



March 2017 NewsNotes

# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



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

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### Board of Directors Meeting February 16, 2017

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

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

**Guests present:** Tim Daily, Allan Rice, Bruce Newell and Joe Simons, Potential new Member (PNM)

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

Income \$ \*\*

Expenses \$4,643

**February Net ... -\$4,643**

\*\* at the time of this meeting, the black box and other items of income were not received/ reported.

Major items of expense were insurance and kitchen.

**Membership: Pete McCann reported** for Ron Breslawski

Joe Simons, PNM, appeared before the Board for membership. Joe knows a few, and is related to a club member; he has been on property for many shoots, etc. We welcome Joe !

#### **Buildings & Grounds: Pete McCann**

**Thank you to Rich Iuppa** for plowing the driveways for us; the few times it snowed this winter – so far!

The Gator had a flat tire; which was fixed; it appeared someone had taken the Gator out and was driving on the flat tire?

#### **Ranges Report: Frank Petricone**

One machine on the Ten Stand is not currently working. Frank is looking at fixing this; will report later.

The plastic bags on the traps work well to keep the weather out and water off the machines; but it has been noted that in very cold weather they split.

Allan Rice requested the purchase of 30-50 cases of Rabbit targets, for the sporting clays course. These are needed for Hunters Tour, on Feb. 25-26; and in general for club use. The BOD approved the purchase of up to 50 cases, for a cost of approx. \$500.

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

THANK YOU to Rich Drescher for a generous donation to our Camp Rushford fund, to help the club send a kid to camp this summer!

#### **Club Calendar: Pete McCann**

The annual St. Patty's Day Shoot is coming up, March 18. It is planned to again have corned beef!

#### **New Business: Pete McCann, Frank Petricone, Greg Beyler**

Due to the amount of cardboard that goes in to our dumpster currently on club property, leaving no room for real trash at times ... the BOD will look in to possibly getting a second dumpster for cardboard only. In the meantime, if you see the dumpster overflowing, if possible, get in there and trample it down to make more room! Thanks!

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Allan Rice reported on the **Hunters Tour**. The decline in participation has been noted by those on the planning committee of the Hunters Tour. Specifically, North Star member participation is one of the biggest losses. We used to be #2 of the list of number of participants; we have moved down to #6-7; out of nine clubs that participate. Allan drafted a letter/ newsletter about 'What is Hunters Tour' for those that aren't familiar with this great 'club'; especially for our new members that might not be familiar with Hunters Tour; what it is; how to get involved, etc. It is a great way to have fun with members from North Star, as well as with other clubs in the area. Hunters Tour has a shoot 1-2 times a month, at the various participating clubs. More info to follow, in Allan's final newsletter information draft. THANK YOU, Allan, for taking initiative to put that together!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

## **General Meeting March 2, 2017**

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

**Members present:** Al Castrechino, George Roesse, Cody Castechino, Ron Breslawski, Greg Pasinski, Allan Rice, Greg Beyler, Buz Bauman, Keith Bowers, Bill McDonald, Greg Lessord, Grieg L. Quetschenbach, Corey McAtee, John Lyon, Dan Spencer, Mike Kirchgessner, Chris Wiest, Frank Castrechino, Joe Prince, Ed Breslawski, Ron Ahrens, Eric Schramm, Mike Roffe, Brian O'Connor, Dan Carlson, Christine Grove, Pete McCann, Dave Scorse, Fay Knapp, Frank Petricone.

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

Income \$4,896

Expenses \$6,249

**Net as of February 27: -\$1,353**

Major items of income were Hunters Tour and Black box.

Major items of expense were insurance, Hunters Tour fees, misc.

Dues notices this year will come out by way of e-mail, not in the regular mail. Payments are due May 1.

The St. Patty's day shoot on March 18 will be the last registered shoot to get work hours in for the year, if you are interested, and can help out.

Budget requests for the coming fiscal year should be submitted to the Board, in writing, or in person, by the end of March, or at the April general member meeting, April 6, if possible; so these can be reviewed at the April BOD meeting.

The March Board meeting will be held on March 16, if you would like to attend that meeting to submit in person your budget request.

## **Hunters Tour: Pete McCann**

Despite the weather that weekend; turnout was still good! We had 152 shooters.

Note ... if you noticed you were not credited for hours worked at Hunters Tour, that has been corrected; and will be reflected in this Newsnotes notification e-mail, showing your annual work hours.

## **Membership: Ron Breslawski**

We have one new member, Joe Simons.

## **Ranges: Frank Petricone**

When you are done shooting courses, if you can restock the machines with birds, that would be helpful; especially when you know there is an open shoot, or Hunters Tour coming up that following weekend! A lot of time was spent the morning of the last Hunters Tour having to restock the machines; putting the work crew behind. You can get work hours in by logging in that you are re-stocking machines!

