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Annual Ice Fishing Contest

Club Calendar

Dan Woollett and Eric Hansen, Co-chair for the event, say that everything is a go for our Annual Ice Fishing Contest. The tickets have been ordered and permits applied for and the date has been set for January 30, 2011. The event will once again be catered by B&B Meats and Catering of Cloquet. I just spoke with the weatherman and he said he was fairly certain that the day would be warm and sunny!! That is if you believe the weatherman these days. Anyhow, you will all be receiving tickets in the mail and we certainly hope you can do your fair share and sell the ones you receive. Don't forget to at least buy the one for yourself. Once again you have a chance of winning the drawing every five minutes of the contest and at the end the drawn tickets are placed back into the drum with all the rest and the drawing for the Gate Prize takes place. All of these drawings and you don't even have to be out in the beautiful winter weather! Sure hope you can join us and meet some new, and old, friends again. It has always been fun in the past years and all of us are looking forward to meeting and talking with all of you again this year.

UNS Banquet April 8th

Don't forget to mark that new calendar for April 8th at Spirit Mountain. That is the date set for our Annual Banquet. Also, if you know any business people out there please ask them for a donation and contact one of the Board Members or Officers on page 4.

Notes from the Stovepipe by Ken Norenberg © 2010

Well, as a conservationist did the 2010 elections please you or at least not drive you straight into apoplexy? Judging by the numbers and general tenor of local letter-to-the-editors, many folks are really upset about Rep. Jim Oberstars loss. Let us say straight off that his position on gun rights over the years was highly valued and very much appreciated and we thank him for that. The adamant support of pols like him is especially important in light of the fact that most left-wing pols go the other way, and our current Lt. Gov.-elect is a prime example. When a city councilor she, with the city attorneys office, concocted an ordinance for handgun control in Duluth and only after last minute action by some alert citizens was it pulled from the council agenda. That's a fact. A copy of it lies in my files. Might she be the one to break the eerie left-wing silence on gun control? Who knows – have to wait and see. Okay, that's enough politics for now except for two more things, 1) Something tells me there will soon be politics aplenty on some of these topics: Public Lands vs Private Property, Mining, China, Climate and more, and all of them related to conservation and 2) Today is Nov 22, forty-seven years to the day since the JFK assassination. I can safely tell you that, with the perspective of a young man then and an old man now, the world took a very, very bad turn on that Nov. 22, 1963. Turned your auld scribbler (and a lot of others) from being fairly liberal people into hard-nose skeptics and hard-rock believers in conspiracy theory. In fact in my view the 1960's decade was the worst ever for this country, and still is and here's why. But first, forget for a moment all those 60's protesters running around barefoot and bleating about the unfairness of everything – forget the LSD, fairy dust, permissiveness and lack of respect for law and tradition. Think instead about how all of those things contributed to an unconstitutional (and therefore illegal) congressional act (signed into law by one of the world's great hi-jackers), namely the Gun control Act of 1968. What an end run around the 2nd Amendment – think of all the trouble and expense it has caused us, and that's not even the worst of it. What's worse is that it confirmed and further emboldened a process by which the Constitution

- Dec. 1..... Muskie season ends
Lake Trout Season opens
(Lake Superior)**
- Dec. 8..... UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting
Elections of Officers for 2011**
- Dec. 12..... Deer (Muzzleloader) season ends**
- Dec. 21..... Full Cold Moon
First day of Winter**
- Dec. 25..... Merry Christmas to all!**
- Dec. 31..... Deer (Archery) season ends**
- Jan. 1, 2011... Happy New Year
Lake Trout (winter) season
inside BWCAW opens**
- Jan 2..... Pheasant, Grouse and Partridge
seasons end**
- Jan. 5..... UNS Board Meeting
Gander Mountain
7:00 PM**

could be thwarted without having to go through the amendment procedure laid down by the Founders. And that, friends, is what has landed us where we are today – where we've got problems far beyond our normal conservation concerns – trillions in debt, short-tempered politics, air transport that has lost control of it's own destiny....which reminds me, we just lost one of my personal heroes. Remember Northwest Airlines, the pride of Mpls.-St Paul Int'l? Donald Nyrop, the no-nonsense CEO who brought Northwest into industry prominence, has died at age 98. Running a tight, safe airline with the motto "keep it simple and say NO a lot", and believing that the tail does not wag the dog, his many fights with pilots and mechanics (mostly

over work rules, not compensation) usually ended with him on top. Northwest made money for 24 straight years with him running it, even when pilots were on strike! There should be more like him. I wonder how he'd handle the preposterous terrorism business that affects us all today? R.I.P., Mr. Nyrop, you earned it.

