



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



## General Meeting October 3, 2024

Call to Order – Ron Breslawski – 7:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence – Member Al Groth passed away

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson – News Notes - available after BOD meeting. Al Castrechino made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Sperr, passed by vote.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter - Hunter Tour shoot report

Report for September – Income \$9054.19. Big income items Hunter's Tour (see extra report) and preserve dues (\$3150.). Expenses \$11,103.86. Big expense items are from the administrative line (\$8979.54) and include School taxes (over \$6000), a new AED and S.C.O.P.E. dues.

Hunter's Tour treasurer report – 202 shooters participated. Total Income \$4,110. Total Expenses \$1,020. Harry clarified that he just received more invoices tonight so the final number will change. Motion to accept both reports was made by Ed Breslawski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Reese. Carried by vote.

### Committee Reports

**Membership** – Ed Breslawski – No new member activity but a new waiting list has been posted today.

**Bldg and Grounds** – Frank Petricone – new lights installed near the club and near the barn. A new light fixture has been installed in the club house. Please keep your membership ID with you when you are on the grounds. You should be able to produce your ID when asked by another member. When you sign in, list your guest's name in the book instead of simply writing guest. Use two lines if needed! New guests need to fill out a waiver and print legibly.

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

Archery – Dan Spencer- Ready to use, bow season is underway.

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- Open shoots are over for 2024

Skeet Range – Don Franklin- No report, not present.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- Having some troubles with some of the older Lincoln machines. He is working on it. If you have issues, call Frank.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- The range has been cleaned. The target shed has been cleaned out and Clayton will be adding more peppermint to deter the mice.

Trap Range – Frank Petricone- The trap has been moved to the front of the 10-stand. The extension cord and remote are with it. If you're not sure how to use it, call Frank and he can walk you through the steps over the phone.

Rifle Range – Tom Sime- Leave the club in better shape than you arrived, pick up brass, pick up targets and pieces of paper, pieces of cardboard.

**Club Calendar** – George Reese -Adopt a Highway October 5<sup>th</sup> Need 8 – 10 people to meet at the club at 9:00am.

**Hunter's Tour** – Dan Sperr- Big thanks to all who helped at the recent Hunter's Tour event! Trappers, Sharon and Sandy in the club house, all those who helped. We will host it again on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Preserve Report** – Dave Isaac – The pen expansion complete and the first birds have been delivered. We'll receive 50 at a time per delivery and the season is open! The fields are prepped and ready. This year the club purchased blue back pheasants – a little smaller than the Mongolian's we bought last year. But they are a little quicker and make a good game bird. The supplier would like to be done by the end of December. Be sure to be in contact with Dave if you need to hunt in January/February. We will have to get the birds and house them for a few weeks. If you have questions or are interested in joining the preserve, call Dave.

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**Adopt A Highway-** George Rose- October 5<sup>th</sup> (above).

**Camp Rushford** – Go to website for information on next year's events.

**Mon Co Conservation Council**, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest - Election time is coming! New hunting rules are in place regarding back tags and printing tags. Election Day is November 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to vote! Bill Izyk suggests everyone get out and vote. Vote early if possible.

**Old Business** – Ron Breslawski - Some apparel located in club house on rack for purchase.

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

- The club house lock system has been updated and installed. Some key cards have not worked. If you have issues, call Ron B.

**New Business** – Clayton Eckerd - The new AED has arrived, It will remain here in the club for now (on the cabinet by the bathrooms) and left right in the box. Clayton is exploring training options. We will usually keep it on the side-by-side during the club wide shoots. More information will be coming. Dan Sperr asked about purchasing a first aid kit. Clayton agreed we should probably invest in one. Clayton will look at options and bring suggestions to the BOD meeting.

The club needs a new boiler and maybe all new wall units? Dave Isaac is trying to put it on his schedule.

**Archery Target Shed Roof** – Dave Scorse has the measurements. He is going to put together an estimate.

**Removal of Ash trees at road entrance** – Some discussion was held. It will be necessary but does not appear to be a big priority. Discussion was tabled for now.

