



North Star Sportsman's Club

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General Meeting December 1, 2022

Call to Order Nick Hardie. 7:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance
Guests: None

Membership: Ron introduced two new members who were present: Sharon Campbell and Colton Mantle

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson was present but had no news to report. Nick encouraged all to read the New Notes when they get published

Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter's report included the breakdown from the Nov. 5 & 6 Hunter's tour event we hosted, estimated income was \$2,220. Motion to accept was made, 2nd, and passed by vote.
November Income \$7,212.66
November Expenses \$1,526.45

Committee reports

Building and Grounds – Frank Petricone - Please keep your vehicles off the grass, especially along the driveway. Better to drive slowly through the potholes instead of driving around on the grass.

ATV going to service at Hollink Motor Sports on 12/6. It is estimated to be out of service for a couple weeks.

Archery – No report

10 Stand – Machines are OK to use. Frank found high brass #6 hulls. Only shot size 7½ - 8 or 9 (the smaller the shot number, the larger the shot size) is to be used on the Clay ranges.

Skeet range – Please empty the buckets when you are done. Please put the remotes back in their proper place, too.

Sporting clays course – Please pick up your empties. Close the mailboxes so the remotes aren't exposed to weather.

Shady Range – Please pick up your brass.

Trap – No report

Rifle range – a few of the target boards need to be replaced. There is wood cut to size and screwdrivers in the garage. It doesn't take long.

Preserve – Dave Isaac could not attend. He sent a report to Nick H. Seems to be OK. No report or complaints from joint hunting seasons on our property or issues between pheasant hunters and deer hunters.

Frank P. added. Please don't put your dead bird carcasses in the dumpsters. The dumpsters don't get emptied regularly enough. If you find birds in the pen with bloody heads and can determine the culprit, use those birds first. Reminder, that you are allowed one guest with a gun for hunting. If you are not carrying a gun but taking responsibility you might have two guests.

Camp Rushford – Nick H. – Rushford is a DEC Summer Camp in Allegany County. If you have kids between ages 11 and 17 you should look at the camp information (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>) and ask Nick H. about Scholarship opportunities.

Monroe County Conservation Council – Chris Weist – No report

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Club Calendar – 1/7/23 Holiday shoot, 2/4 and 2/5 Hunter's tour, 3/18/23 St Patty's Day shoot. Nick asked those present if we wanted to do a Holiday shoot and a St Patty's Day shoot. Majority present wanted to do both. No one wanted to be recorded as opposed.

- Side discussion held regarding food. A suggestion was made to serve breakfast all morning for interested shooters and staff. We'll give it a try for the Holiday shoot and see how that goes before deciding for March. Nick will be sure that announcements get published on the event flyer. Further details regarding food were tabled to be worked out at the next BOD meeting (12/15).

Old Business – Please sign legibly in the shed, list where you are going.

New Business – unless noted otherwise, each item below was lead or presented by Nick H.

Constitution revision – most recent draft will be posted on the website soon.

New club card reader – Nick has received no complaints that members cards are not working. The release mechanism seems to be tight. Push in on the door so the mechanism releases then pull it open.

Chalet Roof repair/replace – Nick asked for a volunteer to coordinate. Looking for this project to be completed in the spring. Rich Iuppa volunteered to take a look at it.

Quarter master change – Doug Baker is the new quarter master.

Nick asked everyone to remember to return keys (to the barn and skeet houses) when through.

All ranges and activities will be closed during club sponsored shoots. This includes hunting and the use of any of the other ranges that are not part of the club sponsored shoot.

Newer members be sure to pick up your name tags.

Waivers – make sure guests use the correct ones. They are the brightly colored forms on the desk in the clubhouse. Make sure they are legible.

New BOD positions nominations. It is time for nominations for officers for next year. Pete McCann nominated the following slate.

President – Ron Breslawski

VP 1 – Membership – Ed Breslawski

VP 2 – Communications – Dave Scorse

Treasurer – Harry Reiter

Secretary – Dan Carlson

Field Captain – Frank Petricone

1st year director – John Lyon

Mike Kirchgessner seconded this slate of nominees. Discussion opened to the floor for further nominations. No other nominations were made. Voting will be held at the general meeting in January. Nominations were closed. Motion to adjourn made, 2nd, meeting closed by unanimous vote at 8:15pm.

