

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

June 2	UNS Board Meeting 6pm, Held Virtually
June 7	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
June 14	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
June 21	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
June 28	Ranges Closed, Maintenance
July 3- 5	Ranges Closed, Holiday
July 7	UNS Board Meeting 6pm, UNS Clubhouse

All members are encouraged to attend.



SHOOTING HOURS

Range hours are 8am to 30 minutes before sunset. All ranges are closed on Mondays. Range opening and closing times are posted on the ranges and 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

THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND AT UNS

The 4th of July is approaching and we expect many of our members will be wanting to use the campground, picnic area, and boat launch over the weekend. During the recent fishing opener and Memorial Day weekend some members said they were unaware of recent rule changes. So we are including some friendly reminders of rules currently in effect. We will have volunteer staff on site over that weekend to answer questions and manage traffic. The full rules are available on our website.

Keep in mind campsite availability is on a first come first serve basis. Any campers who want to arrive early must occupy their sleeping unit a minimum of 6 hours per 24 hour period. You may not park your sleeping unit or other vehicle on a campsite and leave it in order to "reserve" a spot for yourself ahead of the weekend. We have 37 campsites available including 9 sites on the lake side without an electrical power hookup. The remaining 28 sites are north of the highway, the main portion of our campground, with 13 of them having electrical power. All sleeping units must be parked centered on the railroad ties equidistant from each side of the campsite boundary.

We limit each campsite to a maximum of two passenger vehicles plus your sleeping unit. If you are a UNS member, but are not camping, please park in an area designated for non-camping members. That parking is west of and adjacent to the playground area. If you are using the picnic areas you may park there.

Keep in mind there are strict limits to the number of guests a member may have on the premises. An Individual Membership is allowed one guest and a Family Membership is allowed two guests. Guests are not allowed to stay overnight and must leave by 11:00 pm. Overnight camping is for members only.

During summer camping season all non-member guests must park their vehicles on the highway, not on UNS property. On busy weekends like the 4th of July the grounds can become quite congested when all or most of our campsites are occupied. As members please help us with these parking issues. You are responsible to see your guests abide by all club rules. Finally your allotted one or two guest(s) must be registered by you by filling out a \$5 pink non-member guest pass prior to their being

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UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2021

Call to order (Via Zoom): by President Tom Wasbotten at 7:01 pm., Conservation Pledge.

Roll call of elected officers: Tina Sund, Tom Wasbotten, John Bathke, Lance Haavisto, Jeff Jarvela, Lance Parthe, Vickie Jensen, Gene Shaw, Duane Lasley and Cody Privette.

Members Present: Sue Bathke, Eric Hansen, Ron Cretens, Bob Kuettel, **New Members Present:** Joe and Lindsey Ikan

Presentations: Bonnie Amundson gave a presentation on the fishing contest app from the company Fish Donkey.

Correspondence: Donation request.

Excused Elected Officers: Mike Foy, Judy Foy.

Agenda additions: Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: Motion to approve the April BOD minutes (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 4/30/21: Motion made to approve the report and pay bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 4/30/21: Current membership is 1843 with 77 individual memberships & 33 family memberships. 43 - 2nd notices and 222 June renewal notices were mailed.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen: The website and Facebook were updated with range reservations. and events on Facebook and website. Notice about the new rules was posted on Facebook. Notice about the new rules and May Newsletter was also posted on the website.

Newsletter – Sue Bathke: Deadline for the newsletter is 5/15. Would like to know your favorite lure for June and a favorite recipe for the July newsletter.

Facilities Committee – Lance Parthe: This month has been very busy. Cleaned up each side of the highway of debris. Blew out the ranges three times. Brought a skidsteer up and setup the new campsites on the lake side. Hauled in gravel to fix the driveway aprons. Leveled out the boat ramp. Picked up belting to replace the pistol backstops. Resubmitted a request to Feradyne for archery targets. Discussion followed about the trap thrower. We will install new flags as well as the anti-geese banners.

Incident Reports – Lance Parthe: The person shooting before 8am arrived again and was shooting early.

Range and Grounds Calendar – Bob Kuettel & Lance Parthe: Ranges closed Memorial Day Weekend.

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: Nothing to share.

Volunteer Awards Committee – Tina Sund: Nothing to share.

Finance Committee – John Bathke: Committee met. Working on a few items at the moment.

