

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

**Ranges Closed on Mondays,
for Maintenance, Reserved Activities**

- Mar. 1** UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Apr. 5** UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- May 1** UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Jun. 7** UNS Board Meeting
6:00pm, Clubhouse or Zoom
- Jun. 10** UNS School of Fish
9:30am - 12
- Aug. 19** UNS Youth Outdoor Field Day

All members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP Eric at gonefishing0101@hotmail.com. If the meeting is via Zoom a connection will be provided when you RSVP.

RANGE USE CALENDAR
may be found on our Website:
www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org

SHOOTING HOURS

Range hours: 8am to 30 minutes before sunset. All ranges are closed on Mondays. Range opening and closing times are posted on the ranges and the bulletin board on the Clubhouse Bldg. Please obey the rules or lose your shooting privileges.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE:

A monthly newsletter is emailed before the end of the month. A printed newsletter will be mailed quarterly, at the beginning of each quarter. Articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. If you have an article you would like share or photos please send to sue@b-green.us. It may be shared space permitting.

EMAILS WANTED:

Remember, the next time you renew your membership, or even tomorrow, send us your current email address so you may receive our enhanced news letter electronically and sooner. Emails may be sent to unsclub@gmail.com.

BIG THANKS TO THE ICE FISHING CONTEST VOLUNTEERS!

As the chairs of our recently completed ice fishing contest, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make our 69th annual a success. It got to be a little chilly toward the end, but it sure beats the temperatures on January 29th - our original date. The crowd seemed to be enjoying themselves and catching fish. We view this as one of our best and most successful community oriented events. It is our way of giving back to the Duluth area by having a nice family type winter activity. The kids have a great time and the look on their faces as they bring a fish up to be weighed is worth all the effort. This event also raises funds which are mostly used to support other youth oriented activities. We appreciate your volunteering to be a part of a well regarded and longstanding tradition at UNS.

Eric, Gene, Tina, & Tom



St Louis County Rescue Squad

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Members perform a first aid standby at the United Northern Sportsmen's ice fishing contest on Island Lake this afternoon. The UNS is the Rescue Squad's oldest benefactor, having built and outfitted our first rescue truck back in 1958. (Alaina Gacek photo)



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UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, February 8, 2023

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:00pm. **Conservation Pledge** was recited.

Roll Call of Officers: Tom Wasbotten, Lance Parthe, Tina Sund, Duane Lasley, Vickie Jensen, Lance Haavisto, John Bathke, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Ron Cretens, Maggie Cretens. **Excused Officers:** Jeff Jarvela, Bob Kuettel.

Appointed Positions Attending: Sue Bathke.

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter, Gnesen membership renewal for Gnesen Community Center.

Agenda Additions & Approval: Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read the minutes from the January 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Motion made to accept the minutes as read and (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 1/31/23 Motion made to approve the Treasurer's, report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 1/31/23: Current membership is 1487 Individual Membership renewals: 25 and 0 new, Family Membership 8 and 3 new. Coming up in March: 87 renewals:

OTHER REPORTS:

Web Master: Eric Hansen: made updates to the UNS website and to the Facebook page about range reservations and the UNS Ice Fishing Contest.

Facilities Committee: Lance Parthe says we are getting ready for our ice fishing contest, snow removal is a challenge because of early snow and ground that had not frozen yet, the generator is fixed and the PA system works. Warm days brought out a lot of shooters. Tom Wasbotten distributed a list of repairs, maintenance and improvements for the club.

Range and Grounds Calendar: Lance Parthe said there were no new reservations.

Incident Report: Lance Parthe said there were no incidents.

Volunteer Awards Committee: Vickie Jensen: no new awards. Tom Wasbotten: our new awards program was published in UNS Newsletter

Communication Committee: Co-Chairs Maggie Cretens & Lance Haavisto and John Bathke said there was nothing new to report, they will meet soon. Tom Wasbotten asked Maggie and Lance to explain how the committee will work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Development Committee: Lance Parthe: the web site is completed we just need content for it. He suggested meeting on a Saturday to create content for the site. Suggestion made to check out 'Bunker Lake' web site.

