July 2025 NewsNotes



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



General Meeting July 3, 2025

Call to Order - 7:32pm Ron Breslawski

Pledge of Allegiance — Moment of Silence — for members of our Armed Services.

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 \$9,935.67. The big income items were from member dues and fines \$3,200.00 and donations/raffle tickets \$4,965.92.

Expenses for the month are \$16,273.60. The big expenses were in building and grounds \$15,747.69 for the addition to the pole barn.

Harry also provided a summary comparison of the last 15+ years of treasurer reports. The list shows non-routine expenses, annual income and actual expenses for the year. Our income for the year was \$84,227 and expenses \$100,537 (\$16,310 deficit). However, we invested a lot of money in buildings and grounds. Al C. made a motion to accept, Bill Izyk 2nd, carried by vote.

Committee Reports

Membership — Ed Breslawski — 1 new member was approved at the last board meeting. Nate Eccleston. Welcome! Curt Drewell applied for, and was granted, life membership.

Building, Grounds, Equipment — Clayton Eckerd – No new report.

Range reports & Club Safety — Frank Petricone — Field Captain

Archery — Ready to use.

Rifle range – Two trees came down on the range. They have been cleaned up. Weed trimming has been done.

Shady range - Frank – If you didn't see the News Notes, we found .223 rifle brass on the Shady range. No rifle caliber rounds are allowed at the pistol range!

10 Stand — Frank Petricone- Open shoot on 7/9 and 7/23 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. Leave it better than you found it.

Clays Course — Frank Petricone – Need weed trimming done. Around the stands and please be careful near the traps.

Club Calendar -10 stand open shoots -7/9 and 7/23.

Hunter's Tour – Frank P. – The 2025-26 season dates have been announced. North Star will host it on October 25 & 26, 2025 and March 21 & 22, 2026.

Preserve Report — Dave Isaac – The switchgrass is growing. No other updates for now. Dave says thanks to Fred Sanfilippo for cleaning out the bird pen.

Adopt A Highway- George Roese- 9/27 will be the next clean up. George and Sharon were the only ones who showed up for the last one. Thank you, Sharon!

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

Monroe County Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Weist – The state legislature wrapped up the end of the legislative session. The Crossbow legislation bill did pass. It is waiting for the governor's signature. Good news (mostly) for crossbow hunters. It would give them similar privileges to traditional bowhunters. DEC has open comments available on their website. Check them out and let your voice be heard. DEC is moving everything to a digital platform including deer harvest reporting.

Old Business —

Some apparel is located in the club house on the rack for purchase.

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

New Business — Ed Breslawski - Gun Raffle is under way, we still have lots of tickets to sell. Drawing the winning ticket on August 7th.

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SCOPE annual banquet, do we want to buy an ad for the club? Do we want to sponsor the banquet? There did not seem to be much interest. 9/27. Ron will post the ad.

August 2nd - 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.

Member appreciation day – Pete McCann – September 13th. 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 30th to allow for food purchases.

Pole Barn addition is almost done. Please stay off the concrete pad and let it cure for the month. Frank has it marked out and coned off.

The board brought a motion to the meeting to spend up to \$300 to on a battery powered grease gun, motion by Clayton 2nd by Frank. No vote was held because during discussion Rich Iuppa offered to donate his own grease gun and charger to the club. He will meet with Frank to make sure it will fit our need. Thanks, Rich!

50/50 won by Harry Reiter.

Motion to adjourn by Pete McCann, 2nd by Ed Breslawski, Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting July 17, 2025

Call to Order – 7:07 pm, Ron Breslawski

Board members present: Ron Breslawski, Ed Breslawski, Dan Carlson, Clayton Eckerd, Dave Scores, Frank Petricone, Harry Reiter, Chris Griggs

Members: Bruce Newell

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

Treasurer's Report –Harry Reiter - Income so far for July was \$5,282.57. Big items were \$4,790.57 for administration (including raffle ticket income) and \$300 for member dues and work fines. Income for raffle tickets so far has been \$19,100. Expenses so far in July is \$8,585.35. \$4,482.90 was spent on administration (balance on gun auction) Second was building and grounds \$1,904.02 (the pole barn addition, porta potty,

and dumpsters). A motion to accept the report was made by Clayton, 2nd by Frank P. and approved by vote. Motion made by frank to send termination letters for 5 members that still have not paid. Members who are not in good standing are supposed to appear before the board to plead their case. 2nd by clayton, motion carried. Ed B will be sending out the letters to Steve Baase, Jeremy Allen, Matthew Borcyk, Alex Burroughs, and Thomas Shafer.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski – Our condolences to the families of two members who recently passed: Ron Ahrens passed on 7/13 and Andy Sperr passed on 7/15.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Clayton Eckerd-Laid out weed killer around the sporting clays course, the parking areas for skeet and 10 stand, the shady range and sprayed poison ivy killer around the grounds where it was found. This was the 2nd dose of the year for most areas and the 1st application on sporting clays. Should be done for the year.

Rick Iuppa donated his grease gun to the club (see meeting notes from July 3rd. Frank donated two batteries and a charger for them.

Ranges – Field Captain- Frank Petricone

Archery –The archery range is ready to use.

Ten Stand – Open shoots on July 23 August 13th and 27th. Those will be Frank's last dates for the summer. Skeet Range – Ron B. asked Frank about any bees or wasps in the skeet houses. Frank has not seen any but there are cans of spray in the barn, the chalet, and in the rifle range.

Sporting Clay's course – Running well. Dave Scores has refurbished and set 6 newly redone benches throughout the course.

Trap range – no longer in operation. The trap has been reclaimed and re-purposed on 10-stand.

Rifle Range – No report.

Shady Range – Some of the target boards need to be replaced.

Club Safety and Security - No report.

Hunter's Tour – Frank P. – The schedule is now posted in the clubhouse and in the sign in shed. We are hosting October 25, 26 and March 22, 23.

Club Calendar: WNY Waterfowl shoot August 2nd. Need trappers. If you have any unsold tickets make sure they are at the club before August 2nd so we can sell them all day. That event will be our last push for raffle ticket sales.

Preserve – Clayton - Dave Isaac has asked Clayton earlier this week that we don't mow the long grass along the

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driveway or parking lot. To provide more cover for the pheasants to bed down.

Carpenter's shoot – Dave Scores - September 6th. 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 13th – See Pete McCann to sign up.

Old business -

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

New business:

Gun raffle is underway. We still have around \$9000 worth of tickets to sell. A big push to sell more will occur on August 2nd WNY Waterfowl shoot.

Ed B. suggested that we decide on annual shooting events and post them on the calendar several months in advance. We should populate the calendar on the website early in the year so people can make advance plans.

Bruce Newell – The news notes email will go out independent of the work hours email. Bruce will send out the work hours email every other month. Andrew Hollister will be asked to contact Ed B. to obtain access to the group email list. Chris Griggs suggested we ask Andrew if we can do individual accounts.

Motion to adjourn by Clayton, 2nd by Dave, meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.



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
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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: 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