

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

- Jan. 2 UNS Board Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting**
- Jan. 9 UNS Membership Meeting
Sportsmen's Retreat
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 PM Meeting**
- Jan. 10 E-Scouting Class w/Charlie Ek
7 - 8:30 PM Sportsmen's Retreat**
- Jan. 17 E-Scouting Class w/Charlie Ek
7 - 8:30 PM Sportsmen's Retreat**
- Jan. 24 E-Scouting Class w/Charlie Ek
7 - 8:30 PM Sportsmen's Retreat**
- Jan. 31 E-Scouting Class w/Charlie Ek
7 - 8:30 PM Sportsmen's Retreat**
- January 27, 2019 Ice Fishing Contest**
**Don't pout and wish...
Go out and ice fish!!**

SHOOTING HOURS

A reminder about our shooting times. The ranges are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1/2 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.

**RANGE USE CALENDAR
may be found on our Website:
www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org**

66TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

With Ice Fishing season just ahead, United Northern Sportsmen Club would like to invite you to join us for the 66th Annual Ice Fishing Contest at the Sportsmen Retreat on Island Lake; Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm.

In addition to the Gate Prize of \$2000, there will be prizes for the largest fish caught:

1st Place \$1000, 2nd Place \$500, 3rd Place \$250,
4th Place \$125 and 5th Place \$75.

And for the youngsters, age fifteen and under a \$50 prize, and trophy.

During the contest, great fishing prizes will be awarded every ten minutes (and you need not be present to win).

What a wonderful opportunity for some winter fun! As always, we hope for the best possible weather. So, come join the festivities. Shelters are allowed. Everyone on the ice **MUST** have their participation ticket in possession. Participants are allowed up to two holes. All qualifying fish must be caught within the designation area of the UNS Ice Fishing Contest, during the event hours of 12:30 - 3:30 on January 27, 2019 and caught by the person registering the fish. All Minnesota fishing rules and regulations apply.

The \$5 tickets to this event are for entry to the actual contest but also include entry into the gate prize drawing as well as other drawings. Not bad considering you don't have to be present to win the drawings. These tickets have already been mailed to members to sell to family and friends.

Questions? Check us out on Facebook and at www.unitednorthernsportsmen.org or contact Co-Chairs, Eric Hansen, gonefishing0101@hotmail.com or Dan Woollett, Woollettd@gmail.com.

Do you have an idea or article you would like to share? Please send all articles and pictures for this newsletter to sue@b-green.us.

UNS ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

At the December membership meeting, we elected officers and board members to serve our club for three year terms. The following people were elected to fill these positions with their term of office commencing in 2019: President - Tom Wasbotten, Secretary - Cody Privette, Sgt. At Arms - Duane Lasley, and three members of the Board of Directors - Judy Foy, Bob Klein and Kyle Berg.

FREE E-SCOUTING COURSE

Charlie Ek, a new member of UNS and an experienced wilderness navigation instructor, will teach a free “e-scouting” course at UNS this January. The technique involves using Google Earth, GeoPDF maps, geographic information systems and GPS devices to gather detailed information about an area before setting foot on it. It is particularly useful for scouting hunting areas, but it can also be used for planning outdoor photography, hiking, canoe trips, etc.

The course will be held in four parts on Thursday evenings at the UNS Retreat:

January 10th	7 -8:30 pm	Sportsmen’s Retreat
January 17th	7 -8:30 pm	Sportsmen’s Retreat
January 24th	7 -8:30 pm	Sportsmen’s Retreat
January 31st	7 -8:30 pm	Sportsmen’s Retreat

Participants are welcome to attend all or any part(s) they wish. Class sessions will run about 60-90 minutes in length. The class size will be limited to 25 to maximize the value to participants. Preregistration is required (see below for details).

Those interested can register by sending an e-mail to Charlie at cxtranslations@me.com if there is room after the December 15th original due date. Please be sure to include the “s” in the address, and put “e-Scouting” in the subject line.

