



Feb 2013 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



Board of Directors Meeting Jan 17, 2013

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

Officers present: Jeff Baugher, Pete McCann, Jim Rabjohn, Rick Sherman, Nick Hardie, Greg Beyler, Christine Grove, Frank Petricone, and Eric Schramm.

Also present: Ron Breslawski, Rich Breslawski, John Lyon, Tim Daily, Dan Mikel, Terry Voigt and Doug Rivais.

Secretary's Report: Christine Grove

Corrections to the last NewsNotes publication ... under 'Treasurer's Report', in error I put an item of expense as purchasing sporting clays for the Hangover Shoot. This should have been reflected as money towards the automatic traps. We did not need to purchase any clays for the Hangover Shoot. Also under the 'Election of Officers' on the last page, there were some unintentional added names under the Director position. That was a typing/formatting error.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

Highlights from the January Transactions showed: (through January 15)

Income: \$7,636

Expenses: \$3,005

Major items of income were the Hangover Shoot on New Year's Day (reported on in the last NewsNotes); and the Rifle Raffle (range improvement fund).

Major items of expense were town and county taxes, dues (NRA-NYSRPA), equipment payment and Special Use Permit for the clubhouse.

Membership: Eric Schramm

Terry Voigt appeared before the Board, to apply for Life Membership. His application was accepted.

Dylan Rice will move up from a Junior member to an Active member.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Everything looks good!

Ranges: Frank Petricone, Greg Beyler and Dan Mikel

Frank and Greg reported they have looked in to pricing bullet bunkers for the club to potentially purchase. This is still being discussed. The money for these would come from the Range Improvement Fund.

Dan reported on the Shady Range – the plan is to use a 6 x 6 post and plank wall to gain more height on the berm.

Ron Breslawski has offered some dirt to raise the height of the berm. Dan will be looking for some help this spring building the wall to retain the dirt and other projects at Shady Range. If anyone has a two person hole digger that Dan could borrow for this project, please let him know. Dan also plans to use the extra steel "10 Stand" towers, stored in the barn, to build a moving target for Shady Range.

Club Calendar:

The Board is reviewing the rules for reserving the clubhouse; possibly a reservation form will be put together. At this time, the Board has voted to have a moratorium for any further reservations, until the Board can put together some better guidelines going forward.

New Business:

Doug Rivais appeared before the Board regarding a deal that has been worked out between LL Bean and the State DEC, to purchase shirts, at a discount, for certified hunter safety instructors. Doug requested club monies to purchase five of these shirts, for club members who are also state certified instructors. The shirts would also have the North Star club logo embroidered on them. The Board approved Doug's request.

Dan Mikel appeared before the Board to request approval to build a shed possibly next to the Shady Range, used for Shady Range storage. The proposed shed would be 8' x 12', with an approximate cost of \$1,600. Dan had already contacted the town to find out about obtaining a permit and restrictions. A design is being worked on for this. The funds for the shed would come from monies left in the budget for the fiscal year, for the Shady Range, plus additional monies from the Range Improvement Fund.

Dan also made a request to run three more IPSC member's shoots for 2013 ... same as Dan and **Allan Rice** ran back in November, 2012, which was well received by the members that participated. The proposed dates are Sundays, May 5, July 14, and September 8.

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Due to the nature of this shoot, the rifle range and shady range would be shut down to the general membership on these dates, from 1 pm until 4 pm; and Dan would need use of the clubhouse, or other area in that vicinity for the safety instruction before the shoot. The Board gave approval for the May 5 and July 14 shoots; the September 8 date will be discussed further, but Dan still requested that the clubhouse be reserved for this date, for the safety instruction talk, in case we will do the shoot on this date.

Old Business

Back in the fall, the general membership approved the use of a dumpster on club property. **Greg Beyler** is putting together final research on this, and will negotiate the rental of a dumpster at the club.

Kitchen:

The food handling certifications for those members who have them, will be expiring soon. If these members are willing to be re-certified, on behalf of the club, the Board approved the costs for them to go take the course.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.



