



# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



**SPECIAL NOTE:** NewsNotes are no longer sent by US mail. They are found on the club website. [www.northstarsportsmansclub.org](http://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org) click on Member Information shotgun shell click on News Notes link

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### Board of Directors Meeting September 15 22, 2022

\*\* This meeting was a postponement from the September 15, 2022 BoD meeting, which was not held. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by President, Nick Hardie.

**Officers present:** Nick Hardie, Frank Petricone, Tim Daily, Ron Breslawski, Al Castrechino, John Lyon and Harry Reiter. Christine Grove filled in as Secretary for Dan Carlson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Harry Reiter  
Income: \$4,516  
Expenses: \$4,386  
Net as of 9/1/22: \$129

Major items of income were Preserve Dues and black box. Major items of expense were club property school taxes; tax preparation and NYS charities.

**Membership:** Ron Breslawski  
Ron had a few inquiries from Potential new Members on our wait list. Nothing has changed as of now.  
\*\*Reminder if you have an updated e-mail address, change of mailing address, phone #, etc., please contact Nick Hardie to keep yourself updated with club activities via e-mail, etc. Thanks.

REMINDER again: to qualify for Life Membership, you need to be 60 years young and have been a member of NorthStar for 10 years. When you become a Life

Member, it frees up a spot for an incoming potential new member. Consider this if you qualify. Life membership opens up spots for potential new members to be welcomed in to the club.

**Buildings & Grounds / Ranges Report:** Frank Petricone Mike Kirchgessner continues to mow; THANK YOU!!! Hopefully only a few more mows left for the season. Frank Castrechino filled in a few holes in the road in to the club with stone from other areas on club property.

WORK PARTY is set for Oct. 15 and Oct. 16, starting 8:00 am / 0800. If you can help with this, just show up! This will be to clean up and set the Sporting Clays course for the upcoming Hunters Tour on Nov. 4-5. This work will be done rain or shine; dress accordingly! Whatever isn't done on Sat., Oct. 15, will be finished on Sunday, Oct. 16. Club owned ATVs will be used to help with the work being done (as a note to members that may be planning to use the ATV if shooting on this weekend; make other arrangements)

Ten Stand – 7 people came out on Sept. 22, to shoot with Frank. The upper part of this shooting venue is NOT in use at this time, due to safety concerns. The BoD is addressing what we can do here/ options being considered.

A new Clubhouse Entry system/ upgrade is being looked at through a provider the BoD has identified. More details on this to follow as decisions are made.

Preserve: there are birds in the pen. Members of the Preserve are taking care of them.

**Old Business:** Nick Hardie  
REMINDER: take time to review Constitution suggested revisions. These are on the club website for you all to look at and make comments. A hard copy is also located in the Club annex building. Please do NOT take this copy; just look at it while on club property. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

# October 2022 NewsNotes

## General Meeting October 6, 2020

Call to Order at 7:29pm Nick Hardie  
Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence –  
Guests – Deputy John Payne – Monroe County Sheriff's Office. C-zone Community Engagement Deputy. Payne had a lot of good suggestions about old firearms amnesty, gun storage (especially in a vehicle). Jeff Baugher remarked it might be a good idea to re-cert your pistol permit now or at least to confirm your permit's expiration date. Great interaction and involvement by members. Deputy Payne's visit was from 7:30pm – 8:15pm  
Nick solicited requests for suggestions of future guest speakers. Reach out to Nick if you have any.  
Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson – Big thanks to Christine Grove for covering the Secretary duties for the September 22, 2022 BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Harry Rieter – report submitted.  
September Income: \$6,517.50 Expenses: \$4,414.63  
See attached report. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous.  
Report was approved.

### Committee Reports

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

**Bldg. and Grounds** – Frank Petricone –

Archery – Please no crossbows or broadheads on the animal targets. Please bring your own targets.

