



# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



### General Meeting March 2, 2023

Call to Order 7:31

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Moment of Silence in appreciation for first responders

Guests – None recognized.

**Secretary's Report** – News Notes go out at after the monthly Board of Directors meeting

**Treasurer's Report** – Nick for Harry Rieter – February income - \$3994.25 Expenses: \$20,025.30 Major expenses were \$11,859.76 for the initial payment of the new traps and wireless system. \$5,186.38 for insurance for the year. See Harry's report. Motion to approve, was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote. Harry also submitted a report from the Feb 4 and 5 Hunter's tour. 110 shooters. Income for the shoot was \$2567, expenses were \$1245 and estimated net was \$1322.

### Committee Reports

**Membership** – Ron Breslawski – Ron could not attend.

**Bldg. and Grounds** – Frank Petricone – If members have 2x4 or 2x6 scraps - more than 3' long - please consider donating them for target stands.

**Archery** – No report

**10 Stand** – Dave Scorse Bracing for 10 Stand

**Skeet Range** – No report. Please pick up your shells and empty the buckets when you leave.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Please close the mailboxes to ensure the remotes stay dry. Please clean up after yourself.

**Shady Range** – Someone shot the dueling tree designed for .22 cal. with a high velocity, high caliber round. The dueling tree will be destroyed. Please be smart.

Frank found some all -weather, rubber targets for pistol rounds that will be placed on Shady Range. They are self -healing and designed for pistol rounds. Do not take them to the rifle range. The targets will be affixed to target stands by clamps which can be purchased locally. Please treat them kindly.

**Trap Range** – Rifle Range – No report

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – Picked up another 30 birds on Monday. The preserve is still running and could potentially go until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp Rushford** – Registration opens March 5 at 1:00PM (11 to 17 yrs.) If you want to get in early, call the Region 8 DEC office a couple months ahead – per Andy Sperr. If you want to sign someone up – please let Nick know ahead so we can organize the scholarship.

**Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA** – Chris Wiest – The Bruen case is still in a ping pong game between the courts. NYS budget includes language that speaks to correcting the restricted area language of the Safe Act improvement bill. Junior hunting for 12 and 13 year olds is now permanent. It has been a trial period until now. Chris also plugged the MCCC trout derby on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Flyer posted on the bulletin board.

**Club Calendar** – March 18<sup>th</sup> St. Pat's Shoot – sign up sheet was passed around. Please sign up for morning or afternoon shift or all day. Please pay attention to the weather. We might need a shoveling crew if we get snow. The flyer is posted on the website. Please download the flyer, print it, and post it so we can get other shooters to join us.

**Old Business** – Sign in – write legibly and where you are going.

**New Business** –

**Constitution Revision** – Many thanks to; Harry Reiter, Dominic Maiorano, Paul Drake, and Bruce Newell for their diligence and hard work on the Constitution / Bylaws Revisions.

**Constitution vote:** Motion to adopt constitution by AI, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike K. Passed by unanimous vote.

**Frozen Pipes Update** – Insulation added – Venting ceiling tiles added. Thanks to Dave Isaac and Mike Kirchgessner for help and supplies.

Check out the “Links” section on the Club's website.

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Please don't shoot the plywood with your shotgun. Use a piece of cardboard on the rifle range. Use the steel patterning board with a piece of paper attached by a magnet it. Don't shoot steel shot at the steel patterning board you may feel the adverse effects of the steel bouncing back at you.

**New Club Card reader** – Push In on the door as you swipe your card. There was a group of guys here yesterday, but they could not get access. The card reader was not working. The vendor was called and could not identify the problem. If you have any trouble, please let Nick know. Repeated problems will require a service call. An override has been installed.

**Chalet Roof Repair / Replace** – Remove Tree – Rich Iuppa – topic tabled until Spring.  
New Traps Delivery Date is estimated for the beginning of April. We will need to build some covers for them. We have or will have everything we need. There will be some work opportunities when the traps arrive.

Free NRA Membership for Active-Duty Service Members. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**All Ranges and activities Closed during Club Sponsored Shoots. This will include March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

New members should make arrangements to pick up their name tags from the clubhouse.

