



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



## General Meeting November 2, 2023

Call to Order Ron B – 7:30

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Al Castrechino

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Guests – none recognized.

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson – News Notes - available after BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter - Income for October \$6794.13, big income from Hunter's Tour \$3241 and dues \$2300. Expenses \$3941.77, big expenses Preserve bird food and final payment for birds \$2360. Harry filed a separate breakdown for Hunter's Tour, Total income \$3241 and total expenses \$1649. A motion was made to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed by vote.

### Committee Reports

Membership – Ed Breslawski - Welcome to new members Bill Hackett and Nate Howie in attending their first general meeting.

Bldg and Grounds – Frank Petricone – Hunter's Tour notes - Several members who signed up to work were no-shows. If you sign up please commit to being here.

**REMINDER:** grounds are closed to all other activities during our large club events like Hunters' Tour. Members showed up to use the rifle range in the middle of the event. Club Ground Rules Rule #24, **"The Club is closed to all other activities during a Club Invitational Shoot."**

**Activities closed include, but not limited to; shooting on any ranges not part of the Club Sponsored Shoot, hiking, hunting, or hunting related activities."** Some discussion was held regarding adding signage to the sign in shed during big events. Harry is going to have some signs printed and laminated to cover the sign-in sheet during Club Sponsored events.

Range reports & Club Safety – Frank Petricone – Field Captain – No general notes.

Archery – Dan Spencer- It's bow season. Not much activity on the range now.

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- Two of the machines are shut down. Frank is doing maintenance out there; the Battue machine and the one directly front/center of the 10-stand.

Skeet Range – Frank Petricone - Operational.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- no news.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- Nothing major to report. Targets out there should be good now until spring so long as no one shoots them with a shotgun.

Trap Range – Frank Petricone- Trap machine is operational.

Club Calendar –

Next big event is New Year's Shoot.

Hunter's Tour – Frank Petricone - In Cayuga this weekend.

Preserve Report – Frank Petricone reported that there are birds in the pen. Please don't drive your trucks through the fields. Leave them on the roads, driveways, and parking lots.

Camp Rushford – No updates.

Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – No Chris Wiest. No report. Frank encouraged people to report to SCOPE if you get delayed or denied for purchasing ammo. The agency is trying to build a list of effected people to strengthen their lawsuit.

Old Business –

No old business to report.

New Business – Ron Breslawski – Steve Baase is supposed to contact Frank P about the Adopt-a-Highway project.

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T-shirts and apparel - A member, Chris Grigg, has a contact who is willing to print club apparel – screening and embroidery - if we are interested in using him as a contractor. He would sell members the piece of clothing and then add the club logo. Chris will research it more and report back.

Proposed Constitution changes – At the October Board meeting, the Board discussed changing the life members being active members for 10 years instead of 20 years and increasing the active member roster to 200 people from 175. The 20-year requirement could potentially (somewhere in the future) cause even longer wait times on the waiting list. Most of our new members are given the opportunity to join because another active member moved to life member status. Much discussion was held regarding the membership roster priorities: more and younger members to help do work versus having a smaller, quieter club. Dan will write up the two amendment changes. They will need to be posted for a few months per the Constitution.

Frank Petricone made the official motion to propose two changes to the amendments of Section 4B. and Section 2 changing 175 to 200.

The proposed changes are (changes are in bold font): Constitution Article 1 Section 4B: “A new member joining after January 1, 2023 will be eligible for Life Member when he/she is 60 years of age or older by April 30, and who were Active Members, in good standing, for a continuous period of **ten (10) years**, or more prior to applying for Life Membership. Life members will pay annual club dues, however are exempt from work requirements of the club.”

Constitution Article 1 Section 2 paragraph A: “Active Members: Will be one who pays “his/her” annual dues and any fees due, who conducts themselves in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the club. He/she must be 21 years of age or older. The Active Members shall be entitled to equal use of all of the properties of the club, including all its assets, both real and personal. Active Members shall have voting power, and shall be entitled to hold office. The Board of Directors shall endeavor to maintain the number of ACTIVE Members at **200.**”

Article 1 Section 2 paragraph B: “The Board reserved the right to propose a change to the ACTIVE members target number of **200**. Such proposal must be communicated to the general membership at least 60 days prior to the proposal being brought to the floor for a vote. The communications must include the number of members proposed and the reason for such change. Communication to the members may be accomplished using the e/emails that are on file at the time of the proposal. After satisfactory notification, the proposal can be presented to the general membership. Approval of the proposal requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members at the meeting.”

Harry Reiter gave a shoutout to Craig Almeter for the new/reconditioned gun racks out on the sporting clays course. Thanks, Craig, well done!

Officer positions are open. Voting will be held in January.

50/50 won by Sharon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

## Board of Directors Meeting November 16, 2023

Call to Order – 7:00pm

Board members present – Ron Breslawski, Ed Breslawski, Frank Petricone, John Lyon, Harry Reiter, Tim Daily.

Secretary's Report – Ed Breslawski – Dan Carlson was not able to be present but distributed notes from the general meeting via email to the board. [Thanks to Ed for recording these notes – DC]. These notes included the language of the proposed amendments to the Club Constitution. The proposed changes will now need to be distributed to the membership and posted for 60 days. The board reviewed the notes and approved them.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Harry distributed his treasurer's report for the beginning of November. A motion to approve the report was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski – Nothing to report so far in November.

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Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Tim Daily – The snowblower has been attached to the small tractor. Tim will be re-gluing a wall in the kitchen that is peeling.

Ranges – Field Captain- Frank Petricone

Archery – no report

Ten Stand – no report

Skeet Range – no report

Sporting Clay's course – Frank Petricone – Frank is replacing batteries on the course as they lose their charge.

Trap range – no report

Rifle Range – no report

Shady Range – no report

Preserve – No report.

Misc Reports – Camp Rushford – Time to start thinking about spring. Registration for the DEC camps is usually posted right around the New Year.

Old Business – Ron Breslawski – Club logo clothing.

Doug Baker and Chris Griggs are working on getting quotes for clothing with the club logo on it. They will be doing this with permission from the board but not an actual contract between the club and the vendor. Once arrangements are made, members will be able to contact the vendor directly and purchase clothing with the logo.

New Business – Club elections – Ed Breslawski – There will be a director's position open for nominations and elections. Tim Daily will not be seeking a new term. At the last general meeting someone had inquired about joining the board. Ed will contact that person and see if he is still interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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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.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)