



Nov 2012 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting Oct 18, 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, and Mike Tuttle.

**Guest:** Autumn Tuttle – **PNM Junior.**

**Secretary's Report:** Christine Grove

**THANK YOU to Andy Sperr** for filling in for me over the past few months, when I could not be at meetings ... taking notes for us and typing them up; AND for Andy's continued involvement in helping get our NewsNotes out each month.

**Treasurer's Report - Nick Hardie**

**October transactions:**

Income: \$4,271

Expenses: \$3,815.19

Net Income: \$455

Major income was from black box – ranges, skeet, sporting clays \$1,200; new member dues \$1,800.

Major expenses were \$2,700 for the rifle range – for dirt and other supplies to finish up this project, per the approved list of expenses from a past general membership meeting; in the budget. Hunter's Tour expense of \$516.

**Membership: Eric Schramm**

**Potential new Junior Member, Autumn Tuttle**, appeared before the Board for membership. She was accepted!

New members, you can pick up your nametags in the clubhouse under the chalkboard.

**Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn**

The course flagpole pulley broke ... thank you to **Steve Baase and Tim Albert** for fixing that!

### Committee Reports:

#### Ranges - Frank Petricone

The discussion of Tree Stands on club property came up; which has been discussed in the past.

It was decided that when putting up a tree stand on club property, you are only allowed to have a stand up during the Western New York hunting season. Your stand is your responsibility, not the club's, should something happen to you or your stand while on club property. All tree stands must be removed no later than December 31.

#### Old Business –

The club has received some comments back from the attorney. The Board will report on this to the general membership, after its review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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## General Meeting November 1, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Rich Breslawski, followed by a Moment of Silence for all the members serving in our Armed Forces, and those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

**Members present:** Mike Turturro, Al Castrechino, Frank Castrechino, Jerry Mostek, Rich Iuppa, Keith Bowers, Doug Files, Chris Wiest, Bob Knyrim, Jeff Baugher, Greg Pasinski, Eric Schramm, John Iati, Gordon Windsor, Dan Spencer, Buz Bauman, Andy Sperr, Stu Hansel, Jim Rabjohn, Curt Drewel, Dan Mikel, Allan Rice, Frank Petricone, Rich Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, Mike Roffe, Ron Carlton, Greg Beyler, Jack Cave, Rick Sherman, Jerry McCoy, Mike Kirchgessner, Dave Scorse, Tim Daily, Christine Grove, Nick Hardie, Pete McCann.

**Guest present:** Jessica Iuppa

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

The **October Transactions**, showed net income of \$455. Major income items were payment from six new members. Major expense items were: 2<sup>nd</sup> payment on the new lawn tractor; \$2,700 spent (approved) on range improvements.

### **Membership:** Eric Schramm

One new Junior Member welcomed at the last Board meeting, **Autumn Tuttle**.

We still have 190 on the waiting list.

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

Currently there is a mess on the RailRoad tracks, due to the effects of hurricane Sandy that went through our area! Jim to assess any and all damages due to the weather this past week; look in to repairs as needed.

Snowplowing for the upcoming season ... any member with a plow on their truck is always welcome to stop in and make a pass at the roadways in to and around the club if they are snowy. Thank you!

The Rifle Range looks nice! **Greg Beyler** did an excellent job out there! Thank you Greg!!

Picnic tables for the Archery range (approved at the last general meeting) have been looked in to, but due to these items being seasonal, they will be available and purchased next Spring.

### **Range Reports:** Frank Petricone

There are some areas out back that could be picked up. There are some discarded items lying around in a pile. Frank and Jim Rabjohn to look in to what we can do with these. It is not a safety issue; just doesn't look nice!

Dan Mikel and Allan Rice reported they will host a 'North Star Members Pistol Shoot' on Sunday, November 25. This shoot will be open to members only (with immediate family members as a guest, only). Spectators welcome with proper ear and eye protection. All participants must make the mandatory safety meeting being held at 12:00 pm in the club house on Nov. 25. Shooting will start at 1 pm. Anyone not making the safety meeting will automatically become a spectator. Shooters must have ear and eye protection, a holster and 60 rounds of ammo. If you are shooting a semi-auto, 4 extra mags would be advantageous; if you plan to shoot a revolver, speed loaders are recommended. If you would like to help set up the courses, please be at the club at 10 am on Nov. 25. The shady range/ pistol range, and possibly the rifle range will be closed from 1 pm – 3 pm this day, on Nov. 25, for this event.

