I need to see you in person (at meetings), or I will send credentials on request only to email accounts listed in our club database. There's lots of other information too. If there is something missing, please let me know.

Reminder (it's also on page 4 of every *News Notes*) the web site address is:

www.northstarsportsmansclub.org

Bookmark it, so next time you don't have to type so much

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General Meeting February 2, 2012



The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Eric Schramm, in the absence of President, Pete McCann, at 7:30 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Members present: Wayne Vossler, Chris Wiest, Corey McAtee, Keith Bowers, Doug Files, Jerry Mostek, Greg Lessord, D. Scott Charles, Frank Castrechino, Dick Allen, Dick Groves, Al Castrechino, Kevin Sullivan, Tony Basso, Jeff Baugher, Jim Priestley, John Lyon, Bob Knyrim, Gordon Windsor, Jim Rabjohn, Andrew Sperr, Frank Petricone, Dave Scorse, Allan Rice, Paul Russo, Ron Carlton, Rob Breslawski, Jerry McCoy, Mike Kirchgessner, Steve Baase, Rick Sherman, Christine Grove, Eric Schramm, Buz Bauman and Bill McDonald.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Eric Schramm, in Nick Hardie's absence

Highlights from the **January Transactions** showed:

Income: \$2,308

Expenses: \$3,444

December Net: -\$1,136

Preserve Funds: \$705

Major income for the month were 4 new members, including 3 Junior members; Black Box, including Rifle League fees (\$273); and Black Box Sporting Clays (\$400). The major expense for the month was Town and County Taxes, \$1,643.

Membership: Eric Schramm

No new members.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Jim reported that two old guys went around and filled up the Sporting Clay traps. Nice job!

Range Report: Allan Rice and Frank Petricone

All traps were secure – none left armed! Thank you for being aware of this!

One machine had a spring broken on it; Tim Daly repaired. Thank you to ALL members who have used the Sporting Clays course recently ... members have been stocking the traps before they leave.

The roof is on the new part of the rifle range!

Monroe County Conservation Council - SCOPE: Chris Wiest

In March there will be another Sportsman's Lobby Day in Albany, sponsored by Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb. Good opportunity to have a voice on gun legislation in NYS and support pro-sportsman legislators like Leader Kolb. More information to follow. A handgun Reciprocity bill will likely be introduced in the state assembly this session – NYS does not currently allow outside licensed firearm owners to carry handguns in our state. There is also discussion at the Federal level about similar legislation.

Allan Rice mentioned COBIS (Combined Ballistic Identification System). Gov. Cuomo has proposed eliminating COBIS, which has cost the state \$43m and led to over 350,000 shells being catalogued without a single crime solved by the system. Write your legislators to support the repeal of COBIS!

Club Calendar

The next public shoot will be our St. Patrick's Day shoot, on Saturday, March 17.

Camp Rushford: Andy Sperr

North Star can sponsor two youngsters. Paul Drake has already submitted a nominee for this (Eric B. II). There is someone else that mentioned to Andy they were interested ... come forward! If anyone else has interest, please contact Andy. This is for a young person between the ages of 11-17.

Other Business: Frank Petricone

The Winter Offhand Rifle League is underway, and scores are posted! The lock is gone off the target box. If you are not a league shooter, please don't go in the box! Frank is willing to coach anyone who would like help. For more information, contact Frank - home #585-392-3118; cell # 585-456-8824; e-mail hipower308@hotmail.com.

Hunter's Tour: Allan Rice

Next shoot is Feb. 11-12 at Rochester Brooks. The shoot at North Star will be May 5 and 6. Allan will not be in town for this event. Dan Mikel has agreed to take charge of this event for that weekend, in Allan's absence. Allan will still be here to prep for it.

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Gun Raffle: Allan Rice

The second gun raffle is planned for June 2012. Tickets are available now. Contact Allan Rice or Frank Petricone if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Some people have expressed an interest in seeing a Sporting Clays gun raffled off. This would be a more expensive item; not bringing in as much revenue on ticket sales. This is something that may be considered.

New Business - Allan Rice and the Kitchen Staff

Allan Rice and **Tim Daly** requested \$500 from the 'Range Improvement Fund' to purchase one more wireless remote set for two sporting clays traps. They would like to purchase this and have installed before the St. Patrick's Day shoot. This was approved by the members present. One of the refrigerators at the club has died.

Jerry McCoy requested monies to replace it with a new one. \$800 was approved by the members present for the purchase of a new refrigerator, and **Ron Carlton** agreed to research and purchase this on behalf of the club.

On another note:

Jerry Mostek reported on a dog kennel that was seized by authorities in the Cobleskill/ Cooperstown area. The 200 dogs are currently at the Susquehanna SPCA, which is who contacted Jerry to tell him about this. The dogs range in age from 4 months to 4 years. Jerry shared this with us because the certain breeds of these dogs could be hunting dogs; or would just make a good pet! The dogs are not up for adoption yet – waiting on final legalities. You can visit the Susquehannaspca.org website; or contact Jerry for more info. Jerry's e-mail jer797@gmail.com / cell # 585-967-6160.

For Sale:

6 dozen (G & H) Super Magnum Canada Goose decoys. Little use and well cared for. Currently listed for \$179.99/6 in the Cabela's catalog! (inflation?!) Contact Andy Sperr at 585-225-0373, if you are interested in these. He can do better than Cabela's!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

50/50: Harold Hefke - sorry we missed you.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual St. Patrick's Day Shoot

Saturday, March 17, 2012

8:30 Start



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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:

St. Patrick's Day shoot: Mark your calendars now.
Saturday Mar 17, 2012 Shooting starts 8:30. Includes
delicious meal for \$20. Flyer will be sent in February.

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:

2011-2012 are available at www.hunterstour.org
North Star spring dates are May 5 & 6

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	Frank Petricone	392-3118
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
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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
DEC/Camp Rushford: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html
www.keepandbeararms.com
www.gunweek.com
www.womensshooters.com
www.ussportsmen.org
www.saf.org