



Aug-Sept 2012 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting July 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:15 PM.

**Officers present:** Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Nick Hardie, Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Eric Schramm, Rick Sherman and Allan Rice.

**Also present:** Mike Kirchgessner & Andy Sperr.

**Secretary's Report:** No changes were proposed to the June NewsNotes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nick Hardie.

Nick has been on vacation, but all bills have been paid. He will update the monthly report by the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed various options to upgrade our records management capability.

A proposal to purchase a new lap top was put on hold when Allen Rice offered a very good used personal computer for a reasonable price. Nick was authorized to see if it would meet the club's needs. It was also agreed to purchase Quickbook990 software for about \$275.00. (Nick has already done this.)

**Membership:** Eric Schramm

A number of Active Members have submitted resignations and there are several pending applications for Life Membership. 185 members (incl. Jr.) have paid their 2012-2013 dues with about 6 currently in arrears. Eric volunteered to personally call each one with a July 31 deadline. The Board agreed to this approach. As a result, Eric will be a very busy man the next few weeks and we will be seeing a number of new faces around the clubhouse soon.

**REMINDER (AGAIN):** We cannot communicate important club news and information to you without a correct phone number, USPS &/or e-mail address. It is the member's responsibility to inform an officer or, better yet, Marty Barry with any changes you may have made or plan to make. Thank you.

**Rifle & Pistol Ranges:** Greg Beyler

Greg reported that he was planning "minor cosmetic" improvements to the 12-1/2 yard pistol range.

**Sporting Clays:** Allan Rice stated that he intended to bring up a proposal at the September general meeting to purchase 6 auto traps for the clays course, bringing it to near fully automatic. The total cost was estimated to be about \$22,000.00. Since this was a significant "dent" in the budget and might preclude other major items (think 'lawn mower') the Board discussed options, such as purchasing fewer, at the loss of a discount. This will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

### Litigation, Non-profit status, etc.

Several officers & members met recently with legal counsel and representative(s) of Williamson Gun Club for their experience & recommendations. The President indicated up-front costs estimated at \$500.00 for financial (CPA) and \$2,000.00 for legal support. He felt that these could escalate to \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 before final resolution and would have to be considered in our overall budget concerns.

Another meeting is scheduled shortly for followup. There was lengthy discussion on associated issues.

### Tree Stands on Club Property

Due to the upcoming (October) opening of the deer season and the tedious process of amending the NSSC Constitution, no formal action on this item will be taken at his time. However....

**The Board agreed to require a weatherproof name tag attached to any tree stands placed on club property this season. Unmarked stands would be removed and relocated to the barn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

### Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 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, Nick Hardie and Greg Beyler.

**Also present:** Andy Sperr, Frank Petricone, Tim Daily, John Lyon and Dave Beehner.

Guests: Joseph Romanczyk, Matt Indiano, Mike Roffe, Mike Fediuk, Dave Mandarano, Bill Boula and David Marincheck - all **PNMs**.

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## **Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie**

Nick has switched over to a new accounting computer system he is getting used to; to help us/ him work more efficiently!

See under General Member Meeting notes for a more current listing of the club monies.

## **Membership: Eric Schramm**

Seven of Eight potential new members (PNM) were presented to the Board for membership, names as listed above. All seven PNM present were unanimously welcomed to North Star!

## **Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn**

Cleaned up the road in to the club property. Looks nice, Jim!

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Ranges - Frank Petricone**

North Star received a letter from the Hamlin Building Dept. that they want to make a structural inspection of the Archery pavilion. Jim Rabjohn and Frank to work on getting an appointment set up with them.

North Star received a letter from a member about the archery range, concerning the flag and time rules. Good question! This was discussed and the answer is ... Yes, you should raise the range flag even if you are in the archery range, as this alerts others to the fact that someone is on the ranges. It's always a good idea to sign in/out also when you are on club property, no matter what you are doing. No, you are not prohibited from shooting the archery range prior to 1:00 pm on Sunday. The prohibition time on Sunday is to accommodate our neighbors, specifically the Walker Baptist Church, due to noise from gun shooting.

