



## 2010 Year End Newsletter

What a great year 2010 was for North Star Sportsmens Club. I guess it would be best to review the year chronologically, starting off with the club's annual game feed.

**April**--This past year's game feed became a prime rib dinner/fund- raising banquet. The wild game was still offered, but as appetizers. This year's dinner ticket count was down some but, those attending more than made up for the difference. With the economy being tight, it was great to see such support for our club. The club was able to net @\$11,000 this year. Our hope every year is to have the banquet pay to keep the gate unlocked and the power going, we accomplished that.

This years April weekend archery tournament was mildly successful. Not as many participants as the year before, surely some were watching their budgets.

New quotes were gotten for the club's insurance policies. We were able to double our liability, then combined it with our property insurance, and saved approximately \$1200. The quotes and new policies are through the 1<sup>st</sup> Nat'l Bank of Walker. It pays to shop locally!

**Important Note**—With the change in our insurance policy, new policies at the club will be enacted. The insurance company has requested a "Responsibility Waiver" to be sign by everyone entering the club grounds, and also an acknowledgement that each membership has read and understands the "Range Rules".

**May**--The club opened for the season. We had several teams signed up for trap, skeet, and sporting clays. We also wish to say thank you to the parents, uncles, aunts, and grandparents that brought the kids out to the range each week for our new youth trapshooting program. We had a little rocky start with the weather not cooperating practically every Thursday night, but we did finish the ten weeks of shooting in 3-1/2 months!!

During the Memorial Day weekend, the club hosted a youth trapshooting tournament through the Amateur Trapshooting Assn's AIM program. We had young shooters from Park Rapids, Bemidji, Hibbing, Walker, and as far away as Buffalo, MN. Congrats to a few of our own kids winning trophies.

The sporting Clays range is slowly being upgraded with the addition of a couple new automatic traps. Carl Berg spearheaded the reconstruction of the sporting clays tower to make it more stable and safe. A new ladder was installed WITH a railing for the safety of the trap employees. While on the subject of the clays range, some new presentations are now offered by the request of the members.

**June**—Special thanks to be given Will Pehling and his group of volunteers for helping with the Leech Lake Walleye Tournament. Because of their help, the club received a check for \$3000.

A fund raiser for the Walker community Center was held on the 26<sup>th</sup>. They were able to collect about \$400.

**July**--The board began discussion of a storage building. Bids for concrete work have been asked for. The nomination committee for 3 new board members began compiling nominees.

A team consisting of five of our youth trapshooters, participated at the MN State Trapshooting championships again this year. Once the butterflies passed after the first round of shooting, they settled in and shot very respectful scores.....again, congratulations.

**August**—Oh, was this a busy month. The month started off with a bang(pun intended), with vacationers coming out to the club everyday in droves. Because most of the visitors were new to clay target shooting, a lot of instruction made for some long days.

The MN Dept Nat Res. Held their training at the club on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This was a Monday, so the club was closed.

Kid's day at the range was on the 21<sup>st</sup>. George Jurgenson and his group of volunteers had a successful day with the kids.

Another archery tournament was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Again the participation was lower than last year, but lets all hope the next year will be better.

**October**—The election of three new board members was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had 6 candidates seeking one of the three openings. The election results are as follows.....Al Colliander 45, John Eaton 45, Rich Hanson 36, Bonnie Conrad 35, Tom Shackman 29, Greg Sovde 21. Following the elections, the membership enjoyed food and shooting.

Lisa Ford became the BOD's new secretary; she is from the Backus area.

A bid was accepted for the concrete work for the new storage shed and sidewalks. Work will begin in the spring.

Will Pehling gets fundraiser of the year(a hearty handshake). He and Neill Kinder accepted a Grant from Wal-Mart of Bemidji, for the amount of \$1000.

**November**—Busy deer hunter sight-in.

Club is closed for the season.

Memberships that have purchased a gate key for the 2011 year, the club will *attempt* to mail a key to those that have renewed prior to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. If a membership is purchased through Walker Ace, after the first of the year, you can receive a key at the same time. Any membership that has renewed, but did not purchase a key, but now would like one, can only purchase the key at the club during normal open hours.

Bob Moore has been chosen by the BOD to manage the day to day business of the club. Of course, any recommended changes will be through the BOD.

So, there's a brief summary of the year. If you're interested in more details, the monthly BOD's minutes are posted to the club's website as soon as the board had made a motion to approve them. The following is an approximate membership participation in each of the club's venues 2008-2010.

	<b>Trap</b>	<b>Skeet</b>	<b>Spt Cl</b>	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Handgun</b>	<b>Archery</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>1780</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>96</b>

## Dates to mark on you calendar

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**--This months board meeting will only be for discussing the 2011 annual prime rib/game feed banquet. Anyone wishing to donate and/or volunteer a small amount of time towards the banquet, please attend this meeting. We will meet at Charlie's Up-North at 7:00pm, located near the "Y" and the casino.

**Jan, Feb, March**--The club will open the first and third Sundays of these months, weather permitting (10 degrees or warmer). Shooting hours will be noon to 4:00pm. Any one wishing to attend a board meeting, the meeting place will still be at Charlie's Up-North at 7:00pm.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup>**--Archery shoot....Remember, the club will be closed to firearm shooting during this archery shoot and the one on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> and 28th

**April 30<sup>th</sup>—CLUB BANQUET....**This is the club's number one fundraising event of the year. We depend on this event to cover all of our monthly expenses throughout the year. Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to a terrific meal. Again we hope to have great raffles and games....who didn't enjoy the participation games!!

The banquet committee is always looking for volunteers, so if you have a few extra hours during the week, let the committee know. A banquet meeting will be held at Charlie's Up-North on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00pm.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**--Club opens for summer hours. Shooting leagues to begin forming

**May 24<sup>th</sup> & June 25<sup>th</sup>**—There has been interest from some ladies of the club to have a "Ladies Night Only", to learn the fundamentals of clay target shooting...without an "audience". The nights will have a certified shooting coach. Let Bob Moore or Doug Braker know your thoughts.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**--Youth trapshooting league begins. League will be ten weeks, 25 targets per week, and the club will again pick up the tab for the targets and ammo. Tell your family and friends.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**--ATA shoot

**June**—Walker Community Center Charity Shoot....not confirmed yet.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**--ATA shoot

**August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**--Archery Shoot.....Remember, the club will be closed to firearm shooting this weekend.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**--Annual membership meeting and elections.

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>**—Deer hunter sight-in