



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



General Meeting August 7, 2025

Call to Order – 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence in honor of recently passed members: Ron Ahrens, Jim Gillette, and Andy Sperr.

Introduction of Guests – no guests recognized.

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter –

Monthly financial report – Income for July \$14,593.57 big line items were administration including raffle tickets \$10,295.57 and savings interest then black box for sporting clays \$1289.00. Expenses in the month total \$9020.35. The big expense items were from administration and include the balance on guns for the raffle \$4482.90 then building and grounds including the porta potty and pole barn addition and dumpsters \$1904.02.

WNY Delta Waterfowl Shoot - income \$1085. Expenses \$1001.25 net income \$813.75.

The gun raffle was held at 7:00pm, just prior to the general meeting. The total income from the raffle was \$26,625 and our net income after expenses was \$17,493.60.

A motion was made to approve the financial report by Al C. 2nd by John Lyon, motion approved by vote.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Ed Breslawski – No new members and no new Life Member applications.

Bldg, Grounds, Equip. – Clayton Eckerd- Shady range replaced target lumber and spread poison. Don Franklin ran the string trimmer along the guard rails along 260. Thanks, Don.

More weed killer was applied to the skeet parking area and guide rails along the road. The flagpole rope and pulley system was broken so Frank and Clayton replaced it.

Frank P - The button for the garage door opener on the annex to the pole barn is on the inside. Use the key to the barn to let yourself in and the button is on the left side of the door.

Range reports & Club Safety – Frank Petricone – Field Captain

Archery – Ready to use

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- fully operational. open shoot Aug. 13th & 27th 4pm- till

Skeet Range – Frank P.- the low house is out of commission. Waiting on parts for the machine.

Sporting Clays Course – Being used regularly.

Shady Range – Clayton updated above.

Rifle Range – Frank saw Tom Sime at the range last week taking care of things. Thanks, Tom.

Thanks to Dave Scorse for repairing the benches around the sporting clays course.

Thanks to Pam and her husband for breakfast at the WNY Delta Waterfowl shoot.

Carpenters shoot is coming up on 9/6. We will need trappers.

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Hunters Tour - The course will be adjusted prior to the event in October. There will be a work party ahead of time. Get involved. The first event is in Bath.

Club Calendar – Carpenter's shoot September 6th.
Member Appreciation Day on September 13. Hunter's Tour (at North Star) October 25, 26 and March 21, 22.

Hunter's Tour – Dan Sperr- Dan has a text group of all the guys involved in the shoot. Call or text Dan to get involved. Two clubs let their members shoot ahead. If you cannot make it on the main dates, see the tour website. You might be able to go shoot on Friday ahead of the match.

Preserve Report – Frank P. – Fields will be re-worked.

Adopt A Highway- George Roesse- September 27th.
Members should meet at the club at 9:00am.

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

Mon Co Conservation Council, SCOPE, NYSR&PA, NRA – Chris Wiest – The legislature is not in session. Crossbow legislation has passed the houses but has not gotten to the governor's desk yet. It might not be done before this coming hunting season.

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

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

- New club website construction underway – call Andrew Hollister if you have suggestions.

New Business – Ron Breslawski - Gun Raffle Success!
During the meeting Ed Breslawski – made phone calls to notify the winners. They are all excited.

- Member Appreciation Day, September 13th- Beef & Salt potatoes at 5pm. Bring a dish to pass, Sign up, names # of attendees. Folks must sign up before August 30th so we can order food.

- Pole Barn Addition complete – Do we need a final inspection? Frank went to check the paperwork to see if there was a checklist. Frank will call the town.

- Also, the WNY Delta waterfowl people would like to come back sometime. They really appreciated all of our help and our event.

- Dave Scorse wants to make a motion of \$550 for rebuilding/repairing the trap machine covers.

Dom, Clayton 2nd, motion approved by vote.

50/50 won by Stu Hanson.

Motion to adjourn by Dom M., 2nd by Bill I. meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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

Upcoming Events:

- Carpenter's shoot September 6th
 - Member Appreciation Day Sept.13th
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Board of Directors Meeting August 21, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm: Ed Breslawski

Board Members Present: Ed Breslawski, Harry Reiter, Frank Petricone, Clayton Eckerd, Chris Griggs, Dan Carlson, Dave Scorse, John Lyon

Members Present: Paul Drake, Joshua Drake

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson-

News Notes will be published after BOD meeting – Dan also announced that he won't be able to attend the next general member meeting on 9/4/25. Ed said someone would cover taking notes.

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Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Financial Report

Income so far in August, \$2321.93, big line of income was administration, \$2310.93, which included more raffle income, savings interest, and donations. Expenses so far, \$2018.41, big items sporting clays repairs to trap covers and material \$739.42, building and grounds, \$545.46. Motion by John Lyon, 2nd by Dave S. carried by vote.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski - New members- none.

Life Member applications have been received from Steve Baase, Mark Bennett, Robert Zink, and Corey Macentee. Frank P made a motion to approve the applications: John Lyon 2nd, carried by vote. Three members still have not paid dues: Jeremy Allen, Alex Burroughs, and Matt Borcyk. They are no longer members in good standing. Clayton made motion to remove them from membership, 2nd by Frank P. carried by vote.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Clayton Eckerd- The barn addition is complete. Two trees stumps near the pavilion have been ground down and the wood chips spread on the clays course. Potholes are developing on the driveway. Clayton suggests we need to buy stone sometime soon. Frank P made a motion to purchase a load of stone. Harry, however, budgets for stone annually so no motion is necessary. The cost for a load should be about \$525. Frank and Ed B. will follow up with the purchase and delivery.