**Bill Izyk** – Brought in some old flags 3'x5' that are free if anyone wants one. They are on the desk. Help yourself.

50/50 by Joe Romanczyk

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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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:** - -Adopt a Highway October 5<sup>th</sup>, need 8-10ppl meet at club house @ 9AM

## Board of Directors Meeting October 17, 2024

Call to Order: 7:10 pm by Ron Breslawski.

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

Club Members present: Don Franklin

**Secretary's Report** – Dan Carlson - No updates from the board. Motion to approve the previous report was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report approved by vote.

**Treasurer's Report** - Harry Reiter – October income so far was \$2939.55. The biggest item was the sale of 3D targets (\$2000). October expenses so far, \$4812.06 and the biggest expense item was new pheasants for the preserve (\$2500). Harry also provided an updated report on the Hunter's Tour from September 28 – 29. The total income from the event was \$4110. Total expenses were \$1769. The net gain was \$2341. John Lyon made a motion to accept both reports, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank P. Motion carried by vote.

**Membership:** Ed Breslawski –No new members and no life member requests.

A member attended the meeting and asked permission to switch positions on the waiting list. His daughter is next on the list and a close friend is several places down. A lengthy discussion was held and many senior members in attendance said this type of issue has come before and switching places on the list will NOT be approved. Several in attendance cited precedence. The member then asked if his daughter's name could be removed from the top of the list and placed at the bottom of the list to allow someone else to have the next opening. This was approved.

A related note to members from Ed Breslawski - If you know people – if you are the sponsor of someone - on the list and they move or change their contact information, they need to call the membership director to provide an update.

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment** – Clayton Eckerd – A couple of trees blew down across the road. Clayton and Frank cleaned it up. If you ever discover a problem on the grounds and you cannot address it, please call Clayton or Frank as soon as you can.

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Frank P. - Please close the lid to the porta-john when you leave it. We don't want critters crawling in it.

A motion to adjourn made by John Lyon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank P. Motion was approved by vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Range Reports - Frank Petricone – DO NOT put already thrown clay birds and put them back in the machines! This applies to all ranges! The birds we use are biodegradable. We don't want them to compromise the rest of the birds in the carousel. It used to be our practice when we used hand thrown traps, but it should not be done with our automatic traps.

Archery – no updates.

10 stand - is operational

Skeet - Please shut down the skeet houses as per the written directions!

Sporting clays – please close the mailboxes completely!

Rifle range – pick up your own trash. Take your targets down when you are done.

Shady range – Clayton took down the paper targets. The paper gets waterlogged and falls apart this time of year.

There are plenty of targets in the shed. Help yourself but clean up. Put the staple gun away. One of our staplers walked away in the last few weeks. If you know where it is, please return it. Best to bring your own stapler.

Ron Breslawski – received a complaint a member. The member pulled into the club and a landscaper's vehicle and trailer were parked in our driveway so he could mow across the street. Our member talked to the landscaper, and he was told some member gave him permission. Ron surveyed the board, and no one gave permission. Ron will follow up with the landscape company.

Club Calendar – No big events currently on the calendar. Post-Holiday shoot 1/4/25.

Club Safety and Security – No updates.

Old Business –

Clayton E. has been doing research on first aid kits. He could spend thousands. What are the minimum requirements? After much discussion, John Lyon made a motion to permit Clayton to set a limit of \$400 to purchase a new first aid kit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank. Vote passed by vote. Clayton will continue shopping but will report back prior to purchasing a kit.

Members, please check the clubhouse for your ID card. Some have been hanging there for months!

Preserve – no report.

New Business – None.

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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:

NSSC Dates:

April 26 & 27, 2025

See [www.hunterstour.org](http://www.hunterstour.org) for complete schedule

## 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)	Clayton Eckerd	734-8211
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	Al Castrechino	330-8562
Field Captain	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Sporting Clays	Frank Petricone	456-8824
Preserve	David Isaac	638-5305
Bldg & Grounds	Clayton Eckerd	734-8211
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	George Roese	301-8035
<i>NewsNotes</i>	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)