



May 2017 NewsNotes

North Star Sportsman's Club PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



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Board of Directors Meeting April 20, 2017

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

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

Guests present: Tim Daily, Allan Rice, Brian Shea, Dan Spencer, Tim Furness and Potential new Members (PNM), Kyle McDonald, John Szczepanski, John Ferris and Jenna Ferris.

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Income \$1,178

Expenses \$1,010

April Net, as of 4/18 ... \$168

Major items of income were Kitchen and Black box; major items of expense were roof repair on archery pavilion and kitchen.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

John Ferris, Kyle McDonald, John Szczepanski and Jenna Ferris, PNMs, appeared before the Board for membership. All four were approved for membership. Welcome John, Kyle, John and Jenna !

Two more PNM will attend the BOD meeting in May, for potential membership acceptance. A few PNM declined letters sent to them from the club. Ron plans to do another mailing; keep going down the list.

Four requests for Life Membership were received; all were accepted.

Buildings & Grounds: Frank Petricone

Mike Kirchgessner looked in to the cost of roof repairs at the skeet houses – both metal and asphalt costs. The BOD approved repairs to the roof, using asphalt shingles, being more economical, at the cost of around \$600.

Ranges Report: Frank Petricone

The skeet house machines/traps were recently found to be plugged in, armed and ready to go! Someone has unplugged only the remote – possibly thinking that is how you 'disarm' the traps. THAT IS NOT CORRECT! THE TRAPS are STILL ON and READY TO GO even with the remotes unplugged! The traps needs to be disarmed. Even unplugging them, but leaving them 'armed'/ loaded is not right. When someone turns them on again/ plugs them in, the traps could potentially go off. This is VERY DANGEROUS!!! And not safe.

As mentioned previous, Frank Petricone, Dave Scorse and Tim Daily have been working on replacement covers for the Ten Stand traps, to keep them more weather resistant, so they last longer. The BOD approved monies for this, as reimbursement in to the covers already spent, as the new covers have proved to work very well, up to \$625.

Club Calendar: Pete McCann

We will have the 'First Annual Youth Sporting Clays' Tournament, as presented by Al Rice a couple weeks back. This will be a shooting event this summer – one date to start with. Date and more information to follow.

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Member, Brian Shea, and former member, Tim Furness, presented to the BOD, on behalf of local church, First Bible Baptist church (FBBC), proposed to have a Father's day event / shoot at North Star. Saturday, June 17; 8 am until 11:30; followed by lunch and done by 2:00 pm. This shoot would be only at the Ten Stand; not any other part of the club property. This would be for fathers, sons and daughters of FBBC members. FBBC would like to use our clubhouse facility, pavilion and grills to cook food. Parents will remain with their children. A few members at North Star have already expressed a willingness to help with this event, to be on property. North Star has made requests to FBBC for paperwork, misc. other rules to be followed, etc. More information to follow if this becomes a real event.

Pete suggested that possibly we would have our annual Member Appreciation day, in August, be something like what used to be done ... more of a 'Shoot and Hoot'; with a chicken BBQ; spouses invited. More discussions about this to follow at the general member meeting.

In memoriam ... former North Star member, Russ Miller, passed away recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

General Meeting May 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Peter McCann at 7:30 P.M ; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for club members who have recently lost loved ones. In addition, the recent passing of Russ Miller, former North Star President, was noted. No one is sure of his tenure dates, but it is believed he was President in the mid to late seventies.

