

2010 Fall Fund-raiser

As you already know, these times have been hard on all of us and the last thing we want to talk about is the possibility of having to raise the dues for our club. But that possibility has been talked about. That is unless we do our fair share and all dig deep to help.

By this time all of our members should have received 10 tickets in the mail for our Fall Fund-raiser. We ask that you all either sell these or if you don't like selling tickets buy them yourselves. There were a total of 13,110 tickets mailed out and if everyone did their fair share to help we would make a profit of approx. \$11,610. Not only would it be our most profitable event since the termination of the smelt fry but it would put to rest the rumors of having to raise the dues. I can not emphasize enough the need for everyone to send in their \$10. It would make the day to day running of this club much easier for those officers who are really concerned about the direction of the club. Besides that if you buy all of the tickets yourself you may even win the cash.

Who couldn't use an extra \$250, \$125 or even \$75 with Christmas right around the corner? Once again, **Please, Please, Please** send in your \$10 and ticket stubs. The drawing will be at the November Membership Meeting and you need not even be present to win.

October Membership Meeting worth \$100

The Attendance Drawing has reached \$100 and will be given away at the October meeting. The

only requirement is that you will have to be present to win. So we expect a good turn-out and would love to see you there for the Pot Luck Dinner and the meeting that follows.

Oct. 2.....Waterfowl season opens

**Oct. 6.....UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:00PM
Work Party prior to**

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**Wild Turkey first fall season
opens (5 days)**

Oct. 16.....Pheasant Season opens

Oct. 17.....Bear Season ends

**Oct. 20.....Wild Turkey second fall
Season opens (5 days)**

**Oct. 31.....Happy Halloween
Stream trout in lakes
(Summer) season closes**

It's a New Day

Ha! It's October, prime time for outdoor Northerners – and I don't know for sure where we are going with the Notes this month because we got a brand new stovepipe up at our place in the woods. The Genial old stovepipe had, like many of us in the passage of time become rustier and crustier, teetering around to the point where he was dangerous – not only to himself but to everyone who visited his domain when he was hot and blowing smoke. So it was time for retirement and replacement. Anybody who has been reading these notes will remember that your cross-threaded auld scribbler depended on our old stovepipe for information, entertainment, advice, and rumor too, if it appeared useful to UNS and Conservation causes. What will the new pipe do for us? I dunno. Too soon to tell. Have to wait and see what he comes up with, after he's been fired up a few times when the mercury outside hits zero and tempers inside hit for the moon. The new pipe is straighter, sturdier, slicker and tighter and so it will probably be over-confident, under-informed, less cautious and less conservative. In that regard kind of like humans too, in that the young ones think the old ones are fools but the old ones know that the young ones are – not all of them of course and not all the time either, but as a general rule that's true. But I digress, and again, we'll have to wait and see. Meanwhile something I've wanted to do for a long time is to dig into my NRA and sporting archives and bring to the Notes some history and insight on how things used to be.....

Seventy-five years ago, October 1935, American Rifleman magazine reported at length on the National Shooting Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio in September. There had been no Nationals in 1932, '33, and '34 due to the Depression so 1935 was a year of exceptional excitement for U.S. shooters (kind of like 2010 and the Appleseed Program). In previous years the Nationals had been dominated by the experts of the U.S. military and police shooting teams, but depression-era “budget cuts” (sound familiar) had starved those teams of marksmanship practice

ammo, and 1935 civilian individuals and teams placed at or near the top in every match. This was HUGE in 1935. Probably the most astonishing feat was Mr. Ben Comfort of St. Louis, winning the Wimbledon Cup with a perfect 100 for 20 consecutive shots at 1000 yards, beating 1480 civilian and military riflemen. He had designed his own match rifle, caliber 300 H&H magnum, for which WESTERN ballistics engineers developed a unique cartridge using the special WESTERN 180 gr. Bullet. His heavy rifle was equipped with a Winchester barrel and carried a 5-power scope. 20 shots. 1000 yards. Five power. “Truly a remarkable triumph for Mr. Comfort's skill both as designer and rifleman” – said NRA. Now you notice that WESTERN is 100% capitalized but Winchester isn't? That's because Western had recently bought bankrupt Winchester and so WESTERN was calling the shots (in more ways than one). WESTERN CTG. Co. of East Alton, Illinois had purchased eight full-page ads in American Rifleman to tout their brand and honor their winning shooters. The leading U.S. powder company in 1935 was DuPont/Remington/Peters which had purchased only five ad pages. Do we detect a little (friendly?) Competition between giant DuPont and upstart WESTERN in 1935? – to be continued. Stay tuned.

