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 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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RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found on
 our Website: uns-duluth.com

Annual UNS Ice Fishing Contest WINNERS

Drawing Winners: 12:30 David Torrance, 12:40 Kathy Wilczek, 12:50 Pat McAuliffe, 1:00 Jaxon Benedix, 1:10 Heidi Slattengren, 1:20 Lowell Olson, 1:30 Eric VanHees, 1:40 Travis Loree, 1:50 Tom Okstad, 2:00 Jackie Dargatz, 2:10 Brent Roth, 2:20 Nancy Landwehr, 2:30 December Hadrich, 2:40 Carter Tanski, 2:50 Linda CcCubbin, 3:00 Scott Cadstleman, 3:10 Dan Wakefield, #20 Ryan McCarthy, 3:30 Greg Mattson.

The **Gate Prize** of \$2000 went to Mike Nelson of Duluth. Fishing Prizes were as follows: **1st Place** of \$1000 and a Plaque went to Mike Laliberte -1.35# Walleye, **2nd Place** of \$500 and a Plaque went to Matt Hjelben - 1.34# Walleye, **3rd Place** of \$250 and a Plaque went to Nick Baer .85# Crappie, **4th Place** of \$125 went to Jill Meyer-Pratt-.78# Rock Bass, **5th Place** of \$75 (Tie) went to Rob Regele .68# Perch and Randy Lampton .68# Northern. The **Youth Division** of \$50 and a Plaque went to Brett Sundland with a .58# Perch. **We would like to give a special thank you to all volunteers that helped make this event a successful one.**

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Club Calendar

- Feb. 7** **UNS Board Meeting**
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 Meeting

- Feb 14** **UNS Membership Meeting**
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 Membership Meeting

- Happy Valentine's Day**

- Feb. 18** **Spearing for rough fish**
Closes

- Feb. 25** **Walleye, Sauger, Pike and**
Bass seasons close

- Feb. 28** **MN/SD boarder waters**
Walleye and Northern Pike
Closes. Mink and Muskrat
Seasons close. Rabbit and
Squirrel seasons close.

Additional Ice Fishing Contest Info.

Special thanks to: Jason Manning from KQDS for announcing, Kevin Schrader for supplying the Ice Castle, Marine General, Chalstrom's Bait, Fisherman's Corner, Outdoor Advantage, RJ's Sport and Cycle, B&B Market and last but not least all of our volunteers who helped make this event a success. THANK YOU

2018 UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING (\$25 PER PERSON) _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING. Mail completed registration form, along with a check to: Dan Smestad, 4136 Kingston Road, Duluth, MN 55803, 525-3669. Request must be received by March 23rd to be eligible for Early Bird Drawing. After April 6th the cost will be \$50 per person. Tickets picked up at the door.

United Northern Sportsmen's Annual Awards Banquet April 13, 2018 5:00 PM - ? Shrine Auditorium – 5152 Miller Trunk Highway

(Club Notes Continued)

UNS Website Committee-Bob Kuettel: Still waiting on Lance Parthe to meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Berm Construction on Rifle Range-Bob Kuettel: Bob Kuettel gave overview of need to construct a berm on the west side of the range to be safety compliant.

Approve Board Recommended Change to the " Rules for the UNS Facility #11" - Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of BOD recommended rule change. Motion by Mike Hart, 2nd by Bob Klein; Carried.

Approve Board Recommended: "UNS Travel Reimbursement Policy" - John Bathke: John gave an overview of the committee recommended change to reimbursement procedure. Motion by John Bathke, 2nd by Gene Shaw; Carried.**Motion Ledger Committee-Bob Kuettel:** Nothing to report, will form committee soon. Bob gave overview of need for committee.

Campground Long Range Planning Committee- Bob Kuettel: Tom Wasbotten gave overview of the committee's purpose. Review the camping portion of the club.

Attendance Drawing: Duane Lasley won the \$20.00

Progressive Drawing: Luke Mitchell was not present, therefore did not win \$70.

