

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

- Oct. 26-27** Fall Sight-In, Gun Raffle
Rifle Range, Open to public
- Nov. 2-8** Fall Sight-In, Gun Raffle
Rifle Range, Open to public
- Nov. 6** UNS Board Meeting **
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting
- Nov. 13** Special Members Meeting, 7 PM
Sportmen's Retreat
Changes to the Constitution
Nomination: Board Candidates
Gun Raffle Drawing
Newsletter Deadline
- Dec. 4** UNS Board Meeting **
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting
- Dec. 11** UNS Annual Meeting, 7 PM
Sportmen's Retreat
- 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.**

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.

FALL FUNDRAISER AND SIGHT-IN

The Fall Fundraiser and Sight-In is in full swing. Sight-In dates are October 26-27 and November 2 through 8. Hours are 8 AM to ½ hour before sunset. The cost is \$5.00 per rifle. If you have not already sighted in your gun stop by. This event is open to the public and helps us cover costs of our youth activities.

In conjunction with the Sight-In we are having a raffle for the following four guns: a Henry Golden Boy Lever Action Octagon 22 LR 20 inch, a Browning Challenger Rosewood Stock 22 Semi-Automatic, a Savage Axis II XP Hardwood 308 WIN 22 inch with scope, and a Smith & Wesson M+P 9 Shield M2.0 CTC 9 MM 3.1 inch. Gun raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Stop by during our Sight-In days to view the guns and pick up raffle tickets. The drawings will be held at our Special Members Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th. You need not be present to win.

UNS SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH

The president has called a Special Members Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm to conduct the following business:

- 1) The first reading of board recommended changes to the UNS Constitution and By Laws. A second reading and vote for approval will be held at the annual membership meeting on December 11th.
- 2) The Nominating Committee for 2020 elections will propose a slate of candidates to fill three Board of Directors positions and will have the first call for candidates from the floor. A second call for candidates and election will be held at the annual membership meeting on December 11th.
- 3) The Fall Fundraiser gun raffle drawings will take place.

UNS ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 11TH

The annual members meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 7pm to conduct club business including approval of board recommended constitution changes, approval of the 2020 club budget, and election of candidates to three year board of directors positions. Other necessary club business will be transacted.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

The United Northern Sportsmen's 67th Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at the Sportsmen Retreat on Island Lake. Further information will be sent to all club members in November. For advance information call Dan Woollett at 218-590-7076.

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.

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 uns-duluth.com.

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.



2020 UNS ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER

Have you thought about becoming more involved in the club? Would you like to help guide how the club operates? If so, then opportunity is knocking. YOUR club is looking for candidates for the board of directors. There are three vacancies that need to be filled at the election held in December.

Board members attend monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the retreat (7229 Rice Lake Rd.) and are elected to three year terms. Electronic attendance is OK.

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

The Nominating Committee will propose a slate of officers at the November meeting and elections will be held during the December meeting. All members nominated must be in good standing for a minimum of one year by the December meeting.

Duane Lasley, Sergeant-at-Arms/Nominating Committee Chair

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2019

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

Roll Call of Officers: Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, Dan Smestad, Larry Chesney, Eric Hansen, Kyle Berg, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Duane Lasley and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Mike Drager, Judy Foy, Dave Shrader.

New Members:

Presentation: Duane Lasley

Correspondence:

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

Reading of the Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes from the September BOD meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as corrected (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 9/30/2019 - Motion made to accept the report and pay the bills (M/S/C). Insurance premiums are due.

Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund: 1,653 current members; 112 renewals and 56 second notices were sent out.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Posted range reservations, events and Fall Fundraiser on Web pages and Facebook.

Newsletter – Sue Bathke: Deadline is 10/15.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: None to share. Bob Kuettel: Many non-members were shooting.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Bob Kuettel: Had a work party. All the picnic tables are in, fire rings moved, too cold to move the docks, and pulled out the trailer for the IFC.

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: MNDNR opportunity to get kids outside. M/S/C to give Gene Shaw the authority to apply as he sees fit.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Hours posted. Ordering 3 jackets.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Border Patrol 10/7 and 10/8. Sight-in Days 10/19,10/21,10/26,10/27, and 11/2-11/8.