General Meeting Feb 7, 2013



The meeting was called to order by Jeff Baugher, 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: Christine Grove, Nick Hardie, Jeff Baugher, Ron Carlton, Erich Carlton, Walt Slowig, Buz Bauman, Bill McDonald, Mike Kirchgessner, Rick Sherman, Jerry McCoy, Frank Castrechino, Tim Daily, Andy Sperr, Dan Mikel, John Wise, Stu Hansel, Mike Tubbs, Jim Rabjohn, Mike Tuttle, Greg Beyler, Greg Pasinski, Jim Butlin, Jim Priestley, Chris Wiest, David Beehner, Greg Conn, Larry Conn, Bob Knyrim, Michael Fediuk, James Nichols, Greg Lessord, Keith Bowers, Dan Spencer, Dan Sperr, Al Castrechino, Duke Kimmel, Bob Hart, Mike Roffe, Dick Allen, Bill Plews, Larry Britt, Frank Petricone, Doug Files.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie

The **January Transactions**, thru February 6, **showed:**
Income of \$8,375
Expenses of \$6,629
January Net \$1,746

Major income item, in addition to items listed under Board notes, was the sale of some of our old traps.

Major expense item, in addition to items listed under Board notes, was insurance.

The NYS Rifle & Pistol Association sent the club a letter requesting a donation towards the 2013 Junior Programs Sweepstakes. The general membership approved a donation of \$50 to this organization.
See Board of Director's notes for more details.

Membership: Jeff Baugher reporting for Eric Schramm
There is a copy of the names on the 'waiting list' posted on the wall near the kitchen, in the club house.

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

THANK YOU to **Rick Iuppa** for plowing the parking lot this week!

There are some trees down in the archery area. **Dick Koss** and **Bruce Newell** have volunteered to help get rid of these. THANK YOU guys!

Range Reports: Frank Petricone, Dan Mikel and Tim Daily
Frank - As a reminder to all members, please pick up your shell casings when you are done shooting.

Some of the auto traps have been found armed /in the on position ... more than once, by more than one person. As a SAFETY precaution, PLEASE be sure to disarm all traps when you leave the course.

Dan - The Board has tentatively approved pursuing the building of a shed, raising the berm height, using the stored '10 Stand' tower material to build a moving target, and running two more members only pistol shoots at Shady Range and the Rifle Range. The cost of these items would be around \$6,000. This is well within the \$8,300 held in the 'Range Improvement Fund'. This fund was a result of Allan Rice's raffles.

After looking at the logistics of doing all this work and my other commitments, I have decided not to pursue this endeavor at this time.

Ron Breslawski has offered some dirt to raise the height of the berm and equipment to pile it higher, and we will continue to do that and also repair and improve the stone shooting area.

Thanks **Allan Rice, Glen Reed, Scott Todd and Ron Breslawski** for their many hours of help developing the plan and doing some preliminary work.

Thank you to **Mike Kirchgessner** for doing some plowing in the Shady Range, so we can use it!

During the meeting, it was suggested that the club post some signs behind Shady Range stating there was a range there, due to there being some walking trails in the woods behind that range. Dan will work with Jim Rabjohn and Frank to get some signs posted there.

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Tim - It has been suggested that the club purchase a battery charger. Tim looked in to the cost; the general membership approved the purchase of a new battery charger, up to a cost of \$250. Tim will take care of the purchase of this.

REMINDER – don't forget that when you are on the club property, SIGN IN, in the sign in shed! No matter what you are on club property for, even just to walk your dog, please sign in and the time you were there.

Archery Range : Doug Files and Dan Sperr

Doug and Dan presented to the general membership a motion to purchase approx. 20-25 3D targets, through a local archery store going out of business, who offered these targets to our club. The total cost will be \$2,000 (value of the targets are approx. \$3,000). The membership approved the purchase of these targets.

Winter Rifle League: Frank Petricone

Be sure to get your shoots in ... even if there is snow! Don't wait until the weather breaks!

Camp Rushford: Andy Sperr

The club had one candidate to send to camp this year. This youngster has since withdrawn their application. The club has provisions to send two youngsters to camp this summer. See past NewsNotes for information or call Andy if you would like more information.

