



# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



### General Meeting March 7, 2024

**Call to Order** 7:30 pm by Ed Breslawski

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Moment of Silence in recognition of those in our Armed Forces.

Introduction of Guests – None recognized.

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

**Treasurer's Report** - Harry Reiter - See Harry's report. Income for February: \$3381.62. Big income items were from 5 new members (\$2000) and the black box for sporting clays (\$907). Expenses: \$6667.77. The big item was administration (the club insurance premium was over \$5000). A motion to approve the report was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved by vote.

Harry submitted to the membership a budget proposal for the 2024 – '25 budget year. He went through the proposal line by line and explained the justification for his estimates. Harry also passed around a couple packets showing his line-by-line justifications. A vote on his proposal was tabled until the end of the meeting so people had an opportunity to review the packet, ask questions, and have discussions.

#### Committee Reports

**Membership** – Ed Breslawski – New members – 5 accepted at the last board meeting.

New Life Members – None, this month.

**Bldg and Grounds** – Frank Petricone - Frank made a motion to purchase a couple loads of CR2 crushed stone for less than \$4000. Motion was seconded. Motion approved by vote.

Frank reminds everyone to print legibly on the sign-in book when you sign in and detail your work hours. You are always welcome to call Frank if you want suggestions for work hours or if you want to tell Frank what it is you did for your hours.

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

Archery – Dan Spencer- getting ready for the new season.

10 Stand – Frank Petricone – operational. Use it. If you are not sure how, call Frank.

Skeet Range –no report.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- two work parties this coming weekend: 3/9 at 10:30 to move some machines and Sunday 3/10 at 8:00am. An additional station will be set up for the Hunter's Tour in April (13<sup>th</sup> station). Frank estimates that we will need to order new clay targets in Late July or August. Probably a full truck load.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- work detail planned for tomorrow (3/8) to move targets and barriers around.

Trap Range – Frank Petricone- operational. Not getting much use.

Rifle Range – no report.

**Club Calendar** – - St. Patty's Day shoot March 16<sup>th</sup>.

-Hunter tour @NSSC April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

-Hunter tour "5-person team shoot off" @NSSC June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Hunter's Tour** – Dan Sperr – Participation has been good this year. Many shooters are shooting multiple gauges. Dan gave Frank P. kudos for shooting 50 straight at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> shoot in Painted Post. 10 different clubs from Lockport to Williamson to Bath to Painted Post. Many of the members carpool to the different events. If you might be interested, call Dan Sperr.

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – the Preserve is done for the season. Dave is looking for help to clean out the bird pen. We sold a few birds back to the supplier. We must find a new supplier for birds for next year. The preserve is in good shape for seed, planting, and preparing for a new season. Dave entertained questions about potential bird suppliers and even getting chukars.

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**Camp Rushford** – Apply when possible.

**Mon Co Conservation Council**, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – the state is currently focused on the state budget. Chris suggested SCOPE's website SCOPENY2A so you can check out some of the proposed bills. Many are single house bills and those don't typically pass without support in both houses. The Outdoor News is a good source of news. Both the senate and the assembly have websites where you can search for bills under consideration and provide feedback for your support or displeasure of certain bills. DEC reported 2023 Hunting accidents and injuries. One of the safest seasons on record. Chris reminded everyone to check their pistol permit recertification date.

**Old Business** – Contact Doug Baker or Chris Griggs about new NSSC Apparel.

Most up-to-date constitution with recent amendments posted on website.

**New Business** – The new landplane was used on the road. The plane was used on a day it was quite muddy. It is designed for drier ground. There was a lot of clumping, and it did not turn out great but will improve as the weather dries out. The purchase of the CR2 crushed stone will be used to enhance the work that has already been done.

A representative (Jeff Buttermann) from Freedom Guide Dogs showed up at the last board meeting. They are looking for donations. A suggestion was made to place a donation jar at the St Patty's Day shoot – no trapper tips that day. Can we find a representative to help with registration for the shoot to explain what we are doing? Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by vote. No one listed as opposed.

Dan Sperr - Williamson gun club is doing a Fish Fry on Easter Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> sporting clays shoot and fundraiser.

**Budget vote:** Ed asked for input or suggestions for Harry. Ed suggested a regular budget line for \$2000 for new crushed stone annually. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved by vote. No one listed as opposed.

During discussion Frank made a motion that he be allowed to exchange and purchase 12 batteries for the target machines. A current program would make this approximately \$1100. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. During discussion, Harry stated that we need to purchase those batteries in the current budget year and not wait for the 2024 – '25 budget. The motion was amended to allow Frank to exchange/purchase batteries in March 2024. Approved by vote. No one wished to be listed as opposed.

