



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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## Club Calendar

- June 6 UNS Board Meeting  
Sportsmen's Retreat  
6:00 PM Pot Luck  
7:00 PM Board Meeting**
- June 8-9 Summer Fishing Contest**
- June 10 School of Fish 12-2:30 PM**
- June 13 UNS Membership Meeting  
Sportsmen Retreat  
6:00 PM Potluck  
7:00 PM Meeting  
Presentation by Jan Bernu**
- July 2 UNS Board Meeting  
Sportsmen's Retreat  
6:00 PM Pot Luck  
7:00 PM Board Meeting**
- July 11 UNS Membership Meeting  
Sportsmen's Retreat  
6:00 PM Pot Luck  
7:00 PM Meeting**
- August 4 Summer Picnic 12 pm Eat**
- August 11 Youth Outdoor Field Day**

**RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found on our Website: [uns-duluth.com](http://uns-duluth.com)**

## Shooting Hours

A reminder about our shooting times. The ranges are open from 8:00 a.m. to ½ before sunset. Range closing times are posted on the ranges and also on the bulletin board on the Retreat Bldg. Please obey the rules or you may lose your shooting privileges.

## 38TH ANNUAL WALLEYE CONTEST



United Northern Sportsmen is hosting the 38th Annual Walleye Contest starting on June 8th from 8 am to 5 pm and June 9th 8 am to 3 pm on Island Lake at 7229 Rice Lake Road.

Proceeds from the Walleye Contest will support the many conservation educational efforts, youth firearms safety, camp scholarships, youth field day, and School of Fish clinic.

Our Annual Walleye Contest is held the same weekend as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources sanctioned "Take a Kid Fishing Weekend". This weekend adults accompanying their kids will not need a license, enabling more kids the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Everyone entering a 14" or larger walleye receives a prize. There is also a special "Youth Division" prize.

Any donation from you will help defray some of the cost of the contest. United Northern Sportsmen is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

Thank You, Pat and Deb McAuliffe, Contest Chairs, 218-729-5121.

## FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please come see the presentation of our new forest management plan by consulting forester Jan Bernu, Two By Forestry. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on June 13th.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FORKHORN CAMP AT LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER

UNS is giving four scholarships to send some lucky kids to camp. The programs, sponsored by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, cover ages 10-16 and take place from June 10th - August 1st. The flyer for this is posted on LongLakeCC.org. If you have any kids or grandkids or neighbors interested have them email or write a note to Tom Wasbotten, at 218-721-4864 or twasbotten@outlook.com. See page 4 on the camp.

## NEW PO BOX

Please note that the PO box used by UNS has changed. The new PO Box number 161108 is located in Duluth, MN 55816.

## UNS SCHOOL OF FISH ON JUNE 10TH HAS ROOM FOR TWO MORE KIDS!!

Two spots are left! The School of Fish is a 2 1/2-hour fishing class (Noon-2:30 PM) open to kids ages 6 up to 12 taught by pro angler and television show host Mike Frisch. Students learn about lakes, finding fish in those lakes and some great ways to catch them. They also learn to tie a fishing knot and rig and use a slip-bobber setup.

School of Fish kids attending will receive: Rod & Reel, Tackle Box with Northland Tackle - worth over \$50, Cabela's \$10 Gift Card, School of Fish 32-page full Color Workbook, KLN/Shearer's Snack Pack. More importantly, however, they leave class with the knowledge and skills to go fishing!

Also, two 2018 School of Fish graduates names will be drawn to have the opportunity to be a guest on Fishing the Midwest TV show!





*UNS sponsored the 'School of Fish' Contest in 2015. Kids who signed-up got VALUABLE fishing lessons!*

**To register call Gene Shaw at 218-348-2191 or email [geneshaw2017@gmail.com](mailto:geneshaw2017@gmail.com).**

## 2018 UNS SUMMER PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH

We will be having a great BBQ lunch, adult bean bag tournament and lots of games for the children. Come spend the day with us at UNS!

