February 2025 NewsNotes



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



General Meeting February 6, 2025

Call to Order – Ed Breslawski – 7:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence.

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter -

Report for January – Income \$2584. The big income item was from the post-Holiday shoot (\$1786) and the black box for sporting clays was \$587. Expenses for the month are \$6548.23. Big expense items are from the administration line and includes annual property taxes and the special use permit. The second big item was for the purchase of bird food, remaining expense for birds in 2024-25 and material to expand the pheasant pen (the preserve line - \$1550). A motion to accept the report was made by John Lyon. 2nd by Bill Izyk, carried by vote. Motion to move money from the capital line to cover expense lines that are over budget, Motion by Clayton E. 2nd by Al C. Motion approved. Post-holiday shoot, income 1786. Expenses 458. Motion made to approve both by Greg Pasinski, 2nd by Bill Izyk carried on both motions.

Committee Reports

Membership – Ed Breslawski - no report.

Bldg and Grounds – Frank P – a tree came down on station 5 and barely missed the trap. Frank took care of it. Thanks, Frank. Frank asks the membership if anyone has a log splitter that can clean up some of the wood and split it for use in the club house. Be aware as you are on the grounds of overhanging dead trees. Let Frank know and please don't fall any trees by yourself. Feel free to take the wood if you want it. If you use the club chainsaw, there is all weather bar oil for use in it. If you don't know what you are doing, please ask.

Harry – a representative from the town inspected for our special use permit.

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

Archery – Frank P. Available if people want to use it. 10 Stand – no report.

Skeet Range – Don Franklin – thanks to whomever shoveled the course.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- One trap on Station #8 is down. Please make up that station by shooting an extra pair at station #9.

Shady Range – The target stands need to be replaced. Trap Range – closed.

Rifle Range – Frank P, if you donate cardboard, please cut it to a reasonable size first and store it on the shelves.

Club Calendar – St. Patrick's Day shoot is scheduled for March 8th. The flyer should be out soon.

Hunter's Tour – Frank P. – North Star will host the league next on April 26th & 27th 2025. If you are interested in joining, call Dan Sperr or Frank. Next weekend is Salmon Creek, there are still enough events left to get your season in.

Preserve Report – Dave was not able to attend but he sent in a report – used 250 of the 300 birds we ordered, and we have a credit. The new pen was great, and it is now empty. The Carlton brothers have some birds of their own if anyone still wants to hunt. Contact Dana Carlton.

Adopt A Highway- George Roese- Nothing new to report. Done until spring.

Camp Rushford –openings for next spring on the website now.

Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest could not attend Frank left some literature on the club house table regarding Camp Rushford, boater safety, and some legislation.

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Old Business – Ron Breslawski –

There is apparel in the clubhouse that is available for purchase.

The most up-to-date constitution is posted on the website. The replacement of the archery shed roof is scheduled.

Materials and costs for replacing the roof on the archery shed have been received. Frank P. made a motion to spend up to \$2300 to replace the roof. 2nd by Al Castrechino. Approved by vote.

New Business -

Looking for someone to take over the silent guns plaque. Both Nick Hardie and Mike K volunteered to work on it. Looking for someone to take over the website and webmaster duties. Ed B. has had a couple of people contact him. Hopefully we will get the post filled. Looking for someone to clean the club house once per month. Just to sweep and mop on occasion. An easy way to get your hours in where it's mostly warm.

50/50 won by Dan Spencer

Motion to adjourn by Al C, 2nd by Clayton Eckerd, Adjourned at 7:59pm.

REFRESHMENTS

Notes and/or Comments: <u>Please wear your name tags to</u> the meetings, Thank you

Board of Directors Meeting February 20, 2025

Call to Order: 7:09 pm.

Board members present: Ed Breslawski, Dan Carlson, Clayton Eckerd, Frank Petricone, Harry Reiter, and Dave Scorse.

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson - No updates. The following new members have their name tags hanging in the clubhouse. Please wear your name tag whenever on the club grounds.