Board of Directors Meeting December 15, 2022

Present: Nick Hardie, Harry Reiter, Dave Scorse, Frank Petricone. Al Castrechino, Tim Daily, John Lyon, Dan Carlson

No guests were present.

Call to Order – 7:00pm

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson – No news to report

Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter – \$1907.16 income \$775.69 expenses so far in December. See Harry's report. Motion to approve the report, 2nd, and the report was accepted by vote.

Membership Report – Ron B could not attend but he had sent Nick his report. Ron received two life member requests: Larry Borowski and David Mandarano. Two more were received in the mail: Dave Isaac and Joe Romanczyk. A Motion was made to approve all four. 2nd and passed by vote. Since Ron has been membership coordinator, we have accepted 135 new members out of 270 member applications.

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Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Frank P. made the following reports. The ATV was serviced at Hollink Motorsports and has returned. The snowplow is back on the Kubota tractor. A load of stone was dropped off & spread. Thank you Ron and Frank! If you use the tractor, please clean it up when you are done. Wash it with a hose to get most of the mud off it.

Ranges and Archery -

Archery – A tree down on the range has been cleaned up.

Ten Stand – Frank issued an apology to the membership. At the last general meeting, Frank had found some empty high brass shotshells at the 10 stand. Turns out they had not been used on 10 stand but some pheasant hunters had found the empty hulls out in the fields and left them at the 10 stand.

Skeet Range – No news. Discussion held regarding whether we should take the pattern board down. Is anybody using it? We'll bring the discussion up to the next member meeting.

Sporting Clays Course – Making some small changes to the course. Preparing for the Post-Holiday shoot on January 7th. Plan to come out and shoot or help out.

Trap range – No news.

Rifle Range – Some target boards need to be replaced.

Shady Range – New target backers are up. If you use the shed, please make sure the shed door is secured.

Cardboard and paper targets are going to be stored in the shed for winter. Feel free to put them up, then return them to the shed when you are finished. Make sure the doors are properly secured.

Club Safety and Security – Outside lock for kitchen door –

Dave Scorse – We're looking at replacing the current lock with a "standard" lock and latch.

Preserve – Dave Issac – not present no report

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

Club Calendar – January 7th "Post-Holiday Shoot"

Discussion regarding food. Price increases for groceries will make it very difficult to cover the costs of serving breakfast to everyone. Discussion led to charging \$5 just to cover costs or skipping the sandwiches. The decision was made to keep shoot at \$17 and just serve coffee and \$1 donuts. Breakfast will be held for the workers. John will buy three dozen donuts.

Old Business – Nick H.

- a. Constitution revisions – On the Website. Need to announce it at the member meeting, close the comment period, then schedule the vote.
- b. Liability Waiver – Don't forget to have your guests complete the brightly colored form. It only needs to be done once per guest.

- c. Dead trees around pavilion and course. One live tree is at about a 60-degree angle over the chalet. Tim suggests that we don't call a tree service for just one tree but target several trees for a service to take down. Last time we used J&M. Tim is going to call around for prices. Need to address the tree before we schedule repairs/replacement of the chalet roof.

New Business – Nick H.

- a. Charge for window stickers – There is no charge for the club logo window stickers, but they are intended to only be on the vehicles that members drive to the club.
- b. There was a surprise health department inspection on Tuesday 12/16. Only one comment was made which was easily corrected. Special thanks to Mr. Aiello who had recently cleaned the Clubhouse. Great timing Jim!
- c. Ranges closed during Club Shoots. No other activity until the director declares the event is over. For the safety of all those performing cleaning and maintenance.
- d. Orientation guide for new members. Ron B. put together a list so that all those conducting the orientation do it the same way. A draft of the list was attached and discussed. Harry suggested a good future project would be to post the orientation online using photos and videos of how to run the machines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01.

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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

Post Holiday shoot:

Jan 7 [flyer](#)

Hunter's Tour:

February 4 & 5

St. Patrick's Day shoot:

March 18

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 st yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Director (2 nd yr)	Tim Daily	455-9100
Director (3 rd 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	Doug Baker	
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

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

NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainwaterfowl.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