Among the differences noted between the Oct. '35 American Rifleman and the 2010 edition (arrived just a couple days ago), the current edition carries a dozen pages of comment on politics and gun control. In 1935 there was not one word about politics and only two short paragraphs on gun control. One of them reported a “liberalized” Pennsylvania statute requiring licensed hunters and fishermen to register any gun they wished to carry while hunting or fishing – “and a registration fee of 15 cents will be charged”. Hoo-Boy. So much for insult and injury in 1935.

Many of today's commercial products were available in 1935 too: Hoppe's No. 9, Woolrich and Pendleton wool shirts at \$4-\$8, 3-in-one oil, box of 100 Gov't 30-06 ctgs. at \$2.25, and Four Star Lincoln Hotel in NYC offered 1400 rooms WITH BATH and RADIO at \$2.50 single and \$3.50 double. Lots of classifieds

offering guns of all kinds, many at distressed prices. Tough times for the sportsmen.

Next Month: Deer Time

Range Use for October

The Minnesota Conservation Federation

We have been getting quite a few phone calls asking about the MCF option on the Membership Application so I decided to do a little article on it.

What is the MCF

The Minnesota Conservation Federation is a “common sense” conservation organization made up of hunters, anglers and others dedicated to the enjoyment of the ethical use of our natural resources.

The MCF has attempted to provide effective leadership for key conservation efforts through educational programs, legislative counsel, mobilizing support from our individual members, affiliate sportsmen’s clubs, state wide conservation groups and the wider public and through our affiliation with the National Wildlife Federation.

The Minnesota Conservation Federation was founded in 1936 as a state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. It was at the time of the Dust Bowl. Forests withered, marshes disappeared, and there was real concern that the continent’s waterfowl could be headed for extinction. MCF was formed with the idea of uniting hunters and anglers, campers, hikers, as well as, other outdoor enthusiasts behind the “idea of conservation”.

Over the years MCF has supported programs that attempts to educate the public about Minnesota’s wonderful diverse natural resources.

We publish Minnesota Out of Doors (MOOD) magazine to keep our members informed about ongoing conservation issues.

Walk on the Wildside (WOW) is published for upper elementary school students. It is focused on learning about our Minnesota forests, wildlife and waters.

MCF works hard every day to protect wildlife, land and water habitat through acquiring and protecting WMAs and securing funding for Reinvest Minnesota (RIM). We work to ensure that the National clean Water Act remains on

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Oct. 23-24, Fall Fund-raiser Sight-in, all day

Oct. 30-31, Fall Fund-raiser Sight-in, all day

target in order to protect our vital wetlands and headwater streams. We work to ensure that our public lands are managed in a balanced way that ensures these treasurers are as productive for their fish and wildlife resources as they are for their natural beauty.

The mission of the MCF can best be summed up in the pledge that is offered before every meeting of the organization: “I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.

Who is the MCF

The Minnesota Conservation Federation is a membership organization that consists of 35 local sportsmen’s clubs, seven statewide organizations, and 285 independent members. The mission of the organization is to provide and protect access to the great out of doors for Minnesotans through public action and private contributions. The MCF is a state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation that works nationally on conservation, environmental, and habitat projects and policies.

Why should you care about MCF and why should you consider either joining or donating your time, sponsorship, or money to the organization? Because these are just a few things we have accomplished since 1936:

- Established the 1st gun safety classes in MN.
- Worked for years to have hundred of thousand of acres of Consolidated Conservation lands in northwestern MN saved and protected as Wildlife Management Areas, where hunting is allowed and habitats are protected.
- Extended pheasant season.
- Established a dove season.
- Opposed deer winter feeding.
- Pass and maintain a strong Wetlands Conservation Act to protect wetlands from development and agricultural pressures.