CONSIDER A FIRST DAY HIKE - OR A FIRST HIKE FOR THE NEW YEAR

First Day Hikes took place at numerous Minnesota state parks on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, as part of a nationwide effort to connect people with the outdoors.

Spearheaded by the America’s State Parks (ASP) organization, First Day Hikes offer opportunities for individuals, families and groups in all 50 states to take guided walks that vary in distance and vigor. ASP reported that last year, more than 33,000 people welcomed the new year by taking one of the 1,180 guided hikes that covered 70,500 miles.

The naturalists leading the First Day Hikes at Wild River and Jay Cooke state parks are planning First Day Snowshoe Hikes, provided there is enough snow by Jan. 1. Afton State Park in Hastings is combining its First Day Hike with its annual Christmas Bird Count, which challenges participants to walk, bird watch and count all at the same time. Note that registration is required for some First Day Hikes, particularly those with a limited number of snowshoes available.

The hikes are free, but a vehicle permit (\$7 for a one-day permit or \$35 for a year-round permit) is required to enter Minnesota state parks.

Hikers are advised to wear boots and layers, such as a non-cotton shirt under a sweater plus a jacket, hat and mittens. As hikers get moving and warm up, they may want to shed some of those layers, so the hike leaders advise bringing a light backpack where they can stash those items, along with a water bottle, a snack, binoculars and a camera.

Park naturalists encourage anyone unable to attend a guided hike to get out with their friends and families on New Year’s Day for their own self-guided hike. Recommended routes can be found online using the Parks and Trails Division’s HikeFinder.

For a complete schedule of the First Day Hikes at Minnesota state parks, including directions to the parks and whether advance registration is needed, visit mndnr.gov/firstdayhike or contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

UNS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2018

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 7.02 pm. Conservation Pledge.

Moment of Silence: For Robert E. Walsten

Roll Call of Officers: Tina Sund, Mike Foy, Duane Lasley, Dave Shrader, Judy Foy, Gene Shaw, Bob Kuettel, Eric Hansen, John Bathke, Sue Bathke, Tom Wasbotten, Cody Privette.

Excused Officers: Larry Chesney, Mike Drager, Bob Klein, and Dan Smestad.

New Members: Charlie Ek.

Correspondence: SHOT News and Gnesen Newsletter.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Reading of Minutes: Cody Privette read the November Membership Meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes as read moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report - Tina Sund: as of 11/30/18: Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report- Tina Sund: 1,636 current members. 68 renewals, and 22 2nd notices.

Committee Reports:

Web Master – Eric Hansen: Updated the events page with the ice fishing contest and range reservations.

Newsletter Editor – Sue Bathke: Deadline for newsletter is December 17th.

Incident Reports – Mike Foy: None.

Retreat Improvements & Maintenance – Dave Shrader: After eight days we have a lot of brass. 1,215 pounds of brass has been recycled this year. Replaced the ceiling tiles in the retreat, thanks Gene Shaw and Bill Kleiver. Lance Parthe cleaned the retreat. Tina and Conrad Sund delivered a new display case. Reorganized the retreat.

Grants Committee – Mike Drager: Not present.

Volunteer Awards – Dan Smestad: Not present.

Facilities Calendar – Bob Kuettel: Matt Boo wants to use all of the ranges and reserve the retreat from 1000-1600 on 12/14.

Finance Report – John Bathke: The committee has met. Discussed ten topics. Made two adjustments to the budget for Youth Outdoor Field Day and UMD Field Day. Net adjustment of + \$275.

OLD BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract BOD Recommendation – Tom Wasbotten: We received two formal bids. The BOD recommended that Pat Dodge be awarded the contract. Dave Shrader has agreed to shovel the ranges for \$30 a time. Motion was made to approve the recommendation (M/S/C).

UNS Website Committee – Bob Kuettel: The committee met last night. Have it narrowed down to six different categories. Very close to finished.

Ice Fishing Contest January 27, 2019 – Eric Hansen: Jason Manning will MC again this year. Need a caterer still. Have some left over prizes from last year. We do have our license from the MN DNR. Discussion followed about new Pike regulations.

