

United Northern Sportmen'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

- July 19** Carry Class, Steve Holt
9am-4:30pm
Pistol Range Reserved:
3pm-4:30pm
- July 20-21** Rifle Range Reserved:
8am-Noon
- Aug. 3-4** Rifle Range Reserved:
8am-Noon
- Aug. 5** UNS Board Meeting
7pm, UNS Retreat
- Aug. 17-18** Rifle Range Reserved:
8am-Noon
- Sept. 2** UNS Board Meeting
7pm, UNS Retreat

The campground is now open!!



SHOOTING HOURS

Range opening and 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.

RANGE USE CALENDAR

may be found on our Website:

www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB CAMPGROUND OPEN

The Board of Directors and club volunteers have completed preparing the campground and other club areas and they are open for member's use. This includes the development and implementation of a DNR COVID-19 Response Plan that allowed us to open the campground on June 1st. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped us in this effort.

CANCELLED UNS EVENTS

As stated in the last newsletter, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we canceled the spring banquet normally held in April and the annual walleye fishing contest held in early June. At the June board of directors meeting the board, with regrets, also canceled two other traditional summer events. Our youth field day and annual picnic, both held each year in August, will not be held this year in order to adhere to the governor's safety guidelines regarding larger group gatherings. At this time we have no plans to reschedule any of these events later in 2020, but do look forward to resuming them again in 2021.

At this time, it is our intent to have the fall fundraiser and sight-in normally held in October and November prior to the deer hunting season. We may have to adjust the format due to COVID-19 guidelines. Further information will be available later in the summer.

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN'S GUN AND ARCHERY RANGES

The ranges are now open with a few new rules.

1. Ranges are closed on Mondays to allow for maintenance.
2. The hours are 8:00 am until 1/2 hour before sunset.
3. Guests will be as follows: 1 guest per Individual membership, and 2 guests per a family membership. Guest day passes are still \$5.00. You must be with your guests when they are on UNS property.
4. All ranges require eye protection and hearing protection.
5. COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing in effect.

UNS COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The state of Minnesota has mandated that any business wanting to reopen must follow guidelines and restrictions. One of the requirements is to have a COVID-19 preparedness plan and implement it. There are state mandated requirements for the plan and templates and advice online.

UNS has followed these guidelines and prepared a COVID-19 Plan and is implementing the plan as a part of our opening up to use at the boat launch, campground and ranges by members.

This plan is available as hard copy at the retreat building and is also available upon request or [from our website](#).

Our plan includes sanitizing public area surfaces and enforcing social distancing with signs posted reminding us about distancing at the retreat.

Camping resumed and range times were set to normal on July 1, except that the ranges are closed on Mondays for maintenance.

NEW STATE FOREST MAPS HELP MINNESOTANS FIND SUMMER FUN

Eight new state forest maps from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources feature recreation highlights to help Minnesotans find their perfect adventure. The maps in print and mobile formats, are available for Bear Island, Big Fork, Burntside, Golden Anniversary, Remer, Koochiching, Smokey Bear, and White Earth state forests.

State forest maps can lead the way to summer hiking, mountain biking, birding, berry picking, horseback and ATV riding, fishing, camping and more. "Whether you prefer a wilderness canoe paddle or an ATV ride, there's a summer state forest experience for everyone – and our new state forest maps will make the experience even better," said Laura Duffey, state forest map coordinator.

Here are just a few examples of the outdoor summer fun available at state forests:

- Look up at the towering pines of the Lost 40 Scientific and Natural Area inside Big Fork State Forest.
- Canoe among the pines at the Bear Island and Burntside State Forests. Nestled on the edge of the Boundary Waters, these offer a northwoods paddling experience!
- Cruise through trees on the Blue Ox State Trail in the Koochiching State Forest. As you travel past the black spruce swamps and upland aspen stands, be on the lookout for wildlife, including beavers, bobcats, eagles, moose and wolves.

