## June 2025 NewsNotes



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



### General Meeting June 5, 2025

Call to Order - 7:30pm Ed Breslawski
Pledge of Allegiance — Moment of Silence — for members of our Armed Service.
Introduction of Guests — None recognized.

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter -

Income for the month was \$22,886.56, big income items dues and fines \$12,320 and donations/raffle tickets \$6,970.56.

Expenses for the month are \$8,575.83. The big expenses were in building and grounds \$6,049.02 (dumpsters, porta potty, mulch, stone, range flag, building permit) and administration \$1,597.69 (for repairs to the zero turn).

Mother's Day shoot report (59 shooters [46 paid + 9 Moms + 4 youth]), total income \$952., total expenses \$295, net \$657. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Clayton Eckerd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon. The motion was approved by vote.

## Committee Reports

Membership — Ed Breslawski — 6 New members were approved at the last board meeting. Two of them —Mike Cervini and Mike Sengillo – were present tonight. Welcome!

Building, Grounds, Equipment — Clayton Eckerd – No new report, Progress is being made on the lean to. Normal maintenance issues are being worked on.

Frank - Still need weed trimming done around the sporting clays traps. There are trimmers here. They are already to use. See Frank. There are two animal traps on either side of the archery shed/pheasant pen. Something is burrowing under the shed. If you walk your dog keep him/her away from the archery shed. Frank will get an estimate for lights in the lean-to area.

Range reports & Club Safety — <u>Frank Petricone</u> — <u>Field Captain</u>

Archery — Ready to use.

Rifle range – Frank saved a lot of good pieces of wood from the lean-to project. There are cut pieces on the archery range available for scrap or firewood. Get it quickly or it will go in the dumpster.

Shady range - Frank – need weed trimming done. Clayton said he will take care of it.

10 Stand — Frank Petricone- Open shoot on 6/18 starting at 4pm (16:00 hrs).

Skeet Range — Frank P. – After you shoot, please empty the hull buckets and dump your hulls in the dumpster.

Clays Course — Frank Petricone – Need weed trimming done. Be careful near the traps.

Club Calendar -10 stand open shoot -6/18.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Western NY Delta Waterfowl – approached the board about us hosting an open shoot. The event will be a joint fundraiser benefiting both organizations. \$30 per shooter per round includes food and drink.

Hunter's Tour – Dan Sperr – The season recently ended. North Star had a total of 28 shooters; 14 shooters got into the prize pool. Top shooter for the year A-1 .410 ga, Class Jason Spencer. Well done, Jason!

Preserve Report — No Dave – no report.

Adopt A Highway- George Roese- Last week was cancelled due to rain. Planning on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Call George if you have questions.

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

Monroe County Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Weist – We are at the end of the legislative session. Sporting Range good neighbor act is still in play. Still just a senate committee bill. It doesn't look like it will move before the end of this session. The Crossbow legislation bill has made it out of committee in both houses. It just might make it to the floor before the end of the session. Good news (mostly) for crossbow hunters. It would give them similar privileges as traditional bowhunters. The DEC released deer take numbers from 2024 season. Numbers are up slightly over the previous year. This Saturday from 8 – 10am is the Powder Mills Park

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trout derby for kids sponsored by the MCCC. Chris left a bulletin on the table.

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

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

New Business — Ed Breslawski - Gun Raffle is under way, we still have lots of tickets to sell. Drawing the winning ticket in August with all summer to sell.

Member appreciation day – Pete McCann – September 13<sup>th</sup>. Al C will be making beef roast. Bring your own silverware. If you bring a dish to pass, bring it in a dish that can be thrown away or plan to take it with you when you leave. Sign up before August 30<sup>th</sup> to allow for food purchases.

Pole Barn addition is on. Lots of finishing to be done. Thanks to all who have been involved.

Father's Day – North Forest gun club is having a sporting clay shoot. Call Frank if you want information or to ride with Frank.

50/50 won by Wayne Shillietto.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Sperr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Roese, Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

#### Board of Directors Meeting June 19, 2025

Call to Order – 7:02 pm, Ron Breslawski

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

Members: Curt Drewel, Nathan Eccleston. Chris Griggs (incoming 2025-'26 board member).