Finance Committee – John Bathke: Meet on Monday. Had many items to discuss.

Ranger Operations & Facilities Committee – Bob Kuettel: Have to discuss a process for running the trap range.

OLD BUSINESS:

UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel: Dewey couldn't make it tonight. Will meet soon. Discussion followed about volunteer info.

AED Location and Training – Bob Kuettel: Will finalize after training meeting.

Snow Plowing Contract – Tom Wasbotten: Last year we bid it out with two responses. Suggested that we give the contract to Pat Dodge again this year. M/S/C awarded to Pat Dodge.

Trap Range – Bob Kuettel: Covered above.

NEW BUSINESS:

November Membership Meeting Constitution, By-Laws, and Election – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of the need for a special meeting in November to change the constitution as well as calling for nominations for the BOD.

Formation of Nominating Committee – Tom Wasbotten: Two people must be nominated on the committee by the president which will be Duane Lasley and Dan Smestad. John Bathke and Kyle Berg were selected by the BOD. Tina Sund was selected by the committee.

Fall Fundraiser and Sight-in – Bob Kuettel & Tina Sund: Tina has ordered everything. Need more description on the guns for the raffle tickets. Lance forgot the posters. Bob will print them. Cody will sign up for Facebook sponsored ad NTE \$100.

2020 Budget Requests – Tom Wasbotten & Tina Sund: Still waiting for budget info for next year.

Club Officer Nominations and Election – Tom Wasbotten: Covered above.

Work Parties – Bob Kuettel: Will try to have work parties on Saturdays.

Membership Dues – Bob Kuettel: Will refer to Finance Committee.

President's Comments: On 9/5/19 attended a Walleye status meeting. The MNDNR is proposing changes to remediate the issue of smaller size walleyes in Island Lake. The DNR is looking at three options for Island Lake walleye limits.

Members sick or in distress: None

Adjournment: Motion was made at 8:38 pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next BOD Meeting will be November 6th at 7pm at the Retreat. A Special Membership Meeting will be November 13th at 7 pm at the retreat.

SCOUTING FOR DEER THIS FALL? SCOUT FOR DEER BROWSE, TOO

We've still got fall color on our minds, especially now that peak color is almost done in the North. If you haven't already, be sure to check out the MNDNR's Fall Color Finder to keep tabs on those changing leaves. Fall is also a good time to do some last minute planting of trees and woody plants. And while you're out working in your woods or prepping your gardens for winter, keep your eyes open for jumping worms, one of Minnesota's newest invasive species.

A deer's diet consists of a variety of crops, grasses, vegetation, acorns, and nuts. A healthy deer will have a diverse diet with a variety of different foods. Every day, a deer requires an estimated 6 to 8 percent of their body weight in green foliage and browse to stay healthy. For a 150-pound deer, that's up to 12 pounds of food every day!

Too much browse from deer can kill or limit the growth of tree seedlings, a fact that foresters and woodland owners know very well. Over decades, deer populations can greatly impact the look and feel of woodlands. Fortunately, knowing which tree seedlings are growing in your woods and which ones are browsed can give you more details on a deer's diet.

Deer will start by browsing the most preferred or palatable trees first. If there are high populations of deer in an area, preferred plants will see more browsing which can lead to other plants (that deer don't like) outcompeting and taking over. So what does it mean if deer are browsing spruce seedlings? Likely that deer are getting desperate and other food sources are limited. Evidence of large deer populations in the past can be seen in a woodland that is dominated by invasive plants like buckthorn and garlic mustard, and even ferns. Deer avoid browsing invasive plants and ferns because they are not as digestible compared to other vegetation.

The browse of deer on twigs can look similar to the browse made by other woodland creatures, like rabbits and hare. Deer are messy eaters, and you can find this when investigating a seedling. This is because deer only have incisors on their lower jaw and requires them to "shred" their food. Browse from rabbits and other herbivores is always sharp and cut at an angle, due to the fact that they have incisors on both their upper and lower jaws.

More evidence of deer browse impacts is the presence of a browse line on nearby trees. Think of northern white cedar growing along a lake shore, where there are no green branches until about six feet up. In Minnesota the browse line is typically around six feet, but with a deep snow depth and a hungry deer, the browse line could be closer to nine feet.

