

United Northern Sportsmen'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

Check First as Ranges May Be Closed for Maintenance, Reserved Activities & Holidays

August 30-Sept 2

Labor Day Holiday Weekend
Ranges Closed at Sunset on 30th

September 8

Pistol Range closed
Conservation Officer Training

September 11

Range closed

September 25

Range closed

October 1

Campground closes for the season

The **UNS Picnic** was held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, and the weather held out, and of course who doesn't love a bar b cue. The kids had a great time in the sawdust pile looking for money.

Summer has definitely flown by this year, and it has been a busy one at UNS. Epically for the new board members in trying to find their way in getting things up and running. And by that I mean many of us had not been involved in planning and executing classes, programs, fundraisers, maintenance on buildings as well as the ranges, opening and closing up the campground, talking with insurance companies, and the many other things that came up. Fortunately, we had the help and guidance from some of the board members that have been around a long time to help lead the way with us which has been an incredible help for us all.

We did have a few classes for kids throughout the summer. The first class was a knot tying class which Mike Hart taught kids several hands-on types of knots for fishing.

We also had 4 Hybred Firearms Safety classes. This was definitely a big undertaking; over 100 kids achieved the final step in obtaining their firearms safety certificate. Fortunately, we had many volunteers to help with this and many THANK YOUS to all of you who did help in making this such a success.

The third class was a Map and Compass class. We opened this up to adults also, and I signed up simply because I had no idea of how to use a compass and have been out in the wilderness many times relying on someone else to show me the way. I was happy I attended it. Gary and Wanda; who taught the class, made it very easy to not only understand how to use a compass, but they had a course for us to navigate to make sure we understood what was taught to us. It was a lot of fun, and I hope we have it again next year. Thank you to Gary and Wanda for a great class.

The board has decided to not publish the monthly meeting minutes in the newsletter going forward. If you want to see the minutes you can get them on the website. **PLEASE** make sure we have your correct email information so you can receive the newsletter every month. Going forward starting in 2025 we are no longer going to do the mailed newsletters due to the high cost of postage. If you do not have email please let Tina Sund know so we can work with you in this matter. I look forward to any suggestions you would like to see in the newsletter.

Nancy Poppenberg

We did have a few glitches with classes we wanted to have, but we were not aware of the amount of time and planning it took in addition to getting all the people and instructors that were needed to help with classes. With that being said we will be better prepared for next year.

We are looking at doing a variety of classes for next year and will post that when it's finalized,

PROJECTS AT THE CLUB

The rifle range project is now complete. It was a huge undertaking that took longer than anticipated. There were actually 7 layers; yes 7 layers of rubber matting on the rifle range that were removed, and new matting has installed on the 25 yard, 50 yard and 100 yard stations. Also, the matting was replaced on the entire pistol range. THANK YOU to the people who were there to help; it definitely was more difficult and time consuming than anticipated. It looks fantastic; job well done.

This should bring back a lot of memories for members that have been around awhile. It is being looked at and going to give it a try..... bringing back the motorized deer target up and running again. There really isn't anything like it around here. Fortunately, we have a few mechanical people who feel it may be a possibility. One way to know, come up to the deer rifle sight in. The dates for that are still to be determined, but it is usually the two weekends before rifle season starts. Will have that information out next month, so be watching

We are still working on getting the Archery range revamped. That season is fast approaching so we will try to have it completed as soon as we can.

DID YOU KNOW

Did anyone get to see pictures of this white loon? It was filmed by a photographer up in Canada. It is not considered an albino loon, however. It is known as Leucism, which is a pigmentation disorder. The difference between Albinism and Leucism is that with albinism is the complete lack of pigment or melanin in the skin, hair and eyes. Leucism is a partial loss of pigment that can cause white, pale or patchy coloration in the skin, hair, feathers. Leucism does not affect the pigment cells in the eyes and can occur in almost any kind of animal but is most common in birds. Leucism is inherited, and coloration can vary between adults and their young, It can also skip generations. Also, leucistic birds will have dark eyes while Albino birds will have pink eyes.



All members are encouraged to attend meetings. They are held the first Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse at 6:00PM.

RSVP Eric at gonefishing0101@hotmail.com

If the meeting is via Zoom, a link will be provided when you RSVP

RANGE USE CALENDAR: May be found on our website – www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org

Shooting/Range Hours: 8AM – 30 minutes before sunset. Hours also posted on ranges & Clubhouse bulletin board

All ranges are closed on Mondays. Please obey the rules or lose your shooting privileges

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE: A monthly newsletter is emailed before month end. A printed copy is mailed quarterly at the beginning of each quarter. Articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. If you have an article or photos you would like to share, please send to: unsclub@gmail.com. It will be shared, space permitting.

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