



Feb/March 2022 NewsNotes

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



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Board of Directors Meeting Jan 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, by President, Nick Hardie.

Officers present: Nick Hardie, Christine Grove, Ed Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, Tim Daily and Harry Reiter.

Guests: Dan Carlson

Treasurer's Report: Harry Reiter

Income: \$1,147

Expenses: \$3,386

January Net: -\$2,239

Major items of income were a donation to the club.

Major items of expense were property taxes due; clubhouse ceiling project; kitchen expenses.

Membership: Ron Breslawski

A new member waiting list is posted in the clubhouse; updated as of January 19.

Buildings & Grounds / Ranges Report: Nick Hardie for Frank Petricone

Rifle Range – if you are shooting at this course, and you notice the boards shot up, if you have time, please replace the boards. There are new boards in the garage. Thank you!

Ten Stand is back up and running.

When the weather warms up, we will begin the upgrade to the heating system in the clubhouse. Dave Isaac has taken on this project.

If you are cutting wood for use on club property, in the wood burning stove in the clubhouse, cut the wood to NO LONGER than 16", so they fit in the wood stove! Thank you for keeping the wood ready and available for us to use!

THANK YOU to Mike Kirchgessner and Frank Castrechino for plowing!! Thanks for keeping up with it so us members can get in and out of club property. Looks great!!!

Reminder again when you sign in ... write legibly; first and last name; write in where on club property you are, even if it's walking your dog. Thanks!

Club Safety: Tim Daily

Tim has been working on looking in to pricing for a security gate. More information to follow.

Club Calendar: Nick Hardie

The St. Patrick's Day shoot is coming up March 19. The BOD discussed a donation of half of the profits from this shoot, to be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center, in honor of the recent passing of member and decorated soldier, Gary Beikirch. This will be brought to the general membership at the next meeting, to be discussed further. The BOD talked about offering food at this shoot, for an extra fee to those that want it. We could offer burgers, chips, drink.

Club Waivers: Nick Hardie

There are still about 100 members that have not signed the waiver. If you need a copy let a BOD member know.

Old Business:

The committee working on the Constitution re-work has submitted suggestions to the BOD. We are looking at these and will report to the general membership with proposed changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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General Meeting Feb 3, 2022

February member meeting cancelled

Board of Directors Meeting Feb 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by President, Nick Hardie.

The usually scheduled BOD meeting for February 17, was postponed to February 24, due to weather and deteriorated condition of the main road in to the club property.

Officers present: Nick Hardie, Frank Petricone, Christine Grove, Dave Scorse, Ed Breslawski, and Tim Daily.

Guests: Dan Carlson

The BOD discussed the insurance renewal for the club.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie reported for Harry Reiter

Income: \$132

Expenses: \$5,259

Net for February -\$5,127

Major items of income were black box. Major items of expense were renewal of club insurance policy; tractor repair parts; purchase of new colored clay targets (for use at the upcoming St. Pats shoot) and utilities.

Membership: Nick Hardie reported for Ron Breslawski Dan Spencer applied for Life Membership. This was approved, as he meets the requirements.

Buildings & Grounds / Ranges Report: Frank Petricone A woodpecker has been working on our clubhouse! The holes have been repaired and flashing put up for now, to keep the woodpecker out; so more damage is not done.

THANK YOU AGAIN to Mike Kirchgessner, Frank Castrechino, Ed Breslawski and our Snow Plowing crew!! The club roads look awesome ... especially after the last snow storm we had dumping a lot of snow. Thanks for keeping up with it!! So members are aware, there is a large rut on the main road. Go slow!! This will be addressed when the weather breaks.

Reminder that during club sponsored shoots, all ranges are closed.

Camp Rushford: Nick Hardie

North Star will pay to send two campers each season; possibly three. Online registration has been postponed and will begin on April 10, 2022. This camp is for children ages 11 – 17. If any member is interested in sending their child, grandchild, blood relative to camp this coming summer; AND you want to be reimbursed by the club, contact Nick and/or a BOD Member BEFORE you register, so we can get you on the 'list'. When you sign up online, you have to pay there; then you submit the registration fee to the club for reimbursement. This is FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for reimbursement.

Of note:

The DEC announced that as of Feb. 1, all target shooting activity at Tonawanda Wildlife Management area is closed. This follows recent regulations prohibiting target shooting on state wildlife management areas. If anyone is interested in reading more about this, you can look on the DEC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

General Meeting Mar 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Nick Hardie, at 7:30 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine; and remembering fallen Trooper A.J. Sperr, who died in the line of duty 16 years ago.

