



March 2014 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212 Hilton, NY 14468



### Board of Directors Meeting February 20, 2014

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

**Officers present:** Pete McCann, Nick Hardie, Ron Breslawski, Rich Breslawski, Greg Beyler, Frank Pettricone, and Rick Sherman

Also present: Mike Kirchgessner, Ed Breslawski, Harry Reiter, John Lyons, and Dave Score

**Secretary's Report:** Pete McCann for Christine  
No additions or corrections to last month's meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Nick Hardie

Income: \$271.04

Expenses: \$7665.19

Major expenses for this period:

John Deere Tractor - \$400.00 Kitchen - \$226.00

Two (2) new auto traps - \$6628.79

The Club recently received a check for \$1100.00 from Upland Birds. They agreed to buy back all the Preserves' remaining birds from the fall of 2013. It was a win-win for all; they had run out of birds for their business and we had birds left over .. a deal was struck !!

**Membership:** Ron Breslawski

Ron introduced potential new member Dale Cummings – Dale submitted his application in calendar year 2007 and was voted in by the BOD on February 20, 2014.

Three (3) Junior Member applications were received this month. Three (3) Member applications were also received this month.

Two (2) active members have had their memberships terminated, as a result of failure to pay the required dues of \$100.00. This was voted on and passed unanimously by the BOD. Each will receive a letter from the President explaining the BOD's decision on this matter.

Junior member, Daniel Baase will be scheduled to meet with the BOD, at which time he will present his application for full membership.

Junior member, Jim Mostek turns 21 in May. Since he is currently on active duty in the US Navy, his father will contact him and inquire as to his future intent with the North Star.

Member Robert Hart was granted Life Membership status. To conclude: Ron states that as of the date of the February BOD meeting, there are now three (3) openings on the active membership list. He hopes to have these filled in the near future.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Pete McCann for Jim Rabjohn  
Jim has delivered his first "shipment" of shorty pencils to the Club.

The Club continues to be plowed and kept open result of the volunteer efforts of various members of the Club.

Jim has reported the need to order additional "rabbit" targets. Pete will pursue this further with Jim Butlin, Sporting Clays co-coordinator.

**Ranges:** Frank Pettricone

Frank again reports the lack of signing in and out of the Club when using the facilities. All members are instructed to do this .... Including the Saturday and Tuesday morning sporting clays shooters. One member of the squad should be made responsible to sign in and out (as well as raising the flag) while shooting the clays course.

The sporting clays course continues to be very icy. Please be careful out there.

On a positive note, Frank reports all traps are being left in an "un-cocked" position, in both the sporting clays course and the skeet houses. Kudos' to all on this issue !!!!

**Pistol Range:** Pete McCann for Dan Mikel

Dan was previously given the O.K. to purchase two (2) new picnic tables .... then winter arrived. He's back on the hunt for these tables and will hopefully make his purchase in the near future.

**Old business:**

The BOD continues to investigate the concept of requesting all members to sign off on a liability release form.

Numerous forms, all similar in nature, are being reviewed with the idea of combining the relevant points of all into one (1) North Star Liability Release Form. More to follow on this issue.

Volunteers have signed up for both the up-coming St. Patrick's Day shoot and the Hunter's Tour. More help would be appreciated and make less work for all.

Remember, it's a great way to chalk up those work hours before this year's dues notices are sent out.

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## New Business:

Pete will be e-mailing the membership a summary of a recently released bulletin from the County of Monroe District Court. The document is specific to the issue of the seven (7) round magazine vs. ten (10) round. I'm thinking all will like it !!!

Greg Beyler and his duly appointed assistants will pursue the installation of our wood stove. Due to a variety of fire code issues, this installation will be contracted out and ultimately inspected by the Town of Hamlin.

Pete will continue to pursue the purchase of new hats for club members – various colors and styles will be investigated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

REMEMBER .... ANNUAL BILLS ARE BEING SENT OUT MAY 1, 2014 .... DUES NEED TO BE PAID BY JUNE 30, 2014 ..... THANK YOU



## General Meeting March 6, 2014



The meeting was called to order by President Pete McCann at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by member Greg Beyler and followed by a Moment of Silence for all those who are currently serving and have previously served in our Armed Forces.

**Members present:** Pete McCann, Nick Hardie, Jeff Baugher, Ron Breslawski, Rich Breslawski, Greg Beyler, Mike Kirchgessner, Al and Frank Castrachino, Joe Prince, Chris Wiest, Greg Pasinski, Keith Bowers, Steve Baase, Walt Slowig, John Wise, Dan and Jim Speer, Jim Priestly, Jim Butlin, Gordon Windsor, Buz Bauman, Stu Hanzel, Jim Rabjohn, Frank Pettricone, Dave Scorse, Dan Mikel, Tim Daily, Joe Romanczyk, Ed Breslawski, Paul Kneefe, Dave Beehner, Frank Waldron, Ron Carlton, Eric Carlton, Dana Carlton, Larry Britt

**Secretary's Report:** Pete McCann for Christine Grove  
No additions or corrections reported

**Treasurer's Report:** Nick Hardie

February income : \$2412.74

Dues and Fines - \$686.74

Cold Cash - \$121.00

F & B Bird Buyback - \$1100.00

Black Box - \$505.00

February expenses: \$8130.16

MCC Dues - \$120.00

Bldg. & Grounds - \$260.00

Equipment - \$400.00

Kitchen - \$226.00

Sporting Clays Traps/ batteries etc. - \$6833.79

Utilities - \$290.37

## Membership: Ron Breslawski

Ron reports new member Dale Cummings has been accepted by the BOD. He was not able to attend the March 6, 2014 general meeting. Ron has sent letters out to three (3) new potential members – these three (3) applicants are pending BOD approval. The waiting list stands at 200 (plus or minus).