Users have two ways to get the new maps:

1. The free Avenza App provides access to Minnesota state forest maps. Before you go, download the app and navigate to the desired map by searching MNDNR + state forest name in their store. Never get lost in the woods. Your phone's GPS will allow you to see your location, track distance and more.
2. Fresh, redesigned paper maps with site-specific details are available from the DNR Info Center (link sends email) / 888-646-6367. A PDF version of the paper map can also be downloaded and printed from the state forest webpage.

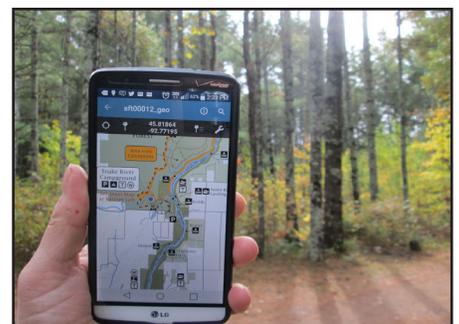


Photo: MN DNR

In addition to the maps for these eight forests, DNR has recently updated maps for an additional 23 state forests. [See the growing list](#) of state forests with updated maps.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2020

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:00 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Board members present: Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Bob Kuettel, Tom Wasbotten, Duane Lasley, Judy Foy, Gene Shaw, John Bathke, Vickie Jensen, Lance Parthe, and Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Kyle Berg, Lance Haavisto, Dan Smestad.

Members Present: Eric Hansen, Sue Bathke

Correspondence: Gnesen Newsletter, St Louis County Assessor note, Request from Gnesen Community Center for National Night Out donation, Annual Rebate check from MN Power, and refund check Izaak Walton League

Motion to approve the agenda with additions was moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Minutes were read and motion to approve the minutes from the May 6th BOD meeting (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: Presented financial reports as of 5/31/2020. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund: 1,648 current members; Member renewals: 90 singles and 42 combos. 83 second notices.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Facebook and webpage update for range use and COVID-19 closures.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Bathke: Nothing to share. June 15 deadline.

Incident Report – Bob Kuettel: Nothing to share.

Facilities Committee – Bob Kuettel: Haven't met as a committee. Steve Holt retreat and pistol range on 6/24. Virus related costs are approximately \$3,300 to keep the range operating. We cleaned out the garage, line shack, and target shack. We also fixed the sod that was damaged during snow plowing. Discussion followed about the cost for fixing the damaged grass.

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: Have been turned down for several grants. Turned down because we are a membership organization. Lance Parthe applied for a grant at Feradyne for archery targets.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Dan not present.

Finance Committee – John Bathke: Nothing new to share.

Communications Committee – John Bathke: Have not met yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shooting Ranges Operation Summer – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of our process for keeping ranges open during the COVID-19 pandemic. So far we have spent roughly \$3,300. Discussion followed regarding changing shooting times. Motion made to maintain 8am to 8pm or a half an hour before sunset, whichever is earlier, shoot range hours Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Monday during the MN Safe at Home order and without a UNS Attendant (M/S/C.)

Campground Operation 2020 w/COVID-19 plan - John Bathke: John gave an overview of the need to formulate a COVID-19 response plan to be able to open the campground. Discussion followed. (M/S/C.)

Campground Host and Assistant Host – Tom Wasbotten: Mike Foy has agreed to be the camp host for 2020, but he doesn't want to handle money. Don Jakubek volunteered to fill in as assistant camp host if needed. Motion made to not have an assistant camp host for the 2020 camping season, discussion followed. (M/S/C.)

UNS Youth Field Day Decision – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave an overview of local shows and events that have canceled. Motion made to cancel the event for 2020. (M/S/C.)

Local Donation Requests – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave update of the local donation requests. Motion made to table until the July meeting. (M/S/C.)

NEW BUSINESS:

UNS Banquet 2021 Tentative Date – Tom Wasbotten: Tom reserved 4/17/2021 for the 2021 banquet at the AAD Shrine banquet hall.

UNS Summer Picnic 2021 Dana Dallum Chair – Tom Wasbotten: Dana Dallum has volunteered to chair the 2021 summer picnic if the event is held in 2021.