Members Present: Andy Bansbach, Al and Frank Castrechino,

Greg Pasinski, Dan Sperr, Chris Wiest, Brian Shea, John Szczepanski, Clyde Morrison, Walter Slowig, Rolfe Miller, Tom Buss, Jim Sperr, Tom Castellana, Bill and Kyle McDonald, Buz Bauman, Frank Petricone, George Roese, Dave Scorse, Angelo Gucciardo, Michael Engle, John Lyon, Brian O'Connor, Joseph Romanczyk, Ron Breslawski, Ron, Dana, and Eric Carlton, Ron Ahrens, Frank Waldron, Larry Conn, Tracy Smith, Miles Bliss, Bill Izyk, Paul Drake, Andy Sperr, Paul Russo, Mike Kirchgessner, Pete McCann, Harry Reiter

Treasurer's Report : Harry Reiter

Income \$11,974.77

Expenses \$2,017.21

Net as of May 3, 2017: \$9,957.77

Major items of income were dues, sporting clays, ten stand & life member donations

Major items of expense were building and grounds (archery pavilion repair), food for the St. Pat's shoot, covers for the traps in the sporting clays course and the ten stand areas and tractor maintenance

Membership: Ron Brelawski

Ron reported the Club has accepted 4 new members into the organization and the following active members have been approved for life membership: Dave DeClerck, Mike Giardinia, Dave Beehner and Bill Rowe

Building and Grounds: Frank Petricone

The archery pavilion has been repaired as a result of a tree falling on it during the recent wind storm. Thanks to Greig Quetschenbach and Shaker Knapp !

Range Report: Frank Petricone

Franks reports ya' better wear high boots to use the range - its saturated. He would also appreciate members using a little diplomacy while shooting at the target stands. Try to keep your rounds on the backstops and avoid shooting the cross braces if possible. This makes for an easier repair of the stands.

10 Stand

When Frank gets his work schedule squared away, he would like to open up the 10 stand 2 times per month. He will let us know when those dates have been established. The membership also approved \$800.00 for the purchase of materials to cover 10 more traps in the 10 stand and sporting clays disciplines. Feel free to call Frank and give him a hand in the fabrication of these new covers.

Sporting Clays

A potential safety hazard was identified on the sporting clays course and is being addressed ASAP. Thanks to all our members for keeping an eye out - safety is everyone's concern. As usual, please take a few minutes to refill the traps on all of our courses when you are done for the day. Many hands make this a short task !

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Skeet

The new roofs on both houses are scheduled for replacement in the new future. Again - for some reason - the membership has issues with the start up and shut down of these two traps. It is VERY important these traps are uncocked when you are done shooting. The next guys to use them have to reach across the front of the traps to open the doors - a very dangerous thing to do if they do not notice the traps have been left in an armed position. If you are unsure of the operating protocols, give any BOD member a call and arrangements will be made to have a member meet you at the skeet range for a short tutorial.

Club Calendar

The youth summer shoot is still in the works. Give Al Rice a call if you are interested in participating with your "youth" in this endeavor. Sounds like a fun time for all ! It was decided upon by the membership, **this year's "membership appreciation"** will be **held on Saturday August 5, 2017** instead of Thursday evening August 3, 2017. The day will consist of shooting, a chicken barbeque, and finally a band to finish the evening out. More information will follow as the year progresses.

MCCC

Chris Wiest says things are still fairly quiet in the current political arena. The Council will again be sponsoring a youth fishing derby at Powder Mill Park

New Business

Dan Sperr (who takes back a LOT of our beverage recycling cans and bottles) would like the BOD to consider buying these beverages in cans only. The bottles get mixed in with the cans and many are broken by the time they meet the personnel at the beverage recycle center. This is a bad situation for both Dan and the people who have to sort through the bags.

Tom Castellana won the 50 / 50 drawing - the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM



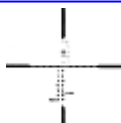
Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



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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

Member Appreciation Day:

Saturday, August 5 (replaces general member meeting on 8/3) Flyer should be available soon.

Summer Shoot (for youth):

Details to be determined

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)	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
Director (2 nd yr)	Greg Beyler	329-4868
Director (3 rd 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 Sperr	749-1416
Hunter Safety	Doug Rivais	964-5208
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Baase	964-8380
<i>NewsNotes</i>	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
Key Card issues	HELP NEEDED!!!	
NSSC database	Bruce Newell	705-1835
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Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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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.nyscc.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