



March 2015 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



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### Board of Directors Meeting February 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm, by President Pete McCann. \*

\*NOTE: This meeting of the Board of Directors was postponed to February 26, from February 19; due to inclement weather on February 19, had to cancel the meeting.

**Officers present:** Pete McCann, Greg Beyler, Christine Grove, Harry Reiter, Ron Breslawski, Dave Scorse, Frank Petricone, John Lyon and Rich Breslawski.

### **Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter**

As of Feb. 26:

Income \$170

Expenses \$3,435

February net to date: -\$3,264

Major items of income were black box.

Major items of expense were Camp Rushford; kitchen upgrades.

Harry and Greg Beyler went through the kitchen upgrade expenses, where we are to date. Everything is on track; all bills are paid to date. The final kitchen upgrade, included in the budget, will be to put the new floors in.

### **Membership: Ron Breslawski**

A few more applications have been received.

Reminder ... there are a few name tags under the chalkboard in the clubhouse. Remember to pick yours up!

### **Building & Grounds/ Ranges: Frank Petricone**

Mike Kirchgessner plowed out around the clays course, using the tractor.

The ranges are muddy! Take care out there with the Spring thaw here; wet and slippery.

### **New Business: Pete McCann**

We reviewed more of Harry Reiter's and other members' suggestions to create revenue for the club.

Increasing membership, on a probationary period? If we do this, Pete suggested we need a good way to measure 'usage of the club' by members in general, to see how that is working out, with more members using the club. Increase current member dues? How much should the increase be, if we did that?

Change Life Members to pay something for membership? How much would that be, if we did that? Increase course fees to shoot?

Pete to put together something for members to review, for input from the general membership.

The Board and membership too, would come up with things we want to do with the money generated ... why do we want to generate surplus money in to the club? What would that money pay for?

The BOD also discussed the current wording in the Constitution for Junior Membership. Junior Members nowadays are not the same as a few years back, when Junior Members were trappers, etc. for invitational shoots, and worked up to full member status. We might change the wording for Junior Members.

All items here would be voted on by the general membership before any changes are made!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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## General Meeting March 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Peter McCann, at 7:30 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and a moment of silence.

**Members present:** Al Castrechino, Jim Sperr, Dave Isaac, Dan Mikel, Andy Sperr, Frank Petricone, Greg Beyler, Mike Kirchgessner, Greg Pasinski, Mike Engle, Bill Plews, Miles Bliss, Steve Baase, Bill McDonald, Craig Almeter, Ed Breslawski, Joe Prince, John Lyon, Rich Iuppa, Frank Castrechino, Dale Cummings, Mike K., Joe Romanczyk, Rich Breslawski, Jeff Baugher, Ron Carlton, Mark Bennett, Erich Carlton, Buz Bauman, Dave Scorse, Jim Rabjohn, John Wise.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete McCann reported for Harry Reiter

See Board of Director meeting notes for highlights. Same report was given.

**Membership:** Ed Breslawski reported for Ron Breslawski Steve Alloco was approved for Life Membership. 200 are currently on the member wait list.

### **Building & Grounds: Pete McCann**

Who has been plowing? Let us know ... the club would like to compensate you for some gas!

The parking lot looks GREAT!! **Thank you** to Rich Breslawski, Mike Kirchgessner and Jay Giese for getting the parking lot plowed! With all the snow we have had, all of our snow plowers have done an **awesome job!**

It has been noted that the door on the sign in shed is well worn. This door will be replaced by a member donation!

### **Ranges: Pete McCann and Frank Petricone**

**Thank you** to Joe Prince for digging out the traps on the course! More cleaning will be done for the St. Pat's shoot.

When the cords for the automatic traps are stuck in the snow, please don't pull on the cords! They will break.

Frank put out a white tote on top of the automatic trap, at the first station, to protect it, on a trial basis. Frank is looking for your feedback, as he would potentially obtain more of these totes for the other traps, if we think they work well.

Reminder again ... please sign in on the sign in / sign out sheet in the sign in shed, and raise the range flag when you are on club property. This helps to keep records of who is on property; and is also a very important safety issue.

Please be sure the clubhouse door is locked when you leave the clubhouse! The door has been found open recently; the bungee cord at the top had been used, but not removed; so the door could not lock! This is a safety and vandal issue!

It has been noted that some boards on the rifle range could be replaced.

### **Archery: Bill Plews**

Archery course will begin May 6.

There will again be three 3-D shoots this year. Right now those dates will be: May 31, June 14, August 23.

Work crews will be needed to get the course ready/ get the 3-D targets out and set up. Work dates right now are scheduled for April 25 and May 2, 8 am.

Contact Bill Plews or Dan Spencer if you can help.

### **Preserve Report: Dave Isaac**

Twelve members have currently signed up for the upcoming season. 350 birds have been ordered; same as last year.

The club received a \$100 refund for birds ordered, but we did not receive – for the season that just passed.

### **Camp Rushford: Pete McCann**

Kids that NorthStar will pay/reimburse to send to camp, should be related to a member – a son, daughter, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.

### **Old Business: Greg Beyler and Pete McCann**

The new floor in the kitchen will wait to be installed, until after the St. Pat's Day shoot; due to lots of traffic on it, and muddy, wet conditions that day.

**Thank you to** Dave Scorse, Mike Kirchgessner, Frank Petricone and Greg Beyler who all worked so hard, and helped to make the new kitchen upgrades happen!

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### **New Business: Pete McCann**

Fundraising for the club – to put more money in the bank, to use for purchase of items we might want or need in the future.

The club is not in financial despair! We have money in the bank; this is just a brainstorm to raise more money, to have a surplus for extra things around the club; how we would potentially fund that.

Increase dues? Increase shooting fees? Increase Invitational fees? Raffles – in the form of winners would receive gift certificates to stores, not actual items?

Amend current Life Membership rule for dues – not free any more; pay something going forward?

Increase the membership in the club from the current roster of 175, to 200 members? Done on a probationary period, to see how it goes. See how busy the club gets with more members.

Put together specific goals for what to use the surplus of money for, so we have a plan for the money raised.

Discussions took place on these different topics.

This will be addressed again; no final decisions made.

Members would have a chance to vote via survey or other, on these ideas; submit more ideas; all to be determined.

**50/50:** We have a new policy concerning the 50/50 raffle. We now will have raffle tickets at each meeting to determine the winner of the 50/50. This way someone who actually attends the meeting can partake in the 50/50!

**Miles Bliss won** our first newly revamped 50/50!

Meeting adjourned by 8:31 pm



*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:

Jay Giese

### Hunter's Tour dates - at North Star:

April 18-19, 2015

### Ducks Unlimited Dinner:

April 11, 2015

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Pete McCann	392-3775
VP1 Membership	Ron Breslawski	964-2217
VP2 Communication	Dave Scorse	225-7463
Treasurer	Harry Reiter	392-7986
Secretary	Christine Grove	768-4223
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Rich Breslawski	831-0643
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	Greg Beyler	442-8143
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Joe Prince	506-5597
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
Grounds	Jim Rabjohn	964-8923
Vehicles/Equipment	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 Rivais	964-5208
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
NewsNotes	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Camp Rushford	John Wise	494-1972
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)

NYS Conservation Council: [www.nysec.com](http://www.nysec.com)

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.womenshooters.com](http://www.womenshooters.com)

[www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

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