## **Hunter's Tour - Allan Rice**

Allan reported that he will resign as the coordinator for NorthStar of the Hunter's Tour. We are looking for a replacement for him. A good candidate would be someone that is involved with the Hunter's Tour themselves. We are still looking for some volunteers for this upcoming shoot, especially for Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Club Calendar -**

The Board is still looking at the Club Reservation Policy, which is Rule 12 in the bylaws. A reservation application form is being drafted for review.

## **Old Business -**

The Board followed up on some requests for the next fiscal year's budget from members. A motion was made and accepted that the BOD would present at the next general membership meeting, the research found on a new lawnmower for purchase by the club.

## **New Business -**

We discussed delinquent dues and the procedure that we will be following in future years. Dues are due on the first day of each May. Any member who remains unpaid by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year will no longer be considered a member in good standing and may be suspended and/or removed from the club after a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. (Article 6, Section 1 of the Constitution). We had quite a time with dues this year and it made a lot of extra work for several members. We plan on following the constitution rules better in the future. We realize May 1<sup>st</sup> is a long ways off, but want to make everyone aware of this issue, now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.



**General Meeting  
September 6, 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 members of our Armed Forces.

**Members present:** Dick Allen, Steve Baase, Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Paul Drake, Jerry McCoy, Dan Mikel, Chris Wiest, Andy Sperr, David Beehner, Joseph Romanczyk, Matt Indiano, Frank Castrechino, Tom Castellana, Buz Bauman, Bill McDonald, Mike Kirchgessner, Keith Bowers, Greg Lessord, Al Castrechino, Terry Voigt, Angelo Gucciardo, Paul Russo, Larry Britt, Ron Carlton, Erich Carlton, Dave Scorse, Mike Roffe, Michael Fediuk, David Mandarano, Wayne Blattner, Dick MacKenzie, Gary Beikirch, Jim Rabjohn, Pete McCann, Christine Grove,.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete McCann for Nick Hardie  
The **August Transactions**, including end of July through current showed income of \$4,820 and expenses of \$6,400; with a net monthly loss of -\$1,642. But the bank account is still in the positive!

Major income items were Preserve \$900; Sporting Clays \$1,562; 10 Stand \$800; \$173 in member donations. Major expense items were: Preserve \$2,000; \$295 in business expenses; \$3,000 taxes; \$98 utilities, phone.

**Membership:** Pete McCann for Eric Schramm  
Seven new members, accepted by the Board, were introduced to the members – six of the seven were present at the meeting. They were: **Joe Romanczyk, Matt Indiano, Mike Roffe, Mike Fediuk, Dave Mandarano, and David Martrinchek.** After brief introductions, they were welcomed into the club with a round of applause.  
**WELCOME to NORTH STAR, GENTLEMEN.**

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Great work, Eric Schramm, making your way through the wait list, getting all of these gentlemen to the meetings, and accepted in to membership.

## **Building & Grounds:** Jim Rabjohn

NorthStar received the CO (Certificate of Occupancy) from the town for the Archery pavilion.

Thank you to **Jim Butlin**, and family, for stocking the sporting clays course!

## **Range Reports:** Dan Mikel and Greg Beyler

Dan reported that the Shady Range is being used!! Dan made a motion that he would now like his budget approved monies of \$1,400 to make some improvements to the range. Motion was approved by the general membership.

Greg made a motion that he would like his budget approved monies, in an amount up to \$1,300, for soil, stain and general improvements; as had been discussed at previous meetings. Motion was approved by the general membership.

Dan Mikel reported for Allan Rice, who got pricing for two moving paper targets, for use in the ranges (mostly for pistol use). A motion was made for monies to be taken out of the 'Range Improvement Fund' to purchase these targets. Motion was approved by the general membership. Dan also reported that the next 'Range Improvement Fund' raffle is ON! A Browning 725 Sporting Clays gun will be the grand prize. Tickets will be available shortly.

