



June 2012 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting May 17, 2012

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

Officers present: Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Christine Grove, Jeff Baugher, Rick Sherman, Eric Schramm and Allan Rice.

Also present: Andy Sperr, Frank Petricone, Tim Daily, and Paul Drake.

Guests: Gary Beikirch (PNM) and Barry Ritzenthaler (PNM)

Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie not present, no report; no information at the time of this meeting.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Two potential new members were presented to the Board for membership, **Gary Beikirch and Barry Ritzenthaler**. Both Gary and Barry were unanimously welcomed to North Star! Congratulations!

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Weed spraying done. Mowing being worked on. Trees that were cut down – wood was cut up. There is still one pile of wood left, for purchase at \$50. The pond (Lake Elaine) has been treated for algae; looks clear.

Committee Reports:

Ranges - Frank Petricone

The traps in the skeet houses were found to be in the armed position AGAIN! This seems to be a constant happening!

This is extremely dangerous! We can't stress enough to please be sure all equipment is in the off position and not armed, loaded when you leave whatever course you are shooting on at the club.

Hunter's Tour - Allan Rice

Allan reported that this Hunter's Tour season had record turnouts, with 197 people completing the minimum 8 shoots required. North Star had the 2nd most shooters of all the shooting venues.

Due to where we fell in the shooting turnouts ... Allan was able to secure some good, warm dates for next season, for North Star! – September 22, 23; and dates in April 13, 14. Congratulations and Thanks to all 2011-2012 Hunter's Tour shooters!

Club Calendar -

The Board is looking at the Club Reservation Policy, which is Rule 12 in the bylaws; due to recent events, previously reported in past NewsNotes. Updates to follow.

New Business –

Due to the tree stands found on club property, reported in previous NewsNotes ... the Board is looking at the bylaws as to the rules for tree stands, and will work to clarify the policy on this. Updates to follow.

The Board looked at requests for next fiscal year's budget from members.

A motion was made and accepted that all items received to date would be presented at the next General Meeting for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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General Meeting June 7, 2012



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 men and women of our Armed Forces, presently serving and who have served.

Members present: Pete McCann, Nick Hardie, Christine Grove, Dennis Allis, Bob Knyrim, Fred SanFilipo, Wayne Vossler, Barry Ritzenthaler, Chris Wiest, Larry Britt, Andy Sperr, Doug Files, Jerry Mostek, Frank Castrechino, Angelo Gucciardo, Al Castrechino, Dan Sperr, Gary Beikirch, Robert Blank, Tracy Smith, Craig Almeter, Eric Schramm, Jim Priestley, Jim Butlin, Jeff Baugher, David Beehner, Gordon Windsor, Jim Nichols, Paul Russo, Jim Rabjohn, Frank C. Petricone, Allan Rice, Bill Plews, Dave Scorse, Dan Mikel, Dave Johnson, Tim Daily, Steve Baase, Ron Breslawski, Andy Breslawski (guest), Jerry McCoy, Ed Breslawski, Jay Giese, Buz Bauman, Frank Waldron, Bill McDonald, Walt Slowig.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Highlights from the **May Transactions** showed:

Income:

Expenses:

May Net:

Major expenses for the month were \$ for a 5 year permit to the NYS Conservation for the Preserve.

Major income for the month is annual dues; Hunter's Tour net income \$2,200.

"Black box" took in \$337.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Two new members, Gary Beikirch and Barry Ritzenthaler, both present at the meeting, were introduced

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Minor equipment repairs were done on the mowers.

Woodcock field was mowed. **Thank you to our mowers!**

North Star always looks like a park!

The gas tank is full.

Hunters Tour: Allan Rice

North Star took 3rd place overall, for teams this past season! Great job, North Star shooters! Reminder, North Star shoots for 2012/2013 are Sept 22&23, and Apr 13&14.

Range Reports:

The Archery Range represented by Bill Plews at our meeting ... reported they would like to put in the concrete floor, with one load of stone; and purchase some 3D targets; totaling \$2,500. The funds for these items are in the current fiscal year's budget and were approved by the general membership, to be completed. Bill Plews and Jim Rabjohn will work together to get these complete soon.