Sign in 11:00 am  Lunch 12:00 noon  Fun & Games 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Anyone interested in volunteering at the event or have suggestions, please contact Dana Dallum at 218-428-9192.**

## 11TH ANNUAL YOUTH OUTDOOR FIELD DAY ON AUGUST 11TH

One of your clubs priorities is to try to keep our youth involved in the great outdoors. On August 11th UNS will be hosting the 11th annual Youth Outdoor Field Day along with the Lake Superior Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. The activities will be similar to those in past years such as high-powered (deer) rifles, small bore range (.22 cal), archery range, trap range, black powder demonstration, tree stand safety, trapping seminar and we have the very popular Black River Bandits booked for the day as well. Lunch will be served, and participants will have a chance to take home a great prize. As always, this event is free! Keep an eye out for registration information coming out towards the end of June.

**This year's UNS event chairs will be Cody and Kathleen Privette. If you are interested in helping out the day of the event Contact Cody at 218-260-2932 or [Codyprivette@gmail.com](mailto:Codyprivette@gmail.com).**

## ISLAND LAKE WATER LEVELS

The water level on Island Lake is low and the docks on our shoreline at the United Northern Sportsmen's Retreat are currently not usable except one dock positioned at the ramp area to be used for the launching of member's boats. The lake is currently down 4.46 feet from the normal summer target levels as of mid May. This is unusually low for this time of the year. Without significant rain, it is likely to stay at about that level. Be very careful boating and fishing on Island Lake due to these conditions. For more updated information look at the Minnesota Power Water Table Levels at: [www.mnpower.com/environment/watertable](http://www.mnpower.com/environment/watertable).

UNS MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes May 9th, 2018 *(Sensitive Material Withheld)*

**Call to Order:** by President Tom Wasbotten at 7:00 p.m. Conservation Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Bob Kuettel, Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Larry Chesney, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Tom Wasbotten, Gene Shaw, John Bathke, Dan Smestad, Sandy Roberts, Mike Drager, and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Bob Klein and Eric Hansen

**New Member:** Mike Klongerbo

**Correspondence:** None to share

**Agenda Additions:** Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

**Reading of Minutes:** Cody Privette read minutes from the April Membership Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected (M/S/C). Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from May was also read.

**Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund:** As of 4/30/18. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

**Membership Secretary's Report- Sandy Roberts:** 1,599 current members. 56 2nd notices were sent.

**Committee Reports:**

**Web Master – Eric Hansen: Cody Privette on behalf of Eric-** Posted range use updates from Bob Kuettel and reminders for the upcoming banquet to the events page, range page and Facebook page. The brass report was posted on the web site.

**Incident Reports – Mike Foy:** Nothing to report.

**Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader:** 7 buckets of brass in the brass shack. Set out picnic tables, bought 5 new ones. Completed seeding of new berm and range excavation area. 4 1/2 rolls (4x 100 ft) erosion mats were used on rifle range. Replaced worn USA and POW flag. Replaced burned out flag pole night light lamp. Mowed the trap range.

Filled gas cans.(About 25 gal). Began the tee dock repair. Installed one launch dock? Camp water and showers will not be turned on until Memorial Day weekend.

**Grants Committee – Mike Drager:** Need feedback on projects. Any help would be appreciated.

**Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad:** Boards are up to date. Duane Lasley has 750 hours.

**Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel:** Border Patrol has the rifle range reserved 5/21 & 5/22. Memorial Day weekend all ranges are closed.

**Finance Report – John Bathke:** Committee is going to meet on the 22nd. Have lots of items to discuss. Jan Bernu will be at June's Membership meeting to present the Forest Management plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Banquet (April 13, 2018) – Tina Sund:** Financially we did very well this year compared to other years. Discussion followed about gambling profits.

**Campground Long Range Planning Committee-Bob Kuettel:** Committee will meet soon. Hoping to have a report for the BOD in June.

**Berm Construction on Rifle Range – Bob Kuettel:** Berm is done. Grass is growing. Everything is looking good.

**Selection of Newsletter Editor-Tom Wasbotten:** Have a couple of candidates and hoping to report to the BOD in June.

**Summer Fishing Contest (June 8th & 9th 2018) – Pat and Debbie McAulliffe:** All of the tickets are out. Tickets aren't coming in quite as fast as last year. Thanks to Gene Shaw for lining up prizes.

