



North Star Sportsman's Club

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Board of Directors Meeting July 16, 2015

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

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

Others present: Ed Breslawski, Brian O'Connor (PNM)

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

As of July 21:

Income \$1,224

Expenses \$784

Net as of July 21 ... \$440

Harry reviewed the (final) fiscal '15-'16 budget, as discussed and voted on, at the July 2, general member meeting.

Dan Mikel submitted a formal request (included in the budget) for some fill dirt to raise the height of Shady Range. This request was approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

Ron sent out five letters to potential new members (PNM).

Brian O'Connor appeared before the Board, as a PNM. Brian was accepted for Membership! **Welcome, Brian!!**

Ranges Report: Frank Petricone

Phase 11 of the 'boneyard clean up' is complete! THANK YOU to those who came out and participated!!
Some minor things still to be done.

Frank and Tim Daily took care of the sale of some of our manual traps to a club in Bath, NY, who wanted them.

Club Calendar: Pete McCann

Hunter Safety Course will be taught at North Star. The dates are August 24, August 26 and August 29.

Applications for this course should be available online, at the Parma Town Hall website, and at the Parma Town Hall directly.

New Business: Pete McCann and Harry Reiter

Harry received a contract from our Energy provider, to pre-buy Propane/ Fuel oil, at a reduced rate, like we did last year. Since the Pre-buy Agreement is due soon ... we looked at what was purchased last year, and the rate ... this was approved by the Board, for Harry to pre-buy same amount we did last year, at the 'pre-buy' rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

**NO GENERAL MEETING Thursday, August 6, 2015 ...
Member Appreciation Day/ BBQ dinner instead!**

Board of Directors Meeting August 20, 2015

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

Officers present: Pete McCann, Greg Beyler, Christine Grove, Frank Petricone, and John Lyon.

Others present: Bruce Newell

Treasurer's Report: Pete McCann reported for Harry Reiter

As of August 14:

Income \$4,764

Expenses \$1,648

Net as of August 14 ... \$3,116

Major items of income were Preserve dues; Black box; and the July public Fun shoot.

Major item of expense were approved funds for use in Shady range upgrades.

Membership: Pete McCann for Ron Breslawski
Nothing to report

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Ranges Report: Frank Petricone

Some batteries needed to be replaced on the Ten stand; this was completed.

The Board discussed that there is a need for our club to have more participation in maintaining and general working knowledge of the auto traps. This will be discussed at the next general member meeting.

Some back boards used in the rifle range are getting badly shot up (more than normal use). Frank Petricone and Greg Beyler will look in to replacing these. We believe this is due to excessive loads.

The skeet houses need some TLC. The paneling on both houses needs to be replaced/ fixed. Hopefully this can be done before winter, to help preserve the houses now as they are; so we won't have to tear them down and build new! This will be discussed with the general members at the next meeting, for a 'plan of action'.

Buildings and Grounds: Greg Beyler

The Shady Range looks GREAT!!! Nice job on the upgrades there! THANK YOU to Dan Mikel and the Breslawski's for their work here. There will be a report on this upgrade at the next general meeting.

The tractor was fixed; leaky tires.

The club owned ATV needs to be serviced. The belt needs fixing or replacing. The ATV needs to be hauled to the dealer for repairs; and a complete service done to it. A reminder for all members ... if you use the club equipment and you notice something needs to be fixed or serviced, please let Rich Breslawski or someone else on the Board know, so we can have it serviced/ looked at.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

General Meeting September 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Peter McCann, at 7:31 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It was great to see Nick Hardie and Ron Carlton at our meeting!!

Members present: Al Castrechino, Andy Sperr, Phil Dugan, Nick Hardie, Allan Rice, Dave Isaac, Dan Mikel, Greg Beyler, Frank Petricone, Dave Scorse, Dan Spencer, Steve Baase, Craig Almeter, Ed Breslawski, Chris Wiest, Mike Kirchgessner, Joe Prince, Frank Castrechnio, Tom Shaffer, John Lyon, Nick Battaglia, Brian O'Connor, Larry Britt, Joe Romanczyk, Dick Mackenzie, Dan Carlson, Kevin Sullivan, Ron Carlton, Dale Cummings, Ron Breslawski,

Stu Hansel, James Rabjohn, Rick Sherman, Paul Russo, Christine Grove, Pete McCann, Harry Reiter.

Guests: Andy Breslawski

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

As of end of August:

Income \$6,070

Expenses \$2,800

Net as of August 31: \$3,270

Major items of income were Dues, Black box.

Major items of expense were mower/equipment repairs, targets.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

We have one new member – Brian O'Connor (voted in at the July Board meeting); he introduced himself to everyone. Welcome, Brian!

Recent letters that have gone out to potential new members have had no response, so Ron is scrubbing the list!

Building & Grounds: Jim Rabjohn

The driveway has been groomed; looks great!!