- Passage of a constitutional amendment to protect the right to hunt and fish in MN.
 - Working on stronger laws, rules, and policies for stream and ditch buffers.
 - De-listing of the gray wolf and DNR management plan.
 - Worked hard on the passage of legislation to protect gun clubs in terms of land use changes and development pressures.
 - Worked for 10 years to get the constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of a sales tax increase for habitat, hunting, fishing, the environment, and clean water.
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Next Month: Local Sportsmen's Clubs the key!

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Club Notes

Sept. 8th, 2010 Members Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Jim Lemmerman who led us in the Conservation Pledge. **Board Members present** were Jim Lemmerman, Kevin Stern, Ashley Fletcher, Cindy Craig, Kevin Waino, Sandy Roberts, Eric Hansen, Joe Roberts, Mike Foy, Jim Jensen, Dan Smestad, Judy Foy and Bob Curtis.

Motion was made by Sandy Roberts to suspend the normal order of business for our Guest Speaker, Mike Schrage, 2nd by John Bathke and carried. Mike Schrage spoke about moose population research that he has taken part in. Very informative. Thank you for coming to speak to us. **Agenda:** Motion was made by John Bathke to approve the agenda with additions, 2nd by Cindy Craig, carried. **Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Sandy Roberts to accept the Secretary's Report, 2nd by Cindy Craig, carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Checkbook balance is \$5,236.39, Regular Savings Acct. is \$5.00, Money Market Acct. \$14,480.20, Building Fund \$2,191.29, with a total of all available funds of \$21,912.88. Motion made by John Bathke to approve the treasurer's report and to pay the bills, 2nd by Mike Foy and carried. **Membership Secretary:** Current membership is 1748.

Committee Reports: Web Master Report - Updated the range use page. Youth Day pictures will be added soon. **Retreat Improvements** - Secured tables on range, purchased amp for garage, and our trap shooter is being fixed. **Grant Committee** - Nothing new to report. **Promotional Committee** - nothing new to report. **By-laws Committee** - Went through the first reading/viewing of the by-laws changes. **Awards Committee** - Dan Woollett turned in his 200+ volunteer hours. Ted Johnson turned in his volunteer hours reaching 500 hours. **Old Business: Garage**

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Shelves - Fred Freeman built shelves in the garage. We are going to ask him to build some more. **22's needing repair** - Currently 4 of our guns are at the gun smith to be repaired. **MN Dept. of Health** - Kevin Stern brought up a request by the MN Dept. of Health regarding a form that needs to be filled out for the campgrounds and the fees that need to be paid. Kevin Stern and Leland Levin will follow up with the Dept. of Health. **Gravel** - we can get more gravel as soon as the crusher at the gravel pit is repaired. Mike Foy will deliver gravel. **Gnesen Newsletter** - All paperwork for the Gnesen Newsletter has been filled out and sent in. **New Business: Fall Fund-Raiser** - John Bathke volunteered to be our chairperson. **Rifle Sight-in** - Kevin Waino and Kevin Stern will co-chair this event. **Garage wiring** - motion was made by Joe Roberts to spend up to \$150 for some wiring and electrical equipment for the garage. 2nd by Mike Foy and carried. **Sam's Club** - our renewal date is November 20. Motion was made by Dan Smestad to renew our membership at Sam's Club, 2nd by John Bathke and carried. **Duluth Deer Classic** - The Duluth Deer Classic will be held Feb. 16th through Feb. 20th at the DECC. Motion was made by Kevin Stern not to partake in the Duluth Deer Classic this upcoming year, 2nd by Kevin Waino, carried. **Mentoring** - We have been invited by the Duluth Retriever Club to attend a meeting on how to get more youth involved in outdoors and conservation, etc. Jim Lemmerman and John Bathke will attend meeting representing UNS. **Computer** - Motion was made by Bob Curtis to reimburse Cindy Craig \$150 for her computer repair, 2nd by John Bathke and carried. **Correspondence** - shared. **Attendance Drawing** - \$20, Sandy Roberts. **Progressive Drawing** - Stephen Carlson, not in attendance to win. **Motion to Adjourn** - motion made

by Mike Foy to adjourn the meeting at 9:35PM, 2nd by
Howard Tullgren and carried.
