

# 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

- Dec. 4**      **UNS Board Meeting \*\***  
**Sportmen's Retreat**  
**6:00 PM Pot Luck**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**
- Dec. 11**     **UNS Annual Meeting**  
**Sportmen's Retreat**  
**6:00 PM Ham Dinner**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**  
**Newsletter Deadline**
- Jan. 8**      **UNS Board Meeting \*\***  
**Sportmen's Retreat**  
**6:00 PM Pot Luck**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**
- Jan. 26**     **UNS Ice Fishing Contest**
- April 25**    **UNS Annual Banquet**

**\*\* Members are encouraged to attend!!**

**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 ½ hour 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.**

## GIVE A GIFT OF UNS MEMBERSHIP

Do you need an idea for Christmas or a Birthday gift for your children, grandchildren, siblings or friends? Give a gift of membership in the United Northern Sportmen's Club! What better way is there to share all the wonderful things that UNS has to offer than a membership in our conservation club. Contact Tina Sund, 218-591-3304, [tsund@unitednorthernsportsmen.org](mailto:tsund@unitednorthernsportsmen.org) to purchase.

## UNS ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 11TH

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 7 PM to conduct the following business:

- 1) A second reading of board recommended changes to the UNS Constitution and By Laws and a vote for approval.
- 2) The Nominating Committee for 2020 elections has proposed a slate of candidates to fill three Board of Directors positions and the first call for candidates from the floor took place at the Special Member Meeting held on November 13th. A second call for candidates and election will be held.
- 3) Approval of the 2020 UNS Budget.
- 4) Other necessary club business will be transacted.

## 2020 UNS ELECTIONS

If you have any questions or are interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee, please contact Duane Lasley at [duanellasley@gmail.com](mailto:duanellasley@gmail.com), or phone or text 218-310-4273.

## 67TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

The 67th Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm at the United Northern Sportmen Retreat on Island Lake.

In addition to the Gate Prize of \$2000, there will be prizes for the largest fish caught: 1st Place \$1000, 2nd Place \$500, 3rd Place \$250, 4th Place \$125 and 5th Place \$75. For the youngsters, age fifteen and under a \$50 prize, and trophy. During the contest, great fishing prizes will be awarded every ten minutes (you need not be present to win).

A wonderful opportunity for some winter fun with family and friends! As always, we hope for the best possible weather. So, come join the festivities while supporting the conservation and youth endeavors our club engages in.

Tickets have been sent out. If you need more to sell - call, email or text Tina Sund, 218-591-3304, [cms0789@gmail.com](mailto:cms0789@gmail.com). Volunteers are always needed to help with the event. Please call Tom Wasbotten, 218-721-4864 if you are interested in helping out.

## FALL FUNDRAISER AND SIGHT-IN

Our Fall Fundraiser and Sight-In has come to a close. The drawing for our Raffle was held at our Special Members Meeting on Wednesday November 13, 2019.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Browning Challenger Rosewood Stock 22 Semi-Automatic: Tom Harvey  
Henry Golden Boy Lever Octagon 22LR 20in: Conrad Sund  
Savage Axis II XP Hardwood 308WIN 22in: Dylan Nihart-Priar  
Smith & Wesson M+P 9 Shield M2.0 CTC 9mm 3.1in.: Holly Pappas

We would also like to send a special thank you to the following volunteers: Howard Farmer (lead range officer), Mike Hart (Dutch Oven cobbler maker and range officer), Duane Lasley (food preparation and range officer), Lance Parthe (range monitoring and range officer), Bill Kleaver (range monitoring and range officer), Gene Bondeson, Tom Harvey, Frank Radloff, Cody Privette, Brian Privette, Lucas Nordby, Tom Kulas, Frank Bowman, Darrell Hanson (range officers), Bob Kuettel, Larry Chesney, Vicky Jensen, and Tina Sund with the Site Administration, Raffle, New Member Sign up and Snacks during the event.

