

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 3rd at 10:00 am

FALL CLEANUP

Many volunteers needed just show up PLEASE.

October 7th at 6:00pm

Board meeting at clubhouse.
All members welcome

October 10th at 2:00 pm

(Saturday)

Range officer training 2 hours
Taught by Bob Kettle

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

TRAP THROWER CLASSES

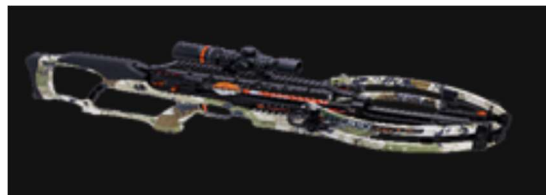
SEPT 26th at 10 AM
SEPT 30th at 6 PM
OCT 3rd at 10 AM
OCT 10th at 1 PM

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



United Northern Sportsman's Club has been very fortunate to purchase a new trap thrower. This was made possible through a grant from Midway USA by the Kevin Theobald Endowment to advance youth shooting sports. For any member wishing to use this thrower there will be a training class required to learn how to properly use the machine. The class schedule is Sept. 30 at 6 pm, OCT 3 at 10 am, Oct 10 at 1 pm. The class will take about 20 minutes but MUST be completed prior to use of the thrower. This is an expensive machine, and all users need to know how to properly operate it so we can have it for many years to come.

Another bit of great news is that **RAVEN BOWS** is generously donating one of their crossbows for our Fall Fundraiser and Sight-in which helps fund youth programs, conservation efforts and facility maintenance. The cross bow is RAVENS R10 PRO XK7 CAMO CROSSBOW. Its value is \$1,649.99. Just a quick few facts; speed of arrow is 420 feet per second; it weighs 7.40 pounds and is 32.5" long. You can also go to the RAVEN website for more information on this amazing crossbow.



In addition to this we will be raffing off \$1,500.00 in gift certificates from generous local businesses including: Marine General, Chalstrom's, Fisherman's Corner, Fredenberg Minnette, RJ's Sport and Cycle, Duluth Lawn and Sport and many more. Gift certificates range in value from \$20.00 to \$100.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each (all members will receive 5 tickets to sell or purchase yourself) **PLEASE** Return tickets and donations by: Wednesday November 4th, 2026. Any tickets returned after that need to be dropped off at UNS clubhouse BEFORE 4pm Friday November 6th to make the drawing. GOOD LUCK to everyone.

RANGE OFFICERS NEEDED!

Help promote safety, responsibility,
and a great shooting sports experience.

RANGE OFFICER TRAINING SESSION



OCTOBER 10, 2026



2:00 PM



UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMAN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:



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United Northern Sportsmen Fall Sight-In Returns This October

United Northern Sportsmen is excited to announce the return of our annual Fall Sight-In, open to the public and running from October 24-25 and October 31-November 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Whether you're preparing for hunting season or simply looking to sharpen your shooting skills, our experienced Range Officers will be on hand to assist with sighting in your firearm.

Event Highlights

- Open to the Public
- Range Officers available to assist with sighting in rifles.
- \$5 per firearm
- Ear and eye protection required.
- Return of the popular Loping Deer Shoot
- Compete in the Top Gun Shoot

1. Fall Sight-In for Rifles

- Get your firearm ready for the season with targets placed at 25, 50, and 100 yards, along with steel gongs at 200 and 300 yards.
 - Cost: \$5 for 3 shots
- Eligible Firearms: Rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzleloaders

2. The Loping Deer Shoot

- One of UNS's most unique events is back! Test your skills against a moving deer silhouette that simulates a running deer.
 - Cost: \$5 for 3 shots (Adults 18+)
- Youth Division (Ages 10-17): \$5 for 5 shots

Rules:

- Standing free-hand shooting position
- Accommodations available for elderly and disabled shooters
- Rifles only, or pistols chambered in a legal deer cartridge.
- No shotguns, slugs, birdshot, muzzleloaders, or crossbows

The deer will make three passes for adult shooters and five passes for youth participants.