UNS Youth Outdoor Field Day August 2023 – John Bathke, Maggie Cretens, Lance Parthe: John & Cody Privette have not connected yet. August 19, 2023 was decided upon as the date.

69th Annual UNS Ice Fishing Contest – Tina Sund, Gene Shaw, Eric Hansen, Tom Wasbotten: Eric reported all permits have been approved with the new date. We will meet at 9:00 AM Saturday for pre-fishing meeting, then at 8:30 AM on Sunday for the contest. Discussion of contest details followed. Tom commented on change in regulations for walleyes on Island Lake.

Dump Station Variance MN Dept of Health – Tom Wasbotten : spoke to Callie Harrison from MN Dept of Health. Our application will to be reviewed on Feb 14, 2023.

School of Fish Sat June 10, 2023 – Tom Wasbotten: School of Fish is scheduled for June 10, 2023 from 9:30 to noon. Mike Frisch will teach the event. Jeff Jarvela is the chairperson.

Club Donations to the Community 2023: Tom Wasbotten spoke on the donation recipients from last year. Bob Kuettel talked about the history of UNS donations to the St Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. Tom spoke about other organizations UNS donates to.

NEW BUSINESS:

Russ Francisco Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame Inductee – Tom Wasbotten: A motion to have the Communications Committee send Russ a letter of congratulations (M/S/C). Amendment to also send a letter of congratulations to Jan Bernu as "Forester of the Year". Amendment carried and motion carried (M/S/C).

Property Damage Insurance Check Received – Tom Wasbotten: Tom explained the dollar amounts listed on the claim. Some buildings are 'replacement cost' while others are 'depreciated cost'. Lance Parthe made a motion to accept the check and deposit it for current and future repairs (M/S/C).

Members Sick or in Distress: Vern Barstad.

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment: In Person Meeting on March 1st at 6:pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:43pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

69TH ANNUAL UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN ICE FISHING CONTEST

A Winning Day

The United Northern Sportsmen annual ice fishing contest was held on Sunday, February 19th at Island Lake across from the UNS grounds. There were 314 contestants on the ice competing for largest fish by weight. Numerous other prizes were also awarded. The event, originally scheduled for January 29th, had been postponed due to extremely cold weather.

The Gate Prize Drawing of \$1000 was won by Brett Hauer.

WINNERS IN THE ADULT FISH CATEGORY

First Place winner of \$1000 and Trophy went to Renee Budislovich for catching a 1.47 pound Northern.

Second Place winner of \$500 and Trophy went to Ted Agarrison for catching a 1.06 pound Northern.

Third Place winner of \$250 and Trophy went to Layton Hedin for catching a .97 pound Crappie.

Fourth Place winner of \$125 went to Misty Pawlowicz for catching a .95 pound Perch.

Fifth Place winner of \$75 went to Peter Kangas for catching a .83 pound Walleye.

WINNERS IN THE YOUTH FISH CATEGORY

First Place winner of \$50, Trophy, and Prize Package went to Wyatt McRae for catching a 1.02 pound Northern.

Second Place winner of a Prize Package went to Rain Benson for catching a .55 pound Walleye.

Third Place winner of a Prize Package went to Carsen Wolken for catching a .50 pound Perch.

A total of 21 fish were submitted at the weigh in station.

In addition, for those fishing the contest, there were many other prizes. During the three hour event we had 19 winners of our 10 minute drawings. Finally, 16 raffle drawing winners were chosen at the end of the contest.

