

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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\$12.00

CALENDAR

ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 22nd

Games food prizes for all

Registration at 11 am

More information following in letter.

AUGUST 29th

Work Party for range repairs on

Volunteers needed

10:00 am

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2026

Retreat/Pistol Range Closed

8AM-1PM (Holt - RPS)

Board/Membership monthly

meeting 6 pm at clubhouse.

All members welcome.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Fall Sight-in

October 24th/25th and

October 31st-Nov 6th

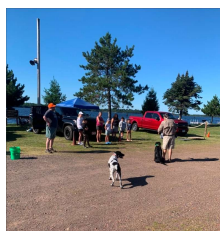
Fall Fundraiser

Tickets will be mailed out at the beginning of October to all members.

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

On Saturday August 8th UNS held the 13th Youth Outdoor Field Day in conjunction with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. There were 42 kids that attended with the age group of 8-17. Thankfully, it was a perfect day weather wise for the entire day. The club held this event annually but unfortunately; we missed a few years. We brought it back this year with great success! The kids had opportunities to learn how to shoot rim fire, center fire and black powder guns and archery. We also had members of the Duluth Retrievers Club bring their dogs to show how you can hunt in partnership with dogs and some specific training methods they use and teach. We also had the Minnesota Trappers Association to educate kids on the how's and whys of trapping. It was a great educational day with rarely available learning experiences on so many different levels for the kids. I'm not sure who had more fun at this event! Whether it was the kids, the parents getting to watch their kids learn new skills or the volunteer instructors seeing kids hit targets with amazing accuracy and pride in doing so. We gave away four guns also: 2 for girls and 2 for boys. It was a drawing and they had their choice of either a .22 or a 12-gauge shotgun. We also had the wonderful opportunity to see and shoot Ravin Crossbows. I admit I did not know much about crossbows and had some time to go talk with them about crossbows. It is mindboggling to me that a bow can go over 300 feet per SECOND! Ravin bows are manufactured right in Superior Wisconsin, and they have a retail store where you can go to actually try them out and purchase them. All in all, this was an incredible day for so many people, and there needs to be a tremendous THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made this event happen. We are planning on continuing this event going forward so be on the lookout for the event next year and the need for volunteers to help with it.

ALSO, the annual membership picnic is coming up quickly (more information to follow) and just a reminder for all who attend if you are planning on camping for the weekend, the nights during the weekend do not count towards your 14 nights of camping. Hey who doesn't like a deal like that?! Hope to see you there.

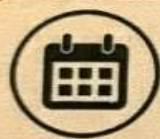


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81ST Annual PICNIC



GOOD FOOD ★ GREAT COMPANY ★ GOOD TIMES



DATE:
Saturday,
August 22, 2026



TIME:
11:00 Registration
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Fun and Games



LOCATION:
United Northern
Sportsmen

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF



DELICIOUS FOOD
Everyone is welcome!



FUN FOR ALL AGES
Family, Friends & Neighbors



GAMES & ACTIVITIES
Something for everyone!



MUSIC & FELLOWSHIP
Great company and
lasting memories



*Bring Your
Family &
Friends!*

★ PRICES ★



**MEMBERS
ARE FREE**



**GUEST FEE
\$5.00**



**KIDS UNDER 18
ARE FREE**

Let's celebrate 81 great years together!

★ WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! ★

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 5th, 2026

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

Roll Call of Elected officers: Jim Weiss, Tina Sund, Vickie Jenson, Jim King, Tim Walburg, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad, Tom Kulas, Bob Kuettle, Nancy Cozzi, Chris Mattila, Lucas Nordby

EXCUSED OFFICERS: Keith Darsow, Eric Hansen, Mike Hart

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter. St louis County rescue squad (requesting to change training date to August 29th), Lifelink wanted a report on the readiness of our Lifepak. Readiness reported by Chris as ok, Hunt of a lifetime requesting a donation; Nancy Poppenberg is going to investigate further to try and keep the donation to a local chapter if possible.

Agenda Additions and Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the agenda with no new additions and last month's minutes by Nancy Poppenberg, 2nd by Tim Walberg; carried.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Memberships/Renewals: As of July 31st, there are 1303 members.

Individual Memberships 52 (11 new) Family Memberships 23, (3 new)

Renewals coming up 123 2nd expired notices 55.

Motion to accept Membership report by Nancy Poppenberg, 2nd by Tom Kulas carried.

Other Reports

Webmaster: Eric Hansen made updates to the UNS website and Facebook page; but is also trying to get a hold of the web designer for complete update to the site and has not been able to get a hold of him.

Facilities Committee:

Pistol range target backstop has been repaired. Big bore range still needs to have repairs done. Lower wood on shower building has been changed and is ready for painting. Portable trap thrower has been rewired and repaired and is in working condition. **Work party on AUGUST 29th for Range repairs.** Volunteers needed. New fencing was put in by Trap Range

Range and Ground Calendar: nothing to note.

Incident Report: nothing to report.

Volunteer Awards: nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Field Day discussion and Volunteers are still needed. Things are all ready for Youth Field Day we have 42 kids signed up. New trap thrower update. Mike is still waiting to hear but has been told we should hear something soon. Web page update, Eric said he hasn't been able to get a hold of the web guy. Old PA equipment update. We are going to try to sell the equipment. Picnic update: 6 volunteers needed; 1 registration, a few for set up, 1 for prize table. We will have the bouncy house again this year, and Root Beer floats also. Web page needs to be sent to Eric, shower building exterior needs paint and repair, scraping and repair needs to be done. Tina suggested steel siding. Trap range repair stuff is in the garage.

New Business:

Ice Fishing; we will have a booth at the Ice Show again this year, Motion by Nancy Poppenberg and 2nd by Sam Haddad. The ICE FISHING CONTEST will be held at Island Lake on February 6th, 2027. We need someone to chair this event, and MANY volunteers. It is one of UNS biggest fundraisers to keep this club up and running for all members to enjoy all this club is able to offer. One of our members has volunteered to plow this winter and for the Ice Fishing Contest for hours, agreed to by all Board Members.

Members Sick or in Distress: none noted at this time.

Adjournment and date of next meeting: In person and zoom meeting on Wednesday, 2026 at September 2nd, 6:00 pm at UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Nancy Poppenberg, w2nd by Tim Walberg ay 7:17pm; carried.

Meeting minutes Submitted by Nancy Cozzi, Secretary

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Director	Lucas Nordby	218-355-8287
Director	Tim Walburg	218-340-5924
Membership Secretary	Deanna Dodge	218-590-7999
Webmaster	Eric Hansen	218-831-8646

UNS Membership Fees

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