Christmas 1943 – the U.S. is deep into WWII, and seen frequently in the American Rifleman was the advertisement “we are 100% in war work and there will be no civilian products available for the duration” – or words to that effect. Some products were available but rationed, like paper, which the gov't must have felt that a total ban would be counter-productive. Mossberg ran a FULL PAGE ad offering to send three free Shooters Guide books to Qualified NRA clubs and individuals. Western - Winchester on the back cover offered a free booklet “Upland Game Restoration” to anyone saying “in wartime, **Nominees sought for 18th annual Minnesota Deer Hunter Ethics Award**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) and Turn In Poachers (TIP) are asking hunters to share stories of exemplary hunting behavior by nominating hunters for the 18th Annual Minnesota Deer Hunter Ethics Award.

The award will honor a deer hunter who has exhibited conduct during the 2010 season that can serve as a positive example to all hunters. Awards for youth and adult divisions will be presented to the selected recipients at an upcoming MDHA event held in their vicinity.

“MDHA is pleased to again co-sponsor this award along with TIP and the DNR”, said MDHA Executive Director Mark Johnson. “This is an important award that highlights the ethical behavior of our deer hunters and singles out the types of ethical hunters we hope all hunters aspire to be: hunters who care about our hunting heritage, care about fairness and care about the image we as hunters portray.”

Patsy Bernhjelm, TIP Board president, added that it recognizes hunters who go the extra mile. “This award encourages ethics above and beyond legal hunting and TIP is proud to be a part of it again this year”.

Anyone may nominate a hunter by writing a letter or e-mail explaining the actions of the nominee and why that person is worthy of this recognition. Both youth and adults are eligible, but nominees must be Minnesota residents. The incidents for which

we Americans must regard our game as a potential food supply, harvesting the surplus carefully, using it wisely, etc., etc. “-- yet another of their ads cautioned that there would be no civilian ammo available. I'm wondering how they figured on the good folks harvesting the surplus carefully and wisely, without ammo? Hi-Standard ran a small, obscure, one-inch ad saying in effect “we aint got any buns”. But if you were a peace officer, a guard, or a cowboy, the gov't would allow you to buy a new steerhide holster from the Geo. Lawrence Co. I'm wondering what-all you could get if you were a singing cowboy?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Next month: Private Property, China, Mining, Global, Climate...

hunters are nominated must have occurred during any of the 2010 Minnesota deer hunting seasons (archery, firearm or muzzleloader).

“We want to hear about deer hunters who have gone out of their way or beyond normal courtesy for others,” said Johnson. “This isn't about not filling a doe tag or not taking a marginal shot. It is about hunters who show genuine concern for others, and the sport of deer hunting, through their thoughtfulness and actions.”

Nominations will be accepted for the Minnesota Deer Hunter's Ethics Award until Friday, Jan. 21. Nomination letters should be sent to Ethical Hunter Award, MDHA, 460 Peterson Road, Grand Rapids, MN 55744-8413m or faxed to 218-327-1349, or e-mailed to kimhanson@mndeerhunters.com

Parents reminded of ice danger to children

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) warns parents to caution their children to stay off ponds, streams and other water bodies that now have a thin coating of ice.

“Every season, people fall through ice they thought was safe,” said Tim Smalley, DNR boat and water safety specialist. “It's especially tragic when these incidents involve children. A quarter of those who die by falling through the ice are nine years old or younger..”

As of Nov. 18, no ice in Minnesota has been reported by the DNR conservation officers as consistently four inches thick, the minimum thickness for walking. Ice safety guidelines also recommend a

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minimum of five inches of new, clear ice for snowmobiles, and eight to 12 inches for automobiles.

Children are often sent outside to play during the holidays – while meals are prepared and presents wrapped – and they can stray onto unsafe ice.

“Many years, we receive reports of children falling through ice and drowning around the holidays,” Smalley said. “Kids are attracted to ice like a magnet. They just don’t know how much ice it takes to support a person, nor what is or isn’t safe.”

Smalley said children should not go out on the ice without adult supervision, even when conditions improve.

The DNR recommends contacting a local bait shop or resort at the destination lake to find out if ice is safe for the planned activities.

