

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 21st, 2025

6:00 pm

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

OCTOBER 21, 2025

6 pm

**Ice fishing contest
meeting at clubhouse.**

Members welcome.

OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH

**UNS FALL SIGHT IN
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 1ST-7TH

**UNS FALL SIGHT-IN
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

PUBLIC IS WELCOME

NOVEMBER 5th Board

Meeting at 6:00 pm

All members welcome.

Range Shooting Hours

Range hours are 8 am to 30
minutes before sunset. Also
check Facebook and web
page for closures or
changes.

Another season has passed for UNS, but it does not get quiet by any means. We had the fall close up party on October 4th. The remaining docks were put away, the water lines cleared for winter, the camp host building closed up, the clubhouse cleaned up, campsites cleared, a few trees trimmed, stakes placed in driveway for winter plowing and envelopes for the fundraiser were stuffed, and the lawn has been mowed for the last time this year. We also had an incredible barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts. THANK YOU to all the people who showed up to help in making this happen. So now it is moving into setting up for the FALL SIGHT-IN FUNDRAISER. Everyone has received tickets to sell or to buy for yourselves, so please have them turned into Tina Sund. Again, as you know there are 3 different events this year at the FALL SIGHT-IN so come on up and try one, two or all three. They are completely different events and in two of events you have a chance to win a gift card, great news is you can enter as many times as you would like. All the details follow in the letter so keep on reading.

United Northern Sportsmen
2025 Fall Events
OCT. 25TH, 26TH
and
NOV. 1st – NOV. 7th
8 AM to 5 PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THESE
EVENTS!!

- **Fall Fundraiser** ● Raffle tickets are \$5 each for various gift cards valued at \$25 to \$100! Total of \$1500 worth of gift cards up for grabs!! Purchase these from our members and at our clubhouse during the event!
- **Fall Sight-in** ● \$5 per gun, Range Officers will be on staff to help sight in your rifle. Paper targets at 25, 50 and 100 yards. A steel gong will be placed at the 200- and 300-yard.
- **Top Gun** ● A new event at UNS, a best of 3 shots at 300 yards. Earn the right to call yourself the top gun for 2025. Event will run November 1st and 2nd. Best score of the two days wins a \$50 dollar gift card. \$5 dollars per target, enter as many times as you like!

THE LOPING DEER IS BACK!!



You only get ten seconds to take the shot before he disappears into the brush. 3 shots for \$5. Kids get 5 shots for \$5. Please see our website for more information.

<http://unitednorthernsportsmen.org>



United Northern Sportsmen

MINNESOTA'S LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE

CONSERVATION CLUB

P.O. Box 161108 – Duluth, Minnesota 55816



October 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

As summer fades and autumn approaches, it is time once again for our annual **Fall Fundraiser and Sight-In Event**—a vital tradition that helps fund youth programs, conservation efforts, and facility maintenance.

2025 Fall Fundraiser Raffle

We are raffling off **\$1,500 in gift certificates** from generous local businesses including Marine General, Chalstrom's, Fisherman's Corner, Fredenberg Minno-ette, RJ's Sport & Cycle, Duluth Lawn & Sport, and more. Certificates range from **\$25 to \$100**.

- **Tickets:** \$5 each (you will receive 5 to sell or purchase)
- **Need more?** Contact me for additional books.
- **Return tickets and donations by: Wednesday, November 5, 2025**
- **Drawing: Friday, November 7, 2025** (attendance not required to win)

Exciting News, Members!



Thanks to the incredible generosity of Ravin, we are thrilled to announce the addition of a Grand Prize Drawing to our Raffle Ticket event! Ravin has graciously donated a Ravin R10 XK7, valued at \$1,549.99, to support our Fall Fundraiser & Sight-In Event. This top-tier prize adds even more excitement to an already fantastic occasion, **do not miss your chance to win!**

Fall Sight-In Event

Open to the public, this is a fantastic opportunity to sight in your firearm with assistance from experienced members.

- **Dates:** October 25–26 and November 1–7th
- **Time:** 8 AM – 5 PM
- **Cost:** \$5 per firearm (rifle, pistol, shotgun, or muzzleloader)

- **Targets:** Paper at 25, 50, and 100 yards; steel gongs at 200 and 300 yards
- **Check-in:** Required at the clubhouse
- **Volunteers:** Interested in helping as a range officer? Contact Bob Kuettel 218-393-3000

The Loping Deer Returns!

A beloved tradition since 1949, the mechanized loping deer is back in action thanks to dedicated members. While scoring will not be available this year, participants can still enjoy the challenge.