### **Monroe County Conservation Council/SCOPE:** Chris Wiest and Frank Petricone

We talked about the upcoming election and to 'vote smart'! Chris and Frank provided us with some useful tools by which to make our decisions (by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already voted!)

### **Winter Off Hand League:** Frank Petricone

Frank again will run this ... to start in January. More information to follow. You can contact Frank, if you are interested in participating.

### **Club Calendar:** Mike Kirchgessner

There are a couple of dates that will be reserved in November by members; not confirmed yet.

New Year's Day Hangover Shoot on Tuesday, January 1, 2013. We discussed the possibility of a new price and a new menu this year! It was proposed to offer/ cook up hots and hamburgs instead of the usual Spit Roast Beef. A vote was taken and decided we could charge \$25 per person, but to leave it as the Spit Roast Beef. (Al C. is too good of a cook to let the Roast Beef go! ) We also discussed offering the shooters a raffle with some items that have been donated to the club over the past year. This would be included in the cost of the shoot and dinner. More information to follow on this, after Pete McCann has a chance to update the flyers that we will send out.

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## **Hunters Tour:** report by Allan Rice

The weather has not been great so far this season. North Star continues to have a good showing!

## **Preserve Report:** Jerry Mostek

So far 350 birds have been released, with a 79% harvest rate. The birds are great this year ... hearty and beautiful. The preserve is extending their season in to November, to allow members of the preserve group to have a chance to hunt. Due to some weather and land conditions, all of the birds have not been released yet.

## **Camp Rushford:** Andy Sperr

The club will again sponsor two kids for the 2013 season. If you are interested, or want to know more about this great camp for kids, call Andy. Andy and the club will begin to choose and sign up kids we will sponsor in January.

Read more about Camp Rushford at

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1879.html>

## **Old Business:** Pete McCann and Tim Daily

The club has approved the purchase of six new automatic traps. Tim ordered these traps; we will send in our deposit for these to go in to production. We should have them early part of 2013. Thank you Tim and Nick Hardie, for taking care of this!

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

**Thank you to Steve Baase, Tim Albert and Christine Grove** who came out on October 13 and spent a couple of hours cleaning up the highway on Rte. 18.

## **Reminder:**

When hunting on club property ... Guests are limited to one per North Star member, exclusive of a member's spouse or children. Also, note that pheasant hunting is prohibited except by members of the preserve.

Hot REFRESHMENTS were cooked up by the kitchen!

## **50/50:** David Isaac

**THANK YOU to Al Castrechino** for helping us with our meetings each month, and running the 50/50!

Meeting adjourned by 8:27 pm

## **News Notes Delivery Question**

From time to time I am asked why we deliver News Notes to the same address for both Regular and Junior members. Also, I am asked if it makes sense for some members to get electronic delivery of News Notes instead of US mail. The club mails about 270 to 280 News Notes each month (actually eleven times per year). The USPS allows bulk mail rates for a minimum of 200 pieces of mail. There is probably some opportunity to save a few bucks both in printing costs as well as postage. I asked for an informal show of hands at the November member meeting if those present would prefer e-mail to US mail. Well over half of the attendees raised their hands.

I realize that many club members do not want to or cannot receive e-mail, and I am **not** suggesting that we change delivery to members who want to continue US mail delivery. However, I want to more formally investigate alternative delivery for members who prefer electronic delivery.

If you prefer to receive News Notes by e-mail, please send a note to [jsb001@gmail.com](mailto:jsb001@gmail.com) (that's jsb zero zero one)

You do not need to send me a note saying you don't want to change.

There is no immediate change in delivery planned. I am just trying to gauge interest and determine the financial impact.



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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.  
November 25: 10AM to 4PM Handgun shoot  
Jan 1, 2013 Hangover shoot

### 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 Spring 2013 date is April 13, 14



### New Year's Day Shoot

(Also known as the "Hangover Shoot")

**Tuesday January 1, 2013**

Sign-up starts at 8:00am & Shooting starts at 8:30am

**\$25**

(Youth 16 and under \$10)

50 Targets, Spit-Roasted Beef  
Salad, Potatoes etc.

10-Stand available at member price

## 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	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
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
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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/1879.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1879.html)  
[www.keepandbeararms.com](http://www.keepandbeararms.com)  
[www.gunweek.com](http://www.gunweek.com)  
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