DNR invites public input on Lake Vermillion, Soudan Underground Mine state parks draft master plan at upcoming open houses

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites anyone with an interest in Lake Vermillion and Soudan Underground Mine state parks

November 10th, 2010, UNS Members Meeting

Meeting called to Order by President Jim Lemmerman who led us in the conservation pledge

Board Members Present: Jim Lemmerman, Ashley Fletcher, Cindy Craig, Sandy Roberts, Eric Hansen, Joe Roberts, Mike Foy, Jim Jensen, Dan Smestad, Judy Foy, Chuck Cieluch, Mike Drager, Dan Woollett

Motion was made to suspend the normal order of business for our guest Speaker Nancy ????? from

to attend one of two open houses in December to provide input on the parks’ draft master plan.

The draft master plan, which is a cooperative plan for both state parks, includes directional statements about the types of activities (e.g., hiking, camping, boating) that will be offered, how natural and cultural resources will be protected and interpreted, and suggested locations for major facilities within the parks. Minnesota Statutes (MS 86A.09) require a master plan before major park development can begin.

The open houses will be at the following times and locations:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 7, 5 - 8 pm, Silverwood Regional Park, 2500 West County Road E., Fridley, MN

■ Thursday, Dec. 9, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Tower Civic Center, 402 Pine Street, Tower, MN

For an electronic copy, more information, and a public input questionnaire about the parks’ draft master plan, call the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157, or toll free 888-646-6367 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Conservationists with common Sense. She spoke about the Boundary Waters and some of its history! Thank you for your time Nancy!

Agenda: Motion was made by Bob Krepps to approve the agenda, 2nd by Eric Hansen, carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Sandy Roberts to accept the Secretary's Report, 2nd by Cindy Craig, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook Balance is \$4,968.47,

Regular Savings Acct \$5.00, Money Market Acct \$14,497.10, Building Fund \$2,486.89, with a total available funds of \$21,91957.46. Motion was made by Dan Smestad to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills, 2nd by Eric Hansen, carried.

Membership Secretary: Current membership total is 1716

Committee Reports:

Web Master Report - Updated the range use page and events page.

Incident Report - Nothing new to report

Grant Committee - We have been approved \$2,500 for the grant we applied for. More information to come.

Nomination Committee - The call for nominations were called. Nominations as of tonight are as follows: President - Jim Lemmerman, Vice President - ?, Sgt at Arms - Kevin Waino, Secretary - John Bathke, Eric Hansen respectfully declined, Board Members - Chuck Cieluch, Judy Foy, Kevin Stern, Dan Woollett, Dan Smestad, Mike Foy, Bob Curtis, Mike Drager, Jim Jensen, Mark Borac, Bob Krepps. Election will be next month at the Member's Meeting.

By-Laws Committee - Reviewed changes to the by-laws and had our official 1st reading.

Fall Fund Raiser - \$3,824.50 has come in so far. The winners of our drawing are as follows:

1st place of \$250 - Gary R. Page, 2nd place of \$125 - Gary R. Page, 3rd place of \$75 - Stephen Thomas. congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who participated!

Sight-In Days - The sight-in days were very busy! Had a total of 663 guns sight-in.

Old Business:

Insurance - Jim Lemmerman spoke to Greg Brisky about the questions we had. If something happened to the retreat building we would receive \$95,300. If

we wanted to raise the premises/liability on our insurance, then it would go up another \$800 to \$1000 a year.

Campground Permit - We will be grandfathered in and a plot plan is in process.

UNS Rules - Reviewed the rules and changes of rules. Motion was made by Dan Smestad to accept the changes of rules, 2nd by Eric Hansen, carried.

2011 Ice Fishing Contest - Our annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held Sunday, January 30th, 2011. Eric Hansen and Dan Woollett will co-chair the event and Cindy Craig will get tickets. The B&B will be catering as they did last year.

Document Copier - Easiest way to save our documents is to put them on a flash drive. To go back through all of our years of documents we would need a special OCR - Joe Roberts will research it.

New Tables in Retreat - We have our new tables in our retreat building!

New Business:

P.O.W. Flag - A double sided P.O.W. flag and state flag have been ordered.

Pumping of Outhouse - Our outhouse needs to be pumped before winter sets in. Mike Foy will contact and have arranged.

By-laws - We had our 2nd official reading. Motion was made by Eric Hansen to accept the revised by-laws, 2nd by Fred Jarr, carried.

Sick/Distressed - Joe Roberts Jr. is having surgery tomorrow. Richard "Dick" Sundlund has passed away. Cards will be sent.

Attendance Drawing - \$20, Jim Lemmerman
Progressive Drawing - \$50, Steve Marshik - not in attendance to win

Motion to Adjourn - Motion was made by Mike Foy to adjourn the meeting at 9:34pm, 2nd by Mike Drager, carried.