



May 2023 NewsNotes

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



General Meeting May 4, 2023

Call to Order Nick Hardie. 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Nick H.

Moment of Silence requested for Dave Beehler, one the founding members of North Star.

Guests: None

Secretary's Report – Mike Kirchgessner filling in for Dan. - No report

Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter – See Harry's Report April Income: \$16,458.45. Expenses: \$1,653.70. 115 members have paid their dues to date. All are now "Due." Please send them in ASAP. Motion made to accept the report. 2nd, passed by vote.

Membership: Ron Breslawski– Four members have been approved for life membership. Letters have been mailed out to fill those active member positions. Ron asked applicant sponsors to please make sure the contact information for those on the list is accurate.

Bldg and Grounds – Continued rain has put a hold on normal spring chores. Road work, mowing, and other chores will begin when the ground starts to dry up.

Shady Range – New targets have been installed.

10 – stand - Frank Petricone – The bracing is done and It's OK to use the 10-stand. Be careful on the second tier. Some deck boards are still being replaced.

Sporting clays – Frank P. – The covers for the new machines are completed. Waiting for the ground to dry up before bringing the machines and covers out there. A new cart has been completed to move the new machines. The old machine is on a cart now that will allow it to be used as a spare.

Preserve – Dave Isaac – Brush hogging and spraying of the pheasant field will begin when the ground dries up.

Club calendar – June 10th Flag Day/Gary Beikirch VOC shoot plans are progressing nicely. Breakfast for the workers will begin at 6:30am. Workers will be needed to make this shoot successful. September 16 – Carpenters' union shoot. Details are being finalized. More to follow.

Old business: Please fill out the skills survey. Remember to check the door when you leave. Make sure it is locked. Please check the thermostat. It should be set at 45 degrees.

New Business –

A contract for tree removal has been signed with JT Tree Service.

A quote for new hats and shirts with the club logo is pending.

Please pick up your name tag from the club house.

Pete McCann raised the question about having a member appreciation day in August. He is willing to chair the event and has asked that members contact him if they have ideas or suggestions for this year's event. Targeting August 5th.

50/50 won by Craig Almeter.

Motion to adjourn approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2023

Call to Order 6:59 PM

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

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Guest Members: Paul Heppner, Dave Isaac, Ed Breslawski (filling in for Ron), Shannon Thompson (junior member applying for active membership).

Guests: Prospective New Members: Axel Burroughs, Matt Coakley, Brian Dudley, Nick French, Steve Heppner, Nate Howie.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski – Seven prospective new members were in attendance. – See Above. After everyone had a chance to introduce themselves, Nick made a motion to accept all en masse. All were approved by vote and welcomed to the club. The Breslawski's will coordinate orientation meetings.

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson News Notes published after BoD meeting. Thanks to Mike K for filling in at the last general meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter – **Income: \$7464.74**
Expenses: \$1993.73 New trailer for Polaris ATV \$975. Material to cover new traps \$719.57. See Harry's report for further. A motion was made to accept the report, 2nd, and approved by vote.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Tim Daily – was given a check for deposit (10% = \$600, JT's trees) for the tree removal between barn and clubhouse, across the driveway from Clubhouse and over the chalet.

Club Safety and Security – Outside lock for kitchen door installation date – Dave Scorse replaced the door and has keys to distribute.

Ranges:

Archery – Dan Spencer – working on options for replacing some targets.

Ten Stand – 10 Stand Bracing Completed!! Three estimates received for lumber from Al C. Board authorized Al to spend \$515 on lumber to replace the wood.

Skeet – Tim Daily's report – Has been working with Don Franklin with some issues with wiring caused by plugging in and unplugging the skeet traps. A new procedure is pending. For now, in the **low house:**
Keep trap plugged in, turn wall switch on, turn trap switch on. When shutting down, release trap, turn trap switch off, turn wall switch off.

Sporting Clays Course – progress on new traps. Trap covers are built and moved close to position. Frank has pulled the old Pro-Matic machines from the course. The new machines will be moved out there soon. Frank needs some help to move the new machines and covers into place. Monday or Wednesday of next week? Saturday 8am? Call Frank to give him a hand and learn how to use the new remotes.

Trap Range – Frank Petricone – The trap machine is working well and ready for use.

Rifle Range Tom Sime & Mike K. – Proposal for upgrade. Have received two quotes: \$7000 (Chris Miller) and \$4500 (Kevin Barker – which does not include replacing the plywood). Discussion was held regarding the need to replace the whole thing, replace the plywood, or perform spot maintenance. Al C. will inspect it more closely and report back. Al will have to close the range for an hour or so.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd – nothing to report.

Preserve – Dave Isaac – “100% complete and shut down until September. It was a great year.”

Club Calendar – June 10 Flag Day VOC Shoot – plans coming together. Still need some help on the day of the shoot, contact Nick to help.

New Business –

September 16th - **Carpenters Shoot**; need point person: Dave Scorse will coordinate registration/club house, Frank will be Field Captain. Capped at 18 – 4 person teams. Food will be catered. Will need scorecards and plenty of club waivers. Will want to use the charcoal pit outside. Need to make sure we have charcoal and the metal on the grill replaced. Dave S. is working on it.

Flag Day Shoot June 10th. Flyers are going out. VOC has 144 flags to give us for the shoot. There are only 15 members signed up to work it (so far).

Boiler and heat runs – after Nick had discussion with Dave Isaac – which included a discussion of how many days we actually heat the club through the winter, it was determined that it is not cost effective to replace the boiler and heat runs now. This topic will be tabled.

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Skills Survey – Sharon Campbell is working on it. If you have not turned in a copy of the survey, please do so.

Surveys found and filled out here:

http://northstarsportsmansclub.org/members_only/Work.html

Email the form to Nick at nghardie60L@gmail.com

That's 60L, not 60 one.

Road work – Parking lot expansion. Some initial work has been done. Trees need to be removed and fill needs to be brought in. The job is on hold until those items can be completed.

Tree Stands – Email the membership – Three climbers and two sticks are now in the barn. Claim them or they will be sold. Maybe sold at Flag Day Shoot.

Motion to adjourn 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:

Start at 4PM: May 24; June 7 & 21

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

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	880-2895
Key Card issues	Sean Keenan	509-2814
NSSC database	Bruce Newell	705-1835

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Webmaster Jeff Baugher 227-8797
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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