3. Top Gun Shoot

- Think you're the best shot at UNS? Prove it in our Top Gun Shoot.

- Cost: \$5 per target
Format: Three shots at a 300-yard target
Eligibility: Hunting rifles only
- Targets will be photographed and signed by shooters. To keep the competition fair, current standings will not be disclosed during the event.

🏆 Prize: The highest score of the event will win a \$50 gift certificate.

We look forward to seeing members, friends, and community shooters out on the range for another great Fall Sight-In. Come test your skills, sight in your firearm, and enjoy one of the club's premier annual events!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2nd, 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, Mike Hart, Jim King, Tim Walburg, Nancy Poppenberg, Sam Haddad, Bob Kuettle, Keith Darsow, Nancy Cozzi, Chris Mattila, Lucas Nordby,

Roll Call of Appointed officers: Eric Hanson, Deanna Dodge

EXCUSED OFFICERS: Tom Kulas

Correspondence: Gnesen Township Newsletter. Randy Valentine has requested permission to camp again for deer season. Thank You, card, from Hermantown Trap Team

Agenda Additions and Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions and last month's minutes by Nancy Poppenberg, 2nd by Mike Hart; carried.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Memberships/Renewals: As of July 31st, there are 1291 members.

Individual Memberships 47 (3 new) Family Memberships 63, (4 new)

Renewals coming up 78 2nd expired notices 62.

Motion to accept Membership report by Mike Hart, 2nd by Sam Haddad; 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. If something does not change, we will have to investigate getting someone else to make a website.

Facilities Committee:

Large bore range and handgun range have been repaired. Shower building has been painted. Oil has been changed and blades sharpened on 2 mowers. Old trap thrower has been removed, and the new trap thrower has been installed. Electrical needs to be done. Help needed to dig trench for electric to trap thrower. Jim investigated the batteries for the trap thrower and will follow up on it. **October 3rd at 10:00 am** will be the start of fall clean up. Water will be shut off at this time. **Volunteers are needed.**

Range and Ground Calendar:

October 3rd 10:00 am start of Fall Clean Up Volunteers needed.

October 10th at 2:00 pm Range Refresher for Site In for upcoming Fall Site In Volunteers

October 24th and October 25th AND October 31st through November 6th FALL SITE IN/ FUNDRAISER

Incident Report: nothing to report.

Volunteer Awards:

6 hats were donated to kids that helped repair the shooting range. Motion to approve by Nancy Poppenberg, 2nd by Bob Kettle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Field Day was discussed. There were 41 kids who registered. It was suggested that we keep the number between 40 to 50 kids and give more time at the different stations. The feedback we received from both kids and parents was nothing but positive all the way around.

Old PA equipment update. Jim has it for sale on Craigslist.

Picnic update: We had approximately 102 members attend. With such a drop in participation we may consider not having a picnic in the future. When you look at the numbers of 1,291 members and 102 show up, unfortunately it is a large expense for not even 1/10 of the membership to come and enjoy. We have not gotten the final report from Dana to find out the final numbers of members and guests attended and that will help with any future plans.

New Business:

The plaque we had made in appreciation for the new trap thrower we received from a very generous endowment needs to be installed by the range. Mike Hart is taking care of this. Lucas investigated the cost to repair, and had a stand built for the fish mount. Cost is \$300.00, a motion to approve by Nancy Poppenberg and 2nd by Sam Haddad was made. Nancy Poppenberg and Nancy Cozzi have agreed to chair the Ice fishing contest; SO, The **ICE FISHING CONTEST** will be held at Island Lake on **Saturday February 6th, 2027**. We need MANY volunteers, the work is actually starting now so please feel free to contact either one of them to help with this event. It is one of UNS' biggest fundraisers to keep this club up and running for all members to enjoy all this club can 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 have a zoom meeting on Wednesday, 2026 at October 7th, at 6:00 pm at UNS Clubhouse. Motion to adjourn by Nancy Poppenberg, w2nd by Tim Walberg ay 8:01 pm; carried.

Meeting minutes Submitted by Nancy Cozzi, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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UNS Membership Fees

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