UNS Banquet 2019 – Eric Hansen: Banquet is April 13th. Planning meeting 1/21 at 1 pm at Perkins.

Election of 2019 UNS Officer Nomination Committee – Bob Kuettel on behalf of Dan Smestad: We have the following nominees for each position: President (Tom Wasbotten), Secretary (Cody Privette), 3-year BOD position (Judy Foy, Eric Hansen). Nominations were called from the floor three times for the position of President. Motion was made to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Wasbotten and (M/S/C). Nominations were called from the floor three times for the position of Secretary. Motion was made to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Cody Privette and (M/S/C). Nominations were called from the floor three times for the position of Sgt. at Arms. Motion was made to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Duane Lasley and (M/S/C). Nominations were called from the floor three times for the position of the three 3-year BOD positions. Eric Hansen nominated Kyle Berg for a BOD position (M/S).

Motion was made to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Klein, Judy Foy, and Kyle Berg and (M/S/C).

NEW BUSINESS:

UNS Non-Member Policy – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave an overview of the SOP adopted by the BOD regarding the UNS Non-member Policy. Discussion followed about past issues with non-members.

Asian Carp Letter to the US Army Corp of Engineers – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview of the letter that the BOD has agreed to sign on to. The letter supports efforts to keep Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes.

Donation to Second Harvest Food Bank \$100 – Tom Wasbotten: The BOD agreed to donate \$100 to Second Harvest Food Bank from Charitable Funds.

Attendance Drawing: Bert Celich won \$20.

Progressive Drawing: Mike Foy was present, therefore won \$60.

Members sick or in distress: Adams Boucher, Larry Chesney.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn (M/S/C).

Respectfully submitted by Cody Privette, Secretary

The next meetings will be the January BOD meeting on January 2nd; the January Membership meeting on January 9th.

Both will be held at 7pm at the retreat.

LOOKING AT FOREST FIRES FROM A FORESTRY POINT OF VIEW

We have all heard about the terrible forest fires in the West in the past few years, and especially the Camp Fire in California in November. Let's look at forest fires from a forestry point of view.

Forest Fires Basics:

A forest fire needs a source of ignition. It needs fuel and needs oxygen. The ignition source can be lightning strikes, but human activities cause many fires. The fuel source is wood, leaves, needles and understory growth including brush and grass.

The speed of burning and the speed of expansion depends to a large extent on the presence of oxygen. This makes wind speed a huge factor in the life of a fire; the wind brings in oxygen, and carries burning embers into new fuel sources.

By Gene Wengert for Woodworking Industry News, 12/3/18

You can google the extensive story at: <https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/woodworking-industry-news/looking-forest-fires-forestry-point-view> or [click here for the full story](#).

THE ASIAN CARP THREAT TO THE GREAT LAKES

The Great Lakes have seen over 180 non-native species introduced since the establishment of closer monitoring procedures. Asian carp are the latest and possibly the most threatening species to the Great Lakes ecosystem. What makes the potential Asian carp invasion different and a cause for concern? How susceptible are the Great Lakes to an Asian carp invasion and what could happen if such an invasion were to take place?

Over time, the Great Lakes have accumulated over 180 aquatic non-native species.¹ Some of these species were introduced intentionally to serve as sport fish and others, as biological controls. However, many species were introduced unintentionally through the transfer of live food fish, bait release, or the release of ballast water.¹ Not all non-native species are threats to the Great Lakes because many are either unable to sustain a population or do not significantly disrupt existing ecosystems. Some species are disruptive because of their eating habits, rate of reproduction, and adaptability among other factors. These invasive species pose a threat to existing ecosystems and also to the economies of the region. The Great Lakes Basin is the largest source of freshwater in the world. It also creates a \$7 billion fishing industry.

By Jeremie Beverstock

You can google the entire article at: <https://ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/sciencebites/chapter/an-assessment-of-the-invasive-asian-carp-threat-on-the-great-lakes/> or [click here for this story](#).

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