OLD BUSINESS:

UNS Summer Walleye Fishing Contest/Kids Fishing Class – Tom Wasbotten: Lance Haavisto offered to help with the fishing contest. Lance Haavisto, Gene Shaw, Duane Lasley, and Cody Privette will brainstorm. Lance Haavisto will chair the event. The UNS Fishing Class will be the last week of June. Date pending, Gene Shaw will head up the fishing class.

Donation Request Disbursements – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave the overview of the requests for donations from Lakeview Christian Academy for \$1,000 for their trap team, Wildwood's wildlife rehabilitation center, Two Harbors HS Trap Team for \$1,000, and Richard L Bong Veterans Center for two groups of veterans to take a trip to the BWCA. We budgeted \$2,580 for donations this year. Motion made to donate \$400 to both schools as well as the Bong Center and \$150 to Wildwoods. (M/S/C).

New Membership Application & Use Forms – Tina Sund & Tom Wasbotten: Tina and Tom gave an overview of the new membership forms. Motion made to approve. (M/S/C).

UNS Youth Field Day Event – Tom Wasbotten: Tentative date for the event 8/14. Cody Privette will chair the event with help from Jeff Jarvela and Tina Sund. Will report back in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNS Club Adopt a Highway – Gene Shaw: Gene will call the Two Harbors trap team to see if they can help clean our portion of the highway.

Request From ALS Never Surrender Inc – Tom Wasbotten: Discussion followed about the ALS needing a boat launch for their event.

Fishing Opener Weekend/Grounds Monitors – Tom Wasbotten: Discussion followed about our new rules being tested on the fishing opener weekend. We will need people to monitor the grounds.

UNS Summer Picnic – Tina Sund: Discussion followed about hosting the picnic this year. A motion was made to not host the picnic, (M/S/C).

Range Hours – Lance Parthe: A motion was made that the ranges close ½ hour before sunset or at 8pm, whichever is earlier. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion: Motion was made to start the meetings to 6pm. (M/S/C)..

Members sick or in distress: Todd Kobus family member passed..

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn at 9:54pm (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary.

Next BOD meeting will be held on June 2nd at 6pm via Zoom.

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on the property. If you know a guest is coming, please consider filling out the pass ahead of time.

For safety reasons all shooting ranges will be completely closed from Saturday, July 3rd through Monday, July 5th. We expect to see many members including their children on our grounds during that weekend and want to insure the well being of all. You may shoot up through Friday, July 2nd and again starting on Tuesday, July 6th. Sorry about the inconvenience, but we know you'll understand.

We hope you will all enjoy your 4th of July. If you spend time with us, as members of a private club, help us to see that everyone follows the rules. We know most of our members are great, help with maintenance and chores, are respectful and pleasant, and wonderful to be around. Thanks!



Memorial Day
at the UNS Clubhouse



Meet Ron Cretens
UNS Camp Host



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LURE?

When UNS Board Members were asked, "What is your favorite lure that you like to use?" Tina Sund said, "I really don't have one. I think we just use a weighted jig." Vickie Jensen said, "I have not fished in over 10 years, I really need to get back out there." From Eric Hansen his favorite is what works: either leadheads or spinners, depending on the lake. For Tom Wasbotten it is his Northland Bubble Gum Fire-ball Jig. Cody Privette says his favorite lure, is definitely a Rapala Jiggin' Rap. Gene Shaw says his favorite lure is a jig and minnow. Jeff Jarvela said, "Nothing fancy, but tried and true, hook, night crawler and bobber." Duane Lasley reports that his favorite is a Black Rooster Tail with a silver blade. The beetle spin with twister tailis is a favorite of Lance Haavisto's. John Bathke's favorite flies are royal coachman 10-14 and black knat 20-24.

Check out these DNR [helpful guides](#) on catching sunfish, bass and other fish. Of course now you can determine what lures or bait you want to try (there are six basic types of artificial lures but many variations to choose from.) To learn more about each, download our guide. [PDF](#) And you will need a place to catch these whily fish. [Find a place to fish](#) on the DNR website which has maps for 4,500 fishing lakes, trout streams, fishing piers, urban ponds, canoe landings and more.

