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**October is a busy month at UNS**

**W**ith October comes a load of jobs to be taken care of at the Retreat. First, the bouys have to be taken in. Then the docks have to come in. The fire rings have to be cleaned and piled up. The water lines have to be winterized and anything that is in the garage or any of the outbuildings that may freeze over the winter and be damaged must be picked up and placed into the Retreat. Also, all of the picnic tables that are still decent have to be picked up and placed into storage for the winter. A number of members have asked from time to time what they can do to earn hours toward their UNS Jackets? Well this is a good time to get some hours. None of the jobs are really that hard but they all take time and effort. The more members we have to help the faster it all gets done. And then we all can sit down to dinner. Every first and second Wednesday of the month are our Board Meetings, the first and Membership meetings, the second. Before each meeting we have a work party and then a Pot Luck dinner before the meeting. So you all are more than welcome to come and help and earn your hours and then bring a hot-dish for the Pot Luck dinner. This is also a good time for some of our new members to get involved and meet some of the "old veterans". Thanks ahead of time and hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings.

<b>Club Calendar</b>	
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>UNS Board Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Meeting Work party prior to</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Lake trout summer Season on lake Superior closes</b>
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>UNS Membership Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat 6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Meeting Work party prior to \$50 Attendance drawing</b>
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Pheasant season opens</b>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Bear season ends</b>
<b>Oct.17/18</b>	<b>Camp Ripley first deer Season</b>

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to be purchased when needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Klein, carried. **Boat ramp:** Jim Lemmerman will send in the paperwork for the permit tomorrow. **Security system:** Kevin Stern, the system is currently being installed, Lance Parthegave a report on the system, all areas of UNS property and vehicles entering the property will be recorded. **Paving:** Joe Roberts reported on bids to pave in front of the large bore and small bore ranges. **Walleye case:** Jon Polecheck reported on the cost. **Mining operation:** Bob Krepps reports that Phelps Dodge Corp. has approx 480 acres on lease in MN. **NEW BUSINESS: Clay Pigeon thrower:** Bob Kuettel reported on prices to purchase new ones, prices range from \$50 to \$100. **Ice fishing contest:** Eric Hansen says Dan Woollett scheduled the contest on Jan 26, 2014. **Correspondence:** was shared. **Attendance Drawing:** Jim Jensen won the \$20.00. **Progressive Drawing:** Cindy Craig was present to win \$100.00. **Members sick or in distress:** none reported. **Adjournment:** motion made by Mike Foy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Tulgren at 8:25 pm; carried.

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### **Fall fund-raiser**

**D**oreen Lane, Chairperson of the fall fund-raiser says that all of the tickets have been mailed and some are starting to come in. Please, try your best to sell these tickets or buy them yourselves. This is one of our easiest fund-raisers and you shouldn't have a problem selling a ticket for \$1 that gives you a chance on \$450. The drawing will be at the November Membership Meeting and we hope to see all of you there.

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### **Firearms Safety Instructors**

**W**ithin the last week or two I have had a number of calls with questions on how to become a Minnesota Firearms Safety Instructor. After checking the DNR website I came up with the following.

The DNR has over 4000 volunteer firearm safety instructors that train approximately 23,000

tstudents annually. As of 2008, over **one million students** have been certified. Volunteers are essential to make this program work. Without volunteers this program would not be successful.

Classroom Safety Instructor training sessions are taught by Regional training Officers (RTOs) with the division of enforcement and are free of charge. During the training session, you will learn about the policy and procedures, teaching concepts, use of training aids and classroom training techniques.

One of the essential requirements to becoming a volunteer safety instructor is having knowledge of the course materials you will be responsible for teaching. Many applicants have taken a firearms safety course as a youth, which may have been over 15, 20, 25 or 30 years ago. Even though the basics of firearms handling and hunting ethics have not changed for several decades, over the last 5 to 7 years, the firearms safety course content has been updated. Instructors must complete an online Hunter Ed course sponsored by [WWW.huntercourse.com](http://WWW.huntercourse.com).

Certified volunteer instructor requirements: At least 18 years old and pass a BCA background application check. For more information go to the DNR website or you may contact Kevin Stern at 218-348-4918.

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### **Wanted – Range and Field Day Instructors**

**J**ust before this paper went to print I came across an article I thought would fit with the article above.

Consider becoming a Certified Volunteer Hunter Education Youth Firearms Safety Instructor for the NEW Range and Field Day on-line course option. Pass on your passion for hunting and shooting sports by teaching ethics and safety to future hunters. Successful applicants will be trained to use methods and procedures for instructing youth and adults in hunter education firearms safety. Become certified and join a team in your community. Consider inviting friends to attend the training with you.

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### **Shower for Campground**

**T**he showers, part of a list of requirements mandated by the state will not be finished this year do to some unforeseen health problems. They will, however be done before next summer's camping season.

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## UNS Club Notes for Sept. 2013

**Call to order:** by President Jim Lemmerman @ 7:00 PM.**Moment of Silence:** for the victims of the 911 attack and the attack on Bengazi 2 years ago.**Roll call of officers:** Jim Lemmerman, Kevin Stern, Joe Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Eric Hansen, Cindy Craig, Dan Smestad, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Kevin Waino, Mike Drager, Bob Curtis, Bob Krepps, Tom Wasbotten, Bob Kuettel.**Excused Officers:** John Bathke & Dan Woollett.**Members present at the meeting:** Robert Horn, Kevin Schroeder, and Aaron Linwall.**Reading of Minutes:** Eric Hansen read minutes from the 8.14.13 Membership meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected was made by

Eric Hansen: updated events page, added September reservations to range page and added events to our Face Book page  
**Incident reports** – Joe Roberts reported on an incident with a member.**Grants committee** - Kevin Stern has mailed the FNRA grant request.**Volunteer time** – Kevin Stern reviewed membership benefits for the new members present.**School of Fish on Ice:** Jim Lemmerman reported on information about this event. It will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.**College Field Skills Days:** is Sept 12, we need more volunteers.**Sight-In Days:** Bob Kuettel says we need volunteers. The ranges are ready.**Fall Fund Raiser:** Sandy Roberts says tickets are out.**Picnic Table Fund:** Joe

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Cindy Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Stern, carried. Board of Directors minutes from 9.4.13 were also read.**Agenda additions:** Joe Roberts: Blacktopping ranges, Jon Polecheck: walleye case, Eric Hansen: Ice Fishing Contest, Cindy Craig: YTD Financials, Jim Jensen: Brass sorters, Bob Kuettel: clay pigeon throwers. Cindy Craig made a motion to approve the agenda with the new additions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Roberts, carried.**Treasurer's report** Dan Smestad made a motion to accept and pay our bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Drager, carried. Cindy Craig reported on UNS 2013 YTD financials; a discussion followed.**Membership secretary's report:** Sandy Roberts – current membership is 1544.**Committee reports: Web master –**

Roberts has already received a check for the replacement fund from the article in the Newsletter.**OLD BUSINESS:MCF:** Sandy Roberts gave a report: as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> the MOOD Magazine will be on-line only, there won't be an additional \$5.00 charge for MCF membership; a \$250 fee will give all UNS members membership in MCF, WOW will be on-line also and a donation will be requested towards it. Dan Smestad made a motion to pay the \$250.00 towards membership in MCF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Roberts, carried.**Showers:** Joe Roberts reported on work to meet MN State requirements: Joe purchased PEX pipe & checked on propane on-demand-water heaters from Menards. Dan Smestad made a motion

to spend up to \$1500 for a tankless water heater

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