



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



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## Board of Directors Meeting August 18, 2022

**Officers Present:** Nick Hardie, Ron Breslawski, Frank Petricone, Al Castrechino, Dan Carlson, Dave Scorse, Tim Daily, Harry Reiter, John Lyon

**Guests:** Dom Maiorano

**Call to order:** 7:04

**Secretary report** – Dan Carlson

The Club sent a card to the family of Dave Bouton due to his passing. Need to add a plaque to the silent guns plaque. Need to close out his land certificate.

**Treasurer Report:** Harry Reiter- All dues are paid. Report attached.

Income: \$3,049.00

Expenses: \$21,217.61 (\$20,000+ on new targets)

8/15/22 Checkbook balance: \$59,711.11

**Membership report** – Ron Breslawski– no new report  
New member orientation – Nick mentioned potential inconsistencies in the orientation points. Can we create a checklist for bullet points to be certain to cover during orientation? Also, discussed potentially creating a checklist/handout for new members.

Nick also wanted to be sure to recognize previous board members like Christine Grove, for her 12 years as Secretary and Ed Breslawski, who is still helping with membership tasks.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Frank Petricone -

Road is very dusty. Please be careful to follow the posted speed limit.

Need help with weed whacking around the clays course.

It's tough to mow out there if we can't see the cables.

Frank is working to add a rabbit to the 10-stand.

**Need an archery course lead person.** Someone to inventory the different targets and place new targets on the range.

**Upcoming ten stand shoots:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 8 and 22, October 13 and 27.

**Skeet/sporting clays** – bees/hornets have been taken care of.

**Trap** – hasn't seemed to be much interest. Nobody has contacted Frank to learn how to run the machine.

**Rifle/Shady ranges** – seemed to be working well. They are being looked after.

**Sporting clays** – We are hosting Hunter's Tour on November 4 and 5. Need a work party in October to reset all the traps and machines around the course.

**One safety concern** – the shrubs and bushes out at the road make it hard to see when leaving the club driveway. It's a state road. Can someone knock the bushes down safely?

Nick added -Frank P. and Mike Kirchgessner graded the driveway. Thank you!

**Club security/entry system.** Tim has been talking to different vendors to look at the current system. Tim and Nick are working to schedule an estimate.

Nick wanted to recognize Jim Aiello. He has been doing a great job of keeping the club house clean. Thanks, Jim!

**Old Business – Constitution** – Nick received two "Nice jobs" and one person who struggled to open the link. Vote to take place in December. Dom took a few minutes to explain the difference between constitution and by-laws. He used the example of changing the prices on the shooting courses. The board can do that without the members' consent, but it makes great sense to continue bringing those decisions to the membership. Dom was very complimentary of the process the board has undertaken.

At the next general meeting we will bring up the constitution and vote in December. Encourage people to look at it and ask for copies if they cannot access the website.

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**Liability waivers** – be sure to get them signed from visitors.

Dead trees along the roadway. Makes sense to have a big work party, close the road, and drop them on the road. Would it be worth it to rent a big woodchipper? We could use the chips to line the sporting clays course. Mike Menear and help disassembled and removed Lawler's tower. The project is complete.

10-stand tower: Al Castrechino started a discussion regarding loose floor boards on the second tier of the 10-stand. Discussion involved; replacing all the wood on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier or just doing piece by piece as needed. Al will look at the entire project and report back in with the reasonable options. **Until repairs can be addressed, the top level of the 10 Stand will be shut down effective immediately.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

## General Meeting September 1, 2020

Call to Order at 7:30pm Nick Hardie  
Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence –  
Guests - none

### Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson

No general meeting from August. Member appreciation day. Tonight's notes will be paired with the August BOD meeting. The club sent a card to the family of Dave Bouton. Dave was a life member of North Star who passed away in July.

### Treasurer's Report –Harry Rieter – report submitted for both July and August.

July income - \$3313.00 - Expenses - \$2,470.91  
7/21/22

August Income - \$4,916.25 Expenses - \$21,827.61  
(\$20,553 for targets)

Report was approved.

