



Northstar Shooting Sports Club

Greetings to the members and friends of the Northstar Shooting Sports Club. This past year has been a year of challenges and accomplishments, both big and small. I will try to give you a condensed version of what was accomplished this year and what is in the works for next year.

First, the Annual Membership Meeting is Saturday, August 29th at the clubhouse at 6:30pm. If you are not able to attend the meeting, voting ballots will be emailed to our membership. Ballots can also be dropped off at the clubhouse during regular hours the coming week before the meeting time. Ballots must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2020.

At the beginning of this year you were asked to supply us with your email address on the membership application. Two reasons for this: 1. Saves the club a ton of money normally spent on mailing paper ballots and newsletters. (The annual ballots alone cost over \$1,000 for a less than 10% return.) 2. Using email costs nothing and allows us to keep members updated in a timely manner. That is why you are receiving this newsletter and voting ballot digitally.

Below are some of the highlights for the club for 2020.

1. Our annual fund raising banquet in April was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus. As you know this is the club's major fund raiser for the year. I want to thank the members who answered the call for donations and early renewal of their memberships. The donations and early membership renewals helped the club with cash flow to pay the bills until we were able to open.
2. Rifle Sight-in Days for **non members** this year is Tuesday, 11/3 thru Thursday, 11/5. Shooters will have access to the range in 30 minute increments and pay \$5 per firearm. Any members who want to help will be greatly appreciated.
3. As most of you know, we have a new club manager. Jason Wambolt. He has done a tremendous job this year and has some great ideas for growing the club with new memberships and activities! One of these is the FUTURE expansion of the rifle range to 600 yards! Many members and guests have asked about stretching it out from our current 385 yards. This will allow us to have sanctioned NRA competitions and accommodate the growing number of "Long Range" shooters.
4. Due to the cancellation of our banquet and the uncertainty surrounding the state shutdown we were unable to proceed on many of the projects we were hoping to complete this year. One of the projects is FUTURE improvements to the sporting clays course. Several members have been involved in the planning and legwork on this.

5. Some of the smaller projects have been done by our employees John and David. I hope you noticed ALL the signs & doors have been repainted, new pistol target stands installed and just general landscaping. The club looks great!
6. Due to lack of funds, the high school scholarship awards normally given out will have to be postponed for this year.
7. The rifle and pistol ranges were utilized by local law enforcement several times this past year for ongoing training at no cost to them.
8. Bill O'Neil took on the summer trap league duties this year again and did a great job. With only 4 teams shooting this year there is definitely room for more next year! Get your friends and buddies together and join us next year! Speaking of leagues, there has been interest expressed by some members on having a Sporting Clays league also for next year. If this interests you let a board member know!
9. The club still desperately needs another means of transporting guests out to the Sporting Clay's range. The old golf cart wasn't meant to be an off road buggy-clay pigeon hauler and it's about worn out! We could use an electric golf cart, 4 person UTV, OR a late model 4 door Chevy S-10 or Ford Ranger. This would double as a guest hauler and work vehicle! If anyone knows where we can get one REASONABLE (i.e. Free) let one of the board members know.
10. We are planning on an April 2021 fundraising banquet. Let us know any fun, profitable ideas you may have or if you are interested in helping out.

Respectfully submitted,

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