Knowing which species are being browsed can also give you insight which methods can be used to protect seedlings. Budcapping trees is commonly done to protect pines from winter deer browse. Budcapping involves attaching a small 3x4-inch piece of paper along the central bud of the seedling. For the central buds of oaks, a similar process can be used by using balloons instead of paper. Although much more costly with more time and effort needed, fencing can be constructed around individual trees or larger areas several acres in size.

Choose this link [My Minnesota Woods](#) for the expanded article.
From the Extension Forestry Team, September 22, 2019



*Deer browse (left) and rabbit browse (right).
Deer are messy eaters and "shred" their food.
Rabbit browse is sharp and cut at an angle.
(Photo: University of Nebraska Extension)*

DNR Fish and Wildlife Almanac

Stay informed. Here's a weekly list of news briefs about fish, wildlife and habitat management.

No Child Left Inside grant applications open Oct. 23

Applications open 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, for a new Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant program called "No Child Left Inside," which is intended to help more children fish, hunt, hike, bike or simply learn more about nature. Public entities and nonprofit organizations serving youth under age 18 are eligible to apply for this first phase of the program. Funding can be used for outdoor recreation and education equipment, transportation and related expenses. Applications will be reviewed and funds will be awarded on a rolling basis, and the DNR will accept applications until all funds have been awarded. For details on the grant program and how to apply, visit the DNR's [No Child Left Inside grant page](#).

Planning a hunt? DNR maps can help

Online maps from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources can help in planning a hunt. Hunters can use the maps to find public land, plan routes to and from a hunting location, or get a better sense of terrain and habitat features. The [DNR maps page](#) lists maps that include permit areas for deer, bear and turkey hunting; chronic wasting disease zones; hunter walking trails; ruffed grouse management areas; Walk-In Access lands; and wildlife management areas; plus the DNR Recreation Compass that shows multiple types of public land.



Corey Kitzmann of Davenport, Iowa, with his state catch-and-release record muskie.

DNR CERTIFIES NEW CATCH-AND-RELEASE STATE RECORD MUSKIE
LAKE VERMILION CATCH HAS SPECIAL MEANING FOR ANGLER AT HIS FAMILY CABIN

An angler on Lake Vermilion caught and released Minnesota’s new state record muskellunge, a 57 1/4 inch fish that he called a “true giant.”

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources certified the state catch-and-release record fish on Oct. 11. The 57 1/4 inch fish had a 25 1/2 inch girth with an estimated weight of about 47 pounds. The previous record was a 56 7/8 inch fish caught on Pelican Lake in Otter Tail County in 2016.

The record catch took on special meaning for new record-holder Corey Kitzmann of Davenport, Iowa. While alone on Aug. 6 at his family cabin on Lake Vermilion, Kitzmann was sitting at the table tying a homemade bucktail lure.

“I worked my way through my favorite milk run of spots with my newly tied bucktail, thinking about all the ways my buddy had impacted my life and the memories we had shared together,” Kitzmann said. “I’m not sure there is a better place in the entire world to reflect on life than in a boat on Lake Vermilion.” After a couple hours with no action, he pulled up to one of his favorite spots that had been hot earlier in the week, fishing with his bucktail and 80-pound line.

“When I set the hook, I knew immediately that I had a nice fish on. It wasn’t until the fish made its way to the side of the boat that I realized I had a true giant,” he said. The fish made a couple of trips around the boat, under the trolling motor, and even gave a jump or two. Kitzmann grabbed his net and managed to make a successful scoop to net the fish and haul it into the boat. A nearby boater and his family had been watching the fight unfold and Kitzmann waved his arms asking for help. A man pulled up, jumped in his boat and was able to take photos and assist with the release.

After a few photos, Kitzmann got the fish back in the water, supported its belly and watched the fish swim out of sight. He described what followed as two hours of floating aimlessly across the lake making phone calls to family and friends, including his dad who had gotten him into muskie fishing when he was 8 years old.

The DNR announces new state records in news releases, on social media and on the DNR website. Find current records and guidelines for each type of state record at mndnr.gov/recordfish.

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