Doug Baker – Holley Gun club will have a Good Friday Trap shoot, April 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM. 41809 Pumping Station rd. Clarendon. A flyer will be posted on the bulletin board. Doug also helps maintain a Facebook group called WNY Gun Clubs. They post and advertise upcoming events at several clubs around the area.

**Skills survey** – It would be nice to have a database of skills, jobs, and hobbies that members have. It would be a good way to get more people involved and to share the load of the work that needs to be done. The skills survey will be returned with dues. More to come on this.

**Waivers** – use the proper color for guests. Guests should sign the brightly colored waiver forms. It stays with us and our members. Members sign the white papers. Bill Izyk. Should the club officers share the phone numbers of all the members. Should we publish the data base.

50 – 50 Drawing – Won by Frank Castrechino!  
A motion was made to adjourn, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.  
Meeting adjourned by vote 8:30.  
Refreshments

## Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2023

Call to Order 7:01pm

**Present:** Nick Hardie, Harry Reiter, Dan Carlson, Dave Scorse, Tim Daily, John Lyon, Frank Petricone, Al Castrechino  
Guests: None

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

**Treasurer Report** - Harry Reiter  
FY '23-'24: budget discussion: Harry distributed an income vs. expenses report for FY '23-'24 for the board to look at. Everything was broken down line-by-line. The total annual routine expenses is projected to be \$41,649. Harry will have copies of the proposed budget to present to the membership at the April 6<sup>th</sup> membership meeting for approval.

**Membership Report** – Ron B. not present – No new or prospective members were present.

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment** – Frank Petricone -  
**Archery** – No report.

**Ten Stand** – Bracing project planned for spring.

**Skeet Range** – Houses are being swept occasionally – Thank you!

**Sporting Clays Course** – New traps planned delivery date after April 1st, covers - in process. Frank is arranging delivery.

**Trap range** – No news

**Rifle Range** – If you see the target backers are blown over, please pick them up. The particle board will soak up the snow and water from the wet ground.

Shady Range – New rubber targets are hung. Please don't move the targets that have been set. Don't staple targets to the self-healing rubber targets. There are other cardboard backers set up to staple your own targets to.

**Club Safety and Security** – Outside lock for kitchen door – Dave S. will try to contact someone to quote the kitchen door. The fire marshal believes the crash bar must be part of any new door. Tim is working on a mechanical key backup to the club house door. He will distribute keys to the appropriate directors.

**Preserve** – Dave Isaac was not present but had contacted Nick H. – The preserve runs until 4/15, birds are available if needed at Dave's for hunting at club or at Dave's place.

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**Misc Reports** - Adopt-A-Highway program has fallen by the wayside. Al C. will try to contact Steve Baase to see if this is still an option.

**Camp Rushford** – No news, Nick has not been contacted by anyone. Registration has opened.

**Club Calendar** – March 18 St Pat's Shoot – 21 workers are signed up to help.

## **Miscellaneous Committee Reports**

### **Old Business** –

Constitution revisions – accepted at the March 2 meeting – new edition on the web. Harry will work on taking out the edits and publishing the constitution.

Dead trees around pavilion and course and over the chalet - Tim D. will get some quotes for having some trees taken down (especially the tree over the chalet).

Lowering the flag – Check that others are not signed in.

### **New Business** –

Carpenter's Shoot September 16<sup>th</sup> – Details. Price per shooter (\$17) plus overall cover charge. Will need plenty of help. Dave will press him for a deadline for anticipated attendance.

- Saturday Shooters, all other club venues closed.

Ranges closed during Club Shoots. To include trail work. Until the field captain indicates all is cleaned up and secured.

Canceling shoots: what went wrong? what can we do better? Board agreed this was an unusual, rare event that we don't anticipate repeating. We reached most people. There were only a few people that showed up unaware.

There is a need to check with Dave I. regarding updating the heat runs.

**Skills Survey:** Nick would like each member of the club to complete the survey so we know who has expertise in certain areas. For instance, if we need to have some electrical work done, it would be nice to know certain members are licensed electricians.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

If you use wood in the club house to build a fire in the wood stove, please replace it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

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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:

## 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
<i>NewsNotes</i>	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	880-2895
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)