

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

December 3rd, 2025

Board Meeting an UNS
clubhouse 6pm

All members welcome

December 12-14

**UNS will have a booth at
the Arrowhead Ice
Fishing Show**

Friday 12 pm-8 pm

Saturday 8 am-7 pm

Sunday 9 am-5 pm

December 16, 2025

**Meeting at the UNS
Clubhouse for the 72nd
Annual Ice Fishing
Contest (to be held on
January 24, 2026)**

Drawing to be held from
the Arrowhead Ice Fishing
Show, and announced.

**Range hours are 8 am to
30 minutes before**

sunset. Check Facebook
and web page for closures
or changes.

This year's Fall sight in was a great success and Thanks go to the many people for their time and dedication in making this happen but in keeping it safe for all who participated. Events like this cannot be done without volunteers and it is greatly appreciated that you take the time to help us to continue this annual event for so many people. There is also a big Thank You to the businesses that gave the donations for our club. Thank you for your generous donations for our fundraiser, it is truly appreciated by so many people. There are also many winners of raffle tickets and that list is to follow in the letter. It is hard to believe that November is almost over, the bright spot is (well not for everyone) is that there has not been snow yet so the lakes are able to freeze over with hopes of great ice conditions for ice fishing. That being said for the first time United Northern Sportsmen's Club is going to have a booth at the Arrowhead Ice Fishing Show being held at the DECC December 12-14, 2025. We are at booth 230, which is important because we are offering some special drawings. We are having DAILY raffles where you have an opportunity to win a free year's membership for just signing up. This does not matter if you are a current member or a new member, we will have a drawing each day for both. Six, yes 6 free memberships to be given out at the end of the show, and we also have a pin the hook on the fish game for kids with prizes to be given out. So if you're there stop by and say "HI".

Below are the winners for the Fall Fundraiser and Sight-In.

Amount	Business	Winning Ticket Number	Winning Ticket Name
\$ 25.00	Blue Max	3088	W.G. Myers
\$ 25.00	Boomtown	0987	Deanna Dodge
\$ 25.00	Fredenberg Minno-ette	5280	Justin Tesser
\$ 25.00	Island Lake Inn	3994	Ken Sletten
\$ 25.00	Fredenberg Minno-ette	5025	Samson Ward
\$ 25.00	Wrazidlo	1882	Kathy Ide
\$ 50.00	Chalstrom	5347	Pat Miller
\$ 50.00	Duluth Lawn & Sport	1389	Mark Glad
\$ 50.00	Fisherman's Corner	5180	Barb Olson
\$ 50.00	Marine General	4697	Charles Witt
\$ 50.00	RJ's Sport & Cycle	5080	Vickie Jensen
\$ 25.00	Stokke's	0160	Neil Siegle
\$ 25.00	Island Lake Inn	1205	Elden Filby
\$ 25.00	Blue Max	5237	Brian Schweiger
\$ 25.00	Boomtown	1646	Mike Hart
\$ 25.00	Fredenberg Minno-ette	5147	Pete Dobbs
\$ 25.00	Island Lake Inn	0096	Denise Anderson
\$ 25.00	Fredenberg Minno-ette	1095	Ed Erickson
\$ 25.00	Stokke's	0734	Debbie Chesney
\$ 50.00	Chalstrom	5233	Brian Carl
\$ 50.00	Fisherman's Corner	0582	Sue Brown
\$ 50.00	Marine General	5009	Matt Johnsrud
\$ 100.00	Blackwoods	2996	Michael Mlinar
\$ 100.00	RJ's Sport & Cycle	5349	Pat Miller
\$ 100.00	Chalstrom	1556	Bruce Hallfrisch
\$ 100.00	Duluth Lawn & Sport	5168	Ron Willis
\$ 100.00	Fisherman's Corner	1097	Larry Erickson
\$ 100.00	Marine General	3828	Deb Georges
\$ 25.00	Eagles Nest	2962	Jack Storlie
\$ 100.00	Bullyn's	5157	Matthew Judd
\$ 25.00	Eagles Nest	4812	Jim Weiss
\$ 1,500.00			
Grand Prize	Ravin Cross Bow	2595	Laren Lilyquist
Top Gun			
\$ 50.00	Amazon		Conrad Hjort



2025 FALL SIGHT-IN AT UNS



The Sight-In took place for 9 days October 25th & 26th & November 1st - November 7th. The weather was perfect this year and cooperated with our plans with no snowstorm. Members and non-members paid \$5.00 to sight-in each gun. This event was open to non-members as well to encourage future membership. We even brought back the Loping Deer and had a Top Gun Contest. This year at the Sight-In 272 guns were sighted in, 14 people tried the Loping Deer and 5 Top Guns. UNS would like to thank the following range officers who made it possible by their generous volunteering; Howie Farmer, Tim Walburg, Gene Bondeson, Mike Hart, Lucus Nordby, Tom Kulas, Rob Murray, Jim Weiss, Bob Kuettel and Vickie Jensen for chairing the event.

