



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



## General Meeting October 5, 2023

Call to Order Ron Breslawski – 7:30pm  
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Harry Reiter  
Moment of Silence  
Introduction of Guests – none recognized.

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson – News Notes - available after BOD meeting. We have been updating the club officers and contacts page at the end of the News Notes. Please let me know if you recommend any changes.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter - Income - \$3655.46, big items \$1500 for dues to the Preserve, \$1002 for Sporting Clays in the black box. Expenses: \$5247.58. Big items include school taxes and administrative expenses of \$3520.82. See Harry's report for more details. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, report approved by vote.

## Committee Reports

**Membership** – Ron B covered the items. No New members in September. Ron reminded people who qualify to consider becoming life members. Members of the club qualify for Life Membership if they are at least 60 years old and have been active members in good standing for the last 10 years (see the Club Constitution Article 2 Section 4).

**Bldg and Grounds** – Frank reported. There are occasional problems with hornets around stumps that surround the club house. Mike K took care of this nest by the archery range. We should appeal to members who know how to remove stumps or consider other alternatives. Frank Castrechino will check on a contact and report back.

The chalet roof is done. Thank you, Frank P and those who helped. The floor of the chalet needs some work. There is a soft spot that needs to be reinforced.

**Range reports & Club Safety** – Frank Petricone – Field Captain

Archery – Dan Spencer- No report

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- No report

Skeet Range – Frank Petricone - 10/11 open skeet 4pm start time.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- October 14 and 15 - Sporting clays work party starting at 08:00 hrs. Frank P wants to rearrange the course ahead of the Hunter's Tour. Frank requested Ed Breslawski sends out an email to the membership to request help with work details on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- No shotguns on the Shady Range! Targets and backers are being destroyed. Trap Range – Frank Petricone- open trap shoot- 10/25 4pm start time.

Rifle Range – Frank Petricone – please empty the garbage cans. The wind blows them over and blows garbage all around.

## Club Calendar –

-Hunter tour @ NSSC Oct 21-22

**Hunter's Tour** – Frank Petricone - Williamson this weekend. We are hosting on 10/21 and 22. We still could use some more trappers.

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – 21 members, 3 paid, several have birds carried over. Dave expects to have 15 – 20 members pay for birds. Second payment of \$2250 for birds should be coming due in the end of October.

**Camp Rushford** – No updates.

**Mon Co Conservation Council**, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest. The NYSR&PA president, Tom King, was denied buying a box of .410 shot shells. The SCOTUS is supposed to have a meeting tomorrow, Friday, 10/6, to review the current ammo portion of the new laws.

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Chris asked if we should supply reminders of the rules for tree stands as hunting season approaches? Frank Petricone added that he had to review the rifle range rules with a new member, too. How do we do a better job of explaining the rules/expectations?

DEC is accepting applications to bow hunt with a crossbow for people with disabilities. Finally, a process has been established. Chris will leave a copy of the information on the table by the door.

**Old Business** – Shirts and hats for sale in club house. Dave Isaac asked about ordering more. Men's XL sizes are out.

New members, please Pick up name tags hanging in club house, Revised constitution on website, Colored waivers for guests. Please print your names on the top of the sheet. Don't sign both places, just the bottom.

**New Business** – Ron Breslawski – Do we need a porta-potty for the Hunter's Tour? There was general agreement that it would be a good idea. Ron will make arrangements.

**Note to members:** Please refresh yourselves on the items in the Club's Ground Rules that are listed with the Club Constitution.

50/50 won by Dan Spencer

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

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## REFRESHMENTS

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**Notes and/or Comments:** Please wear your name tags to the meetings, Thank you

**Upcoming Events:** -NSSC hunter tour Oct 21-22<sup>2</sup>

## Board of Directors Meeting October 19, 2023

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Board members present: Ron Breslawski, Harry Reiter, Dan Carlson, Frank Petricone, Dave Scorse, Ed Breslawski, John Lyon

Member guests: Jeremy Toepper

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson - News Notes published after BoD meeting. Please wear your name tags to general meetings!

Treasurer's Report – Harry Reiter – Income so far in October was \$3056.46, big income was dues for the preserve \$2300 and then black box for sporting clays \$417. Expenses so far \$747.77, big expenses were drinks and snacks for meetings \$260 and then dumpsters \$181.65. Motion made to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski – James Schaffer applied for life membership. He appears to meet the requirements. Motion made to approve, was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote.

Military junior member inquired. Zane Endicott. Will be applying to upgrade his membership. He is on military leave until June and is hoping to join.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Frank Petricone – Please pay attention to the club rules. A member was found shooting early on Sunday (before 1pm) and had failed to sign in his guest. Please follow the rules even if you don't think anyone else is here.

Club Safety and Security — no updates  
Ranges:

Archery – Frank – Do we have too many 3-D animal targets? They seem to be clogging up the shed. We could auction them off to members. More 3-D courses in the future? Frank will talk to Dan Spencer about it.

Rifle – Frank – Please empty the garbage cans.

Ten Stand – Frank – No changes. No news.

Skeet – Frank - No new hornet or wasp nests. Frank also screwed down some of the outside boards on the low house that were warping.

Sporting clays – A great work crew on Saturday (10/14) got the whole course set up and ready. They even cancelled Sunday's work detail. Many stations or the stands were moved or adjusted. Thanks to everyone who helped. All set now for the Hunter's Tour. Dan Spencer will be making more score cards and bringing them to the shoot. The menu has not changed.

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Hunter's Tour on October 21, 22. Breakfast will start about 6:30 or 7am for workers. Please plan to help if you are not shooting. We could really use someone to drive the tractor and wagon. Breslawski's will bring a porta-john to place out near the course.

Old business:

Adopt-a-highway: Steve Baase is willing to help with the Adopt-a-highway program. Ron talked to him, and Steve said he will reach out to Frank.

Hornets on the archery course. Mike K pulled the stump out and backfilled the hole with dirt. Thanks, Mike!

New business:

Ron brought up a concern with the life members rules in the Constitution. The waiting list will be extended dramatically if we follow the changes we made earlier this year. Most of the openings for new members are made by people going to life member status. Is this right for new members over 50? Should we open up the membership to 200 people? Lots of discussion was held regarding both subjects. Should we amend the 4B section of the Constitution to go back to 10 years? And we will recommend moving membership up to 200 active members (Constitution section 2A). We will recommend both to the general membership on 11/2.

Member Jeremy Toepper attended the meeting to ask about leasing the club to Rochester Personal Defense (Dave Jenkins). Dave is always looking for gun clubs to host his courses. He pays a range fee but unknown how much. Many of the club officers decided to pass on the idea due to concerns over liability and potentially making changes to the ranges themselves.

Motion to adjourn at 8:11pm. Motion was approved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by vote.

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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:

Apr 13 & 14 and Jun 1 & 2, 2024

## Officers & Coordinators

President	Ron Breslawski	964-2217
VP1 Membership	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
VP2 Communication	Dave Scorse	225-7463
Treasurer	Harry Reiter	392-7986
Secretary	Dan Carlson	509-4793
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	Tim Daily	455-9100
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
10 Stand	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Skeet	Don Franklin	727-0478
Rifle Range	Tom Sime	747-7247
Archery	Dan Spencer	352-8706
Hunters Tour	Dan Sperr	749-1416
Hunter Safety	Doug Riva	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.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)