**School of Fish (June 10th 2018) – Gene Shaw:** 3 spots left.18 total.

**Summer Picnic (August 4th 2018) – Tom Wasbotten:** Nothing new to share.

**Youth Field Day (August 11th 2018) – Cody Privette:** We didn't get any donations from ammo manufactures as we had hoped. Will be buying our supplies for the event soon. Planning to meet with MDHA in June.

**Long Lake Conservation Camp – Mike Drager:** Would like to get the email out tonight to promote this.

**UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel:** Tom Wasbotten. and I met with Lance Parthe. Gave us some ideas for the web page.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\$500 Grants From Charitable Account to Local HS trap teams – Tom Wasbotten:** The BOD recommended a \$500 donation to 3 local HS trap teams, Proctor, Hermantown, and Two Harbors.

**Attendance Drawing:** Gene Shaw won the \$20.00.

**Progressive Drawing:** Bob Cherne was not present, therefore did not win \$50.

**Members sick or in distress:** Bob Klein.

**Adjournment: Motion was made at 8:05 pm (M/S/C).**

**Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.**

Next meetings will be the June BOD meeting on June 6th and the June Membership meeting on June 13th. Both will be at 7 p.m. at the retreat.

## MINNESOTA ANGLERS AND BOATERS NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LAWS

This a reminder for Minnesotans to continue to follow the laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Last year, compliance surpassed 97 percent at more than 450,000 watercraft inspections. DNR Enforcement officers are seeing a steady increase in the number of people who know and follow aquatic invasive species laws.

“Nearly all Minnesota anglers and boaters are taking the three simple steps: clean, drain, dispose,” said DNR Enforcement Operations Manager Jackie Glaser. “It’s not only the best way to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, but it’s also the law in Minnesota.”

Boaters and anglers are reminded to:

- Clean aquatic plants and debris from watercraft.
- Drain lake or river water and keep drain plugs out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

In addition to these steps, especially after leaving infested waters, the DNR recommends that anglers:

- Spray boat and trailer with high-pressure water.
- Rinse boat and trailer with hot water (120 degrees Fahrenheit for two minutes; or 140 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 seconds); or
- Dry boat and equipment for at least five days.
- More information is available at [www.mndnr.gov/AIS](http://www.mndnr.gov/AIS).

## FORKHORN CAMP

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Minnesota is a state rich in natural resources, but the greatest of our resources is our children. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association believes that educating hunters is key to perpetuating Minnesota’s outdoor heritage and that the best tool of wildlife and ecosystem education is instilling a greater appreciation for our natural resources in our children. MDHA’s method is Forkhorn Youth Summer Camps.

Since 1985, thousands of youth have attended Forkhorn Camps. MDHA currently collaborates with seven facilities around the state to implement camp sessions for youth ages 11-17. MDHA’s Forkhorn camps have developed remarkably since their inception, but their aim remains the same: youth education.

Most camps offer three distinct levels of Forkhorn Camp which provide actual outdoor learning experiences and hunting and shooting sports activities

Each camp includes all meals, lodging, instruction and use of equipment. For a complete brochure and to learn more about the camp curriculum follow the link <https://mndeerhunters.com/education/fork-horn-camp>.

## CONSERVATION EFFORTS – ADOPT A WMA

Several comments were shared via our recent membership survey that some of our members would like to see more conservation efforts in the area. Our Club President Tom Wasbotten will be forming a committee to review the possibility of adopting the Canosia Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to assist the MNDNR with maintaining the area. Some examples of the things the club can help the DNR with are: Managing Wood Duck boxes, Mowing trails and clearing debris, Repainting kiosks, Posting/checking signs, etc.

Your input is important! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to be involved on the committee, please contact Tom Wasbotten at 218-721-4864 or [twasbotten@outlook.com](mailto:twasbotten@outlook.com) or Cody Privette at 218-260-2932 or [codyprivette@gmail.com](mailto:codyprivette@gmail.com).