



North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



General Meeting March 6, 2025

Call to Order – Ed Breslawski – 7:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence – for our troops and for the mom of a couple of our members. She was injured in a motor vehicle accident. Praying for her speedy recovery.

Introduction of Guests – none recognized

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Income for February \$1219.80. The big income item was the black box for sporting clays (\$600). Expenses for February \$6959.80. The big expense item was administration, especially property taxes of \$6188.40. Motion to approve the report by John Lyon, 2nd by Al Castrechino, motion carried by vote.

Committee Reports

Membership – Ed Breslawski – New members – will be sending out invitation letters in April. There have been no new applications for Life Membership.

Bldg and Grounds – Clayton Eckerd - unsafe trees being removed as needed. The club roads are currently ok and clear of fallen trees. Please let Clayton or Frank know if you see any.

Range reports & Club Safety – Frank Petricone – Field Captain

Archery – Dan Spencer - Ready to use

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- Have not seen much use. No report.

Skeet Range – Don Franklin talked to Frank before the meeting. Dan Spencer shoveled the shooting areas. If you use the range, please take some time and clean up the house.

Sporting Clays Course – Frank Petricone- Ready for Shoot. Will need help Saturday morning to clear out the shooting stands. #8 has been down a machine. That machine has been repaired and put back in place.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- Burm needs to be restacked in spring. Needs new target backers.

Trap Range – Frank Petricone- closed

Rifle Range – Frank P.- Please empty the trash and if the target stands are knocked over in the snow or puddles, please pick them up.

Club Calendar – St. Patty's Day shoot March 8th. 7 am for breakfast. Work starts at 8am.

Hunter's Tour – Frank P. North Star is hosting on April 26th & 27th 2025

Preserve Report – Dave Isaac – Done for season.

Adopt A Highway- George Rose – no report

Camp Rushford – Apply when possible- Go to website for information

Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – Visit SCOPE's website for complete information. Chris will be leaving an article on the club table about the top five most egregious bills in NYS congress. Only one bill is a two-house bill that restricts the sale of ammo to only people who have a certain type of weapon. Most interest in the good neighbor act (it's a state senate bill but not a companion bill in the assembly). Good news - US Congresswoman Teney introduced a 2nd amendment guarantee act (SAGA) in US Congress.

Old Business – Some apparel located in club house on rack for purchase.

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

The archery shed roof replacement is complete.

New Business – The John Deere snow blower has been repaired and tire chains installed. Thanks to Rick Sercu and Mike K for keeping the roads and paths clear of snow.

Jeff Baugher is “retiring” as the website manager. Two members have expressed interest. Hope to meet them at the next board meeting.

Looking for someone to clean the club house once a month.

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Wiler Rd will be closed by the end of the year for a road/bridge construction project.

Frank P. - If you walk your dogs on the club property, please clean up after them. It's one thing when they go out in the field but when they go on regular foot paths and roads, please clean up after them.

Bill Izyk – Is working with the state to re-do the curricula for hunting and fishing education. Bill would love to have someone who might be interested in getting involved. If any member is interested in helping with hunter/fisherman education, please see Stan.

50/50 by Andy Bansbach

Motion by adjourn by Al Castrechino. 2nd by John Lyon, carried by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:04am.

REFRESHMENTS

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

Upcoming Events: - -St. Patty's Day shoot March 8th

Board of Directors Meeting March 20, 2025

Call to Order – 7:00 pm, Ed Breslawski

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

Members present: Jeff Baugher, Anthony Hollister, Greg Pasinski

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

Treasurer's Report - **Harry Reiter** – Income so far in March is \$2158.85. Expenses so far total \$3461.53. The single biggest income item so far was from the St. Patty's Day shoot (\$2149). The biggest expense item so far was in the building and grounds line and included dumpster fees, porta-potty fees and the archery shed roof project (total \$2423.64).

St. Patty's Shoot report. Total net after expenses was \$2149.00. A motion to approve both was made by Clayton E. 2nd by Al Castrechino, approved by vote.

Harry also is working on budget prep for the April meeting and provided a summary. He solicited the board to brainstorm possible expenses in the next fiscal year so

he can prepare an accurate budget to present to the membership.

