



Dec 2012 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting Nov 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Peter McCann at 7 PM.

Officers present: Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Peter McCann, Nick Hardie, Frank Petricone, Eric Schramm.

Also present: Rich Breslawski, Mike Kirchgessner, John Lyon, Andy Sperr & Darrin Custer (PNM).

Secretary' Report: Andy Sperr for Christine White
Nothing to report except HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to Mr. White.

Treasurer' Report: Nick Hardie

The **November Transactions** dated 1/14/2012 showed:

Expenses: \$9,164.60, Income: \$1,131.00

Net (loss) (\$8,033.60)

Major expense items were:

Sporting Clays \$5,000 (Down payment on new auto-traps.)

Preserve: \$2,078.00 (Final payment for birds.)

\$475.00 (3rd payment on new mower.)

"Major" income item was the Black Box: \$504.00.

Nick's report was approved by Jeff Baugher, seconded by Eric Schramm. Passed unanimously.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Eric introduced **Darrin Custer (Potential New Member)**.

Darrin is the 9th of 10 **PNM's** in the class of 2012.

He was sponsored by Jerry Mostek and has been on the waiting list since January 2007! The List currently stands at 190. After introductions all around, Darrin was unanimously approved as a new Active Member.

Welcome aboard, Darrin.

Litigation

Pres. McCann asked the Board for their comments on the Reply from Counsel Chris Mumford to the questions submitted to him some time ago and shared with the Board. "Where do we go from here? e.g., Back to the CPA? After lengthy discussion, Pete urged the Board to "do more homework" and the discussion will be high on the agenda for the December Board meeting.

Hangover Shoot

Details of the price & menu for this year's shoot were discussed at length. It was decided to provide two levels of pricing: \$15.00 for a round of sporting clays OR \$25.00 for clays + Al's traditional spit-roasted beef dinner (Thank you, Al) & chances on 3 items. A DU spotting scope or DU binoculars or an excellent Gary Neese hunting coat, size XL, the latter donated by Dick VanZile. The kitchen crew MAY provide a paid light lunch for early finishers who do not want to wait until the beef is ready. This plan was passed by a vote of 5 – 1.

December 6th General meeting

Pete will be absent for the next general meeting and VP Eric Schramm will preside in his absence.

Please note: Nominations for officers for the 2013-2014 year will be received from the floor with elections at the January 3rd meeting. All incumbent officers have agreed to run for another term, except one, Director, Jim Rabjohn, who is ineligible due to term limits. Several names have been suggested or volunteered as candidates. Paul Drake, Nomination Committee Chair, provided a list of possible nominees for consideration.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Jim reported that a "minor accident" occurred at the recent annual snow mobile event at the neighbor's property.

An overly enthusiastic driver lost control and took out part of our fence at the driveway entrance. Fortunately, the fence gave way easily, due to old age (?) and no one was hurt.

Windstorm "Sandy" took down about 20 trees around the property and some cleanup will be necessary. Jim is looking for/needs help in the cleanup. Some firewood MAY be available to members.

Winter Rifle League: Frank Petricone

Plans continue to proceed as announced in earlier NewsNotes, and multiple emails by Pete McCann. Contact Frank for details if interested.

Tree Stands

The Board reaffirmed that all tree stands MUST BE REMOVED from club property by December 31, 2012.

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Members' Only Pistol Shoot

After some discussion re the pros & cons of shutting down the Rifle Range for other events, it was agreed that it WILL BE SHUT DOWN from 1 until 3 PM on Sunday November 25th. (There may have been 1 dissenting vote.)

NewsNotes/Electronic Mailings:

Jeff Baugher is still pursuing information which will allow the Board to make a logical decision re future mailings to members. Jeff will be asking for input from members again. There is no intention to discontinue US Postal Service mailings. Rather the intent is to improve communications to those members who prefer email or other electronic methods.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM, at which time the VIAGRA clock was properly reset to Eastern Standard Time. (Is there a message there?)



General Meeting Dec 6, 2012



The meeting was called to order by Eric Schramm, filling in for our President, Peter McCann, at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and a Moment of Silence for all the members serving in our Armed Forces.

Members present: Wayne Vossler, Larry Britt, Bob Hart, Jeff Baugher, John Lyon, Frank Castrechino, Al Castrechino, Craig Almeter, Dan Spencer, Corey McAtee, Mike Roffe, Frank Waldron, Glenn Johnson, David Beehner, Jim Priestley, Jim Butlin, Darrin Custer, Greg Pasinski, Mike Tuttle, Jim Rabjohn, Stu Hansel, Andy Sperr, Paul Russo, Dan Mikel, Allan Rice, Tim Daily, Steve Baase, Greg Beyler, Frank C. Petricone, Rich Breslawski, Walt Slowig, Buz Bauman, Bill McDonald, Rick Sherman, Eric Schramm, Christine Grove, Nick Hardie.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

The **November Transactions**, thru Dec. 6, **showed:**

Income of \$1,909

Expenses of \$23,872

November Net -\$21,963 ... with money still left in the checkbook!

Major expense was final payment on the six new automatic traps.

See Board of Director's notes for more details.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Introduction of our newest member at NorthStar, Darrin Custer. Welcome again, Darrin!!

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

The road in to the club has been manicured, no pot holes; ready for winter!