Frank P. – The windshield on the side-by-side was replaced. It was about \$551. It started with a chip and the crack spread across the whole thing. Frank also addressed a wasp nest on the high house of the skeet field and a ground nest on the clays course. There was a large limb that came down on the driveway out by the road. Frank cleaned it up. Thanks, Frank.

Frank - The trap machine is down. Don't use trap #1 on the 10-stand. Tim Daly is trying to find replacement parts. #6 is breaking a lot of birds as they are thrown. We might

need to remove the machine from the tower. It would fit nicely on station #1. All these changes will be made soon.

Frank – The fire extinguishers have been inspected for the year. Two needed to be refilled.

Ranges – Field Captain- Frank Petricone

Archery – Dan Spencer- Ready to use

Ten Stand – Frank Petricone- The last open shoot for summer will be August 27th, 4pm-till done.

Skeet Range – no updates

Sporting Clay's course – being used regularly.

Rifle Range – Frank found ammo on the shooting tables that appeared live but had primer strikes (duds/misfires?). Don't leave your duds/misfires at the range. Frank is exploring the installation of a metal box to collect duds for destruction.

Shady Range – Clayton Eckerd- berms need work.

Club Safety and Security – no updates

Preserve – No updates. There doesn't appear to be any work going on.

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

Club Calendar – 9/6, Carpenter's Shoot, 9/13, Member Appreciation. Hunter's Tour at North Star, 10/25,26 and 3/21,22.

The BOD took time to go through the 2026 calendar and plot events to be published on the club calendar. The suggested dates are:

- Post Holiday shoot – 1/3/26.
- Invite members to shoot with Hunter's Tour – March 21 – 22 (St Patty's)
- April 4th – Easter Shoot
- Mother's Day shoot, May 2nd

Hunter's Tour – Frank - Starts this weekend in Bath. North Star is hosting on Oct 25&26 and March 21&22.

Old Business – Apparel in club house.

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-New webmaster/website underway, contact Andrew if you have suggestions.

-Mike Mackenzie “deep” clean clubhouse once a month.
Thanks, Mike

New Business –

Josh and Paul Drake came to the meeting. Josh and his wife are the owners of Hammer Down Firearms Training. Josh wants to volunteer his time as an instructor and offer a 15% discount for members. The company has its own insurance and release forms. Josh would like to encourage the members to look at his website and bring together other members for a class. The offer would be 6 shooters at a time, 1:1 instructor to student ratio on the basic get your permit class. Josh could fit the whole class on the Shady range. The board would prefer the class to be limited to North Star members and their family but if we were unable to fill a class, Josh would be able to supplement the group with outsiders. Please look at his website: Hammerdownfirearmstraining.com.

Gun Raffle again next year – Ed B. led a discussion about doing another gun raffle next year. There was general consensus (but no vote) to do another raffle next year but start it earlier in the year. There were lots of ideas and plenty of discussion about how to improve. There was some debate about adding a cash prize. Should we put together a special committee? Each board member was encouraged to bring their ideas to the next board meeting.

The barb addition is complete. All the clay targets have been moved over to their spot. Thanks to all who helped!

-Constitution Change? Ed B. initiated a discussion about amending the current club Constitution to add a work hour requirement for Life members. When we changed the Constitution in 2023, our current version grandfathered in all those who were members prior to the adoption of the constitution to no work requirement after they became life members. Ed suggested that we could get more volunteers at our club events if we change that. The counterpoint is that some of our more senior life members have physical limitations that would make it very difficult to work.

The current language is in the Constitution under Article 2, Section 4, Membership.

4A. Life Members are those members who joined prior to January 1, 2023 and are 60 years of age or older by April 30, and who were Active Members, in good standing, for a continuous period of ten (10) years or more prior to applying for Life Membership. These members shall have all the same rights and privileges of Active Members. Life Members will be exempt from annual club dues and work requirements of the club.

4B. A new member joining after January 1, 2023 will be eligible for Life Member when he/she is 60 years of age or older by April 30, and who were Active Members, in good standing, for a continuous period of ten (10) years or more prior to applying for Life Membership. These members shall have all the same rights and privileges of Active Members. Life Members will pay annual club dues, however are exempt from work requirements of the club.

Much discussion was held but the issue was tabled and will be discussed at the next general membership meeting.

Ed B. - Sell land plane? A discussion was held about selling the land plane. It is a great tool for flattening and levelling a stone driveway, but we need to maintain a graded, crowned driveway for drainage. We spent \$2650 on it back in February 2024. Frank will contact Dave I. to see if he is interested in purchasing it for \$2600. We still have the smaller box blade that we can hook to the tractor and use to level smaller areas.

Motion to adjourn by Dave S 2nd by John L, meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

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Upcoming Events



Carpenter's Shoot – September 6

Member Appreciation – September 13

Hunter's Tour at North Star – Oct 25,26 & March 21,22.

Proposed Future Events:

- **Post Holiday shoot** – 1/3/2026
- **Invite members to shoot with Hunter's Tour** – March 21 – 22 (St Patty's)
- **Easter Shoot** – April 4th
- **Mother's Day shoot** – May 2nd

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:

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)	Chris Griggs	752-8384
Director (2 nd yr)	Clayton Eckerd	734-8211
Director (3 rd 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 Roesse	301-8035
<i>NewsNotes</i>	Andrew Hollister	967-9366
MCCC Delegates	Jim Nichols	429-7899
	Chris Wiest	637-0579
Camp Rushford	John Wise	259-9160
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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.lakeplainwaterfowl.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