



January / February 2014 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting December 19, 2013

**Called to order by President, Pete McCann at 7 pm.**

**Officers Present:** Jeff Baugher, Pete McCann, Greg Beyler, Frank Petricone, Nick Hardie, Rick Sherman, Ron Breslawski, Christine Grove.

**Others present:** John Lyon, Tony Basso, Jim Rabjohn, Ed Breslawski, Tim Daily, Harry Reiter, Dave Scorse. PNM's Jeff Underwood, Seth Arnold, Pat Tantelo.

#### **Treasurer Report: Nick Hardie**

Income: \$1,766

Expenses: \$2,017

Net December Balance: -\$251

Biggest expense was food, supplies for Hangover Shoot.

We have been spending a lot on snacks.

If you take a drink and/ or snacks, please leave a donation for both, not just for drinks. The quality of our snacks and drinks have been upgraded, **(thank you, Dave Beehner!!)** please make a donation.

#### **Membership Report: Ron Breslawski**

Three Potential New Members appeared before the Board – Jeff Underwood, Seth Arnold and Pat Tantelo – all three were voted in! Welcome!

Brian Werner and Tony Basso applied for Life Membership – both requests were accepted.

#### **Buildings and Grounds: Jim Rabjohn reported**

Rich Iuppa agreed to plow for the Hangover Shoot, if needed. **Thank you, Rich!!**

Should the club consider a plowing contract? This will be discussed at future general membership meetings.

#### **Ranges and Archery: Frank Petricone**

Winter Rifle League – not a lot of interest this year, low number of signups.

Tim Daily gave Allan Rice a menu for each station, for use at upcoming Hangover Shoot. Frank Petricone will work on setting this up for the shoot.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

### General Meeting January 2, 2014 cancelled due to weather

**THANK YOU** to Pete McCann and Frank Petricone who sat in the parking lot and waived off about 12 members who attempted to make the meeting, in the weather!

### Board of Directors Meeting January 16, 2014

**Officers Present:** Frank Petricone, Ron Breslawski, Jeff Baugher, Greg Beyler, Nick Hardie, Pete McCann, Rich Breslawski, Christine Grove.

**Others present:** John Lyon, Dave Scorse, Ed Breslawski, Tim Daily, Jim Rabjohn, Dave Beehner, Harry Reiter.

#### **Treasurer Report: Nick Hardie**

Income: \$4,125

Expenses: \$6,252

Net January Balance: -\$2,127

Major items of income were from hangover shoot fees.

Major items of expense were club taxes, insurance.

#### **Membership: Ron Breslawski and Pete McCann**

Pete put together new and improved wording for membership applications in to the club – for both Active Members and for Junior Member applications. The Board approved of the new wording. This new wording will be implemented in the near future.

#### **Buildings and Grounds: Jim Rabjohn and Frank Petricone**

The floor in the Chalet is sagging. Glen Reed will look at this, to see what it might take/ cost to fix.

A lot of trees are laying on their sides on club property. In March – April, when weather breaks, Jim Rabjohn proposed he will assemble a crew to cut down trees as needed.

The club / clubhouse passed town inspection! We will receive a paper from the town stating this.

There have been, and potential for more, water issues on the club property – flooding. Ice dammed up at the road, at drainage. We will see what the spring brings.

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Frank Petricone would like to **thank** all the helpers /trappers who worked the Hangover Shoot; getting the courses ready before the shoot, and working the day of! Your help was much appreciated! The club events would not be possible without the help of the members!

## **Ranges: Frank Petricone**

Frank put up some safety signs on the ranges.

Friendly reminder to always sign in when you are on club property, even if you are walking your dog. It is a matter of safety.

## **New Business: Pete McCann**

Due to the new NYS Safe Act, North Star will no longer supply ammo/ have ammo on club property, available for purchase for others to use, as we have done in the past, when we could, when club has shoots open to the public. We need some new pencils at the club! Pete will purchase!

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

## **General Meeting February 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Pete McCann with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for all the members of the United States Armed Forces .

**Members present:** Al and Frank Castrechino, Craig Almeter, Dan Spencer, Greg Beyler, Jeff Baugher, Eric Schramm, Rich Iuppa, Chris Wiest, Joe Prince, Harry Reiter, Kyle and Craig Burritt, Bob Hart, Gordon Windsor, Rick Sherman, Tom Castellana, Jim Rabjohn, Bus Bauman, Don Lemcke, Dan Mikel, Dave Scorse, Tim Daily, Anegelo Gucciardo, Joseph Romancznk, Ed and Ron Breslawski, John Lyon, Steve Baase, Paul Hendricks, Jack Cave, Frank Petricone, Mike Kirchgessner, Pete McCann

**Secretary's Report: Pete McCann** for Christine Grove

No additions and/or corrections were noted. This report was approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report: Pete McCann** for Nick Hardie  
January transactions as follows:

Income - \$4980.36 / Expenses - \$6600.74

January Net – minus \$1620.38

Preserve Funds - \$799.00

Major income items for this period were the addition of four (4) new members (dues), the New Year's Day Memorial Shoot for Duke Kimmel, and the Black Box.

Major expenses for this period were the annual payment of taxes, insurance, and the Special Use Permit

This report was approved by the members present.

## **Membership: Ron Breslawski**

Four (4) new members were added to the Club Roster (Tantalo, Underwood, Arnold, and Sime) during January 2014.- they were not present at this meeting. Kyle Burritt, who was in attendance with his dad, Craig, was introduced and has brought the Club membership to the current target number of 175 active members.

New membership applications (both Junior and Adult) are now available in the file cabinet in the clubhouse. Please use these in lieu of the earlier "editions"; they have been modified to include minor changes to the application process.