The fallen trees in the way back of the club property have been cleared out.

There are still fallen trees in the Archery range area. Dave Beehner, Jim Priestley and a few others volunteered to help Jim Rabjohn get these trees cleared out and cut up.

Range Reports: Frank Petricone, Dan Mikel and Allan Rice

Frank reported that all is good; no traps have been left cocked and/or loaded recently. Thank you to the members for making a conscious effort to disarm traps when you are done shooting!

REMINDER ... the bucket in the range area is for brass ONLY – pistol, rifle caliber, etc. brass. This bucket is not for trash and not for shotgun shells. Thank you.

Dan and Allan reported on the 'Members only Pistol Shoot' which took place at the club on Sunday, Nov. 25.

One stage was set up on Shady Range and one on the rifle range. The Shady Range was fairly close and had nine paper targets and two paper movers all set in a semicircle. The rifle range started with three paper targets very close at the pistol berm, then you ran to the next set of two paper with hard cover and two steel poppers at the 25 yard berm. You then had to sprint to the 50 yard berm and shoot at three paper targets 25 yards away. Both stages had many no-shoot targets.

We started at 12:00 with a mandatory safety meeting conducted by Allan Rice and then went to the Shady Range stage for a walk through. After everyone shot this stage, we went to the rifle range to shoot that stage.

We had six members shoot both stages and most of them shot them both again. It will not be mandatory for these six members who participated to attend another safety meeting, and they are welcome to use the moving targets stored (for now) in the barn.

We will be leaving the used targets in the barn with the roll of hole patches (more can be purchased at Beikirch's).

We are planning to hold three more Sunday shoots: one in May, July, and September 2013.

A **THANK YOU** to **Jim Rabjohn** for help getting the berm ready on Shady Range; **Mikey K.** for a quickly needed welding job, **Curt Drewel** for helping with the set up, **Nick Hardie** (observer) helping pick up brass and patching holes; and to **Allan Rice** for the many, many hours he put in to buying the material and building the many new target holders and fault line markers; picking up the movers and being the Range Officer for the entire match.

Also thanks to all the shooters and observer for the help cleaning up.

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AND THANK YOU to Dan Mikel ... for working with Allan Rice to get this whole thing going!! Thank you both for your vision, and hard work making this happen! Sounds like, from Dan's report, and a few of the members that participated – Wayne Vossler and Greg Pasinski, who were at the meeting, it was a fun shoot, well organized and good practice!

Winter Rifle League: Frank Petricone

Frank went through some of the rules and procedures of the league; gave some tips on how to shoot. If anyone is interested in participating in this league, please call Frank for an application.

Camp Rushford: Andy Sperr

The club is now accepting candidates for the 2013 season. If you have a child, or grandchild between the ages of 12-14 years old, please consider this summer camp! It is a great camp for boys and girls who like the outdoors! The club will sponsor the camp fees for a couple campers during the 2013 summer season. Call Andy Sperr for more information.

Old Business: Tim Daily

Tim purchased the 6 new auto traps; they arrived at the club. Tim will purchase the batteries for these and get them up and running, in time for the Hangover shoot on New Year's day!

Tim also determined we will need three more carts to get all of the traps out to the course. Tim made a motion to purchase these carts, at an approximate cost of \$793. This money is still covered under the full amount already approved in the current budget for the purchase of the new auto traps. This motion was accepted.

THANK YOU, Tim, for doing all the legwork for these auto traps. We know all of the club members will enjoy using these new auto traps for many years to come!

Tree Stands ... it was decided, as mentioned previous, just another reminder ... any tree stands left on North Star property after the hunting season has ended; and are not removed by December 31, become the property of North Star.

New Business: Eric Schramm

Eric took nominations from the floor for all 'executive officer' positions coming up for re-election. There was not a lot of response/ nominations taken ... this is how the nominations are as of today:

President - Peter McCann

1st VP/Membership - Eric Schramm

2nd VP/Communications - Jeff Baugher

Treasurer - Nick Hardie (NOTE: The 2013-2014 fiscal year will be Nick's very last year in this position.)

Secretary - Christine Grove

Director - this is the only position where there are many nominations ... but ONLY ONE Director position is up for re-election:

Paul Heppner

Rich Breslawski

John Lyon

We have a new **Quarter Master!** **Dave Beehner** has volunteered to be the club's quarter master ... taking care of inventory of and restocking supplies and snacks. Woo-hoo! **THANK YOU, Dave!!**

REFRESHMENTS -- some venison was cooked up the kitchen! ... enjoyed by all!

50/50: Chris Ciesinski - Sorry, we missed you

Meeting adjourned by 8:04 pm

Reminder: If you are interested in receiving NewsNotes by e-delivery, please be sure to send an e-mail to jsb001@gmail.com. Details were included in the November NewsNotes.

Don't forget about the Annual New Year's Day shoot (more information on page 4).





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.
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
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 (2 nd yr)	Rick Sherman	330-2515
Director (3 rd yr)	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Director (1 st 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
<i>NewsNotes</i>	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Kitchen	Jerry McCoy	342-7277
Clubhouse		964-8000
NSSC database	Marty Barry	659-8677
	nsdatamanager@rochester.rr.com	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
	webmaster@northstarsportsmansclub.org	

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