

# United Northern Sportmen's News

Conservation Pledge: I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste, the natural resources of my country - its' air, soil and minerals, its' forests, waters and wildlife.

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## Club Calendar

**August 1 UNS Board Meeting**

**Sportsmen's Retreat**

**6:00 PM Pot Luck**

**7:00 PM Board Meeting**

**August 4 Summer Picnic 12 pm Eat**

**All Ranges Closed**

**August 6-7 9-12 Rifle Range Closed**

**Jason Garner/US Border Patrol**

**August 8 UNS Membership Meeting**

**Sportsmen's Retreat**

**6:00 PM Pot Luck**

**7:00 PM Meeting**

**August 11 Youth Outdoor Field Day**

**All Ranges Closed**

**August 27-28 9-12 Rifle Range Closed**

**Jason Garner/US Border Patrol**

**Sept. 5 UNS Board Meeting**

**Sportsmen's Retreat**

**6:00 PM Pot Luck**

**7:00 PM Board Meeting**

**Sept. 12 UNS Membership Meeting**

**Sportsmen's Retreat**

**6:00 PM Pot Luck**

**7:00 PM Meeting**

**RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found on our Website: [uns-duluth.com](http://uns-duluth.com)**

## Shooting Hours

A reminder about our shooting times. The ranges are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1/2 before sunset. Range closing times are posted on the ranges and also on the bulletin board on the Retreat Bldg. Please obey the rules or you may lose your shooting privileges.

## 2018 UNS SUMMER PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH

We will be having a great BBQ lunch, adult bean bag tournament and lots of games for the children. Come spend the day with us at UNS!

Sign in	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00 noon
Fun & Games	1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Anyone interested in volunteering at the event or have suggestions, please contact Dana Dallum at 218-428-9192.**

## 11TH ANNUAL YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY

One of our clubs priorities is to try to keep our youth involved in the great outdoors. On August 11th UNS will be hosting the 11th annual Youth Outdoor Field Day along with the Lake Superior Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. The activities will be similar to those in past years such as high-powered (deer) rifles, small bore range (.22 cal), archery range, trap range, black powder demonstration, tree stand safety, trapping seminar and we have the very popular Black River Bandits booked for the day as well. Lunch will be served, and participants will have a chance to take home a great prize. As always, this event is free!

While we are just finishing up the final details for the 11th annual Youth Outdoor Field Day event that is hosted in conjunction with MDHA, registration has begun. The event is open to the first 80 kids (ages 8 to 16).

See page 2 for more details.

**This year's UNS event chairs will be Cody and Kathleen Privette. If you are interested in helping out the day of the event contact Cody at 218-260-2932 or [Codyprivette@gmail.com](mailto:Codyprivette@gmail.com).**



Hosted by: *The United Northern Sportsmen's Club  
& The Lake Superior Chapter of the MDHA*

## **CALLING ALL YOUTH**

**Ages 8 - 17**

Get registered for the, **ALL FREE**



# **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Outdoor Field Day**

**Date: Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> Time: 9:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Location: United Northern Sportsmen's Club, 7229 Rice Lake Road  
(1 mile past the Island Lake Bridge, 20 miles north of Duluth on HWY 4)**

*Lunch and Prize Drawings included, (lunch for parents too).*

**Must be Pre-Registered by August 9<sup>th</sup> and be accompanied by a parent.**

*SHOOT: Quickdraw - 22 rimfire rifles – Shotguns on the trap range – Archery –  
Deer caliber rifles – Muzzleloader rifles – and attend a tree stand and a Trapping Seminar.*

**-----Limited to 80 participants-----**

**To Register Call: Paul Pedersen @ 218-590-7716**

**Or**

**Cody Privette 218-260-2932**



### **DNR'S FIRST STATEWIDE DEER PLAN AIMS TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

A new statewide deer plan released today by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources sets new goals and priorities, increases formal opportunities for citizens to influence deer decisions, and aims for a disease-free deer population. The 50-plus page plan is available on the DNR website at <https://www.mndnr.gov/deerplan>.

The plan reflects a two-year planning effort that involved statewide meetings and hundreds of in-depth conversations with citizens and stakeholders. It includes input from a 19-member citizen advisory committee, dozens of public input meetings and open houses, more than 1,100 submitted comments and letters from tribal governments, hunting organizations and others.

"We've listened, and the plan reflects that," said Tom Landwehr, DNR commissioner. "The document is largely about sharing a vision, clarifying expectations and improving two-way communication among hunters and other stakeholders for the benefit of deer management."

### **RUFFED GROUSE COUNTS DOWN, SHARP-TAILED GROUSE DOWN TOO**

Minnesota's ruffed grouse spring drumming counts were down 29 percent statewide this year compared to last year, according to a survey conducted by the DNR. See <https://www.mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse>.

"Surveys indicate the peak occurred last year," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse project leader. "Grouse populations tend to rise and fall on a decade-long cycle and counts this year are pointing to the peak lasting only one year this cycle. This has occurred before, but it's always nice when the cycle stays high a little longer."

