



# North Star Sportsman's Club

## PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



### General Meeting April 4, 2024

Call to Order - Ron Breslawski – 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence for our departed members.

Introduction of Guests – No guests present. We did have three new members in attendance, and they introduced themselves. Welcome.

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter could not be present but he sent in his report. Income for March \$8,643.99, expenses \$12,605.09.

Harry also sent in a separate report for the St Patty's Day shoot. The income was \$3777.00 expenses \$1564.25 net income for the shoot was \$2212.75.

#### Committee Reports

**Membership** – Ron Breslawski – New members – 15 of the initial 25 increase have been approved. Ten more should be coming in near future meetings. New Life Members – No recent applicants.

**Bldg and Grounds** – Frank Petricone – If you use the club's equipment, please treat it well. Frank had to take the chainsaw out for professional service.

**Range reports & Club Safety** – Frank Petricone – Field Captain – Frank has placed two clay machines out near the rifle range. Please take care of them. They are placed there temporarily to make a new station for the Hunter's Tour. Please work around them and take care of them.

Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> work detail, 0800 hrs.

Archery – No updates.

10 Stand - Frank Petricone- Dan Sperr asked about running 10-stand during the Hunter's tour. If someone volunteers and is competent, we could do it. It would be one station short since we moved two machines out back. Contact Frank if you'd like to open it and work it.

Skeet Range – Don Franklin- No updates.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone-

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- Operational

Trap Range – Frank Petricone- Operational

Rifle Range – Please clean up after yourself. Ron discussed an email sent by a member who had to clean up targets on the rifle range. Please pull your paper targets down when you are done.

#### Club Calendar –

-Hunter tour @NSSC April 13th & 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 – The Hunter's Tour will be here on April 13 and 14. Please help if you can!

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – Have an immediate need for someone to clean out the pen. Will need to expand the overall size of the pen and the width of the door to the pen. Blue Ribbon Game birds will be this year's supplier 300 birds this year September through the end of the year.

**Camp Rushford** – Apply when possible.

**Mon Co Conservation Council**, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – Not present. No updates.

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

The most up-to-date constitution with recent amendments is posted on our website.

New Business – Dues notices have been sent out. Pay your dues on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are three dates in May for 10-stand, 5/2 at 5pm – 7pm, 5/15 Wednesday, 4pm – done, 5/30 4pm – done.

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Al Castrechino asked about any tree stands that have been noticed. If you see any, let a member of the board know.

50/50 won by Doug Kimmel

A motion to adjourn was made and, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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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:** - Hunter's Tour here April 13 and 14.

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## Board of Directors Meeting April 18, 2024

Call to Order 7:00. Ron Breslawski

Board members present: Ron Breslawski, Harry Reiter, John Lyon, Frank Petricone, Clayton Eckerd, Dave Scorse, Ed Breslawski, Dan Carlson, Al Castrechino.

Club members present: Ron Ahrens

Prospective Members present: Eric Saffran, Matt Morriss, Jerome Ebbs, Corey Johnston, Gary Piccarretto, Tom Harvey, Chuck Knapp, Patricia Ahrens.

Membership: Ed Breslawski – 8 new prospective members showed up to introduce themselves. The board members got to ask questions. Motion to accept them all was made by Al Castrechino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon, motion passed by vote. No one recorded as opposed. Club members took time to introduce themselves.

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

Treasurer's Report - **Harry Reiter** – Income for April so far: \$12,178.16 Biggest income item is dues so far \$10,565. Expenses: \$3032.65 Hunter Tour Shoot, Big expense so far \$2650 for equipment – the road leveler. Motion to approve Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon. The club's property has been reassessed. Harry provided a breakdown of the increases to our assessed values.

Membership Report – **Ed Breslawski** – There was one life member request - Bret Oliphant – Motion to accept was made by Frank Petricone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clayton Eckerd. Motion approved by vote.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – **Frank Petricone** – Bought gas for all the equipment today and mixed gas for the chain saw. The gas can for the chain saw is labelled. Please use the right one. After the 5-man Hunter's Tour shoot in June, the Polaris side by side needs to be serviced. It will likely be out of service in the middle of June.

Ranges – Field Captain- **Frank Petricone**

Archery – Frank P. - Ready to use.

Ten Stand – Frank Petricone Open shoot days. May 2, 15, and 30. The May 2<sup>nd</sup> start time is 5pm and followed immediately by the general member meeting at 7pm. May 15 and 30 are 4pm until dark.

Skeet Range – nothing to report.

Sporting Clay's course – Frank Petricone – Recent wet weather has caused some issues, especially the Lincoln machine. The receivers and transmitters have been placed in plastic bags. Please leave them in place. Please leave them in the mailbox and close the mailbox when done. Frank is working on backups if systems fail. If you have any issues or problems, call Frank!

Frank will make changes to the course for the 5-man shoot. He is waiting for the course to dry out.

Trap range – Frank Petricone – No updates.

Rifle Range – Frank P. – the clay trap that was at the rifle range will be removed and returned to the 10-stand. Future shoots will be a manual trap mounted on the trailer.

Rifle range – if you see the target backers down, please pick them up.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd – all the cardboard targets have been soaked. They are being replaced.

Club Safety and Security – Ron Breslawski - Please print your name in the sign in shed and write legibly! Add your guests name, too.

Preserve – Dave Issac not present - At the last general meeting, the board members discussed the proposal from Dave to enlarge the pen. We also discussed a new roof for the shed. Dave Scorse will seek initial prices for a metal roof.

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

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Club Calendar –

Hunter's Tour – "5-person team shoot off" @NSSC June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Club members can come and shoot, too. Members who have NOT been part of the Hunter's Tour and don't have at least 10 shoots in are only shooting for practice. Not for the club team. Members who participate will pay the Hunter's Tour prices.

Old Business – Ron Breslawski - NSSC clothes contact Doug Baker or Chris Griggs, Doug Baker has placed some apparel in club house. Note: This will be the last time this business item will appear in our notes.

Dues are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

New Business – Budget Discussions. Frank Petricone suggested that we should purchase spare Lincoln trap(s) so we have them ready in case of another machine's failure. Discussion was held regarding a long-term plan to replace all the Pro-Matic machines on the club property. It would be great to buy one Lincoln machine so we had one to use as a spare or we could use it to add a temporary station on the sporting clays course like we did for the Hunter's Tour. Then we wouldn't have to deplete the 10-stand course. Otherwise, we could use the spare trap as an emergency replacement.

A motion was made to take a proposal to the next general meeting to spend up to \$8,000 to purchase two Lincoln traps and trailers by Frank P, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon. Approved by vote. No one listed as opposed.

We received a thank you letter from Freedom Guide dogs for the donation we made. The letter is hanging in the clubhouse.

Clayton Eckerd proposed a porta john out by the chalet during our open shoots. We are getting more women members and shooters at our events. Ron B. has experience with them and will look into potential costs. Discussion tabled for future meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS: Other large item budget discussions – barn addition, driveway gate - were tabled for future meetings after the discussion about traps.

Motion to adjourn made by Al C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

# April 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:

May 2: 5PM – 7PM

May 15: 4PM – dusk

May 30: 4PM – dusk

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

### Hunter's Tour:

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 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.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.womenshooters.com](http://www.womenshooters.com)

[www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

[www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)