Jay Giese announced that the 10 Stand will be open starting Monday, June 11, through the end of July, on Monday nights from 3:00 – 6:30 pm. **Thanks Jay**, for running this for us!

Monroe County Conservation Council, SCOPE: Chris Wiest and Frank Petricone

Political sessions to end soon ... hopefully all will end with no real controversy on any of 'our' issues!

The Lake Level Plan hopefully will find some middle ground. Politics could come in to play on the outcome, due to this being an election year; and possibly will be resolved this year. You can visit the International Joint Commission website to check on this issue; voice your concerns, give alternatives, etc.

The Conservation Council has contacted Maggie Brooks many times about the deer population in the parks, and the possibility of allowing bow hunters in. No comment from Ms. Brooks; possibly no word any time soon, being that this is an election year.

Preserve: Jerry Mostek

There are two spots open for new members in the Preserve. Cost is \$230 for 27 birds. Call Jerry if you are interested. His phone # is 585-967-6160.

Old Business

Winter Off Hand League: Frank Petricone

Frank presented the awards to participants that were at the meeting. Congratulations to the 'winners'! –listed on the website and in previous NewsNotes. If you were not at the meeting, and you were a winner, your plaque/award will be in the cabinet in the clubhouse, for pick up any time.

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Shady Range: Dan Mikel

Dan presented a proposal to spend \$850 of 'range improvement' funds for dirt and equipment to raise up ½ of the berm behind the large Maple tree, bring the side forward and increase the height. If this goes well, Dan will then do the other side.

A member brought up a note about the picnic table in this area seems to end up in the middle of the shooting lane, a few times when he has shot here; it is hard to move out of the way, because it is heavy. Please don't put the picnic table in the middle of this area!

Range Improvement Fund Raffle! Allan Rice

256 tickets, out of 300, were sold. After expenses paid, club net was \$3,245.

... and the winners were:

Craig Almeter, member, took top prize – opted to take the cash \$800

Mark West, a guest of a member – won 2nd place – a handgun

Eric Schramm, member, took 3rd place - \$200 cash
Congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you to Allan and all the others who sold tickets, and helped with this!

New Business

2012-2013 Fiscal year budget: Pete McCann

Due to the large budgeted item requests made to the Board this year; after listing them, and the costs associated, to the general membership ... a motion was made from the general membership and seconded that the budget vote be deferred to the July 5 general meeting. The Board will meet again on June 21, to put together a tighter cost analysis of the 2012-2013 budgeted items and funds; so that the general membership can be better informed about the vote!

The large budget items under discussion are:

\$21,000 for new auto traps – which will bring us closer to being fully automated on the sporting clays course

\$14,000 for a new mower and attachments

\$3,500 for the rifle range – including soil and stone to finish and enhance the berms; repairs needed; two more shooting tables, stain the pavilion.

\$1,500 for the shady range

\$2,500 for the archery range

Detour Note:

The Rt. 18 bridge over Moorman Creek (just west of 260) will be closed early June, for about 5 months.

Plan for a detour if you come from that way to the club.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Refreshments were served; many conversations ensued.

50/50: Albert Porter ... sorry you missed the meeting.



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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:

See Web Site for up-to-date reservations.

June 16 Mike Engle
June 30 Tim Daily
July 1 Doug McMartin
July 14 Paul Drake
July 21 Dan Spencer
July 28 Mike Engle
July 29 Paul Drake
Aug 4 "Stuart"
Aug 11 Lake Plains
Aug 18 Dave Issac
Aug 20,22,25 Hunter Safety

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 Shoots:

June and July Mondays from 3:00 to 6:30
Contact Jay for further information

Hunter's Tour dates:

2012-2013 dates can now be viewed at
www.hunterstour.org

North Star dates are Sept 22, 23 and April 13, 14

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	768-4223
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	Jerry Mostek	967-6160
	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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	Chris Wiest	637-0579
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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