10 Stand – Top deck is off-limits. No open 10-stand dates are planned.

Trap - October 13 and 27 are trap shooting nights. 4pm. Modified choke please.

Shady Range – Clayton is picking up a lot of brass. Please pick up after yourself.

Rifle Range – Please peel your target off the backers.

**Club Calendar** – Frank P. - North star will host Hunters Tour on November 5 & 6. We need people to sign up to help. October 15 and 16 are the workdays for resetting the course.

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac - 12 members have paid ahead for the year. Discussion came up about hunting pheasants on club property during deer season. Nick P. suggested the discussion be held at the Board of Directors level. The preserve has followed a gentlemen's agreement for years that there would be no pheasant hunting on club property for the two weeks after the opening of south zone regular season. Unknown origin. Nobody present knows the history of that agreement. Nick invited Dave to BOD meeting. Encouraged BOD members present to do some research prior to the meeting.

**Camp Rushford** – Nick H - Remind your kids about Rushford (and grandkids per Andy Sperr). The club has not sent anyone to Rushford in a few years now.  
**Mon Co Conservation Council**, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – Federal judge in Syracuse put a hold on several points in the new laws. Be patient. There are several points working through the courts. Be sensible. Bow hunting season has started. Youth firearms weekend this weekend.

Old Business – Sign in – write legibly

New Business – 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 – Nick H. - Install scheduled for Tuesday, 10/11. Should be able to continue to use your current card. Jeff B. encourages everyone to make sure their card works.

Clubhouse Cleaning – Nick H - Thanks to Jim Aiello, the place looks great! Jim was present. Thank you!

Road Work – Nick H - As we get into the wet season, pay attention to the culverts for any visible debris. Thanks to Clayton for knocking down all the weeds.

Frank P. two trees came down on the clays course.

Someone left a note for Frank. Please call him. Frank got two quotes for chainsaws. They could be available to anyone who has demonstrated they can use them. Pete McCann made a motion to have Frank P purchase a chainsaw based on the quotes he has received. 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussion was held. During discussion motion amended to include safety equipment including chaps, helmet, visor or goggles. Motion spend up to \$1000 to purchase a saw, extra chain, and maintenance gear, and safety gear. Motion approved, seconded, and passed. No one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

## Board of Directors Meeting October 20, 2022

**Officers Present:** Nick Hardie, Frank Petricone, Dave Scorse, Ron Breslawski, Al Castrechino, Dan Carlson, John Lyon, Harry Reiter  
**Guests:** Doug Baker, Dave Isaac

Call to Order – Nick H. 7:02pm

**Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson** Sequence - News Notes will now go out after the BOD meeting instead of after the general meeting. The idea is that members will be able to see what's going on at the BOD level prior to the general meeting. Members could be more prepared. Good suggestion from one of our members.

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**Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter** – Income - \$0 (so far in October), Expenses \$943.77. See Harry's report.

**Membership Report** – Ron Breslawski. No New members.

Orientation Checklist – Ron handed out a checklist. Typically, Ron, Nick or Tim Daily all do orientation. Discussion was held to standardize the process. BOD members were encouraged to read the list and make suggestions for additions/improvements. Example: Harry noticed that there was a limit to a member hosting two guests. This only applies to one guest per member for hunting.

Tom Rohr would like to resign his membership. He will be doing quite a bit of travelling and is not using the club.

Craig Almeter submitted his application for life membership. Motion made, seconded, approved by vote.

Paul Russo submitted his application for life membership. Motion made, seconded, and approved by vote.

## **Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Frank Petricone**

Someone has been shooting #4 Steel loads on the sporting clays course. Trying to track down who it is. Members are responsible for their guests and their ammo, too. Please only shoot the types of ammo listed on each course.

The snowblower attachment has been put on the tractor.

The “check belt” light is on, on the Kawasaki ATV. Is there anyone who can service it? Otherwise, it will have to go to Spencerport for service. It is currently still operational but needs to be addressed.

