



North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



General Meeting June 6, 2024

Call to Order - Ron Breslawski – 7:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence.
Officers present – Ron Breslawski, Ed Breslawski, Frank Petricone, John Lyon, Dave Scores, Harry Reiter.

Secretary's Report – Mike Kirchgessner covered for Dan Carlson – no changes and no amendments to last month's report.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter - Income for May was \$12,866.97. Expenses for May totaled \$13,200.40. The largest income area was dues and fines (\$7690). The largest expense area was the downpayment for clay targets (\$11,000).

Harry also provided a separate report for the Hunter's Tour shoot (June 1 and 2). The net income for the shoot was \$1700.

Committee Reports

Membership – Ed Breslawski – New members – Ed welcomed Jonathan Guest. He is a new member that was approved at the last board meeting. Ed also recognized Joe Recco whose life membership application was approved.

Bldg and Grounds – Frank Petricone – The club chainsaw has been repaired AGAIN and is operational. The consensus among the members present was that the chainsaw should be locked up and used only by members who have adequate experience with a chainsaw. The fear is that someone will get hurt. A chainsaw can be very dangerous to someone who does not have experience with it.

The club side-by-side will be going in for service June 20 or 21. Dave Scorse will deliver it. It should only be out of service for a week or two.

The string trimmers, extra string, and pre-mixed fuel are always available. The club has a constant need for members to whack weeds around the ranges and courses. It could be easy to get your work hours in!

The Board received a quote from Dave Isaac for replacing the boiler in the club house. An 80% efficient boiler should be more than adequate for our needs and should cost less than \$5000 if Dave and some helpers install it. This was approved unanimously by the members present.

Range reports & Club Safety – Frank Petricone – Frank requested that during open club shoots members pay attention to the way guests are driving out to the clays course. At the June shoot, Frank observed a modified golf cart drive out with six shooters hanging on to it. That's an accident waiting to happen.

Archery – The trailer that served as an additional station on the clays course has been moved back to the archery range. There is still a clays trap on it. Please don't remove the trap.

Skeet – Appears to be working well.

Rifle range – Everything will be reset this weekend. The range is still very wet near the 150 yard berm.

Trap – The house and field were recently tidied up. Everything seems to be working fine.

Shady Range – Area has been sprayed for weeds and new targets installed as necessary.

10-stand – The next shoot is scheduled for June 19 at 4pm until dark or everyone is done. There has been great participation so far this year.

Club Calendar –

August 3 – Membership Appreciation Day per Pete McCann. Pete is coordinating this event. Looking forward to more details to be coming soon.

Carpenters' Shoot – September 14 – Dave Scorse will be coordinating. We will need volunteers. More information soon.

Hunter's Tour – Dan Sperr – The 5-person final shoot was held June 1 and 2. 114 shooters participated. The club netted approximately \$1700. From the event. Thank you to all those who helped.

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Preserve Report – Mike Kirchgessner for Dave Isaac – The switch grass field is ready to be sprayed and seeded for fall cover. The extension of the bird pen will follow. Dave will appreciate any help he can get to complete the project.

Camp Rushford – It's a great event for your children and grandchildren. Get them involved. Apply when possible. It's all done online.

Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – Chris reported that the recent DEC fishing tournament was incredible. The kids had lots of fun, but attendance was down. Let's get kids involved. Last year's deer harvest was down. Remember that we need to take does as well as big bucks to keep the herd balanced. Chris spent some time talking about the Good Neighbor's Act, a one-house bill that is targeting gun clubs regarding shot fall zones, lead reclamation, etc. These bills will likely not pass during this session, but they will not go away.

New Business – Due to the rising costs of clay targets, a discussion was held regarding raising the prices of both sporting clays and 10-stand venues. Skeet and trap will not be affected. The new prices will be posted on the chalkboard in the club house.

Frank would like the purchase of two new Lincoln traps tabled until the boiler replacement is complete. Clayton Eckerd started a discussion about the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for installation in the club house. This topic was discussed and referred to the Board for more information. Ron Breslawski discussed the acquisition of a porta-potty for the clays course. Discussion was held and the topic was referred to the Board for more information. The archery shed roof needs to be replaced. This should be done in concert with the expansion of the pheasant coop. The 50/50 was won by Joe Romanczyk. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

REFRESHMENTS

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

Board of Directors Meeting June 20, 2024

Call to Order 6:56 Ron Breslawski

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

Club members present: George Roesse

Membership: Ed Breslawski – sent out 5 letters recently, positive response from two but both are on vacation.