**Dues Reminder:** 2014 DUES WILL BE SENT OUT IN LATE APRIL / EARLY MAY

## Buildings / Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

Jim reports all shooting disciplines are being plowed routinely, but it's been a tough, snowy winter. Be careful when walking around these ranges – there's still lots of ice!! Tim Daily made a motion to reimburse **Rich Iuppa** for his continued efforts to keep the property clear and open during this winter's multiple snow events. The motion was approved by all present and a check for \$500.00 will be forwarded to Rich for his diesel fuel expenditure.

## Field Captain: Frank Pettricone

Frank reports all is well on the ranges. As last month, he cautions all on the ever-changing conditions at all locations. We still have lots of winter to contend with. The Winter Rifle league is moving along nicely with members visiting the rifle range on a fairly consistent basis.

## Sporting Clays: Pete McCann for Jim Butlin

Tim Daily will be contacting Allan Rice to share info on the up-coming St. Pat's shoot and the Hunter's Tour. Allan offered to generate the appropriate score cards following this discussion. Thanks Al!! Tim reports Jim Butlin and "assistants" are doing a great job restocking the clays course on a routine basis. Kudos' to these guys – it's been a tough year to keep up with this endeavor. Tim also states JR has finally learned the in's and out's of the new battery charging system. I'm not sure what he meant by finally, but apparently all is well and both Tim and JR are happy!!! A motion was made and passed to purchase 10 cases of rabbit targets – we're clean out! The cost will be approximately \$150.00 and Tim will insure they are delivered prior to the St. Pat's Shoot.

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## **Shady Range:** Dan Mikel

Dan has purchased two (2) new picnic tables One will be located in the Shady Range and the other location will be determined when the weather finally breaks.

Several people have contacted Dan regarding a pistol shoot again this year. Dan needs help to pull this off, so if you're interested in taking a "shot" at this new game send Dan an E-mail at danmikel@aol.com . Please include the phrase "Pistol Shoot" in the subject line (otherwise Dan will not open it up), as well as your name in the body of the message. **Dan's decision to pursue this event will be based on the response to his e-mail request.**

## **Rifle Range:** Greg Beyler

Greg reports the new staple gun he purchased less than three (3) weeks ago is already missing. This has become more of the "norm" than the "abnorm" back at the range with these staplers. If the membership desires to have a stapler at their disposal (it is kinda' nice to have it back there), please remember the stapler is for Club use only – not putting up insulation in your home repair project.

## **MCC:** Chris Wiest

Chris reports the Governor's budget includes language regarding the use of crossbows. If passed, regulation of crossbow usage in the deer seasons will be handled by the DEC.

Dates to remember:

April 1 – SCOPE will again rally in Albany

April 19 noon – the 2nd "shots heard around the USA"

April 15, 2014 – deadline for registration of AR's

The five (5) year pistol permit renewal is currently not being enforced (lack of staff). Two (2) club members had recently visited "downtown" and were told the renewal was not mandatory, but the clerks highly recommended getting it done pro-actively to avoid the "surge" if the program is ever fully implemented. Guess it boils down to "each his own" at this point.

Chris reports Remington Arms has chosen to expand their operations in Alabama rather than here in New York. Does this surprise anybody??!!

## **Club Calendar:** Pete McCann

Reservation forms are available in the club house. Should you desire to use the facilities, please fill one out and plan on attending a BOD meeting, well in advance of the desired date.

## **New Business:**

Pursuant to the BOD's request, Greg Beyler has investigated the re-installation of the wood stove in the club house. Greg did a very thorough job and was finally able to obtain an estimate from the Big Ash company in Fancher. They would install the stove (to code) for a total price of \$2100.00. This would be \$1600.00 in materials and \$500.00 labor. Back and forth discussions on the effectiveness of the stove as a back-up heat source, ambiance value, space constraints, etc. resulted in Greg rescinding his motion to approve this estimate. It was agreed further discussion would be necessary to bring this matter to a close.

Buzz Baumann brought up the concept of a programmable thermostat in the club house to prevent the "mishap" of mid February (someone forgot to turn the heat down and we ran out of propane in sub-zero weather). Seemed like a good concept until various member's spouses, children, etc were brought up and how curious fingers touching these "high tech" devices could prove disastrous !! Kinda' looks like we might be keeping the old, no-brainer, style with the thoughts we will all remember to turn it down when we leave the club house . Maybe a sign on the exit door "DID YOU REMEMBER TO TURN THE HEAT DOWN" might be the answer - hey ya' never know .....

One of the Club's loyal members is investigating the installation of a 6 foot length of gutter over the outside entry door.

If you have a serious budget request, get it written up for review by the BOD, it's that time again.

Pete read a bulletin from The Monroe County Sheriff's Office. It appears our local Sheriffs will NOT be enforcing the 7 round limit imposed by the SAFE ACT. More to follow on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM with Peter Verocca winning the 50/50 drawing - followed by a mad rush to the kitchen for a taste of John Lyon's famous chicken wings!!

**JANUARY 20, 2017** – Curious about this date ??? Give Pete McCann a call ... He would love to explain it to you!!!!

*Think Spring!!!*



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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 Rivaais            | 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 |
| NSSC database                 | Marty Barry             | 659-8677 |

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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.lakeplainwaterfowl.homestead.com](http://www.lakeplainwaterfowl.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)

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