

4th Annual UNS/MDHA Youth Outdoor Field Day

The 2010, 4th Annual Youth Outdoor Field Day went off with a bang,. Many, many of them. The event was again a great success. The weather was great, as was the participation and volunteering, as well as the individuals and business's that donated to help make this event possible. We had a total of 70 participants. Everyone had a great time and all are looking forward to next year. It is so great to see so many of our youth interested in the shooting sports.

Donations are a big part of this event and we thank those who did so. The UNS's own Jim Weiss donated, as he did last year, one of the end-of-event prize 22 rimfire rifles, which had a glitch in the drawing and the name of the lucky gal will be drawn at the September Membership Meeting. The UNS donated a 20 gauge shotgun that was won by Faith Privett. The other rifle and 20 gauge shotgun came from the co-host of the event, the Lake Superior chapter of the MDHA. The winner of the 22 rimfire rifle for the boys was Mitch Erickson and the shotgun winner was Nick Sater. You winners have lots of fun and shoot safe.

Donations of ammunition were made by Marine General, Superior Shooters Supply, Fisherman's Corner, Chalstrom's Bait and Tackle, Adolph Store and Fredenberg Minnow-ette. Marine General, Superior Shooters and Chalstrom's also donated items that were used in additional drawings. Donations of cash were also donated by local businesses. Duluth Lawn and Sport and Marine General became annual contributing Sponsors and gave us a banner to put

up. we also got a banner from Gander Mountain. Gander Mountain was a major

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| Sept. 4..... | Early Canada Goose season opens |
| Sept. 8..... | UNS Membership Meeting Sportsmen's Retreat Pot Luck 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00PM Work party prior to |
| Sept. 9..... | Antlerless Deer/Special Hunts Application Deadline |
| Sept. 18..... | Archery Deer season opens Grouse, gray partridge, sharp tailed grouse rabbit and squirrel season opens |
| Sept. 22..... | Early Canada Goose season ends |
| Sept. 25-26.. | Take a Kid Hunting weekend Woodcock season opens |
| Sept. 30..... | Lake trout (Lake Superior) Season ends Stream trout in streams (summer) season ends |

Nuts

There's nothing, there's no place like Northern Minnesota in September – and by that I mean, roughly, that part of Minnesota North of Hinckley and East of highways 72 and 371, what most folks think of as “up North”. And that goes for not only September but for the 50 or so days thereafter as well. Life is good here and there should be more of it. Why isn't there more of it? The big-picture answer is that, unless a person is employed up North by the government one way or another, making a living up here is more than a little uncertain. Way too many young folks are literally forced to abandon up North and make their livings elsewhere, and it's been that way for over 50 years that I know of. So, why is that the case? The big-picture answer to that one is.....politics and of course economics. Let's look at a couple of items that have been sticking in my craw for a long time.

ITEM– Roads. A quick look at any state-wide road map clearly shows almost all major or trunk highways leading toward urban centers. In Minnesota there are only 3 or 4 exceptions to that and only one of those has been upgraded from early 20th century capacity, namely US-2 between Duluth and Grand Forks. And only in fairly recent (15-25 years) times has US-2 been improved with intermittent passing lanes on some of the eastern half, and with 4-lane status on the western half. There is no direct road at all between the regions only seaport and the regions dominant agricultural center, Fargo-Moorhead. You couldn't haul a load of grain by truck for export from Fargo without traveling half-way on an inefficient, roundabout back-woods route, and it works the same way for imports, and our economic dynamics show it. Here we sit 40 or 50 years beyond the St. Lawrence Seaway grand opening, for port and related businesses throttled by horse-an-buggy roadways. NUTS.