Members present: Al Castrechino, Frank Castrechino, Mike Kirchgessner, Andy Bansbach, Stan Izyk, Frank Petricone, J. Beyler, Greg Pasinski, John Lyon, Christine Grove, Nick Hardie, George Roese, Dan Spencer, Chris Wiest, Sam Gaglio, Dan Carlson, Jim Priestley, Clayton Eckfem, Gordon Windsor, Paul Drake, Mike Menear.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Hardie reported for Harry Reiter

Income \$5,259

Expenses \$132

Net as of Feb. 22: -\$5,127

At the next general member meeting, in April, we will review the budget for the coming year. Attend that meeting if you are interested!

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Membership: Nick Hardie reported for Ron Breslawski Dan Spencer was accepted for Life Membership.

Ranges/ Buildings and Grounds: Frank Petricone and Nick Hardie

The woodpeckers and bees are beating up the corners of buildings on club property. Al Castechino has volunteered to look in to this; find a solution to cover up/fix any holes. THANK YOU, Al!

When shooting on the clays and other trap courses, don't be in a hurry to cover the trap machines, so as not to damage the traps. The plastic tote covers are somewhat wobbly; please take that in to account when uncovering and covering back up to be sure the cover lines up over the trap before you close the cover.

There is still work to be done on the grounds, now and when the weather is better .. grape vines need to be trimmed; more fallen trees to be cut. Even though it is still winter, please be careful when cutting poison ivy vines. They are still 'active' if you get the 'poison juice' on you!

Please do not put busted up target boards in to the wood pile. These cannot be used to burn. Thanks to those who have thought of this; but these used boards need to be thrown out, in the dumpster.

REMINDER again to write legibly when you sign in; to get proper credit for work hours, and for general safety.

We would like to send a shout out to FRANK Petricone, to say THANK YOU for his now many years, 12, being involved with buildings and grounds at North Star. Frank has the club's best interests in mind when he looks at what needs to be done; takes on the upkeep of many items; and reminds us all how we can help maintain your club.

Mon Co Conservation, SCOPE, NRA: Chris Wiest

Albany is still haggling over money, and probably will be up until the end of the session in June. So not a lot of gun legislations/ bills are being looked at and/or talked about. Per the DEC, this past hunting season was the safest on record, with 9 accidents and 1 fatality. The average hunter that was out there had 40 years of experience. No deer harvest records reported yet, but the take was low for deer. The bear harvest was down 20% from past years.

Club Calendar: Nick Hardie

The St. Patty's Day shoot is Sat., March 19. There will be food. Half the profits from this shoot will be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center in memory of Gary Beikirch. The ranges will be closed this day; in lieu of the shoot.

If a club member wants to volunteer to open and run the Ten Stand for this shoot, we can do that. The club will benefit from monies received.

In other News: Nick Hardie

Would someone step up and be willing to learn the club website; training with Jeff Baugher?! To work with and be Jeff's backup going forward. IF you are interested, let Nick know.

The new ceiling in the clubhouse looks AWESOME! THANK YOU to Dave Scorse and a crew of many for getting that much needed job done!!

When the weather is better, work on replacing the heat runs in the clubhouse will begin.

Remember to recertify for your Pistol permit! You can 'google' NYS Pistol recertification to look up your own information; when, by what date, you need to recertify, based on when you certified five years ago.

John Lyon will recertify for his food certification soon.

50/50 – BIG winner tonight ... Frank Petricone!

Meeting adjourned 8:19 pm.

St. Patrick's Day Gary Beikirch Memorial Invitational Shoot

Saturday March 19th

50 Sporting Clays Targets

European Start at 8:30 AM

Shooting stops around 2:00 PM

\$15 Shoot Only

\$8 Lunch – burger or Italian Sausage, drink & chips



½ of profits from the shoot will be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center in memory of Gary Beikirch

Check website if weather becomes a potential issue
www.northstarsportsmansclub.org

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 Pat's Shoot:

March 19. Save the date. Stay tuned for more info

Hunter's Tour

May 21 & 22

Officers & Coordinators

President	Nick Hardie	766-9343
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)	Tim Daily	455-9100
Director (2 nd yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (3 rd yr)	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Tom Tennant	703-4382
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
10 Stand	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Skeet	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Rifle Range	Tom Sime	747-7247
Archery	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Dan Sperr	749-1416
Hunter Safety	Doug Riva	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	David Beehner	721-7554
Key Card issues	Sean Keenan	509-2814
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

NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: [NYS troopers site](http://www.nyspsa.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