



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



## General Meeting June 1, 2023

**Call to Order** – 7:30

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Moment of Silence for those who gave their life for our freedom.

**Guests** – None, Welcome to new members Nick French, Shannon Thompson

**Secretary's Report** – News Notes to follow BoD meeting. Dan discussed the tree stand sales. The stands have been laid out right outside the clubhouse in the garage area.

### Committee Reports –

**Membership** – Ron Breslawski - 8 new members were at the last BOD meeting. 4 people on the list have not responded.

**Treasurer's Report** – Nick for Harry – Income – \$12695.74, big income was dues and fines. Expenses: Big expenses \$600 deposit on tree removal, \$5,400 then after trees removed. \$2683.73, Cart and parts for the ATV. Motion made to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed by vote.

**Bldg. and Grounds** – Tim Daily – Tree removal. Bill McDonald – asked about the proposal for a new keypad on the barn. Some of our members have some mobility issues and a keypad would be a great help. It's tough to get to the "back" door, especially if they must access keys inside the clubhouse. Frank is going to solicit proposals.

**Archery** – Dan Spencer – new targets have been ordered. Have not arrived.

**10 Stand** – Replace lumber on 10 Stand - Al Castrechino Lumber has arrived. Hope to work on it this weekend. Upcoming 10 stand shoots - June 7 & 21.

**Skeet Range** – Nick for Don – New Power Up / Down procedure. Please read the posted directions. Don't pull the plug out of the wall. Please pick up your hulls and empty the buckets. Please throw away empty boxes.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Frank Petricone - Paul Russo and Renee (and Frank P) whacked weeds and Mike K. mowed the course. Please be sure the remote goes completely inside the mailbox and the lid is completely closed. New Trap integration. The trap covers are bigger and heavier than the previous models. Use two people to open and close them. Nick solicited interest in members adopting a particular station on the course. The idea is that a member would adopt one station and perform regular maintenances: clear weeds, mow, restock the machines. One member could maintain one station in 20 minutes and would save volunteers taking hours to try to maintain the entire course. If you would like to adopt your favorite station, call Frank P.

**Shady Range** – Trap Range – Rifle Range – Al Castrechino – doesn't believe the roof needs to be replaced. Some parts have come up that need to be secured. Al will take care of it.

The driveway is very dry. It's ok to go *slower* than the posted 10 mph posted speed.

**Hunter's Tour** – Dan Sperr – we did much better in the Hunter's Tour and next year we will host three shoots. Dan Spencer attended the club selection meeting. We will post dates to the club calendar soon. If you have questions or have any interest in shooting in the Hunter's Tour, please call or text Dan. 749-1416

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – the fields have been cut. Thanks to all who have helped!! Dave had gotten free seed for the fields from Pheasants Forever. You should consider joining for the free seed.

**Camp Rushford** – Full – No news other camps may open if staff available.

**Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA** – Chris Wiest – not present.

Club Calendar – June 10 – Flag Day / Gary Beikirch VOC shoot - flyer on website. 10 Stand will be open with Tim Daily and Scott Overholt to run it. Still need a few workers – Breakfast at 0700 for workers. Burgers & Sausages – Price will partly depend on how much the meat costs. Maybe \$7 or \$8 for a burger or sausage, chips, and soda.

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## **New Business –**

**Skills Survey** – form is under **Work Opportunities**, under **Member Info**. Please complete the survey if you have not already.

Revised Constitution is now posted to our website

## **Members Info** “Shell.”

Club Card reader – Push in on door as you swipe your card, make sure it locks.

Chalet Roof Repair / Replace – Quotes – Trees have been removed. The roof needs attention.

Rifle Range Roof Quotes – Report from Al Castrechino

Free NRA Membership for Active-Duty Service Members

Hat and shirt quotes – Tom Sime is working on quotes.

Pick up Name Tags

Waivers – use the bright color form for guests, white for members. Sharon will be taking over the database.

Ron B gave a shout out to Nick for his leadership over the last three years.