ITEM– Beyond Roads. Concentrations of power are always dangerous. Always. That's why the Founders wrote the 2nd Amendment, but here's a little different perspective. It's April 1998 and the “Citizens Advisory Committee to Promote Minnesota's Hunting, Fishing, and

Trapping Heritage” has just issued it's 49-page report to the MNDNR Commissioner, the Legislature, and the Citizens of Minnesota. Quite a mouthful, eh? This major report, to help people understand how they benefit from natural resources, developed “Goals for Conservation and Recreation in Minnesota: Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Wildlife Observation,” and touted the RIM program. Another mouthful– and all well and good, right? Right, but your paranoid auld scribe noticed this: of the 15 Committee members, none, NOT ONE lived up North and in fact none lived North of Sauk Rapids. In fact then, none had any first-hand knowledge of economic concerns, at any level, of any up North citizen. Even though “up North” is the designated and acknowledged place to go and relax and enjoy natural resources, we were kept out of the loop on this blue-ribbon panel. It seems that everything is directed to the lower third of the State. NUTS

Can you see by the examples cited above, a picture of long-time discrimination by the politically powerful majority? I could cite a lot more, too – you ain't seen nothing yet.

See ya around. Good Hunting and Hiking to all.

Next Month – Better Days

Range use for September

Sept. 13, Steve Holt Retreat 10AM-11AM, Pistol Range 11AM-2PM, Border Patrol, Rifle Range 9AM-1PM

Sept. 14, Border Patrol Rifle Range 9AM-1PM

Sept. 18, Big Dog CCW Retreat 9AM-5PM and Pistol Range 2PM-3PM

Sept. 27, Border Patrol Rifle Range 9AM-1PM

Sept. 28, Border Patrol Rifle Range 9AM-1PM

Article on Big Game Shoot/Site-in Range and Fall Fundraiser next month!!!

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contributor to this event also and helped us tremendously with the survival bottles we handed out at the survival seminar. Krause Sheet Metal, Heating & Cooling, Lakehead Clutch and Brake also helped a lot with donations of cash. Midway :USA, Birchwood-Casey Targets and Brunton also helped with this event. If you use any of these business's or know any of these people, thank them when you see them.

Volunteers are a big part of this too and thanks go out to the following: Jim Weiss, who donated the use of his canopy for the Survival seminar and expertise of putting it up and taking it down. Sandy Roberts and Judy Foy for managing the registration and helping to serve lunch with the help of Howard Tullgren and Jim and Barb Weiss.

This year Joe Roberts again managed the Laser Shot station. Brad Trevina was the expert at the Survival seminar and Jason Brickley and Paul Pederson managed the Trap station. Also, at the Archery station were managers Raymond Zylka and Andy Thorstad. The 22 rifle station managers were Leland Levin, Bob Krepps, Larry Erickson, Jim Lemmerman and Fred Freeman. Managers for the Deer Rifle station were Jim Jensen and Dan Woollett. We had two new stations this year with new member Joe Hoerz, pronounced Hertz, managing the Muzzleloader rifles. Also, the Duluth retrievers Club did a Retrieving Dog station on the lake side of the UNS, managed by Dave Jordet and Kim Keeler, both from the Duluth Retrievers club. What a great job these volunteers did.

To finish up, we also want to thank the DNR for the use of the Laser Shot Simulator and the presence of Conservation Officer Kip Duncan.

Till next year.....shoot much, shoot straight, shoot safe and apologize to no one for doing so.

Summer Picnic Review

The Annual UNS summer picnic was held on Saturday August 7th and as usual the weather was great. All those who attended had a great picnic lunch which was followed by an afternoon of fun and games for all. This years Horseshoe

Champions were John and Andrea Almquist. The picnic concluded with the annual sawdust piles for adults and kids alike.

This picnic wouldn't have been possible without the help from a number of dedicated UNS members. I would like to thank my wife, Judy, for all the hours she spent with me. I would like to thank Sandy Roberts for potato salad and fine beans. I would like to thank Jim Weiss and Doreen Lane for cooking all the brats and hotdogs and burgers, Mike Birol from Lester River Sawmill for the donation of the sawdust, Sheri Zosel for taking care of the registration table, Paul and Sheri Zosel from Wendy's in Cloquet and London Road for the donation of toys and gift cards for the sawdust piles. I would like to thank all my other helpers Joe Roberts, Pat & Don Jakubek, Jim Jensen, Jon & Jan Polecheck, Kevin Waino and son Eric for cooking the corn, Bob Curtis, Conrad and Tina Sund, Dan Woollett, Martina & Ed Cayemberg, Julie Stern and Kevin Stern for running the Horseshoe Contest.