Secretary's Report – **Dan Carlson** No News Notes this month. Dan will send the notes for distribution via email. Thanks for Mike K for covering the general meeting.

Treasurer's Report - **Harry Reiter** – not present, no new report.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – **Frank Petricone** – The side by side is at Bucks for repairs and preventive maintenance. Expect to have it back the week of 7/9.

If you don't know how to use any of the vehicles or equipment, please ask for help. We would love to help you learn how to use it. Frank needs people to weed whack the sporting clays course. This is a primary focus, around stands, edge of the paths. Call Frank P. Don't extend the weed whacker under the machines so you don't cut any wires or controls: call Frank for help.

There are some tree limbs broken or hanging that will need to be addressed.

On August 12, we expect a delivery truck of clay birds. Will need some help when the truck gets here. Thanks to George R. we have a new (new to us) floor jack.

10 stand dates for July are July 11th from 4 – 7pm (general meeting night) and July 24th from 4pm until whenever.

We need to replace the boiler. The board will be working with Dave Isaac to find a quote for a model with 80 % efficiency.

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Ranges – Field Captain- **Frank Petricone**

Archery – No updates.

Ten Stand – No updates other than please see the calendar below for July open dates.

Skeet Range – nothing to report.

Sporting Clay's course – No updates.

Trap range — No updates.

Rifle Range – No updates.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd – sprayed and cleaned the range. Clayton warns the members to watch for poison ivy.

Club Safety and Security – no updates.

Preserve – No updates.

Adopt-a-Highway: George Roese - our agreement with NYS has expired. We need to re-apply if we want to do it. George will fill it out but we need Ron's signature. George will be coordinating adopt-a-highway now. Thanks, George!

Club Calendar –

Hunter's Tour – should have the new calendar for the 2024 – '25 season out in July or early August.

Carpenter shoot – September 14 Dave Scores is coordinating. The format will be much the same as last year. We will need volunteers!

Old Business –

Clayton Eckerd– AED discussion. More discussion was held about purchasing and installing an AED. Monroe County grant funding for the year has been exhausted. Other grant sources were discussed and so was waiting until next year. At the end of the discussion, John Lyon made a motion to bring to the membership that we spend up to \$2000 to purchase an AED and install it in the clubhouse, motion 2nd Clayton. Approved by vote. Motion to go to the members.

Ron Breslawski - Porta potty discussion – Ron received a quote from United Rentals for \$120/month. John Lyon made a motion to spend approx. \$120/mos to rent a porta-potty unit with hand sanitizer function for the year, 2nd by Frank P. Motion approved by vote. Ron will follow-up with the company. He will ask about a delivery day and coordinate with Frank.

Ron Breslawski - Buying new traps. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of two new Lincoln traps (and associated gear). The purchase of these traps was approved by the membership at the May 2nd meeting. There is no need to wait for the boiler project since we have approval from the membership, and we have the money. The board asked Frank P. to follow up with the order.

New Business –

Dave Scores – There is a dead tree in the very front of our property out by 260, ½ way between the creek and the driveway. Do we need to address it? Do we need to call National Grid to see if it could be a danger to the power lines? Ron B. will follow up

Motion to adjourn made by Ed B, 2nd by John L., motion approved by vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

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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

Member Appreciation Day

Aug 3 Dinner around 5 PM. Half price shooting. You should have received a flyer from the club. No Member meeting in August. Remember to sign up so we know how much food to make!!

Ten Stand Shoots:

July 11: 4 – 7 PM

July 24: 4PM – dusk

Contact Frank Petricone for more information

Hunter's Tour:

See you in the fall!!

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 st yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (2 nd yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Director (3 rd 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

NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: [NYS troopers site](#)

NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainwaterfowl.homestead.com

SCOPE: www.scopeny.org

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org

Hunters Tour: www.hunterstour.org

NYS Conservation Council: www.nyscc.com

DEC/Camp Rushford: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html

Handgun reciprocity info: www.usacarry.com

www.keepandbeararms.com

www.gunweek.com

www.womensshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org