Active members - Patrick Blakely, Frank Celona, Roger Connely, Andrew Hollister, Matthew Indiano, Joseph Lathigee, Robert Rymer.

Junior members – Spencer Burley, Alex Clemons, Caleb Moore, Michael Mault, Matteo Tiermini, Cory Johnson. Please pick up your name tag as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter –Mid-month report total income \$21.80. Expenses so far were \$6582.00. The biggest expense line was administration which included the payment of property insurance (\$5903.40) and NYSRPA dues (\$75.). Dave S. made a motion to accept the report. Clayton E. 2nd the motion. Motion carried by vote.

Membership – Ed Breslawski - no updates, no new requests. Reminder for members who sponsor member applicants, make sure they keep their contact information up to date.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Clayton E. – There is a new roof on the archery shed. Thank you to all those who helped with the project!

Ranges – Frank P. - most of the courses have been buried in snow. Plowing has been done out to the chalet and to the rifle range. It would be great if we could plow or run the snow blower around the sporting clays course. It is supposed to thaw, rain, and re-freeze this week.

If you are on the property, please keep an eye out for new fallen trees. Let Frank know so we can stay on top of them.

Archery: no updates

Ten-stand: operational, no updates

Skeet: no updates

Sporting clays: The road near station eleven has been dangerous. It is sloped to the north as you make the corner. The inside of the corner needs to be filled in.

Trap: no updates

Rifle range: The berms will need some attention soon. They need to be built up and re-pointed. July or August would be the target since the range gets too wet in the spring

Shady range: Clayton E. - needs new target backers, eventually will need some work on the berms.

Club Safety and Security – This discussion will be taken off the table. The solutions do not appear to be cost effective (\$7K - \$10K for a single-arm and \$12K - \$15K for a rolling chain link fence and gate).

Preserve: Frank P. – The season is over. Miscellaneous reports: No updates.

Club calendar: St. Patty's Day shoot. March 8th. We still need more volunteers.

Hunter's tour – We are hosting on April 26 and 27.

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Old business – Reported above (security gate and archer shed roof).

Barn addition – This project will be taken off the table now due to the expense.

New business – New webmaster/website. We are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this role/responsibility. Contact any member of the board or Jeff Baugher.

Benches – will be re-visited in the spring. We would like to buy 12 new benches: one for each station on the sporting clays course. Or maybe there is a member with carpentry talent that could build some!

We are looking for someone to clean the club house once a month. All the utensils and gear are here and ready. Just need a volunteer.

Clayton made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Dave. Carried by vote. Adjourned at 7:44pm.



Upcoming Events



Clubhouse reservations: Reservation forms can be found at the clubhouse or on our website under <u>"Calendar of Events"</u>.

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 for complete schedule

St Patrick's Day Shoot:

March 8th

North Star Sportsman's Club PRE-SC. PUCRICK'S DAY Shoot SURDAY IMARCH 8, 2025 • 50 Sporting Clays Targets • Start at 8:30 AM • Last Squad Out At 3:00 PM • S20 Per Round • Free For Shooters 17 And Under When Accompanied By An Adult • Liability Waiver Required If Not Already On File • Coffee And Donuts Available For Purchase Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{1/2} Start at 8:30 AM **Start at 8:30 AM • Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{1/2} **Start at 8:30 AM **Start at 8:30 AM • Last Squad Out At 3:00 PM • Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{1/2} **Start at 8:30 AM **Start at 8:30 AM • Last Squad Out At 3:00 PM • Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{1/2} **Start at 8:30 AM • Last Squad Out At 3:00 PM • Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{1/2} **Start at 8:30 AM • Last Squad Out At 3:00 PM • Safety First Eye & Ear Protection Is Required Maximum Shot Size 7^{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 st yr)	Clayton Eckerd	734-8211
Director (2 nd yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
Director (3 rd 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 Rivais	964-5208
Adopt-a-Highway	George Roese	301-8035
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
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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.lakeplainswaterfowl.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.womenshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org