



North Star Sportsman's Club

PO Box 212, Hilton, NY 14468



General Meeting September 4, 2025

Call to Order by Ron Breslawski – 7:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence.

Introduction of Guests – no guests recognized.

Secretary's Report – Dan Carlson could not attend. Ed B. covered. – News Notes will be available after BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Harry presented the monthly financial report. Income for August was \$4689.65. The big income items were administration including raffle money, savings interest, and donation. The expenses for the month were \$6521.77. The big expense items for the month were for building and grounds in the amount of \$3504.82. That included barn door, the porta-john rental, wasp spray, and more. A motion to approve the report was made by Al Castrechino, 2nd by Dan Sperr, approved by vote.

Committee Reports:

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

Bldg, Grounds, Equip. – Clayton Eckerd- Thanks to Eric Carlton for grinding up all the tree stumps!

Range reports & Club Safety – Frank Petricone – Field Captain

Archery – No report.

10 Stand – Frank Petricone- the trap machine does not work. It is very old, and Frank cannot find a source for replacement parts. Al C. made a motion to take the trap machine out and take the machine on top of 10-stand out to replace it. 2nd by Dan Sperr, approved by vote.

Skeet Range – Frank P.- The machine in the low house has been out of commission. Tim Daily and Dan Spencer worked to repair the machine and recalibrate it. The skeet field seems to be working well. Thank you!

Sporting Clays Course – All stocked and ready for the Carpenter's Shoot this weekend (9/6). Dave Scorse has put new/refurbished benches on all the stations. Thanks to all those who have been involved in that project!

Shady Range – No report.

Rifle Range - There is now an ammo can that is painted red and labelled as the Dud Box. If you have a misfire on the rifle range, please put that round in the can and not in the garbage!

Carpenters shoot is coming up on 9/6. We appear to have enough trappers signed up to help. Trappers, please arrive by 10:00am. Thank you!

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

Club Calendar – Carpenter's shoot September 6th.

Member Appreciation Day on September 13. There are 59 people who signed up for dinner!

Hunter's Tour (at North Star) October 25, 26 and March 21, 22.

Preserve Report – Dave Isaac – They are ready to start the season, and the first birds have been ordered.

Adopt A Highway - George Roesse- September 27th. There are four members that have signed up. Members should meet at the club at 9:00am.

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

Mon Co Conservation Council - no report

New Business – Ron Breslawski

The silent gun plaque is almost out of room. Doug Kimmel made a motion to spend up to \$500 for a new plaque. 2nd by Bill Zink. Approved by vote.

Ron B. – Gave the floor to Josh Drake. Josh, through his company Hammer Down Firearms Training, will be running an initial pistol course for members and their families on October 11. The cost will be \$100 per person plus \$20 if you do not bring your own ammo. Ed B. will send out a reminder email to all the members.

Ron – Member appreciation day will be 9/13. Beef and salt potatoes will be ready around 5:00pm. Please bring a dish

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to pass. Be sure to turn in your score sheets after shooting the clay's course because there will be prizes.

Constitutional Amendment proposal – There was considerable discussion surrounding adding an annual work requirement for life members. The discussion went circular and off topic. Mark Zuber made a motion to table the discussion. 2nd by Rick Sercu, approved by vote.

50/50 won by Clayton Eckert

Motion to adjourn by Frank P., 2nd by George Roese, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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

Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm: Ron Breslawski
Board Members Present: Ron Breslawski, Ed Breslawski, Harry Reiter, Frank Petricone, Dan Carlson, Dave Scorse.

Members Present: Dan Spencer, Angelo Gucciardio

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Financial Report
Income so far in September, \$5335.93, big line of income was equipment, \$2600 from the sale of the land plane. Second was the Preserve for two members who paid dues (\$1050). Expenses so far in September, \$6989.45, big expense item was administration (\$5880.81) for school taxes and tax prep fees. Motion by Ed B 2nd by Frank. Carried by vote.

Membership Report – Ed Breslawski - New members - none. Life member application received from Harold Hefke. Frank moved to approve, 2nd by Dave S. Carried by vote. Also received from Kurt Brinkman, Jr. Motion to approve by Dave S. 2nd by Frank. Carried by vote.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Frank Petricone – Work parties are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday (9/20 and 21) for the Sporting Clays course. 8 am to noon both

days to reset the trap course. Email has already gone out to the membership.