The club ATV was discussed. A motion was made and approved by the members, to take the ATV for a complete servicing, to Precision Power.

Ranges: Frank Petricone, Dan Mikel and Pete McCann

Buckets are being emptied by Frank.

Great job with the cardboard, on the sporting clays course, putting cardboard where it goes!! Thanks! Not so much for the skeet houses. Please put cardboard in the white tub; not in the dumpster. We would like to save space in the dumpster for actual trash. Frank is willing to take the cardboard away, if it is put in the proper areas; and/or members can take cardboard with them when they leave, to dispose of it.

The Skeet houses need maintenance, before winter; before they cannot be used any more; and need a complete overhaul! The doors are warped, thus allowing critters and insects to get in and make nests; siding is coming off; there are holes in the walls; houses need to be re-sided.

Ron Carlton has volunteered to look in to what needs to be done; measuring for materials; possibly putting together some costs to be reviewed. THANK YOU, Ron!

Frank mentioned that the machines are being stocked very full (great, that these are being stocked after use!) BUT with the disrepair the houses are currently in ... the

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extra weight of all the birds might not be a good thing! If you use the skeet houses, please assess the situation. Thanks!

The Ten Stand report ... as was mentioned in past publications, if someone has the time and is willing to step up to help out with the Ten Stand area, let us know.

Dan Mikel reported on the Shady Range upgrades done recently. **THANK YOU to DAN and the BRESLAWSKI family, Ron, Rich, Ed and Andy**, who worked all day one day to get this job done; AND to the Breslawski's for donating the loads of dirt and their time and equipment. (including Vicki for the food!!)

Anyone who would like to donate a tree to the berm, feel free! Stop by and plant it ... to build up the berm area.

New Business: Pete McCann and Allan Rice

We discussed the club's auto traps on the sporting clays course. Some of the existing traps will soon need repairs; replacement batteries (which five batteries have been purchased). We need four more traps to make us fully automated.

We discussed the budget numbers, and cost of purchasing three more auto traps; as the traps have a 10 month lead/ delivery time on them.

A motion was made to purchase three new auto traps, including covers, batteries and carts (there is a discount on the traps if we purchase them 3 at a time!)

We have the money available to purchase these, in our general fund; SO this motion was approved by the members present at the meeting. Allan will take care of coordinating the purchase of these traps. **THANK YOU, Allan!**

Pete brought up and it was discussed how to notify members when a meeting needs to cancel, due to weather. Last winter we had a couple of instances where we did cancel the meeting.

It was decided that an e-mail will be sent, from Pete McCann, to all members (who have e-mail) on the Thursday of a general meeting, by 12 noon; or the Thursday of a Board meeting; if the meeting would cancel, due to weather. SO, if the weather sounds bad, check your inbox for an e-mail!

Preserve Report: Dave Isaac

Currently there are twelve participants in this year's Preserve. There are two more openings; if you are interested.

The cost is \$285, for 25 birds. There will be some repairs done to the bird pen/building, before the season. The first release date for birds is September 26. Birds are released through October.

Camp Rushford: Pete McCann

The club received a thank you note from Jay Lewis; how much he enjoyed camp this summer!!

NY Council/ SCOPE report: Chris Wiest

Legislature is not in session at this time.

Check out the SCOPE website; new and improved! There is a local event coming up on September 17 – look to the website for more information.

Fall turkey; 1 bird limit. The DEC hunting/ fishing day this year was shifted to Caledonia /Mumford area.

General Discussions: various members

A discussion came up; a motion was made ... tree stands on club property can go up Sept. 1st.

There are Bylaws in the Constitution (Rule 4) on using the Sign In sheet. All members and guests are required to sign in; time in and time out; reason for being on club grounds. Recently there were two instances where a.) a club member came across 'people' on club property, using the grounds, but no one was signed in on the sign in sheet; and the particular (regular) member didn't recognize the 'people/members'. Were they members? Did they belong here? Members should sign in; they should have their club name badge. b.) another incident happened where a (regular) member was on property, signed in, no one else signed in ... but there was activity on the grounds; could have potentially been dangerous. If you are on property and see other 'members' on the grounds, but no one is signed in; keep your fellow members accountable to sign in! If they are not signed in, ask them why. The sign in sheet is used for safety, among other things; and keeping track of who is here.

50/50: Dick Mackenzie! woohoo

Meeting adjourned by 8:40 pm

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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:

October 24 / 25, 2015

February 13 / 14, 2016

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	755-1881
Director (1 st yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (2 nd yr)	Rich Breslawski	831-0643
Director (3 rd 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 & 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 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
NSSC database	Bruce Newell	705-1835

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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

NYS Conservation Council: www.nysec.com

DEC/Camp Rushford: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html

Handgun reciprocity info: www.usacarry.com

www.keepandbeararms.com

www.gunweek.com

www.womensshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org