In general, the club invested a lot of money in to the automatic traps we now have. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE MACHINES !! When you are done shooting, please disconnect the battery cable going to the machines. This will prolong the life of the batteries; which are expensive to replace! Don't walk on the buttons that operate the machines. If you see the buttons on the ground, that operate the auto traps, please pick them up and store them properly. Especially in the weather, we need to do all we can to preserve the life of the automatic traps, or we may be forced to go back to manual!

Try to put the covers back on the machines as you found them. If the covers are put on correctly and securely, it will prevent snow and rain from blowing in; ultimately that will prolong the life of the machines!

The trap at Station 2 on the Clays course is in for repairs. This machine was lost during Hunters Tour; water got in the machine; it needs a new memory board.

The yellow plastic buckets hanging on the stations get brittle and shatter in the cold. These will be replaced and/or looked at what we can use in their place. For now, be careful with them, so you don't get hurt if handling them.

The rabbit machine is fixed and back out at the Ten Stand. (this is Station 6) Remember to re-fill the machines and cover them back up when you are done shooting at the Ten Stand, please.

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## Archery: Dan Spencer

The Archers are looking for more participation! Dan will draft up some information, which Pete McCann will send out in e-mail to club members to review. Interested parties can contact Dan Spencer.

## Misc. Business: Pete McCann

Two items were voted on; paid. One was the cases of new Rabbit targets, which were purchased for Hunters Tour (which took place before this general member meeting, so was approved by the BOD previously – see Board notes from February 16); the other was for the Skeet House, to fix one of the traps needing some wireless parts and a battery converter, for a cost of \$560. Both of these items were approved by the members at this general meeting.

## Monroe County Conservation, SCOPE, etc.: Chris Wiest

There are some SAFE Act repeal bills being enacted in Albany.

There is a Yearling buck bill out there; with antler restrictions. Hunters will have a healthier buck population if this is adhered to. Other states that have enacted this are seeing larger, more mature bucks being harvested. Crossbow season has gained some momentum in Albany ... for the season to possibly overlap with the regular bow season.

**50/50** – Dave Scorse was our big winner!  
Good eats were enjoyed by all!

Meeting adjourned by 8:20 pm.

Notice from Keith Bowers:

Ducks Unlimited Event Dinner will be held to celebrate 80 years of Conservation on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This annual spring migratory experience is enjoyed by North Star families and Camp Rushford Graduates.

It Includes an Entire Evening Packed Full of Premium Fin, Fowl, Beast Feast and Fare, with Features and Fun for Men, Women and Young Adults. This is the End of Winter Event where Stressed turns into Desserts.

Pre-Event Gun Raffle is for a Fausti Select Over and Under Shotgun. Auctions will feature Hunting Experiences with memories to last a lifetime, from a Weatherby Vanguard Rifle to a child's vintage DU petal pickup.

Due to last year's event selling out to capacity, pre-paid tickets are recommended ASAP to guarantee your seats at this year's event, which may sell out early this winter, given the light speed of communications.

Call your usual contact for tickets or leave a message at 594-4211 to confirm seats at your table.

## St. Patrick's Day Invitational Shoot



**Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

50 Sporting Clays Targets

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

\$15 Shoot Only

\$25 Includes Shoot & Lunch

Youth under 18yrs Shoot Free, \$10 for Lunch

**"10 STAND"**

Available at members' prices



Hot and Hamburgers

for early shooters – served at 10AM

Lunch: Corned Beef & Cabbage

Carrots / Salt Potatoes

Rolls & Butter

Soda or Water only

Served 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NO Alcoholic Beverages

**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:

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

### St Patrick's Day Shoot:

March 18, 2017

## 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 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Greg Beyler	329-4868
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Joe Prince	506-5597
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
10 Stand	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Skeet	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Rifle Range	Greg Beyler	329-4868
Archery	Bill Plews	637-3665
	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Dan Spencer	352-8706
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	259-9160
Kitchen	John Lyon	727-2535
Quartermaster	Dave Beehner	721-7554
<b>Key Card issues</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED!!!</b>	
NSSC database	Bruce Newell	705-1835
	<a href="mailto:db_manager@northstarsportsmansclub.org">db_manager@northstarsportsmansclub.org</a>	
Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
	<a href="mailto:webmaster@northstarsportsmansclub.org">webmaster@northstarsportsmansclub.org</a>	

### 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.nyscc.com](http://www.nyscc.com)  
DEC/Camp Rushford: [www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html)  
Handgun reciprocity info: [www.usacarry.com](http://www.usacarry.com)  
[www.keepandbeararms.com](http://www.keepandbeararms.com)  
[www.gunweek.com](http://www.gunweek.com)  
[www.womensshooters.com](http://www.womensshooters.com)  
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