

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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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1, 2025

6:00 pm

Board Meeting

UNS Clubhouse

All Members welcome.

OCTOBER 4th, 2025

10:00 AM

Winter close-up of
campground

Volunteers welcome.

Put away tables, docks,
fire pits, etc.

OCTOBER 21st, 2025

6:00 pm

Fishing contest meeting

All members welcome to
attend and sign up for
volunteering for this
event.

Range Shooting Hours

Range hours are 8 am to
30 minutes before sunset.
Range openings and
closing are posted on the
ranges and the bulletin
board on the Clubhouse
building. Also check
Facebook and web page

Well, it's happened. Labor Day has come and gone and that generally means it gets quiet on Island Lake. HOWEVER, not at UNS. This becomes a very busy time of year, not so much for camping, but for the ranges. This year we have a few different events for hunters to make sure not only are their guns ready for hunting but also an opportunity for bragging rights on your shooting skills with three different choices. SO, keep reading- all the details are further in the letter.

Again, Labor Day had the campground busy and fortunately the weather cooperated as well. Saturday night there was a great fire at the new fire pit with several people joining in. Campfires are always a great gathering place with a chance to meet new people, hear stories and have a few laughs and yes battle the mosquitos. The latter truly being noted and trying to come up with a solution of some sort. One idea and a possible future "class" could be to make bat houses. Of course, not to be placed by the campers, but on the property. In looking up some information one bat can eat 1,500 mosquitos in one night, who knew. IF there is a class it would also be a make and take home. More to follow on that possibility and enough rambling.

EVENTS AT UNS

Again, and as always with all events, it requires people to do work to make these events a success, in other words VOLUNTEERS. This club has 1,400 members and there is a very limited group of the same people doing all the work. We have a few events coming up and YES, we need your help. It doesn't require an entire weekend (that would be wonderful though) even a few hours of time can make an enormous difference.

We need volunteers for the FALL SIGHT IN (information to follow for this) AND THEN IN JANUARY FOR THE ICE FISHING CONTEST. Yes, right after the fall Sight-In we start work on the Ice Fishing contest. Both of these events require a lot of work in many different areas, in order for these events to continue please make some time and come volunteer.

FALL SIGHT IN

The ranges will actually be closed on OCTOBER 25th and 26th, as well as NOVEMBER 1st-7th from 8 am to 5 pm due to the fall sight in taking place. The pistol range will not be open AND there will be areas of the clubs grounds that will not be accessible for everyone's safety. The clubhouse will only be accessible through the door on the lakeside and that is where you'll enter to sign up for the events.

For the fall Sight-In we need range officers, actually a minimum of 5 officers per day to run all the events and it is for 9 days. Because we have three separate events being held that is why the need for more range officers than usual.

Anyone that is interested in becoming a certified range officer can reach out to BOB KUETTLE (218-393-2000). Please give Bob a call as soon as possible.

THE THREE EVENTS BEING HELD THIS YEAR

1. FALL SIGHT IN FOR RIFLES

This is open to the public.

The cost is \$5.00 for 3 shots and paper targets are placed at 25, 50, and 100 yards. At the 200- and 300-yard targets there are steel gongs placed. This is open to rifles, pistols, shotguns or muzzleloaders.

The dates are October 25th and 26th, November 1st-7th.

2. THE LOPING DEER

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to check your true shooting skills. The loping deer is a silhouette of a deer that is on a track imitating a running deer. The loping deer was brought back to life with some dedicated and truly talented members who worked hard to make this happen. You must see it and give it a try.

The cost is \$5.00 for 3 shots at a moving target. You can enter as many times as you wish, however it will cost you \$5.00 each time, but what a great way to truly check your skills out.

There are also some specific rules for this event.

This is a standing free hand shoot. There will be accommodations made for handicap and elderly shooters.

Rifles only or a pistol with a legal deer cartridge.

NO shotguns, slugs, birdshot, muzzleloaders or cross bows.

The deer will lope across three times for adults (18 and above)

For kids (10-17) the cost is \$5.00, they get 5 shots, and it will lope across 5 times.

Anyone who purchases a ticket for the loping deer completion will be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to be drawn on Friday November 7th. Need not be present to win.

The dates for this are October 25th, and 26th, November 1st and 2nd.

Time is 8 am to 5 pm and depending on how many range officers we will have available we will try to include November 3rd-7th.

3. TOP GUN SHOOT

This is also a new event at UNS.

Limited to hunting rifles only. NO deck guns, artillery or cannons. NO PRS or match guns.

The cost is \$5.00 per target, and you can enter as many times as you wish.

This event will be held on November 1st and 2nd from 8 am to 5 pm

You will have 3 shots at the 300-yard target.

All targets will be photographed and signed by the shooter.

Range officers will not disclose the current leader or leading score.

The best score of the weekend will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS
PLEASE REFER TO THE UNS WEBSITE**

UNS Board of Directors Meeting September 3, 2025

Call to order: President Jim Weiss @ 6:00 pm Conservation pledge recited.

Roll Call of Elected officers: Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Mike Hart, Vickie Jensen, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Jim King, Robb Murray, John Kolar, Tim Walberg, Nancy Poppenber, Sam Haddas, Tom Kulas

Appointed Officers: Eric Hansen

Excused Officers: Deanna Dodge, Cord Timo,

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter, Tina Sund received correspondence from Insurance Company asking for clarification on valuation Commercial Umbrella and Liability coverage. Jim Weiss received a letter from a member regarding camping during Deer Hunting. He will send a written request.

Agenda additions & Approval: Agenda approved.

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept minutes Carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund-current membership is 1366.

Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships 35, (7 new) Family Memberships 24, (5 new)

Renewals coming up 106 2nd expired notices 83.

Motion by Tim Walberg to accept Membership report, 2nd by Mike Hart; Carried.

Other Reports:

Facilities Committee: Crossbow table has been installed on Archery Range, Oil and Filter has been changed on small tractor mower, New Range Sign has been installed on the large bore range. Jon cut a lot of branches on the property.

Incident Report: Chris Mattila: nothing to report.

Camp Host Appreciation card and gift for Camp Host: Chris Mattila. THANK YOU Chris, and Katie too, for all your hard work at the club this season. See you again next year.

Volunteer Awards: Vickie Jensen: nothing to report.

Old Business

Trap thrower still needs to be installed on the Archery range. Lock Box will be installed for the thrower so trained members can use it.

Brushing: needs to be completed on range

Gong target needs to be installed. Jim Weiss dropped off 4" steel pipes to build a stand.

New Business:

**** Winter Closeup** on Saturday October 4th, 2025, 10:00 AM. Tables put away, docks pulled in, turn off water, Fire pits put away,

Fall Fundraiser update: We will try to get a local Television personality here to film a report for sight in days. Loping deer and Top Gun. Banners will be ordered for the event. We discussed contacting Bass Pro Shops, Fisherman's Corner, Chalstrom's, etc. to help promote it. Vickie Jensen-Posters will be printed.

Ice fishing contest committee: Set up meeting for Tuesday October 21st at 6 PM UNS clubhouse.

Members Sick or in Distress: none reported.

Adjournment & Date of next meeting: Zoom/In person Meeting Wednesday October 1st, 2025, at 6pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Tina Sund, 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg at 7:00 pm. Carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As of April 1st, 2025, the Membership Fees are now.

1 year Single \$50.00
2 year Single \$95.00

1-year Family \$90.00
2-year Family \$170.00