Oil got changed in the Kubota and zero turn. The side-by-side probably needs an oil change, too. Does anyone work with engines? Go to Maddie's, buy oil, a filter, and get some work hours in. Contact Frank.

The trap machine is in the barn. The electronics were not working. The machine seems to be out of date and not repairable. It is probably 50 years old. We will scrap the machine to a metal salvage yard. Frank will take care of it.

Ranges: Frank Petricone

Please sign in legibly in the sign-in shed.

Do we want to re-do the trap field? It would take some significant work to do it right.

Skeet range seems to be working fine.

Clays course work party this weekend.

Rifle range – please pick up your own brass.

The dud box has been installed. If you have any misfired ammo, please do not leave it on the bench or throw it in the garbage. Put it in the new dud box.

Please pick up your brass on shady range and put stuff away if you get it out of the shed.

Frank is doing minor repairs, batteries and wires, on various machines on the clays course. He might move one of the machines from 10-stand to sporting clays.

Club Safety and Security – no updates

Preserve – Birds have been delivered. They are in the pen. Will need preserve members to sign up for pen maintenance on a regular basis.

Misc Reports - Adopt-A-Highway 9/27 at 9am.
Camp Rushford, etc. – No updates.

Club Calendar – Hunter's Tour at North Star, 10/25,26 and 3/21,22.

Josh Drake pistol class – Oct. 11.

Old Business – Apparel in club house.

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

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

New Business – Ron B.

Should we get someone to paint the club house floor.
Bring up on the general meeting.

-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

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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.

Several suggestions were made during the discussion. One idea was reduced work requirements for Life members, 4 hours per year. Another suggestion was to raise age to 68 or 72 to waive work requirements. Another idea was to add \$50 to the work fine. Board members expressed surprise that more people were not outright opposed to that idea at the general meeting. The biggest, most pressing issue is to encourage the 30- and 40-year-old members to work around the grounds.

Frank P. made a motion to increase the work fine to \$150. To be presented at the next general meeting. This proposal is founded in the Club Ground rules not Constitution and By-Laws. (Ground rule #3). Ed B 2nd, carried by vote.

A motion was made by Dave Scores to raise rifle/pistol and archery range fees to \$5/day. Also to raise the price for prices for skeet to match 10-stand prices: juniors increase to \$5 for 25 birds. Member prices increase to \$8 for 25 birds. Guest prices increase to \$10 for 25 birds. Skeet will come up to the same as sporting clays and 10-stand. Frank 2nd carried by vote.

Ron B. - Member appreciation day. 59 people signed up and attendance was sparse, maybe 40 people showed up. Is it worth continuing to spend \$500 on the event to entertain 40 people? Probably 20 people or fewer took advantage of the half price sporting clays. The board

needs to present the question of whether the membership wants to continue the event.

Ron B - The land plane was sold to Dave Isaac for \$2600.

Ron B - The Veteran's Outreach Center sent us a fundraising flyer. We will bring that up at the general meeting.

Ron B - Hilton Home Services (a landscaping company) truck and trailer have been blocking our driveway to mow the lot across the street. The board agreed that Route 260 in front of our property is kind of a dangerous place to park and block the road but we need to ask him to stop parking here or at least pull in far enough so we can get past the barrier. We struggle to get in or out while he is parked here. Ron B. will call him.

Ron B. - Andrew Hollister and Jeff Baugher informed the board (via email) that our internet service domain will expire on 9/25. Andrew suggested a new plan through Go Daddy. It's \$6/month. We have been paying \$100/year, and this will be \$72/year. We will need to update the email links (for example: an email sent to "treasurer@northstarsportsmansclub" will go to Harry). The board also approved a \$40 initial set up fee with Go Daddy and the account with IONOS will be cancelled. Motion by Ed B. 2nd by Harry R. approved by vote.

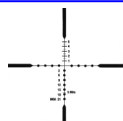
Harry - Key bank business center called Harry. A sales representative noticed we write a lot of checks. He suggested the club use pre-approved spending cards. Harry would have to pre-approve each spending or allow them to carry a certain balance. The board consensus was to have Harry look into it more and see if this idea makes his job more efficient and easier.

Motion to adjourn by Dan C. 2nd by Ed. Approved by vote, meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

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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
Kitchen	John Lyon	727-2535
Quartermaster	Doug Baker	880-2895
Key Card issues	Sean Keenan	509-2814
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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