## **Call for Help with NSSC functions:**

Pete McCann reported that we need some new blood! Please consider one of these positions: coordinator for the Hunter's Tour (Al Rice has resigned); look after the maintenance of the skeet houses (Doug Files has asked for a replacement for himself); general maintenance of the sporting clays course (Tim Daily will resign); or becoming Quartermaster for the club, keeping track of supplies needed. Currently there is no one in this position, which was made vacant by Doris Ott.

## **Monroe County Conservation Council:** Chris Wiest

National Hunting and Fishing day – September 22.

The hunting Youth Day/weekend in October did not go through.

## **Old Business**

### **Fiscal year 2012-2013 budget purchases ...**

Jim Rabjohn and Pete McCann reported for the Board. Eric Schramm, Jim Rabjohn and Mike Kirchgessner spent many hours researching and test driving many lawn tractors for the club. It was deemed that a John Deere, 1026, 4WD, diesel, with a front bucket was the best for the money.

Also, the club can get 0% financing for this and pay monthly. This tractor was recommended to the Board for discussion. At the general membership meeting, Jim Rabjohn made a motion to purchase this lawn tractor; Motion was accepted by the general membership present. A second motion was then made to trade in the club's current mower, the 'Beyler' mower, as it is getting old and doesn't do the job for us. The Beyler mower was more of a consumer mower; the new lawn tractor is commercial, and will be better suited for the grounds at the club. Motion was discussed and then accepted by the general membership present.

## **Adopt-a-Highway:** Steve Baase

Right now this is planned for Saturday, October 13; meet at the clubhouse at 8 am.

We will clean up the highway on Rte. 18. Please call Steve at 934-8380 and volunteer your help.

This counts towards your annual work requirements.

## **Youngsters Corner** - from a known fellow shooter/ friend of North Star

If you know a boy or girl that would like to join a shooting team ... and are age 12 by January 1, 2013, they can become a member of the Rochester Rifle Club Junior Rifle team.

The club supplies all the equipment and training to turn your youngster in to a safe and competitive shooter.

There is an open house to explain the program at the Rochester Rifle club on Sunday, September 23, 4 pm.

Juniors who want to join begin with a 6 week safety and instruction course. They will take the NRA Basic Rifle course. They learn safety as well as how to shoot various rifles and pistols. The first class will be Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>! Once the students complete the course they will be able to shoot with the team. The team practices a couple nights a week; club supplies all the equipment.

For more information, and the location of the club, you can visit their website:

<http://rochesterrifleclub.org/rrc/index.php>

REFRESHMENTS were cooked up by the kitchen!

**50/50: Frank Kimmel** – we missed ya!

Meeting adjourned by 8:40 pm



## Vote Smart in November!!

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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.

### 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:

### Hunter's Tour dates:

2012-2013 dates can now be viewed at

[www.hunterstour.org](http://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 (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	Rick Sherman	330-2515
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Greg Beyler	442-8143
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	392-3118
Sporting Clays	Need Help here	
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	Need Help here	
Rifle Range	Greg Beyler	442-8143
Archery	Bill Plews	637-3665
	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Need Help here	
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
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
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### Websites worth visiting

North Star: [www.northstarsportsmansclub.org](http://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org)

NRA: [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)

LPWA: [www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com](http://www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com)

SCOPE: [www.scopeny.org](http://www.scopeny.org)

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: [www.nysrpa.org](http://www.nysrpa.org)

Hunters Tour: [www.hunterstour.org](http://www.hunterstour.org)

DEC/Camp Rushford: [www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html)

[www.keepandbeararms.com](http://www.keepandbeararms.com)

[www.gunweek.com](http://www.gunweek.com)

[www.womensshooters.com](http://www.womensshooters.com)

[www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

[www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)