50/50 by Mike Kirchgessner

Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> approved by vote. Adjourned at 8:41pm.

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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:** - St. Patty's Day shoot - March 16<sup>th</sup>

## Board of Directors Meeting March 21, 2024

Call to Order: 7:01pm Ed Breslawski

Board Members present – Ed Breslawski, Ron Breslawski, Dan Carlson, Al Castrechino, Tim Daily, John Lyon, Frank Petricone, Harry Reiter, Dave Scorse

Club members present: Doug Baker, Clayton Eckerd, Bruce Newell

Prospective members present: Vincent Flow, Rick Kanous, Doug Kimmel, Joseph Lathigee, Pamela Mastrodonato, Rick Sercu, Jeff Taylor, Ian Wild, David Wayner, and Steve Williams.

**Membership Report** – Ed Breslawski - New members- 10 prospective new members attended. Vincent Flow, Rick Kanous, Doug Kimmel, Joseph Lathigee, Pamela Mastrodonato, Rick Sercu, Jeff Taylor, Ian Wild, David Wayner, and Steve Williams. Each prospective member introduced themselves and took questions from the members present.

A motion was made to accept all as members by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank, approved by Vote. No one voiced opposition.

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Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson  
News Notes – will be published after BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Income so far in March: \$4332.99 Expenses: \$1599.84  
St. Patty's Day shoot: Harry had to leave at 1pm on the day of the shoot. This report is all based on leaving then. It will be updated before the next general meeting to encompass the whole event. 167 shooters until 1pm. Total income \$3581 Total expenses \$1219.75. A motion was made to approve Harry's report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by vote, no one opposed.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Tim Daily – Thanks to those who spread and smoothed the new stone on the road. It's much improved.

Ranges – Field Captain- Frank Petricone  
Archery – no updates  
Ten Stand – Frank Petricone swapped batteries today. One cover on 10-stand blew up and broke in the wind. The cover is repaired and now bungee corded down. The machine is still working.  
Skeet Range – no updates  
Sporting Clay's course – Frank P. – swapped batteries today. Please leave the transmitters cabled to the mailbox – or at least re-attached it when you are done. Please make sure the mailbox is closed when you leave.  
Trap range – No updates.  
Rifle Range – Frank P – picked up garbage today. The cans blew over and rolled around. Please don't leave targets up on the backers. Frank will purchase new cans with lids that he can attach to the wall of the range.  
Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd – re-organized the range, targets, and backers.

Club Safety and Security – Safety reminder from Frank P  
- If there are still people signed in ahead of you, please leave the flag up even if you are done and leaving. The last one to sign out should lower the flag.

Preserve – No updates - Birds are done for the season.

Misc. Reports - Adopt-A-Highway, Camp Rushford, etc. – No updates.

Club Calendar –  
Hunter's Tour – @ NSSC April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Harry will be on vacation. Will need someone to get the start up cash. Harry discussed the needs. Ron Breslawski will be prepared with cash. All club members are welcome to shoot as open shoot days - \$20 per person. Discussion held re: the extra people and getting backed up on certain stations. The club does not want to intrude upon the

Hunter's tour. Discussion was held regarding the option of opening 10-stand for the day. It's unlikely unless we have people who know how to operate it volunteer specifically for that.

Hunter's Tour finals - "5-person team shoot off" @NSSC June 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> – this date will be reserved for members of the Hunter's Tour.

Old Business – NSSC clothes contact Doug Baker or Chris Griggs.

Dave Scorse repaired the floor in the chalet. Thanks, Dave.

New Business – Doug Baker has placed some apparel that is for sale in club house,

Freedom Guide dogs – NSSC hosted Freedom Guide dogs at the St Patrick's day event and donated money to them. The organization wants to publish an article to say thank you for our partnership. The board had a copy of the article and discussed it at length. Al made a motion to allow publication, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John L. approved by vote.

A club member sent an email to the board about learning more about firearms, shooting skills, and hosting training courses. We have a lot of very talented members at our club. The board wishes to avoid exposing members to liability, but board members want to help others get involved, learn, and become more proficient. After much discussion we want to encourage new shooters to come to meetings and meet people who can help learn.

Bruce Newell – Bruce is the database manager for the club. Bruce collects the sign in sheets and records work hours. Please make sure you record your work hours and are specific about what you did. If there's not enough room on the sign in sheet, please send an email to Frank Petricone and to Bruce. Make Bruce's job easy so you get credit for all your hours. If you ever need ideas for work hours, contact Frank.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12pm. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved by vote.

# March 2024 NewsNotes



## 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

## 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)