



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

April 2-6 Big Bore Ranged Closed

April 4 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting

April 11 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting

April 13 UNS Awards Banquet
Shrine Auditorium, 5 PM

April 29 DNR Gun Safety

May 2 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Board Meeting

May 9 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting

June 8-9 Summer Fishing Contest

June 10 School of Fish 12-2:30 PM

RANGE USE CALENDAR may be found
on our Website: uns-duluth.com

The Big Bore Range Closed April 2-6

The big bore range will be closed starting Monday, April 2nd until Friday, April 6th for construction of a berm on the West side of the range. This will keep us in compliance with the regulations of a legal rifle range. The berm will extend from West of the shooting benches to the existing 100 yd. berm. We are sorry for the inconvenience. If there are any questions, please call Bob Kuettel at 218-393-2000. Thank you.

Annual UNS Awards Banquet Over \$10,000 in prizes

Mark that calendar for April 13th
for this years' 34th Annual Awards Banquet

It will be held at the AAD Shrine at 5152 Miller Trunk Highway starting at 5:00 PM.

You will find a registration form at the top of page 2 of this newsletter. The price is \$25 per person before April 6, and \$35 per person after.

The banquet is to honor our members for continuous years of service and is also your club's largest fundraiser of the year. There will be raffles and silent auctions for over \$10,000 in prizes including about \$2,000 worth of guns.

Henry Golden Boy .22
Savage Axis IIXP Nikon Scope .308
Mossberg 500 Super Bantam SGB 20Ga 3 in. Mag 22
Ruger LCP II .380
Ruger LC9S 9mm
Tauris M85 38+P

Hopefully, you will be able to come and enjoy the evening while honoring fellow members and helping your club. We are still looking for volunteers to set up during the day of the banquet and help during the banquet. If you can help, please contact our chairman Eric Hansen at 218-729-8723.

Much Much More Jewelry Much Much More
F i r e a r m s F i r e a r m s
Silent Auction
Gift Certificates and Much More
Much Much More Raffles Much Much More

2018 UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S AWARDS BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER ATTENDING (\$25 PER PERSON) _____

PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING. Mail your registration form, along with a check payable to the United Northern Sportsmen (UNS) to: Dan Smestad, 4136 Kingston Road, Duluth, MN 55803, 525-3669. Request must be received by March 30th to be eligible for Early Bird Drawing. After April 6th the cost will be \$35 per person. Tickets will be picked up at the door.

United Northern Sportsmen's School of Fish on June 10, 2018

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 *Cabela's \$10 gift card *School of Fish 32-page full color workbook *KLN/Shearer's Snack pack *\$50+ in value in the equipment pack! Most importantly, however, they leave class with the knowledge and skills to go fishing!

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

To register call Gene Shaw at 218-348-2191 or email geneshaw2017@gmail.com.

Turn in Poachers names Duncan its conservation officer of the year.

Turn in Poachers has named Kipp Duncan, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officer who patrols the Duluth area, as its 2017 Joe Alexander Conservation Officer of the Year. Duncan also won the award in 2010.

As in previous years, Duncan was among many officers qualified to receive the award, said Dennis Mackedanz, executive director of TIP. The award, named in honor of former conservation officer and DNR Commissioner Joe Alexander, is presented each year to an officer who best represents the TIP mission during the course of duty.

"Kipp exemplifies the strength of the DNR/TIP partnership by his history of being engaged with the program," said Mackedanz, noting Duncan has been part of TIP committees, promotes the partnership through education, and generates cases based on TIP calls.

Duncan said he's humbled to receive the award a second time and notes the TIP program gives citizens an opportunity – anonymously if they choose – to help their local conservation officer.

"Our natural resources benefit and poachers have a higher likelihood of being caught because of the TIP organization," Duncan said. "A high percentage of the cases I am a part of that involve intentional poaching originate from TIP calls. Without that TIP call, many cheaters would not be held accountable and our natural resources would suffer."

TIP is a nonprofit organization that cooperates with DNR Enforcement Division to encourage the public to report natural resource violations. TIP provides rewards to people who provide information that lead to arrests of game and fish law violators. The TIP line is 800-652-9093, or #TIP for most cell phone users. For information, log on to tomndnr.gov/enforcement/tip.html.

UNS March MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes March 14th,2018

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten @ 7:00 pm. 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, Bob Klein, Dan Smestad and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Sandy Roberts, Bob Klein, Mike Drager, Eric Hansen.

Correspondence: None to share.

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda with the new additions by Gene Shaw 2nd by Judy Foy; Carried.

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read minutes from the February Membership Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Mike Foy, 2nd by Dan Smestad; Carried. Synopsis of Board of Directors minutes from March was also read.