This was another successful ice fishing contest thanks to many including our local event sponsors: Marine General, Minno-ette, Fisherman's Corner, Chalstroms Bait & Tackle, Outdoor Advantage, and Northwest Outlet. B&B Market Concessions were there with good food & drinks. Also thanks to Mark Nelson and Bobcat of Duluth, Inc. and Lance Parthe for plowing the parking lots, Jason Manning from KQDS for announcing, the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad for emergency backup, Conrad Sund for the use of his trailer, and everyone who sold tickets.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers that make this club the great conservation organization that it is: John Bathke, Kyle Berg, Maggie Cretens, Ron Cretens, Keith Darsow, Deanna Dodge, Garret Eliason, Howie Farmer, Lance Haavisto, Eric Hansen, Jeff Jarvela, Vickie Jensen, Rick Klemond, Duane Lasley, Mark Nelson, Lance Parthe, Jon Polecheck, Cody Privette, Gene Shaw, Tina Sund, Sarah Taylor, and Kevin Waino.

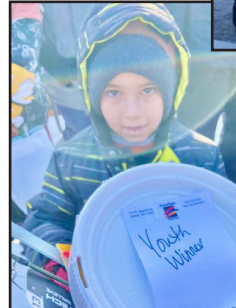
In addition a special thanks to the UMD Rod & Gun Club. Their members were on hand selling dollar chance tickets as well as helping with a variety of other tasks during a long day.

Check us out on Facebook and www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org.

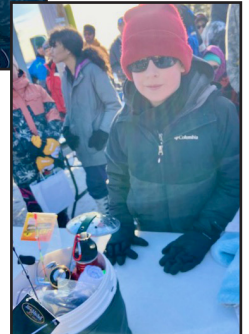




Wyatt McRae
Winner, Youth



Carsen Wolken
3rd Place, Youth



Rain Benson
2nd Place, Youth



Renee Budislovich
1st Place



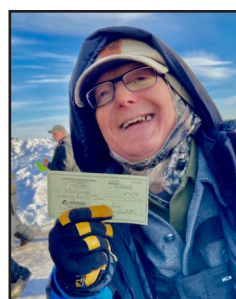
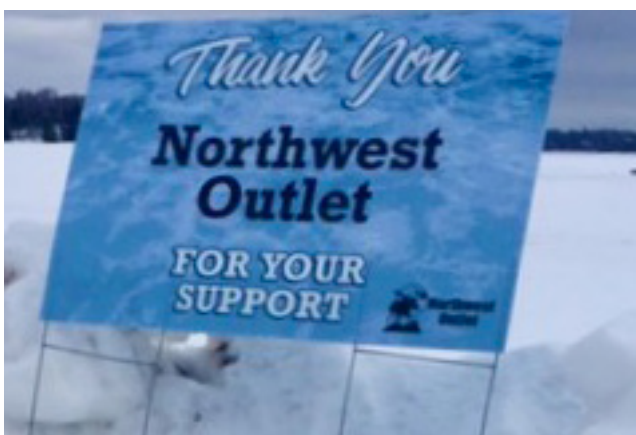
Ted Agarrison
2nd Place



Layton Hedin
3rd Place



Misty Pawlowicz
4th Place



Peter Kangas
5th Place

THE SCHOOL OF FISH IS BACK AT UNS AFTER A FOUR-YEAR HIATUS.

Look for details in the April newsletter and save the date
of June 10th, 9:30 am to 12 in your calendars.

SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR ISLAND LAKE RESERVOIR

A reminder for ice fisherman that there is a special walleye regulation: All from 15" to 20" must be immediately released. Possession limit is 10, only one over 20" is allowed in possession.

For DNR Fishing Regulations [GO HERE](#).



HATS OFF TO:

Russ Francisco, of Marine General, for being inducted into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame.

Jan Bernu, the forester who drew up the forest management plan for UNS, who was awarded the "Outstanding Inspector of the Year" by The American Tree Farm System (ATFS.)

WINTER COLOR OF A SHORT TAIL WEASEL



Photo by Magalie St-Hialire Poulin

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