## UNS ANNUAL BANQUET

Save the Date....The United Northern Sportsmen Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the AAD Shrine Auditorium in Hermantown. More details to come as we get closer to the Banquet. If you are interested in helping out at this year's banquet, contact Eric Hansen at 218-831-8646, or [gonefishing0101@hotmail.com](mailto:gonefishing0101@hotmail.com). Events like this support the conservation and youth endeavors our club engages in.



## CAMP HOST POSITION FOR THE 2020 CAMPING SEASON

The United Northern Sportsmen operates a campground at our property on the shores of Island Lake which is staffed by a campground host from Memorial Day weekend in May through Labor Day in September. The club is looking for a person to fill the position of Campground Host for the 2020 camping season. This position includes free camping including electrical power, water hookup, waste disposal and an annual combination membership. The position would be ideal for a retired couple looking for an opportunity to camp free for the season at a campground with access to beautiful Island Lake via our boat launch with shoreline docking.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact the club president, Tom Wasbotten at 218-721-4864 or 763-228-8889 for complete details.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES WANTED

Did you know that the emailed version of the newsletter is different? It usually contains an additional article and links to expanded articles found on various websites as well as the link to the UNS website.

We are half way toward our goal of 95% participation in emailing out all our of the communications via email. This allows us to increase the content of our newsletter as well as a more efficient way to communicate with the membership in a timely and eco-friendly way. After all - we are a conservation club!

So the next time you renew your membership, or even tomorrow, please let us know your email address. Emails may be sent to Duane Lasley, [duanellasley@gmail.com](mailto:duanellasley@gmail.com).

## UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2019

**Call to Order:** by Vice-President Bob Kuettel@ 7:00 pm. Conservation Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, Larry Chesney, Eric Hansen, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Duane Lasley.

**Excused Officers:** Cody Privette, Dave Shrader and Dan Smestad.

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

**Minutes:** John Bathke read minutes from the October 2nd BOD meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as corrected (M/S/C).

**Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund:** Presented financial reports as of 10/31/2019 explained some transfers. There were several large bills in October - property taxes, sales tax and insurance. Motion made to accept the report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

**Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund:** 1,660 current members; New members/Renewals 91 single, 19 combination.

### Committee Reports:

**Web Master – Eric Hansen:** Updated the website and Facebook with range calendar and events.

**Newsletter – Sue Bathke:** Deadline is 11/15, right after the Nov. 13th Special Meeting.

**Incident Reports – Mike Foy and others:** None.

**Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Bob Kuettel:** Garage Door broke - a new door is expected to be installed Nov. 7 or 8 while many board members will be present. Chimney caps were installed on the Retreat chimney and the Camp Host building vent. Matting has been changed on the pistol range, docks were pulled up (thank you, Lance!). Huge thank you to John Jones who did all the work on the Retreat chimney.

**Grants Committee – Gene Shaw:** Is collecting information for grant applications due at the end of the month.

**Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad:** None

**Finance Committee – John Bathke:** The committee is meeting every month and the results of most discussions are presented at board meetings.

**Ranger Operations & Facilities Committee – Bob Kuettel:** Reported that plowing for the winter is mostly resolved, report later in the agenda. There is nothing for the range calendar after Nov. 8th end of sight-in.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel:** Almost done.

**Constitution and Bylaws – Tom Wasbotten:** Led presentation and discussion of proposed changes to both the Constitution and the Bylaws. Motion (M/S/C) to approve the proposed changes and forward to the Special Meeting November 13th. Motion (M/S/C) to amend to include changing "Board" to "Board of Directors" in B.4.5. Main motion carried.

**Nominations – Duane Lasley:** We have 4 nominations for 3 positions. There will be further calls for nominees at the next Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

**Fall Fundraiser and Sight-in – Bob Kuettel:** Reported that our numbers are about the same as the last two years with a last minute rush expected Thursday and Friday. Daylight savings time hurt us as there is one less hour of shooting at the end of the day. Raffle boards are selling, one is sold out. Drawing will be at the Nov. 13th Special Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Ice Fishing Contest Jan. 26th – Tom Wasbotten:** A kick-off meeting was held at Valentini's following the Celebration of Life for Mike Drager on Nov. 2nd. Dan Woollett, who has headed up this event for years, was present and talked about what has been done so far this year. Tom had lists of work to be done and work was divided up among the volunteers.