## **Buildings and Grounds: Jim Rabjohn**

Jim reports Rich Iuppa, assisted by a variety of club members, have kept the Club plowed, open, and functional during these rather "feisty" last two months. **Thanks to all!!!** Jim also reported an excessive use of propane last month. This was due in part to the cold temperatures, but, ultimately by the failure of some to turn the thermostat down when they leave the club house. We literally ran out on a 4 degree day in January and when Mike K. when inside "to get warm" after plowing, the clubhouse temperature was 29 degrees. Following Jim's direction, Mike was able to have an emergency delivery arranged and we had propane within the hour. Had this not been discovered, we would have had a multitude of frozen and broken water pipes by the following morning and potentially quite a flood when they thawed out. **PLEASE HELP OUT AND TURN THE THERMOSTAT BACK TO 45 DEGREES WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CLUB HOUSE.**

**Sporting Clays: Tim Daily (and Jim Rabjohn)** for Jim Butlin

A motion was made, discussed, and ultimately passed by the members present to purchase two (2) new auto-traps. This purchase had previously been approved by the BOD and will include carts, covers, and batteries. Total monies expended will not exceed \$7000.00 for this endeavor.

## **Range Reports: Frank Petricone**

Frank reports A LOT of sheet ice everywhere !!!! This includes all our shooting disciplines, the parking lot, sign-in shed walk, etc. etc. Please be careful and feel free to throw a little salt here and there, if applicable. Frank reports the failure to sign in and out of the club property. This is not only for safety reasons, but has also been beneficial for the security of the clubhouse and all our adjacent structures, ranges, etc. **PLEASE SIGN IN AND OUT WHEN YOU VISIT THE CLUB FOR ANY REASON.**

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The staple gun at the rifle range continues to be a problem. It seems we have a variety of staples in stock, but marrying them up to the appropriate stapler is sometimes a challenge !!! After much discussion, it was decided, if you really need to use a stapler to hold your targets up – ya’ better bring your own (thanks Greg). The Winter Rifle League is ongoing, please help to make this a continuing success by keeping up on your shooting obligations. Frank also mentioned the targets in the club house are for the league use only – to avoid the “wrath” of Sergeant Frank – don’t grab any of these targets if you’re not a league participant.

**Preserve: Pete McCann** for Jerry Mostek

Jerry will complete his paperwork for last fall’s preserve management and hand the reigns over to Dave Issac for the up-coming fall season. Thanks to Jerry for his past work to keep the preserve on going and functional.

**Camp Rushford:** Nothing additional to report here other than Andy is home and recovering from knee surgery. See ya’ next month, Andy!!!

**MCC: Chris Wiest**

Chris reported on a variety of proposed changes, additions, etc. to the current NYSDEC regulations. This includes the current changes to the crossbow regulations and the archery hunting setback distances (500 ft to 150 ft). Chris also mentioned the success of the 12:00 noon Ceremonial Shoot in response to the SAFE-ACT, the lack of implementation with regard to the data-base check for ammunition sales, and the fact

New Yorker’s can no longer purchase ammunition on the internet.

## Old Business

As Pete mentioned in his monthly e-mailing to the membership, we have two (2) shoots coming up – fairly close together. They are the St. Patrick’s Day shoot on March 15<sup>th</sup> and the Hunter’s Tour shoot, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets for helping out were sent around during this meeting, but it appears we may need a few more volunteers to make these moneymaking ventures a success. Consider giving a few hours if you can work either, or both, of these shoots!!! Thanks in advance.

## New Business

Result of the January meeting being canceled due to weather, we were forced to curtail our 2014 – 2015 elections. Instead the vote was held tonight, February 6, 2014. Greg Beyler was asked to read the slate of candidates (pretty slim as usual) and the members present agreed to accept the slate as read.

Officers and BOD members for the 2014 – 2015 term are as follows:

**President – Pete McCann**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP – Ron Breslawski**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Dave Scorse**

**Secretary – Christine Grove**

**Treasurer – Harry Reiter**

**Field Captain – Frank Petricone**

**BOD – Greg Beyler**

**BOD – Rich Breslawski**

**BOD – John Lyon**

Pete will investigate the purchase of new caps with the North Star logo. We have a few left, but with the addition of new members, lost hats, etc., it is time to re-order. He hopes to have a sample for the next general meeting so all can take a look.

Pursuant to a recommendation from Al Rice, it has been decided to terminate the sale of ammunition at the Club. The logistics of selling ammo have recently been changed – making it a paper-trail nightmare and just not worth continuing at North Star

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with Phil Dugan winning our monthly 50 / 50 drawing. Thanks for the “donation” Phil !!!! (I’m thinking he was pre-occupied at Home-Depot)

## St. Patrick's Day Invitational Shoot

**Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
50 Sporting Clays Targets  
European Start at 8:30 AM ‘til...  
\$20 Includes Lunch

**“10 STAND”**  
Available at members’ prices

Hots and Hamburgers  
for early shooters – served at 10AM

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



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## Upcoming Events



**Clubhouse reservations:** Reservation forms can be found at the clubhouse or on our website under "Calendar of Events".

### 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:

Will resume in the summer.

Call Jay Giese for more info

### Hunter's Tour dates:

See website for 2014 dates

### St. Patrick's Shoot:

Saturday, March 15

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
VP1 Membership	Ron Breslawski (acting)	
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 (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Rich Breslawski	831-0643
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Rivaïs	964-5208
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
Fold & Staple	Walt & Cindi Slowig	621-5915
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Kitchen	John Lyon	727-2535
Quartermaster	Dave Beehner	721-7554
Key Card issues	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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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)