### Committee Reports

**Membership** – no report. (Ron couldn't make the meeting).

### Bldg. and Grounds – Frank Petricone –

Watch for ground bees near the stump adjacent to the driveway. If you know of any issues or problems, please let Frank P know.

**Archery** – Animal targets have been set up. Please don't shoot crossbow bolts at the archery targets.

**10 Stand** – Sept. 8 and 22 are the upcoming shoots. The top level is currently closed for floor repairs. October 13 and 27 are trap shooting nights. It is suggested to use modified or improved modified chokes. Come early to learn how to set the trap.

**Skeet Range** – Please do your best to clean up after yourself. Please empty the buckets and discard or remove your empty shells.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Needs some weed whacking before the next hunter's tour. Watch for poison ivy. Hunter's tour here November 5 & 6. Will need a work detail prior. Dates TBD. A machine was damaged on the course due to negligence. It will require several hours of repair. Please close down the machines properly. If you aren't sure what to do, please ask!

**Shady Range** – Please pick up your brass and trash.

**Rifle Range** – Please do your best to sweep up your .22 brass. Is it OK to shoot a spinner target? (question to Nick H from a member). Yes, so long as it's manufactured for that use – not homemade. Please push steel targets up close to one of the berms.

**Club Calendar** – 10 Stand and Hunters Tour - November 5 & 6

**Preserve Report** –Frank P (Dave Isaac could not attend). Eric Carlton and Dave Hendershott spent time this afternoon scraping out and cleaning the pheasant shed. Then they set out fresh straw. Thank You!

**Camp Rushford** – Nick mentioned that a couple of new members have kids that could be potential campers next year.

**Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA** –Frank P. (Chris Wiest – not able to attend) encouraged everyone to check out the SCOPE website for information and FAQ's about the newest gun laws in NY. Links to Info have also posted on the club website.

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**Old Business** – Sign in – write legibly

Nick reminded everyone that the president's position will be open next year.

**New Business** – Please read through the Constitution Revision posted on the website. Bring concerns to Nick or to general meetings. – A vote will be held in December. New Club Card reader proposed by the Board. Nick has a meeting on Tuesday with a rep who will look at it. The board has approved spending up to \$5000 on it. The board also approved a price increase for targets. Nick went through the new prices; \$1 increase for 25 birds. \$2 increase for 50 birds. New prices are on the chalkboard. See BoD notes from August for breakdown. The price of targets went up \$5000 since our order last year (Harry's comment). Bill I. made a motion. Dom 2<sup>nd</sup>. No one voted opposed.

**Membership Appreciation** – Many thanks to Pete McCann and all those who helped and attended to make it a success!

**Hunter Education** – Al Castrechino reports that DEC is focused on the online delivery of hunter ed courses. Our DEC contact says it's not really interested in setting anything up in person. Bill Izyk is still an instructor, but he is not a fan of the online presentation method. DEC has made things more and more difficult both for the instructors and those wishing to take the course.

**Clubhouse Cleaning** – Thanks Jim Aiello, the place looks great!

**Road Work** – Thanks to the team especially Clayton Eckert for finding and trimming all the culvert. Thanks to Frank P and Mike K. for grading the road. Nick asked if we were interested in having guest speakers. For instance a Deputy Sheriff to speak at next meeting. The members seemed interested. Nick will reach out to the deputy he contacted.

**Other** – Frank P. has had patches made for those who shoot 25 or 50 birds straight at trap. 2 witnesses need to be present and score sheets completed.

Rochester Gun show at the dome arena on September 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Carlton – Reminded members that a September deer season has been approved by the DEC for our region and tree stands can be set up on club property for hunting season. Please make sure your name is on the stand.

Check the DEC website for approved regions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

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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:

Current planned dates (all 4PM to dusk, or when shooters are finished)

Thurs 9/8 and 9/22

Thurs 10/13 and 10/27

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

### Hunter's Tour:

November 5 & 6

February 4 & 5

## 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	Dan Carlson	509-4793
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Tim Daily	455-9100
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
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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## Websites worth visiting

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

NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: [NYS troopers site](#)

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)

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

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