



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



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## General Meeting February 2, 2023

Call to Order – 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence – in remembrance of James Isaac, Don White

No guests recognized

Treasurer's Report – Harry Rieter – January income \$2806.00 Expenses \$3291.05 Net for the Post-Holiday shoot \$1641.25. See Harry's report for further. Motion to accept was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed by vote.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership** – Nick Hardie - Welcome to new members John Caloritis. Reminder, if you are eligible for life membership send an email to Ron B. and Nick H.

**Bldg. and Grounds** – Frank Petricone – Please make sure you turn the lights off when you leave the clubhouse and the barn. Frank called Suburban to empty the dumpsters. If you notice the dumpsters are full please contact a member of the Board so they get emptied. We don't have a regular schedule, so we empty them on demand. However, we also get billed per pickup, so we try to schedule them intelligently.

**Archery** – n/r

**10 Stand** – Don't use the top deck. The lower deck is operational and ready to use. Dave Scorse has collected the bracing for 10 Stand project.

**Skeet Range** – If you use the range, please sweep the house before you leave.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Ready. All appear to be working.

**Shady Range** – Please don't leave the thin cardboard silhouette out in the weather. They get wet and ruined. If you pull targets out of the shed, please put them back when you are done.

**Trap Range** – Operational.

**Rifle Range** – New target boards are fresh. If anyone has scrap 2 x 4's or 2 x 6's consider donating them to the rifle range – 3' or longer please.

**Saturday Hunter's Tour** - Breakfast at 7. Move out to open the course at 8.

**Preserve Report** – Nick H. - Appear to be about six birds left in the pen.

**Camp Rushford** – Nick H. - Registration opens March 5 at 1:00PM (11 to 17 yrs.). If you know anyone who qualifies, direct them to the info on the bulletin board. The link is on the club website. If you'd like the club to sponsor your child, call Nick. You will pay up front, then the club will reimburse you the cost of tuition. The camps fill up fast.

**Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA** – Chris Wiest –No report Chris was not present.

Club Calendar – Upcoming club events:

2/4-5/23 Hunter's Tour

3/18/23 St. Patrick's Day Shoot

**New Business** – Nick H. reported unless otherwise noted.

Constitution Revision – Final Revised draft is posted on Website. The vote will occur at the March meeting, When you sign in please indicate where you are going. Check out the "Links" section on the Club's website.

New Club Card reader – Issues or questions? Push In on Door. Only one person has reported an issue.

Chalet Roof Repair / Replace – Remove Tree – Rich Iuppa – Been inspected. Likely to need a professional to take the tree down with a bucket truck.

Service Work on the Polaris has been completed. Belt replaced, Fluid replaced, minor adjustments. Run the machine in low gear only.

Nick received a flier from the NRA about free memberships for active-duty armed forces members. Flier was printed and left on the table in the clubhouse.

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**All Ranges and activities** will be closed during Club Sponsored Shoots. This new rule is part of the new revisions to the club Constitution.

If you are a new member, please stop by and pick up your name tags.

Clean up after your dog(s).

**Waivers** – use the proper color for guests. Please make sure the names are legible on the sheet. Andy's daughter has been entering into a database. Please make it easy for her to read the name of your guests. If they are not in the database, it will slow you down the next time. Andy has a thumb drive kept here at the club with all the database information on it.

**Traps** – Frank P – made a proposal to purchase traps for sporting clays. The whole course now would be Lincoln traps and the Pro-matic traps will be moved to 10-stand. New machines will be capable of a few different angles. Total project was quoted at \$22,489.76 plus there would be some local costs for lumber and covers. Expect cost to be \$23,000. Discussion held. Frank answered questions regarding standard vs. non-standard targets. Frank already has similar remotes already in place on the 10-stand if we need backups. This would transition the whole course to wireless saving the trouble of moving the wires for the lawn mowing and plowing. **Frank made a Motion to approve spending up to \$23,000 to purchase four Lincoln machines, four carts, accessories, and the transmitters and receivers to make the whole sporting clays course wireless. The motion was seconded. More discussion was held in regard to extra machines. There are only 8 machines on the 10 stand now. It would be nice to have two in reserve. One would be portable. More variation and easy changes. Discussion was closed and the Motion approved by vote.** No one wished to be recorded as opposed.

The club received an email invitation to the Rochester Rifle Club smallbore matches on the first Mondays of the month. Match flier and bulletin left on the clubhouse table. The last two matches for the year are February 6 and March 6.

