

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

July 25th, 26th
Ranges will be closed for the annual picnic and birthday celebration.

July 26th
Annual picnic at UNS celebrating **80** years.

AUGUST 23rd
USING A MAP & COMPASS class
Starting at 9:00 am
Use a map & compass to find your way. Learn to read and use a topographic map on GPS or paper. A 3-hour course with classroom and outdoor practice. Please call for reservation to sign up for this class
Mike H. (763)245-7268

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 for closures or changes.

ANNUAL PICNIC AND 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT UNS

Please come and join us for this special celebration as well as meeting new friends at the club on

SATURDAY JULY 26th

Registration is at 11 am until 11:45

Lunch will be served at 12:00 to 1:00

There will be a bouncy house for kids along with other games, prizes and ICE CREAM FLOATS and food for all.

Make it a weekend as camping this weekend does not count against your allotted camping days, which are Friday July 26th and Saturday July 27th.

Feel free to bring friends also for the day. There is a \$5.00 guest fee for each, but a fun day to be had by all for sure.

Please remember to bring lawn chairs for yourselves, and be ready to meet new friends, have fun, eat great food and make great memories.

CLUB NEWS



Wow



It was so nice to see how busy the campground was for the July 4th week. Fortunately, the weather held out for the most part and everyone had a great time. I'm hoping that members are using the swimming area just before the club that Minnesota Power has said we can use. It does not have any boat traffic or dock congestion to have to worry about for all swimmers.

We also have a new "Community" fireplace at the club. It's a great place to meet members, share stories around the fire, roast marshmallows, make smores, have a few laughs, and make some new friends. Make sure to give it a try this summer, there is plenty of seating available.

NOT CLUB NEWS

This Saturday

Members may remember last year there was a Firewise program for anyone in St. Louis county to attend. It is a program that provides tips and educational tools to protect against wildfire associated risks to homes and property. This year the program is at Waters of Life Church on Rice Lake Road on July 19th. It starts at 10:00 am and goes until 12:00. It is a two-hour seminar open to the public that will help homeowners and communities prepare for and prevent catastrophic wildfires.

With the fires that happened north of Duluth this spring this could be a very informative seminar to attend for many people. There is also an explanation of how and where to dispose of dead spruce trees that you have cut down. Just a couple of pictures again to see how severe the fires really can be.



I myself just drove through the Brimson area last weekend, and it was an eye-opening drive. The devastation to homes, buildings, vehicles and forests was heartbreaking. To lose absolutely everything you had is incomprehensible. Yes, you can replace it, possibly, however I cannot imagine the aftermath of emotions these people will go through for the rest of their lives. Do yourself a favor and take the two hours to learn what you can do to protect what you love from a devastating fire.

UNS Board of Directors Meeting July 3, 2025

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

Roll Call of Elected officers: Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Vickie Jensen, Eric Hansen, Keith Darsow, Jim King, Tim Walberg, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad.

Excused Officers: Rob Murray, Cord Timo, John Kolar, Mike Hart, Tom Kulas

Swearing on of appointed officers: Motion by Sam Haddad to confirm appointed positions, 2nd by Tina Sund. Carried

Correspondence: Northland Country Club, MN Power, Morthland K=9 Foundation request for donation, donation request from Pennsylvania company Hunt-of-a-lifetime

Agenda additions & approval: Motion to approve the agenda by Nancy Poppenberg. 2nd by Sam Haddad. Carried

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept last month's minutes by Vickie Jensen, 2nd by Spike King. Carried

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund-current membership is 1463.

Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships 57, (13 new) Family Memberships 35, (18 new)

Renewals coming up 146 2nd expired notices 80.

Motion by Sam Haddad to accept Membership report, 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg; Carried.

Other Reports:

Webmaster: Eric Hansen made updates to the UNS website and Facebook page: range reservations

Facilities Committee: New mailbox is installed, new deer silhouettes are cut out and ready for the fall fundraiser, playground equipment has been stained, sand was raked and cleaned up, boat launch repaired, Ice Machine is in place, dead trees have been cut up and hauled away, lawn equipment has been sharpened. Tina Sund informed the Insurance Agent of our intentions to build an additional archery range. Jim Weiss: Raven Crossbows was here on the 200-yard range, suggested building racks for bows when at range. Nancy Poppenberg asked what the charge for the loping deer would be and when it will be available. That will be determined and information given in the next letter.

Incident Report: Chris Mattala: nothing to report.

Volunteer Awards: Vickie Jensen: nothing to report.

Old Business

Old washroom building: still needs new concrete floor installed, Border patrol agreed to pay for the new floor. Other repairs have been completed.

Trap machine: needs to be tested

Cross Bow Rests- to be built

Shower stall: needs to be patched- crack in floor, fiberglass patch needed.

Chili feed update: no updates at this time.

Brush Clearing: 200-yard range needs to be brushed (some targets can't be seen)

New Business:

Picnic update: Nancy Poppenberg: July 26th registration at 11, picnic from noon on. Food at noon, prizes, bouncy house, non-members welcome with a \$5.00 guest pass fee, free camping for the weekend. **We will need set-up help in the morning.** So, if you have some extra time please come up early to help if needed.

Main sign on shooting range: 2' X 8' sign is in rough shape; we have a piece of material to use for the sign. The cost to make sign is \$260.00, it has been ordered.

Cord Timo project: 3D archery range, he will check prices on different targets. Tina Sund asked how it may affect insurance costs, she will check with our agent. Motion by Sam Haddad to proceed 2nd by Tim Walberg, carried

Members Sick or in Distress: Ron Creaton

Adjournment & Date of next meeting: Zoom/In person Meeting Wednesday AUG 6th, 2025, at 6pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion by Spike King, 2nd by Tina Sund at 6:00 pm. Carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As of April 1st, 2025, the annual membership fees are as follows:

1 year Single	\$50.00	1-year Family	\$90.00
2 year Single	\$95.00	2-year Family	\$170.00