Membership Report – **Ed Breslawski** - New members-sending out 5 or 6 letters for April. There have been no new requests for life membership.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – **Clayton Eckerd**- The snow equipment has been put away. Cleared an area for station 13 on the clays course. Took down several trees and cut them up. Two new piles of crushed stone. Tractors are having weight added to the tires.

Frank Petricone - Chad Scores and Tom Puppattelli cleaned the club house, swept floors, mopped, cleaned bathrooms, swept out the barn, re-did all the target frames, and raked leaves on Shady range. Thank you, Gentlemen! If you use club equipment, please clean it or at least hose it off when you are done.

Crushed stone for clays course & driveway has been delivered. The back curve in the road leading out to the chalet has been squared up and levelled.

Ranges – Field Captain- **Frank Petricone**

Archery – Ready to use

Ten Stand –No report.

Skeet Range – no issues no report.

Sporting Clay's course – A new station is being installed. There will be 13 stations now.

Trap range – Frank Petricone – no report. The machine is in front of the 10-stand. It will get moved when the ground dries out. This is the oldest machine on the club property. Does the membership want to maintain the trap field?

Rifle Range – no report.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- Both .223 and 7.62x39 brass were found on the Shady range. Shady range is for pistol calibers only! If you have a pistol chambered in rifle calibers, please use that on the rifle range!

Club Safety and Security –

Preserve – Frank Petricone – The Pheasant pen needs to be raked out and cleaned.

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

Club Calendar – Hunter's Tour –April 26th & 27th.

May 10th, Mother's Day shoot.

Old Business – Apparel in club house.

Roofing repair for archery target shed complete

Looking for someone to "deep" clean clubhouse once a month – thanks again to Chad and Tom for taking care of this month!

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New Business –New webmaster/website. Jeff Baugher will be handing off the web maintenance to Andrew Hollister - his company does web design. Many thanks to Jeff for his many years of service! Andrew hopes to make the website more mobile friendly. He will be looking for directions from the board and the membership to provide direction for branding, logos, priorities. Currently it's more of a resource for members versus advertising. Much discussion regarding how much information should be open to the public for advertising versus members only. Several board members expressed the desire to have an up-to-date calendar easily accessible.

Discussion held on budget prep for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Especially raising funds. Harry is concerned we are reaching into our reserve funds too often with non-routine expenses. Should we raise dues? Raise initiation fees \$100 to \$300?? Invitation shoots seem to be our biggest means of raising money. Should we schedule new invitational shoots? This discussion led to scheduling a Mother's Day shoot.

May 10th Mothers' Day shoot. Much discussion about food. Mom's shoot for free. First squad out at 8:30am. Last squad out at 1:30pm. Coffee and Donuts for \$2.

Discussion was held regarding a lean-to addition to the barn. 60' x 16'. Some of the space will be used to store clay targets, another area will be used to store off season equipment. Ed Breslawski received a quote (a few months ago) for a 16' x 80' lean-to (with crushed stone floor) for \$23,800 and we could add a 10' x 10' for an overhead door (+\$2,500). Much discussion was held regarding the existence of other options. This discussion was tabled for now. We plan on not purchasing clay targets in the next fiscal year and we might be able to use those funds for this project. The discussion will be held at the next general meeting.

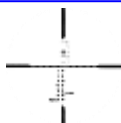
A separate but related discussion was held regarding a new parking lot south of the club house and south of the driveway between the picnic pavilion and the archery pavilion. Ed did some quick math and estimates it would require 20 loads of crushed stone which should cost around \$6,500. There was discussion about doing one project (the barn addition would be a higher priority) in the new fiscal year and tabling the parking lot until the next budget year. The discussion was tabled for now.

Motion to adjourn by Al Castrechino, 2nd by Dave Scorse, approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

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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 for complete schedule

Officers & Coordinators

President	Ron Breslawski	964-2217
VP1 Membership	Ed Breslawski	831-0645
VP2 Communication	Dave Scorse	370-3907
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
<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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Webmaster	Jeff Baugher	227-8797
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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.womensshooters.com

www.ussportsmen.org

www.saf.org