UNS Board of Directors Meeting November 5th, 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, Tim Walberg, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad, Tom Kulas

Appointed Officers: Eric Hansen Deanna Dodge

Excused Officers: John Kolar, Cord Timo, Robb Murray

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter

Approval of minutes and Agenda: Motion to accept minutes by Sam Haddad, 2nd by Tim Walberg. Carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Deanna Dodge - current membership is 1347

Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships 48, (3 new)

Family Memberships 11, (0 new)

Renewals coming up 37

2nd expired notices 41

Motion by Tim Walberg to accept Membership report, 2nd by Keith Darsow; Carried.

Other Reports:

Facilities Committee: Water is turned off, tables put away, gong target finished and installed, campground is closed, snow blower serviced but has a cut tire Zero turn mower serviced and stored. Shooting benches painted Thanks to Tom Kulas, lawn banners installed for current event.

TINA SUND: Snow Removal. Chad cannot plow snow this year and we **do not** have a snowplow contract for this year yet.

Range and Ground Calendar: Sight-In days have been going smoothly. We are almost up to last year's numbers and still have 2 days left.

Incident Report: Lucas Nordby: during Sight-In Days, 2 rifles spotted one live round, 2nd one had spent round left in the chamber. Thank You range officers for being on the ball.

Volunteer Awards: Vickie Jensen; Mike has 1172 hours, Tom 500+ hours, Chris 324 hours

Old Business:

Fall Fundraiser/Sight-In, Vickie Jensen 185 guns registered, 15 shy of 2024. 197 Raffle tickets sold, 5 Top gun people registered and 9 loping deer shooters. We're hoping for more next year.

Winter Ice Fishing Show: Lucas Nordby planning is going well. Ice Fishing meeting: Banner display holder discussed for the table, showed banner design, sign-up sheet with 4-hour blocks for volunteers, discussed procedure for volunteers arriving and leaving the show for passes and parking

New Business:

AED batteries need to be replaced. Expired and AED's expire in 2027.

Nominating Committee for upcoming elections. Jim Weiss nominated Nancy Poppenberg and Keith Darsow for the committee. Eric Hansen will post information on the web page and Facebook page.

Up for election: Robb Murray, John Kolar, Cord Timo and the secretary position.

Members Sick or in Distress: Jerry Acker, Sandra Nordby

Adjournment & Date of next meeting: Zoom/In person Meeting Wednesday December 3, 2025, at 6pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Mike Hart, 2nd by Tina Sund at 6:48 pm. Carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary

This year the Board of Directors for UNS will have 3 Board Members positions whose term is ending, and the position of secretary is also going to open. If anyone of our members has any interest in joining the Board, please contact any of the Board members that are listed below and let us know. The only stipulation is that you have been a member of UNS for one year. The meetings are held monthly; on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

If anyone is interested in Plowing snow for the 2025-2026 Winter Season. Please contact Jim Weiss (218-464-3377) or drop off a Bid/Proposal prior to the December 3rd Meeting at the club house.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim Weiss	218-464-3377
Vice President	Mike Hart	763-245-7268
Secretary/Website	Eric Hanson	218-831-8646
Treasurer	Tina Sund	218-591-3304
Sargent of Arms	Sam Haddad	218-390-3808
Director	Keith Darsow	218-390-4557
Director	Vickie Jensen	218-591-5619
Director	John Kolar	218-590-8585
Director	Tom Kulas	218-391-2232
Director	Rob Murray	218-393-0979
Director/Newsletter	Nancy Poppenberg	218-349-2129
Director	Spike	218-464-7860
Director	Cord Timo	218-428-8771
Director	Tim Walburg	218-340-5924
Membership Secretary	Deanna Dodge	218-590-7999

UNS Membership Fees

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