## September 2025 NewsNotes



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



## **General Meeting October 2, 2025**

Call to Order by Ron Breslawski – 7:32pm Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence.

Introduction of Guests – no guests recognized.

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

Treasurer's Report - Harry Reiter – Harry presented the monthly financial report. Income for September was \$6,941.93. The big income items were equipment for the sale of the land plane and Preserve (dues) for \$2,100. The expenses for the month were \$8,147.71. The big expense for the month was administration \$5,930.81 (including annual school taxes [\$5,511], tax prep and fees and SCOPE Dues). Motion to accept the report by Al C. 2nd by Ed B, approved by vote.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** – Ed Breslawski – The current active member roll is at 195. Ed is sending out new letters. We currently have 146 life members and 24 junior members.

**Bldg, Grounds, Equip.** – Clayton Eckerd- The Kubota has had full service. The zero turn was done a few weeks ago. Clayton believes we should have the dealerships perform any major maintenance or repairs issues with equipment. Ed B asked that people not try to replace hydraulic fluid in the Kubota. He recommended getting a notebook to keep a service log of any repairs.

Clayton recommends we keep a bucket of hydraulic fluid in reserve if we don't have any now.

Range reports & Club Safety – Clayton Eckerd covered the report.

Archery – No report.

10 Stand – The old, broken machine that has been in the barn has now been scrapped. Please don't climb up to the top tier of the 10-stand.

Skeet Range – no report.

Sporting Clays Course – Clayton stocked all the machines and the barrels. Some machines only had two birds in the revolver and there were no cartons of birds on the skids. He

reloaded 40 cartons of regular birds not counting midis and rabbits. Please reload when you are done shooting. Shady Range — No report.

Rifle Range — No report.

Preserve – Open for business, there are birds in the pen. Dave sent his report to Ed B.

Club Calendar – Hunter's Tour 10/25, 26.

Adopt a highway – George Roese – only he and Sharon showed up to work it on the 27th . Dan Sperr had done some work on Friday.

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

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

Mon Co Conservation Council - Chris Wiest – Wednesday was the opening of bow and crossbow seasons. State removed some of the restrictions of crossbow sizes. You might need some new gear. NYS is pushing online game reporting and licensing. If you take a deer or bear you must report it within 2 days.

OLD business: Website – Ed B. The new site is up and running. Contact Andrew Hollister if you need anything.

New Business – Ron Breslawski – Josh Drake and his company Hammer Down Firearms Training, will be running an initial pistol course for members and their families on October 11. Sign up on his website.

Ron B - Shooting prices – Skeet is going up to match clays and 10-stand. From \$5 to 8 for members and from 7 – 10 for guests. Rifle and archery guests up to 5 from 2. Dan S raised a concern about the costs going up so much. Other members agreed that other clubs charge \$5. Ron shared the motion from the board. Much discussion. Ed B revised the motion to increase skeet prices \$1 for all juniors, members, and guests and increase archery and rifle to \$5 for guests. There was a procedural question as the motion was brought by the board and then amended in a general meeting. The board members present were Ron B. Harry R., Dan C. Ed

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B, Dave S. Clayton E, and John L and consented to the revision instead of taking the motion back to a board meeting for revision. Dan Spencer 2nd'd Ed B.'s revised motion. The motion was approved by vote.

Constitutional Amendment proposal – There was considerable discussion surrounding adding an annual work requirement for life members. The board recommends no change in the constitution except the work fee goes up to \$150 from \$100. Ron B proposal to vote at the December meeting. Vote December 4th.

Mark Zuber – membership proposal – Made a motion to amend the constitution to raise membership to 225 for active membership. Clayton E-2nd. Posted for 60 days. Vote in December.

Mark Zuber – proposes putting stone path down the rifle range and to each berm. Mark and Dana Carlton are going to volunteer their work and the supplies (we should have landscape cloth). Mark just wanted permission. NO one seemed to be opposed.

Freedom Guide Dogs sent a request for donations. There didn't seem to be much interest, but Ron will call and see if they want to attend the October shoot.

Dave Scores – requests \$10K to replace either roof on the rifle range to lift it to the same height as the right end of the range or to replace the roof, skin, and lots of wood on the picnic pavilion. Much discussion about use of the pavilion. Ron asked Dave to get firm prices for both projects. Dave had already gotten a cursory/verbal quote from the guy who did the lean-to for \$8100. Clayton suggested Dave get firm quotes and bring them to the next board meeting for action.

Member appreciation day -59 had signed up and maybe 39 showed up. The event is a significant volunteer and financial expense. Do we want to continue this in the future? Do we need to do something different? No action was taken.

Questions about the new website arose. Should the news notes be easier to find? Should we send the news notes out as PDF? This discussion was tabled without further action.

50/50 won by Harry R.

Motion to adjourn by John Lyon, 2nd by Doug Baker meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

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

## Board of Directors Meeting October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting was cancelled via email prior to its commencement. Board members recognized that they would not be able to establish a quorum due to conflicts in the personal schedules of several members.

Next general membership meeting will be November 6th, 2025.

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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 <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
Key Card issues	Sean Keenan	509-2814
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Webmaster	Andrew Hollister	967-9366
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#### Websites worth visiting

North Star: <a href="https://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org">www.northstarsportsmansclub.org</a> NYS Pistol Permit Renewal: <a href="https://www.northstarsportsmansclub.org">NYS troopers site</a>

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NRA: www.nra.org

LPWA: www.lakeplainswaterfowl.homestead.com

SCOPE: www.scopeny.org

NYS Rifle & Pistol Assn: www.nysrpa.org

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