- **Dates:** October 25–26, November 1–2, and November 3–7 (pending volunteer availability)
- **Cost:**
 - Adults (18+): \$5 for 3 shots (3 passes)
 - Youth (10–17): \$5 for 5 shots (5 passes)
- **Rules:**
 - Standing, freehand shooting (exceptions for elderly/disabled)
 - Rifles only; pistols with legal deer cartridges allowed.
 - No shotguns, slugs, birdshots, or muzzleloaders
- **Bonus:** Each participant is entered into a **\$50 gift card drawing** (Nov 7)

New Event: Top Gun Challenge

Test your skills in our inaugural **Top Gun** competition—open to the public.

- **Dates:** November 1–2
- **Challenge:** Best of 3 shots at 300 yards
- **Cost:** \$5 per target (enter as many times as you like)
- **Rules:**
 - Hunting rifles only (no PRS, match guns, or specialty firearms)
 - Winner receives a **\$50 gift card**.
 - Scores will remain 0 until the end.

Let us all do our part to support United Northern Sportsmen and the programs that make our club special. Thank you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm!

Please make checks payable to: UNS (United Northern Sportsmen).

Warm regards,

Tina Sund – **Event Chair**

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United Northern Sportsmen is a non-profit conservation club organized for the following purposes: To improve conservation and attempt to increase game and fish by legislation, or other legitimate means...To endeavor to provide education for its members and their children in better understanding of our natural resources...To guard against those who infringe upon the game and fish laws of our State, and to enforce existing laws and secure the repeal of those considered unjust.

UNS Board of Directors Meeting OCTOBER 1st, 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 a correspondence for camping during Deer Hunting season.

Agenda additions & Approval: Agenda approved by John Kolar and 2nd by Sam Haddad: Carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept minutes by John Kulas and 2nd by Sam Haddad: Carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund-current membership is 1358.

Memberships/Renewals:

Individual Memberships 42, (10 new) Family Memberships 27, (8 new)

Renewals coming up 48 2nd expired notices 52.

Motion by Mike Hart to accept Membership report, 2nd by Nancy Poppenberg; Carried.

Other Reports:

Facilities Committee: Picnic table and fire rings have been put away for winter. Tim Walburg and Tom Kulas brushed on Large Bore Range. Time Walberg and Tom Kulas started work on Gong target stands on Large Bore range. Some new parts were installed on Large Trap thrower; it still needs one more part. Docks are in. Jim Weiss mowed lawns for last time this season. Oil will be changed. Tina Sund reported that the modem is now working and has ordered a replacement. We received a request for camping during Deer Hunting for Randy Valentine and the Miller crew. Mike Hart made a motion to approve camping for both groups, 2nd by Keith Darsow.

Incident Report: Tina Sund reported that one of the bathrooms had a diaper in it and the company would not pump it out, as it would plug the hose.

Volunteer Awards: Vickie Jensen reported that Chris Mattilla turned in 162 volunteer hours for this year. Motion to approve 162 hours for 2025 and 162 hours for 2024 since he did not turn last years hours. 2nd by Sam Haddad.

Old Business

Lawn banners for BIG GAME SHOOT have been ordered and put up.

New Business:

Tina picked up tickets, and letters for the Fall Fundraiser.

Discussion about tickets for Ravin Crossbow as a Grand Prize. Tina made a motion to include something about it in with the tickets. 2nd by Tom Kulas.

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, Chalstroms, etc. to help promote it. Vickie Jensen-Posters will be printed.

Ice fishing contest: Meeting for Tuesday October 21st at 6 PM UNS clubhouse everyone is invited to join in. Luca Nordby suggested getting a booth at the Ice Fishing Show in December and had ideas to promote the contest and our club. Possible UNS presence at the February Boat show to promote the club. Possible presence at other sporting events or gun show Lucas will call Shamrock Productions to get info on pricing and policies for the February Boat Show.

Form a committee to review club rules: coming soon.

Members Sick or in Distress: Doug Ikanger

Adjournment & Date of next meeting: Zoom/In person Meeting Wednesday November 5th, 2025, at 6pm. At UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Vickie Jensen, 2nd by Robb Murray at 8:16 pm. Carried.

Submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim Weiss	218-464-3377
Vice President	Mike Hart	763-245-7268
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Treasurer	Tina Sund	218-591-3304
Sargent of Arms	Sam Haddad	218-390-3808
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Director	Vickie Jensen	218-591-5619
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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

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

1 year Single \$50.00

1-year Family \$90.00

2 year Single \$95.00

2-year Family \$170.00