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson - News Notes – will be published after BOD meeting. Dan also expressed the need to update page four of the monthly News Notes since new members will take office on July  $1^{\text{st}}$ . Director –  $1^{\text{st}}$  year – Chris Griggs, Director –  $2^{\text{nd}}$  year – Clayton Eckerd, Director –  $3^{\text{rd}}$  year – John Lyon. News Notes and Webmaster – Andrew Hollister. Big thanks to Al Castrechino for his years as a director and to Jeff Baugher for many years at the News Notes coordinator and webmaster.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Breslawski - Harry Reiter could not attend but he emailed a report that Ron covered. Income so far for June was \$6,631.92. Big items were \$4745.92 for administration (including raffle ticket income) and \$1600 for new member fees and annual dues. Income for raffle tickets so far in total has been \$14,240. Expenses so far in June is \$11750. \$11, 247.69 was spent on buildings and grounds (the pole barn addition, porta potty, and dumpsters). A motion to accept both reports was made by Al C. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lyon. and approved by vote. Ron also read Harry's email in which he shared concerns that we are \$13,688 over budget for the fiscal year which will end on 6/30/25.

Membership Report – **Ed Breslawski** – No updates. Curt Drewel appeared in person to apply for life membership (he had his paperwork with him). A motion to accept Curt's application for life membership was made by Frank P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clayton Eckerd. Approved by vote. Nathan Eccleston also appeared in person. He was a junior member and is applying for full membership. A motion to accept him as an active member was made by Frank P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al C. and approved by vote.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Clayton Eckerd-Laid out weed killer and poison ivy killer around the grounds.

The berm on shady range has been weed whacked. Clayton found a lot of .223 rounds on Shady Range. Clayton picked up about 60 rounds. About 30 rounds near the road as if someone was leaning on the tree and using it for a supported position. Remember, Shady Range is a Pistol range reserved exclusively for handguns! Please spread the word! Frank called some people who had signed in on the pistol range that day but was unable to gather information.

Frank did quite a bit of mowing between the driveway and the creek. Thanks, Frank. Good timing. The field is under water now.

Ranges – Field Captain- Frank Petricone

Archery – Frank has been weed whacking. The archery range is ready to use.

Ten Stand – The June 18<sup>th</sup> open shoot was rained out even though 5 people showed up. See the calendar section below for July open shoot dates.

Skeet Range – Grass and weed killer has been laid down. Sporting Clay's course – Running well.

Trap range – no longer in operation. The trap has been reclaimed and re-purposed.

Rifle Range – No report.

Shady Range – No report.

Club Safety and Security – No report.

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Hunter's Tour – Frank P. - is over for the year. We will learn the plan for the next year in July or August includes the dates that we will host the tour. Frank and Clayton attended the Father's Day shoot at North Forest. They had a great time, and it was a lot of fun. They are going to try to drum up more interest next year.

Club Calendar: WNY Waterfowl shoot August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Need trappers. That event will be our last push for raffle ticket sales.

10-stand open shoot events in July: The 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 16:00 hours (4 pm). Call Frank for more information.

Next General Membership meeting, Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

Carpenter's shoot – Dave Scores - September 6<sup>th</sup>. Start shooting at 12. Everyone should be here to check in by 11 and have the safety briefing. Food should be served around 2 or 2:30.

Member appreciation day – September  $13^{th}$  – See Pete McCann to sign up.

Old business – Barn addition – concrete to be poured this week(end). Dave will cut out the door this weekend, too. The door has been ordered and should be installed during the week of 7/14.

The electrical work is done.

The club house cleaning project appears to have been moving along. Thanks to Mike Mackenzie.

#### New business:

Clayton – Rick Sercu has asked if we need a battery powered grease gun \$100 - \$400. Runnings has Milwaukee tools on sale right now. He has taken over most of the mowing during the summer and plowing during the winter. The board will get some actual data and an estimate and bring a proposal to the July general meeting (new fiscal year, too). Ed thinks they should run a little over \$250. Clayton made a motion that we bring the proposal to the general meeting to spend up to \$300 for a battery powered grease gun.  $2^{nd}$  by Frank.

Motion to adjourn by John L 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.



# **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:**

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 <sup>st</sup> yr)	Chris Griggs	752-8384
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Clayton Eckerd	734-8211
Director (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	John Lyon	727-2535
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	Andrew Hollister	967-9366
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: <a href="www.northstarsportsmansclub.org">www.northstarsportsmansclub.org</a> NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: <a href="https://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org">NYS troopers site</a>

NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com

SCOPE: www.scopeny.org

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org

Hunters Tour: <a href="www.hunterstour.org">www.hunterstour.org</a>
NYS Conservation Council: <a href="www.nyscc.com">www.nyscc.com</a>

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