Members sick or in distress: Joe Roberts mother passed away.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Eric Hansen, 2nd by Mike Foy at 8:01 pm; Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next Meetings will be the February BOD meeting on 2/7 and the February Membership meeting on 2/14. Both will be at 7pm at the retreat.

Walk-In Access generates revenue for landowners, signups open now

Landowners can generate revenue by allowing public hunting on their private land in 46 Minnesota counties through the Department of Natural Resources Walk-In

Access Program. Sign-ups are Monday, Jan. 22, to Friday, April 27.

"This program is a win-win for landowners and hunters," said Scott Roemhildt, DNR Walk-In Access coordinator. "And what's more, by signing up for three years, landowners can qualify for habitat enhancement on their Walk-In Access acres."

For Walk-In Access, eligible parcels must be at least 40 acres and covered by high quality natural vegetation. Landowners are paid by the acre to allow hunting access from Sept. 1 to May 31. Bonuses are paid on parcels that enroll in a three-year contract, are more than 140 acres and are located near a state wildlife management area or federal waterfowl production area.

"This may be an opportune time for landowners to sign up for this program because there is some uncertainty about how it will be funded in the 2018 Farm Bill," Roemhildt said.

In a change this year, landowners who enroll in a three-year contract also may qualify for up to \$20,000 in habitat enhancements on their land for prescribed burning, removing invasive trees and brush, or planting native species.

Walk-In Access parcels are for public hunting only and no motorized vehicles are allowed on conservation land. Bright yellow-green signs identify area boundaries and parking is along roads or in designated parking areas. Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for acres enrolled in Walk-In Access.

Walk-In Access began in 2011 and has grown to more than 26,700 acres in 2017. The program is currently funded through 2018 with a three-year grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under number 69-3A75-16-509. Other funding comes through a surcharge on nonresident hunting licenses, a one-time appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature in 2012 and donations from hunters..

Club Notes from January 10th, 2018

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:00 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Installation of 2018 Officers & Trustees: Tom Wasbotten presented the Officers and Trustees for 2018. Bob Kuettel is Vice President, Tina Sund is Treasurer, Dan Smestad, Gene Shaw, and John Bathke are 3 year officers

Announce Appointed Positions for 2018: Tom Wasbotten announce the following appointed positions. Joe Roberts is Newsletter Editor, Sandy Roberts is the Membership Secretary, Eric Hansen is Webmaster, and Mike Foy is the Camp Host.

Roll Call of Officers: Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Bob Klein, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, Eric Hansen, John Bathke, and Cody

Judy Foy; Carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from January was also read.

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 12/31/17 We will have 4th quarter sales tax due, estimate \$1,015.

Motion to approve the report and pay the bills by Bob Klein, 2nd by Larry Chesney; Carried

Membership Secretary's Report- Sandy Roberts: Tom on behalf: Current membership is 1,639, 10 2nd notices were sent, and \$1,773 was deposited.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Posted both fishing contests, banquet and January newsletter on website and Facebook page.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: Nothing new

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave

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Excused Officers: Sandy Roberts, Joe Roberts, Mike Drager, and Dan Smestad

Presentations: Summer Shooting League award- Mike Hart: Dave Shrader 2nd place 22lr scope class and 2nd place hunter group. 1st place 22 scoped Al Bray. 1st place hunter group: Steven Balliette 1st place open site 22 and 1st place open class Mike Hart

Correspondence: Shot News Quarterly

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions by Gene Shaw 2nd by Mike Foy; Carried. **Reading of Minutes:** Cody Privette read minutes from the December Membership Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Mike Hart, 2nd by

Shrader: Nothing new to report.

Volunteer Awards: Dan Smestad: Dan not present
Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Nothing for January. Steve Holt has the retreat and pistol range on 2/3/18

John Bathke: Committee has men, and currently working on 9 of 23 potential projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet April 13, 2018 – Eric Hansen : Still need to meet to assign tasks.

Ice Fishing Contest January 28, 2018 – Eric Hansen: Outhouses ordered, \$4,045 in tickets sold so far. At least 15" of ice. We have an MC and have our permits. Ads are proofed and ready to go

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