Thank You All, Mike Foy

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Electricity to campsites: Kevin Stern has requested that

electric be run to 3 additional campsites: 5, 6 & 7. Motion made by Kevin Stern and 2nd by Mike Foy. passed Bob Curtis would like 220 volt outlet installed in the garage. Mike Foy talked to MN Power to have exposed wire in the lake 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 will follow-up with Dept of Health. New Business: Ted Johnson

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request for July 4 and July 24,
2011Correspondence: Three MN
Conservation Federation resolutions were
read. Sandy Roberts made a motion UNS
support the RIM resolution, 2nd by Kevin
Stern, carried.Dan Smestad made motion
to NOT accept the Wildlife Feeding of birds
resolution, 2nd by Ted Johnson,
passed.Mike Drager made motion we
support the School Trust resolution. 2nd by
Leland Levin, passed.Members sick or in
distress: Joe R. will have surgery at the end

Club Notes

UNS Member meeting August 11,
2010Call to Order by President Jim
LemmermanConservation PledgeRoll call of
Officers: Jim Lemmerman, Kevin Stern,
Cindy Craig, Sandy Roberts, Leland Levin,
Ken Norenberg, Jim Jenson, Dan Smestad,
Mike Drager, Judy Foy, Bob Curtis and
Mike FoyIntroduction of visitors and new
members: Larry, Joe and Jerry.Approve
agenda: Motion to accept by Cindy Craig
and 2nd by Ted Johnson, passed.Reading of

of the month and Cindy C. was briefly in
the hospital but she is all better
now!!Attendance Drawing: Sandy Roberts
won the \$20.00Progressive Drawing: Gary
Dosser won the \$80.00Adjournment:
Motion by Howard Tulgren, 2nd by Ted
Johnson, passed

minutes: Eric Hansen - motion to accept
by Joe Roberts and 2nd by Dan Smestad,
passed.Treasurer's Report: Cindy Craig -
Dan Smestad made motion to accept and
pay bills, 2nd by Joe Roberts,
passed.Membership Secretary Report:
Sandy Roberts - motion to accept by and
2nd by(sorry I missed this one).Committee
Reports:Web Master: Eric Hansen - updates
on the Activities page and Range Use page.
Also, Otter which was mounted by John
Polecheck was presented to Peter Gravett,

Exec Director @ Hartley Nature Center. Picture is on Range Use page on web site. Retreat Improvements: Bob Curtis - Gabel ends of garage were painted by himself and another member. Mike Foy thanked the member for his time. Bob Curtis has the sander that a member donated. Grants Committee: Kevin Stern & Mike Drager - Kevin Stern reports that the safe has been delivered to the clubhouse but that all firearms are not in the safe yet. Mike Drager has sent in another grant for \$10,006.00. We should know if it has been accepted sometime in April or May, 2011. UNS Promotional Committee: Update on UNS DVD - Kevin Stern reports that there have been no updates from Lance Parthe regarding the updated UNS DVD. Kevin will follow-up. By Laws Committee: Kevin Stern reports that changes been made and will go through the UNS board for approval then presented to the UNS membership for approval. Sandy Robert stated that the changes will be presented to the Board at the September Board meeting. Member Appreciation Picnic: Mike Foy did a great job with the picnic. THANK YOU! All members who attended had a great time! Old

Business: Youth Day: Kevin Stern called for more volunteers in addition to the help he has lined up. Eco-Bags: This product did not make it in the Twin Cities so Home Depot will not carry them at the Duluth Store. Scanner: Best Buy should get one in for us to look at. Mike Drager will ask friends about borrowing a scanner. Gnesen Township: Cindy C. will follow-up with them re: the local paper we sent in a subscription for. Longer lease for UNS property with MN Power: Will not be pursued. 22's needing repair: Kevin Stern brought up that some of the 22's for Youth Firearm Safety program need repair. He will bring them to Gander Mt. They have done repairs at no charge in the past. Ted Johnson thanked UNS for allowing his family to use the grounds on July 4th weekend. He enrolled 4 new members over the weekend! Garage Shelves: Kevin Stern asked that we ask Fred Freeman build more shelves in the new garage. A committee was formed for shelf design and to ask Fred. Motion made by Sandy Roberts and 2nd by Kevin Strern, passed.

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