**Snow Plowing Contract, Snow Blowing and Shoveling – Tom Wasbotten:** The snow plowing contract was offered to last year's contractor at the same price, he declined, so the contract was awarded to 2nd bid by Chad Binge who plowed for the ice fishing contest last year. (M/S/C) Motion to award the snow blowing and shoveling contract to Mike Foy, \$30 per time 4" or more of snow. (M/S/C)

**Pine Tree in the Bore Range:** After discussion matter was tabled for discussion and decision at January meeting. (M/S/C)

**Membership Dues – Tom Wasbotten:** Tom led discussion about raising dues. Finance Committee is considering and will bring recommendation to the board.

**Mike Drager Memorial – Tom Wasbotten:** Tom led discussion about possibly establishing a stone/plaque dedication for the Trap Range to Mike. Motion to pursue (M/S/C). Comments include planting some pines as part of the memorial.

**UMD Rod and Gun Club:** Tom was contacted by their president. They proposed collaborating on an ice fishing fundraiser. Tom explained UNS's contest. Motion to contact them to pursue their helping us with our contest. (M/S/C)

**Timber Sales MN WMA and AMAs:** The local chapter of the Issac Walton League invited UNS to sign on a group letter asking the DNR to reevaluate implementation of the plans to cut timber on wildlife management areas (WMAs) and aquatic management areas (AMAs). Long discussion. Motion to invite the wildlife manager of the Canosia WMA to a UNS Board of Directors Meeting. (M/S/C)

**Members sick or in distress:** Dan Smestad, Bev Tullgren (Died 10/14)

Motion made to have a ham dinner at the Annual Meeting on Dec. 11th. (M/S/C)

**Adjournment:** Motion was made at 9:03 pm (M/S/C).

Submitted by John Bathke.

Meeting Reminders: Special Meeting Nov. 13; BOD Meeting Dec. 4; Annual Meeting Dec. 11; and BOD Meeting Jan. 8 at 7 pm at the Retreat.

## UNS SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2019

**Call to Order:** by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:59 pm. Conservation Pledge.

**Moment of Silence:** for Beverly Tullgren and US Service Veterans

**Roll Call - Officers Present:** Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, Larry Chesney, Eric Hansen, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Duane Lasley, Tom Wasbotten. **Members:** Dennis Fink, Lance Haavisto, Vickie Jensen, Lance Parthe.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C).

The special meeting was called for three purposes - First reading of proposed changes to the UNS Bylaws and Constitution; Nominations for elections at the Annual Meeting in December; and drawings of winners in the Fall Fundraiser raffles.

**First Reading of proposed changes to the UNS Bylaws and Constitution:** Tom Wasbotten introduced all of the proposed changes, reading through in order and explaining the rationale for each.

**Motion:** To add "and such audit shall be performed by the State Auditor" (M/S/C).

**Nominations for elections at the Annual Meeting in December:** Duane Lasley introduced the nominees (so far) for open seats on the board - 3 Directors: Larry Chesney, Lance Haavisto, Eric Hansen, Lance Parthe. After 3 calls for additional nominees there were none. There will be another call for nominees at the Annual Meeting on December 11th.

**Drawings of winners in Fall Fundraiser raffles:** Tina Sund ran the drawings with various people drawing winning numbers.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made at 7:36 pm (M/S/C). Submitted by John Bathke

Next meetings to be held at the Retreat: BOD Meeting Dec. 4th, 7 pm; Annual Meeting Dec. 11th, 7 pm.

## DNR ADVISES PEOPLE TO STAY OFF THE ICE

Unseasonably cold weather means ice making has begun on many lakes across the state, but DNR conservation officers advise people to stay off of the still-forming ice. That's because ice thickness is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. Emergency responders already have responded to incidents where anglers have fallen through thin ice or been stranded on ice sheets that broke off from the shoreline due to heavy wind.

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet. The minimum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice are: 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.; 5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle; 8-12 inches for a car or small pickup; 12-15 inches for a medium truck. Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

**Ice safety guidelines:** No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

See [www.mndnr.gov/icesafety](http://www.mndnr.gov/icesafety).

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