General Season for Northeastern Minnesota:

4/17/21-9/30/21	Stream Trout (* check regulations for limits)
5/15/21-10/31/21	Stream Trout in lakes (*), walleye & sauger (6 combined), northern pike (2 with size restriction)
5/15/21-2/27/22	Smallmouth and largemouth bass (6 combined)
6/5/21-12/1/21	Muskies (1, minimum 54")
Continuous Season	Crappie and sunfish (See guidelines below), rock bass (30), white bass (30), perch (20 daily, 40 possess), bullhead (100), whitefish and smelt (no limit).

Sunfish anglers will need to check the 2021 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and signs at water accesses for new sunfish limits now in effect on 94 waters. The new regulations only modify daily limits. Anglers can only keep the prescribed number of fish per day from the water but can return the next day for another limit as long as they don't exceed the statewide inland water possession limit of 20 sunfish per angler.

Spending time with someone who already fishes is the easiest way to learn or remember how to fish. Likewise, spending time while fishing is not only relaxing but is also a great way to share some of your knowledge.

THE DNR WANTS YOUR LAKE SUPERIOR FISH GUTS

Researchers hope to inspect the stomachs of as many as 10,000 fish from Lake Superior in the coming year to find out what they are eating. They need your help to get the job done. The Minnesota DNR fisheries crew that looks after Lake Superior is asking anglers to donate the leftover parts of any fish they catch on Gitche Gume. Contributions by anglers will be especially helpful in surveying salmon, which tend not to swim into DNR test nets that are normally set for lake trout and herring.

You can keep the fillets. They just want the rest — intact stomachs, spines and heads — refrigerated or frozen as quickly as possible and then dropped off at the French River office outside Duluth. It's called the Lake Superior Predator Prey Project, part of a region-wide effort that includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario as well as federal and tribal agencies and university researchers all looking at the relationship between predator fish and their prey in the big lake.

Go to <https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/northland-outdoors/7035718-The-DNR-wants-your-Lake-Superior-fish-guts> or [GUTS](#) if you want to know more. To sign up contact Nick Peterson, nick.peterson@state.mn.us or 218-302-3272.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OFFERED TO PROTECT NORTH SHORE TROUT

The Minnesota Land Trust is offering to pay, via a conservation easement, landowners with land running along sensitive North Shore trout streams on their property to keep that land undeveloped and forested.

A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement that permanently prevents development and limits certain uses of land in order to protect its conservation values. Landowners continue to own and enjoy the land and pay property taxes. Once created, the conservation easement is binding on all future owners of the property.

Protecting the shore along the streams is considered critical to protect water quality for stream trout, including keeping big trees along the streams to shade the water. Warming water temperatures under changing climate conditions may already be impacting stream trout in North Shore streams.

The new North Shore Coldwater Fisheries Program uses a market-based approach to valuing the easements. Funding for this project was provided in part from the state's Outdoor Heritage Fund, funded by the state's conservation sales tax and appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature and recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Landowners along the North Shore who have streams running through their land can find out more at mnlnd.org/nscf or by contacting Bill Penning at 651-262-6403 or bpenning@mnlnd.org.

The Minnesota Land Trust is a donor supported nonprofit organization. Its mission is to protect and restore Minnesota's most vital natural lands in order to provide wildlife habitat, clean water, outdoor experiences and scenic beauty for generations to come. The organization has completed 617 conservation projects statewide, permanently protecting over 68,000 acres of natural and scenic land and over 380 miles of fragile shoreline.

Information taken from Northland Outdoor, Written By: John Myers | 3:17 pm, May 20, 2021

FORAGING FOR SOME NORTHLAND PRIMAVERA

For a brief while, our forests offer the key ingredients for this tasty springtime dish — fiddleheads and ramps. If you would like to see how to harvest and then prepare Northland Primavera, as prepared by Peter Passi of the Duluth Tribune, follow [this link](#).

JUNE PHENOLOGY IN THE NORTHLAND

Farmer's Markets are beginning to open with vendors selling syrup, rhubarb, and other cold weather crops and perennials.

Tree planting time is now! Also now is a good time for reseeding grasses.

The soil temperature, for the most part, has reached 50° and there is sufficient light for gardening.

Turtles need our help crossing the road.

EMAILS WANTED: Remember, the next time you renew your membership, or even tomorrow, let us know your email address so you may receive our enhanced newsletter electronically. Emails may be sent to Duane Lasley, duanellasley@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE: Monthly newsletters are sent before the end of the previous month. Articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. If you have an article you would like share or photos please send to sue@b-green.us. It may be shared space permitting.

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