Monroe Co Cons, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA reports: Chris Wiest and Jim Nichols

The 'Safe Gun Act' ... Politicians, including local levels of law enforcement and County Clerk offices, are all still trying to figure out the new laws. Some clauses were left out of the new gun laws to provide for law enforcement and others, will be addressed in 30, 60 day chapter amendments. February 28 there is a 'Lobby Day' through the State Rifle Association and SCOPE. There should be a bus going from Rochester to Albany, leaving Market Place mall in Henrietta on February 28, around 5 am. Cost is approx. \$40. They are urging all, including women, to go to this Lobby Day, and make your voice heard! You can go online and look up information, or call Chris Wiest.

Keep making your voice heard, it can't hurt! Things can still get worse.

One good website to check out, and petition to sign is through NYS Senator Kathy Marchione – kathymarchione.com.

NRA are focusing their efforts at the Federal level right now.

Jim reported that the DEC may potentially be putting on trapper classes, for anyone interested in looking in to that.

Club Reservation Policy: Jeff Baugher, for Pete McCann
From Pete, in an e-mail sent out on February 2, to the general membership:

At the Board meeting on Jan 17th, the Board voted to place a "Temporary" moratorium on any further reservations for the club. There is serious concern about continuing the practice of allowing the clubhouse for "non-club" related functions that do not fit into the "Purpose" (and/or mission statement) of the club. I have attached a copy of the Constitution page pertaining to "Purpose". It appears that the original intent of the "founding members" may have been to have the club available for events that promoted fishing, hunting, conservation practices, etc but it is doubtful that they anticipated the proliferation of "personal" events that have occurred at North Star. The BOARD is questioning whether or not it is wise to continue to allow the clubhouse to be available for such events as family picnics, graduation parties, stag parties, baby showers (yep, we had one), and similar type functions. The liability of the club for these functions is huge and we question if such exposure should be borne by the majority of the club members for the benefit of a few.. Any change in the club reservation policy will ultimately be voted upon by the general membership. We seek input from the membership. Do **YOU** feel that North Star should continue the current practice? Or should we modify our current practice to allow only functions that more accurately fit the "mission statement". Please let us know what you think. After we receive sufficient response from the membership, the Board will take action one way or the other and ultimately present a position to the general membership for a vote.

After some discussion, a motion was made and approved by a majority vote of the membership, to put a moratorium on club reservations for six months, beginning February 7, 2013, for club members' reservation of the club, for non-club related activities.

CPR Course:

In keeping with club safety ... Mike Tubbs, a paramedic, has offered to give a CPR Course at the club on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. The cost is \$6, to get your card. Please call Mike if you are interested in attending this course. He will need a headcount. His phone number is 585-613-5406.

Kitchen - **thank you** to our food handlers who have agreed to go and be recertified on the club's behalf.

50/50: William Rowe - I think we missed you
Meeting adjourned by 8:52 pm

For Sale:

Reloading supplies: Hodgdon Clays Powder/Extra Clean; 3-4 pound containers/sealed; Hodgdon Universal Clays Powder, 1-4 pound container /sealed; #9 Lawrence Brand Magnum shot; Clay Buster Wads; Super Lite Double AA Wads; Outers Pistol Perch / Used 2 X ... please contact Ken Long at 585-734-4808, if you are interested in any of these items.

38/357 bullets for reloading; mostly 125 gr. SJHP, but some heavier. E-mail Dan Mikel at danmikel@aol.com, if interested.



Upcoming Events



Clubhouse reservations: Effective immediately, there is a moratorium on clubhouse reservations. See Feb 7 general membership meeting notes for details

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Invitational Shoot



Saturday March 16th

50 Sporting Clays Targets

European Start at 8:30 AM 'til...

\$20 Includes Lunch

"10 STAND"

Available at members' prices

Lunch: Corned Beef & Cabbage

Carrots / Salt Potatoes

Rolls & Butter

Served 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



SAFETY FIRST:

Hearing and sight protection IS REQUIRED.

Maximum shot size: 7½

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	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Jim Butlin	392-6136
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 Riva	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
Key Card issues	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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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