50 – 50 Drawing won by Harry R - Refreshments  
Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

## Board of Directors Meeting February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

Guest Members: Matt Indiano, Sr. Matt Indiano, Jr. Dom Maiorano

**Secretary's Report** – Dan Carlson – Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report** – Harry Reiter – Income \$3994.25  
Expenses: \$20,025.30 Hunter's Tour weekend Income \$2567 Expenses \$1245. Total net \$1322.00. Major expense for the month was the downpayment of \$11,859.76 for four new traps and gear to make the whole sporting clays course wireless. The remainder of the bill will be due when the traps are shipped in the beginning of April. Also, the annual insurance premium was paid \$5,186.38.

**Membership Report** – Nick Hardie - New members – Matt Indiano, Jr. has been a junior member and has applied to general membership. Board approved his application by vote and welcomed Matt.

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment** – Nick H. - Frozen pipes on 2/4/23. Nick had a conversation with Dave Isaac (prior to the meeting) regarding the need for some ventilation diffusers above/through the ceiling tiles. Or we need someone to open some of the ceiling tiles when we learn it's going to be below 10 degrees. Turn the heat up above 45 on those days.

**10 Stand Bracing** – No updates

**Archery** – No updates

**Ten Stand** – Frank P. No updates other than below. The Hunter's Tour squadding/trappers shifts was fine on Sunday. It was a relatively small group and only for a few hours. Obviously, Saturday's shoot was cancelled.

**Skeet Range** – No updates

**Sporting Clays Course** – Nick H. New traps, covers. Old traps; keep as spares or sell? Discussion held regarding the future development of 10 stand. Is there better cost-benefit to sell two of the Pro-matic machines and keep two as spares? Those present estimated we could receive \$800 - \$1000 per machine. Planning to continue this discussion with general members over the next couple meetings. We won't get the new machines until April. We have time to decide.

**Trap range** – Frank P. Not being used much.

**Rifle Range** – Frank P. Many of the boards and uprights have been replaced.

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**Shady Range** – Frank P. If you use targets from the shed, please put them back when you are done. Many of the silhouette targets have been shot up. Discussion held regarding the continued supplying of cardboard backing or just have members bring their own. Dan C. will follow up with cost estimates of all-weather paper printed silhouettes and approximate costs.

**Club Safety and Security** – Nick H. Discussion regarding the door to the clubhouse. A couple members have reported issues gaining access. **Be sure to scan your card, then push the door in, and then pull the door open.**

**Preserve** – Dave Isaac – Runs until 4/15, some birds available if needed. You might have to go pick them up. There are no birds left in the pen. Cover holding up well.

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

**Club Calendar** – March 18 St Patrick's Day Shoot, can we do limited food? Al Castrechino would like to see food come back to this shoot. Discussion held regarding doing a better job of advertising and attracting shooters. John Lyon will investigate availability and cost of food. Also, discussed the idea of doing hots, burgers, or sausage out at the chalet. John was tasked with getting a quote for burgers and dogs for the next meeting.

## Miscellaneous Committee Reports

Old Business –

- a. Constitution revisions – On the Website – Vote at March Meeting
- b. Dead trees around pavilion and course and over the chalet

New Business –

Carpenter's Shoot September 16<sup>th</sup> - Details?? Price per shooter plus overall cover charge?

This will be considered a club sponsored event so all other club venues will be closed. Maybe invite Tim back to another meeting to make sure we have all the details regarding prices per shooter. In consideration of the Saturday shooters, we discussed having the Carpenter's shoot start at 10am so the regular Saturday shooters could get here, shoot, and be here to help.

Ranges and the general grounds will be closed during Club Shoots - this includes trail work - until the shoot is over.

Insurance renewal. Nick H. Done. Was there a need to update all the coverage on the assets again? Group agreed, no.

Nick - The grill outside on the pavilion needs to be repaired/replaced. Several holes have developed in the steel on the sides of the grill.

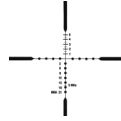
**Canceling shoots** – The Hunter's Tour shoot on Saturday, 2/4, had to be cancelled at the last minute. What can we do better? Nick had the closure posted on the Hunter's Tour website. However, initially it was posted that we were closed both Saturday and Sunday. Nick also followed up with an email to his largest email distribution list. There wasn't much more that could have been done in this case.

Nick - When leaving the club don't lower the flag if others are on the ground. **If someone else is still signed in – check the book – don't lower the flag.**

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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

### Hunter's Tour:

### St. Patrick's Day shoot:

March 18

### Carpenter's shoot:

September 16. Details to follow

## 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	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](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)

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