Follow Up To Insurance Update – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of updating our insurance coverages to cover all eight docks plus and additional \$1million liability coverage. Tom also gave overview of the need to complete an inventory for insurance coverages and the possible need to have our buildings appraised. Discussion followed about getting an appraisal.

Rules For UNS Club Facilities – Lance Parthe: Discussion followed about our camping and membership rules and some of the issues that we have had over the last year. Tom Wasbotten formed a rules committee to define what is a member, categories of members, and who their guests may be.

Members Sick or in Distress: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm (M/S/C).

Respectively submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next meeting BOD membership meeting is on July 1, 7 pm at the retreat.

COUNT INSECTULA BACK WITH BUGS THAT BITE!!

Bugs that bite... get our attention, even though they make up only a small portion of the large group of animals called insects. Many prey on other insects, eat only plants, and many adult insects don't even have a mouth. There are six kinds of Minnesota flies that find us attractive enough to bite. This lesser loved insect of summer belongs to the order Diptera and all members have only two wings (most insects have four wings). Most recognized are mosquitoes. Their bloodthirsty relatives include black flies, deer flies, horse flies, stable flies, and tiny biting midges.

Of the roughly **50 species of mosquitoes in Minnesota**, at least 28 bite humans. Only a few hang around in large numbers. A typical mosquito is about 3/8" long with slender legs, antennae, a tubelike mouth (proboscis), and scaly wings, which fold over its body. Life expectancy is usually two to four weeks.

Usually starting in May, females go out at dusk to find a blood meal. Mosquitoes detect heat we give off and carbon dioxide we exhale and quickly fly in for a bite. The proboscis has six piercing parts. Four with serrated edges cut through the skin to the blood vessels. A fifth part injects saliva to anesthetize and serve as an anticoagulant. The sixth part is a tube to pump the blood into her empty gut. A full meal deal can double her weight, nourish 100 eggs or more, and make flying away impossible. A mosquito bites one to three times.

In our state, mosquito bites have caused a few cases of encephalitis and some have spread heartworm to dogs. The Mosquito Magnet is one mosquito control product, around since 2002, which expels CO2 and then vacuums up the mosquitoes attached to it. It does not require electricity which gives more flexibility when placing.

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Black flies are less than 1/4" long, have a dark body, humped thorax, a short head, antennae and legs. Their nutrition comes from plant nectar but the female is not content with this and, using their cutting mouth, takes blood from animals. Black flies begin feeding in late May. Only one generation is produced each year so in June they have peaked. To bite, the female uses four slashing teeth to cut a shallow well in the victim's skin. The blood is lapped up as it pools. Like the mosquito, the fly's saliva numbs the nerves; keeps the blood from clotting; causes the skin around the bite to swell and itch. To find her victims, the female uses temperature-sensitive cells in the tip of her antennae. She uses sight and seems attracted to the color blue. Because black flies follow each other, the victim is likely to get several bites at a time. Their feeding frenzy ends after dark.

Horse flies are the biggest aerial attacker at 1 inch long. The horse fly has a hairless, stout body; is often dark colored with a broad band on its abdomen; has short antennae; and has large, iridescent green and purple eyes. The female bites very much like the black fly. She usually goes for legs or wet skin. Adults emerge and feed mostly in July and early August.

Deer flies are half the size of horse flies, have transparent patterned wings, metallic green-gold eyes, a triangular body and a rounded, small head. These pesky flies buzz around our heads on hot days in July. They are slow flying and retire for the night. Only one generation develops each year. Both horse flies and deer flies carry diseases to humans and animals.

Biting midges (no-see-ums) are 1/10" long and the smallest of the northland biters. Most feed on nectar. Several attack other insects and steal the blood. A few go for human blood. Feeding at dusk, they puncture skin with a pair of mandibles that look like scissor blades. Adults usually emerge in summer, feeding in June and July. They do not fly far from their feeding grounds.

Larry Weber, published in Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, July-August 2001.