## UNS July MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes July 11th, 2018

**Call to Order:** by Director John Bathke at 7:00 pm. Conservation Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Mike Drager and Cody Privette.

**Excused Officers:** Bob Kuettel, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, Dan Smestad, Eric Hansen, and Bob Klein.

**New Member:** Charlie Eck

**Correspondence:** Thank you letter from the St. Louis River Alliance.

**Agenda Additions:** Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

**Reading of Minutes:** Cody Privette read minutes from the June Membership Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

**Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund:** as of 6/30/2018 - Motion made to approve the report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

**Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund:** 1,549 current members. 155 reminders for August and 52 expired reminders.

### Committee Reports:

**Web Master – Eric Hansen:** Eric not present.

**Newsletter Editor – Sue Bathke:** Newsletter deadline is 7/15.

**Incident Reports – Mike Foy:** July 4th people went through the range closed sign and went shooting instead. Had issue with people overstaying on the lake side. Had great help from campers cleaning the retreat.

**Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader:** Zero turn mower is fixed. 48" mower and weed whacker had oil changed. Had 12 new fire rings donated by UPI. Sprayed for weeds. Hauled logs and stacked wood. Had a great help from campers this week. Jay Finout helped out with his tractor hauling dirt. Installed bumper on the dock.

**Grants Committee – Mike Drager:** Mike gave overview of the variance for the dump station from the MDH. DNR grants should be awarded soon. Will follow up again soon.

**Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad:** Dan not present.

**Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel:** Bob not present.

**Finance Report – John Bathke:** Committee meeting was postponed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Campground Long Range Planning –** Nothing new to share.

**Summer Fishing Contest – Tina Sund:** \$2,018.01 total profit. Above last couple years profit.

**Answering Machine Update – Tina Sund:** Tina has the instructions to change the voicemail. Will change soon.

**Summer Picnic- 8/4/18 – John Bathke:** Dana Dallum will chair again this year. Registration is at 11, lunch starts at 12.

**Youth Outdoor Field Day – 8/11/18- Cody Privette:** Gave overview of event.

**UNS Website Committee:** Nothing new to share.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**UNS Banquet 2019 – Tina Sund:** Banquet will be on a Saturday this year. 4/13/19

**Rules for the UNS Club Facilities #13 Change : Addition of Camp Table Rule – John Bathke:** John gave overview of rule change. "make changes to rule #13 on the camping rules to not allow hot items that will melt the plastic table to be placed on the table." Motion to approve the change (M/S/C).

**St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad Donation \$250 – John Bathke:** John gave overview of the donation to be made to SLC rescue squad.

**Second Harvest Food Bank Donation \$100- John Bathke:** John gave overview of the donation made to Second Harvest Food Bank. Discussion followed about the Wildwoods facility.

**Attendance Drawing:** Mike Drager won the \$20.00.

**Progressive Drawing:** Joel T Baker was not present, therefore did not win \$70.

**Members sick or in distress:** George Overfors- Moment of Silence.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made (M/S/C) at 7:41 pm; Carried.

**Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.**

Next meetings will be the August BOD meeting on August 1st and the August Membership meeting on August 8th. Both will be at 7pm at the retreat.

## **IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGINATION: RAINSTORMS ARE GETTING WORSE!**

Scientists are validating U.S. residents' perceptions that rainstorms are getting more severe.

In recent weeks, intense precipitation has inundated the Great Lakes region, the Deep South and the suburbs of major cities along the Atlantic coast. In addition, several cities in Maryland saw serious downpours. Atmospheric researchers say the intense rains are the result of long-rising air temperatures and the rise in the utter size of the storms. Warmer air can hold more water, so storms can produce significantly more rain in a shorter time period.

"Things are definitely getting more extreme," said Andreas Prein, an atmospheric scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. "You just have to look at the records. All areas of the continental U.S. have seen increases in peak rainfall rates in the past 50 years. ... And there is a chance that we are underestimating the risk, actually."  
(Craig/Fritz, Washington Post, June 24, Published June 26th)



### **BISON'S RETURN COULD HELP SAVE THREATENED OAK SAVANNA**

Bison are being reintroduced to Minnesota's Anoka area for the first time in over a century, part of a larger effort to save endangered oak savanna ecosystems. The mix of oak trees and prairie once made up 9 percent of the state. But under 1 percent remains after land clearing for crops and domestic animals. At the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, scientists have been looking at how to save the savanna since the 1960s.

One critical piece is fire. It can help clear out plants and trees that shade the prairie and kill the grass. But it also makes it difficult for oak saplings to survive. Scientists hope the bison will remedy that problem by eating the grasses that compete for space and nutrients, making more room for oak saplings to grow and making blazes less intense.

"It's bringing back a missing piece of the puzzle," said Forest Isbell, an assistant professor of ecology at the University of Minnesota who helped lead the project. "It's about time." At the same time, bison have likely been gone from the ecosystem for more than 150 years, so some scientists don't know what to expect. They could, for instance, just as easily trample the young oaks.

"Whatever it is, it is — whether the bison come out to be the hero or goats," said David Tilman, Cedar Creek's director.  
(Hannah Covington, Minneapolis Star Tribune, June 17, Published June 18, 2018).

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