50 – 50 Drawing – Dave Isaac

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm

Refreshments

## **Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2023**

Call to Order 7:00 PM

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

Guest Members: Tom Sime

**Secretary's Report** – Dan Carlson News Notes published after BoD meeting. Tree stands - Dan received a concern at the June 10<sup>th</sup> sporting clays event that we should hold off on selling the tree stands. The concerned person wanted to avoid alienating the individual(s) who owns the tree stand regardless of if they are a member or a neighbor. During discussion, the primary consensus of those present was that members would have abided by the club rules and either removed their stands after hunting season as required OR had attached their name to the stand so they could be contacted. Anyone other than members would be trespassing. The Board agreed – although not unanimously, that the sale will continue as planned. Dan will reach out to the winners.

**Treasurer's Report** – Harry Reiter – Income: \$4259.91 Expenses: \$10186.74 Big expenses include grounds – dumpsters, tree removal, lights for pavilion (sum \$5621.65) and downpayment for preserve birds (\$2250). Harry also reported income for the VOC shoot on 7/10 Income: \$1026.00 Expense: \$804.25. A motion was made to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote.

**Membership Report** – Ron Breslawski – No new prospective guests were invited for tonight. He did orientation for 5 of the seven members in attendance last month.

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment** – Frank Petricone arranging service for the barn overhead doors. He is also soliciting quotes to install a keypad on one overhead door in the barn.

**Club Safety and Security** – Tim Daily expressed concern regarding giving the number code to a keypad getting out to everyone versus a select group. Worried about security and accountability if everyone has the code. After discussion, we will get the doors serviced and install a keypad. The security issues will be monitored, and options exist for disabling the panel or changing the code. There was general agreement on the plan by all the board members.

Nick Hardie has extra keys for the kitchen doors to distribute. Tim Daily also has a few extra keys for the barn to hand out.

## **Ranges:**

Archery – Dan Spencer (not present) spoke to Nick – He is awaiting targets and then will get after it.

**Ten Stand** – Al C and his family have begun removing boards to see what they are up against. Lumber is here. Al will be working on it more this weekend !! Three estimates received for lumber from Al C. Board authorized Al to spend \$515 on lumber to replace the wood.

**Skeet** – Don Franklin no issues to report.

**Sporting Clays Course** – Good shoot this weekend; everything worked well. A guy from Alden is expressed interest in buying the old machines. He should be here on Tuesday and will meet with Frank Petricone.

**Trap Range** – Frank Petricone – No one has used it lately.

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**Rifle Range** Tom Sime was present – Al went out last weekend and screwed material down. It probably should be sealed (aluminum roof sealer) in the next year or so. Maybe a good idea to seal it before winter arrives.

**Shady Range** – Clayton Eckerd (not present) – nothing to report.

**Preserve** – Dave Isaac (not present) – No report. Harry paid downpayment on birds.

**Club Calendar** – Adopt a Highway – should we continue this program? Looking for a volunteer to take on this service project. Frank recommends reaching out to Steve Baase who coordinated this in the past.

## **Old business:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> - 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. Carpenters will be bringing their own score cards.

**Grill work** – Dave S has a small supply of galvanized steel. Discussion held if we can use galvanized in a grill. Al C. might have some stainless to use instead. Tim Daily will reach out to his neighbor who is a metal worker.

**Member appreciation day** – August 5<sup>th</sup>. A flyer has been distributed and posted.

**Tree removal** – it's done – no complaints.

## **New business:**

Flag Day Shoot – Did not have enough participants. Only 26 shooters (1 was a youth). Income \$1026, expenses \$804.25, net \$221.75. Will send half to the VOC. Only three people paid for lunch. Otherwise, it was just workers that ate. We will have food left for the next general member meeting. Next time let's try an ad in the West Side news – do more advertising.

**Carpenter's shoot** – \$17 charge per person. Anticipating 72 shooters. (18 teams of four). Should we open up the 10-stand, too, for some extra? Tim Daily offered to coordinate the 10-stand. No issues per the insurance agent (Nick checked)

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

**Road work** – Parking lot expansion. Some initial work has been done. Stumps need to be removed and fill needs to be brought in. The left-over material can be levelled off. The job is on hold until those items can be completed. Eric Carlton has a stump grinding business. He has told Tim that he could do it.

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

**Adopt a Sporting Clays station** – take care of it. Whack weeds. Pick up. Throw shells away.

Nick passed around a list of overdue members.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm

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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
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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## 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)