Limbs and branches have been taken down around the grounds. The trails have been cleared and improved. Two weeks until the next Hunter's Tour. Thanks to the folks who showed up for the work detail on 10/15.

## **Ranges - Frank Petricone**

**Archery** – Please take some time to pick up branches and twigs as you walk around the range. Al Castrechino will talk to Mike Kirchgessner about removing the 3-D targets this week or at least before the ground freezes. Archery season is well underway.

**Ten Stand** – The tower machine is shut down. Please do not go up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck. Work is underway to shore up the structure. Dave Scorse brought a sample of U-shaped steel pieces (Uni-strut) to provide cross bracing to support the structure. He will price out the costs. Doug Baker brought a proposal to shore it up using steel cables and turn buckles. Doug's estimate is about \$225. Dave is going to price out the steel and compare estimates.

**Skeet Range** – No updates

**Sporting Clays Course** - Updated for Tour, Frank is topping off all the batteries. Be sure to turn the power off when you are done. Instructions have been attached to all the machines.

**Trap range** – Operational. One more trap shoot scheduled for 10/27.

**Rifle Range** – Please pick up after yourself. Even your .22 brass!

**Shady Range** – Lots of mice in the Shady range shed. Frank has been placing repellent in the shed. If you see mice building a nest, please remove it.

**Club Safety and Security** – Nick Hardie. Clubhouse entry system completed – The new system has been installed. Please report any issues to Nick. If you have trouble opening the door, push in first before you pull it open. When you close it. Please press on the door from the outside to make sure it's closed.

**Preserve** – Dave Issac – Ban on Pheasant Hunting during gun season. Dave brought up the issue at the last general meeting. No one seems to know where the general rule came from. Was it just an old gentlemen's agreement? Discussion was held about times and dates. Dave brought a spreadsheet showing the numbers of members on property during hunting season for the last two years. Rarely were there more than 2 per day. If you are hunting on club property during the regular season for deer. Please be sure to wear orange as required. Please place your location on the sign in sheet. Be aware, pheasant hunting, and deer hunting might occur at the same time.

**Misc Reports** - Adopt-A-Highway, Camp Rushford, etc. – No updates.

## **Club Calendar – Nick H.**

Hunters Tour – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Currently only 9 workers signed up for Saturday and 4 for Sunday. Neither is nearly enough. Nick to send out another request for help. John L. is planning to do breakfast for workers.

Frank P. suggested a specific email go out to the membership specifically inviting new members to come out to the Hunter's Tour dates. It would be a great opportunity to meet new members, earn some work hours, learn how to open/close/run the machines, and see the full functioning of the club.

## **Old Business –**

**Constitution revisions** – On the Website – Bruce Newell submitted several comments. Frank P. recommends we meet again to cover the comments. Most comments are wordsmithing and for clarification. Some need to be addressed.

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**Liability Waiver** – for guests and individuals. Harry has a notebook full and he turned it over to Nick for check in at the Hunter's tour. They'll keep the book out for reference plus a printed, alphabetized list to simplify check in. Please be sure your guests on club property have signed a waiver.

Dead trees around pavilion and course – communication for tree work. Frank and Ron are working to schedule something. More information to follow.

## **New Business** –

Deputy Payne from Monroe County Sheriff's guest speaker – Other speakers? Some discussion was held. No resolution was reached.

Outside access for kitchen door. Discussion held regarding adding a lockset to the kitchen door. That way we could have a couple keys to use in case we got locked out from the main door. Dave S. will investigate it. The "Panic Button" for main door is gone. Turn the handle.

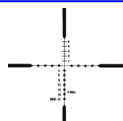
MISCELLANEOUS: New President for next year

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

# October 2022 NewsNotes



## 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 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 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	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.lakeplainwaterfowl.homestead.com](http://www.lakeplainwaterfowl.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)

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