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: was reported as of 2/28/18. Motion to approve the report and pay the bills by Bob Kuettel, 2nd by Mike Foy; Carried.

Membership Secretary's Report- Sandy Roberts: Mike Foy on behalf of Sandy: Membership is currently 1,620, 21 2nd notices were sent, and there were 26 non renewals.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Cody Privette on behalf of Eric: Updated the website and the Facebook page with range reservations, March Newsletter, and Sportsman's Banquet info.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: Nothing new **Dave Shrader:** Issue with non-current memberships.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: Picked up brass and shotgun hulls. Cleaned up rifle range. Replaced target holders. Fixed trap thrower. Installed drill press.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: 88 members currently volunteering.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: US Border Patrol will change their hours to 9am – 12. They have the rifle range reserved March 26th and 27th. DNR Youth Gun Safety 4/29.

Finance Report – John Bathke: Forest management plan is done and approved by DNR. Will file application for property tax classification 2c for a discount on taxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet (April 13, 2018) – Eric Hansen: Duane Lasley: Donations coming in. 283 items on hand \$6,200+ in value.

Bob Kuettel: Will order the guns soon. **Dan Smestad:** Tickets are starting to come in. The committee voted to lower the late fee for tickets. **Tina Sund:** The attendance certificates went out last weekend. We have the bags for tickets and prizes.

UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel: Still waiting for Lance Parthe, waiting to meet.

Motion Ledger Committee – Bob Kuettel: Work in progress, want to go through some more info before we meet.

Campground Long Range Planning Committee – Bob Kuettel: Still waiting on one more member. Will meet soon.

Berm Construction on Rifle Range – Bob Kuettel: Work will start soon. Will begin planning before April. DNR matching grant is now unavailable, will have to pay complete cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Fishing Contest June 8th & 9th 2018 – Pat & Debbie McAuliffe: Tom Wasbotten: Been in contact with the McAuliffes. They are working on it. There will be some changes with donations. Will need some help. Already have our permit.

School of Fish June 10th, 2018 – Gene Shaw: Already listed on the Cabelasschooloffish.com website. Limit to 18 kids. Open to ages to 5-16.

UNS Newsletter Editor Resignation – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of Joe Roberts resignation from the position of Editor of the Newsletter. Would like to thank Joe for many years of service.

UNS Communications Committee-John Bathke: Committee will meet tomorrow to address the newsletter.

Attendance Drawing: Jan Polecheck won the \$20.00

Progressive Drawing: Gerald Dietz was not present, therefore did not win \$90.

Members sick or in distress: Bob Klein, Joe Roberts, and Mary Smestad.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mike Foy, 2nd by Jon Polecheck at 8:05 pm; Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next Meetings will be the April BOD meeting on 4/4 and the April Membership meeting on 4/11. Both will be at 7pm at the retreat. Potluck at 6pm before board and membership meetings.

Hello UNS Members,

This newsletter is the first in a transition mode as we adjust to a change in editor and the types of information in the newsletter. Joe Roberts has resigned as newsletter editor after many years of dedicated service.

This is an opportunity for further change as we transition as much as we can to email distribution. Those who receive the newsletter by email save the Club money for printing, folding, stuffing and postage, as we assume you know. Furthermore, those who receive the newsletter by email will receive an enhanced version including color, photos, expanded articles and links to more information on topics covered in newsletter articles.

We invite members to recommend or submit information articles for consideration. Please note that opinion articles are not appropriate as the newsletter is the official communication from the Board to the members of UNS.

Contact John Bathke john@b-green.us or 218-834-7075 for more information.

Watch for these changes which should begin in the May newsletter.

John Bathke
Chair, Communications Committee

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IMMEDIATE POSITION AVAILABLE

The United Northern Sportsmen Board of Directors is looking for a qualified person to fill the **position of editor of our monthly club newsletter, United Northern Sportsmen's News**. This is a part time compensated position. You will be on the Board of Directors and need to be a member of our club or be willing to become a member. The person filling this position should have desktop publishing or equivalent experience, good written and verbal communications skills, and be willing to attend board meetings once a month. The position requires organizing and layout of each month's newsletter, selecting articles, and some writing of short related pieces. We will consider applicants without all of the above mentioned abilities. If you know of someone who might be interested pass this notice on. For further details please **contact Tom @ 218-721-4864 or 763-228-8889**.

ATTENTION: CAMPERS

We are forming a committee to discuss long range planning for our camping facility. We are looking for campers that have ideas and or would like to be on the committee. Please **contact Bob Kuettel at 218-393-2000** with your ideas or for more information.