

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 wi

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Club Calendar

- Oct. 4** Ranges Closed, Maintenance
Firearm Safety Training
- Oct. 6** UNS Board Meeting
6pm, UNS Clubhouse
- Oct. 9** Range Officer Refresher
10am, UNS Clubhouse
- Oct. 11** Ranges Closed, Maintenance
- Oct. 12, 14** UMD Field Days, 2:30-5pm
All Ranges Closed
- Oct. 16, 17** Fall Sight-In, Rifle Range
- Oct. 18, 25** Ranges Closed, Maintenance
- Oct. 23, 24** Fall Sight-In, Rifle Range
- Oct. 30, 31** Fall Sight-In, Rifle Range
- Nov. 1** Ranges Closed, Maintenance
- Nov. 1-5** Fall Sight-In, Rifle Range
- Nov. 3** UNS Board Meeting
6pm, Zoom Meeting
- Nov. 6** Deer Season Opens
- Dec. 1** UNS Board Meeting
6pm, Zoom Meeting
- Dec. 8** UNS Annual Meeting
6pm, Zoom Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP cody@ckpriv.com. If the clubhouse is full a Zoom Meeting Connection will be provided.

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.unitednorthernsportmen.org

UNITED NORTHERN SPORTSMEN 2021 FALL FUNDRAISER

It's hard to believe another summer is gone, and the season of autumn is fast approaching. This is the time of year that we hold our Annual Fall Fundraiser and Sight-In. Historically, this is the time of year that supplies our budget with the needed funds to hold kid's events, conversation efforts, and keep up on the maintenance of our facility.

Our 2021 Fall Fundraiser will again consist of raffling off \$1,500 in various denominations of gift certificates as prizes at some of our local businesses (Marine General, Chalstrom's, Fisherman's Corner, Outdoor Advantage, RJ's Sport & Cycle, Duluth Lawn & Sport, and more) that have helped support UNS club events with their donations over the past years. The gift certificates will range anywhere between \$25.00 and \$100.00 each.

Each ticket will be a \$5.00 donation. If you haven't already received any, we will be sending everyone 5 tickets to buy or sell. Please try to sell them in your social distance sort of way to your family, friends, coworkers or by buying them all yourself, as we are still in the Covid-19 Pandemic. If every member committed to buying and selling these tickets, we would be well on our way to funding our events that so many people have come to enjoy, expect, and maintaining the club's facilities.

Our drawings will be held on Friday, November 5th at the close of the Fall Sight-In. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you for your continued support in our club.

Feel free to reach out to Deanna Dodge by phone: (218) 721-3979, or email pddodge2014@hotmail.com if you need more tickets to sell.

THE FALL SIGHT-IN IS COMING UP SOON

The Minnesota deer hunting season begins on Nov. 6th. The dates for the UNS sight-in fund raiser are Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, and Nov. 1-5. The range will open at 8am and close 1/2 hour before sunset. The fee will be \$5.00 per gun for everyone. This event is open to the public, you do not have to be a member. Remember to bring eye and ear protection and a case for your gun. We will be having a refresher course for range officers on Oct. 9th at 10.00am at the clubhouse. Interested? We can always use the help. The class lasts an hour to hour and a half.

UNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Call to Order: by President Tom Wasbotten at 6:35 pm., Conservation Pledge.

Elected Officers Present: Tina Sund, Tom Wasbotten, Lance Haavisto, Jeff Jarvela, Lance Parthe, Vickie Jensen, Gene Shaw.

Members Present: Ron Cretens, Eric Hansen, Jon and Jan Polecheck, Sara Taylor and Tim and Kelly Walberg.

Excused Officers: John Bathke, Judy Foy, Mike Foy, Duane Lasley, Cody Privette.

Correspondence: Tina received property lease bill.

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

Reading of Minutes: Eric Hansen read minutes from Aug. 4th meeting. Motion to approve the August BOD minutes (M/S/C).

Treasurer's Report: Tina Sund as of 8/31/21: Motion made to approve the report and pay bills (M/S/C).

Membership Secretary's Report: Tina Sund as of 8/31/21: Current membership is 1753 with 64 individual memberships & 40 family memberships renewed and with 160 - 2nd notices mailed.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster – Eric Hansen: Made updates to the UNS website and Facebook page: upcoming Fish Donkey fishing contest, range reservations, other items.

Newsletter Committee: Sue Bathke not present.

Facilities Committee: Lance Parthe is waiting for people to give bids for replacing plumbing to Camp Host building and in the Camp Host building. There is some damage to docks & we need to re-skin rifle ranges before sight-in event. Tom Wasbotten reminded us that we have a dump station variance until 2023. New security system: A committee will be formed before spending funds on a new surveillance system. Jon Polecheck: discussion on memorial trees to be planted on the property and the type of tree to purchase. He suggested considering: Norway, White Pine, Maple & Red Oak be cause of longer life and tolerant of UNS soil conditions.

Incident Reports – Tom Wasbotten: Reported there was an incident which will be discussed at the end of the meeting when guests are not present.

Range and Grounds Calendar – Lance Parthe: Lance Parthe talked about Project Appleseed and their request for 2 days next summer for their program, July may work best for this but Lance prefers for Project Appleseed representative to request specific dates. Lance will come back with more info. Steve Holt range reservation; Sept 13 Retired law enforcement.

Tom Wasbotten: Michael Hardesty request to use facilities Mon., Oct 4th for Firearm Safety training. Motion made (M/S/C).

Grants Committee – Gene Shaw: No report as Gene Shaw had to leave early.

Volunteer Awards Committee – Tina Sund: Nothing new..

Finance Committee – Tom Wasbotten: Tom gave overview on their last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

UNS Fishing Contest/Fish Donkey 9/4 – Lance Haavisto: Registration is not going well; it has been posted in Duluth News Tribune. Motion to cancel (M/S/C).

Campsite Electrical Update – Tom Wasbotten: Proposal discussed from Hunt Electric. There is an additional cost bringing total cost to \$15,450. Motion made to approve add'l cost of \$1900.00 from Co-Op for the electrical project (M/S/C). Project is scheduled for 3rd week of September.

Sister Kenny Courage Center: Tom Wasbotten reports Sister Kenny Courage Center is asking for volunteers for their event but it was cancelled due to Covid.

Resignation Letter: Tom Wasbotten read a letter from Mike & Judy Foy re: resigning from board due to moving out of state, motion to regretfully accept their resignation (M/S/C).

Elections: Tom Wasbotten, we have openings on the board that need to be filled. Election Committee members are Lance Haavisto, John Bathke, Jeff Jarvela, Lance Parthe.

Budget: Tina Sund will hand out worksheets for budgeting our events during the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Requests: St. Louis County Rescue Squad donation. Motion made to donate \$500 (M/S/C). Motion made to donate \$100 to 2nd Harvest Food Bank (M/S/C).

Ice Fishing Contest – Tom Wasbotten: Tom reported that Dan Woollett resigned from Ice Fishing Contest committee. It will be tough to fill his shoes! We will miss you, Dan!

Annual UMD Outdoor Education Field Days: Bob Kuettel discussed request from UMD for Tues., Oct 12th (25 students) and Thurs., Oct 14th (17 students) & one additional date from 2:30 – 5pm, all ranges. Motion made to approve UMD using ranges for their outdoor class for 3 dates (M/S/C).

Fall Fund Raiser & Sight-in – Tina Sund and Bob Kuettel: Tina explained the procedure followed in the past few years for the fundraiser. Motion made to proceed with Fall Fundraiser (M/S/C). Bob explained details of Sight-In days. Motion made to proceed with Sight-In (M/S/C).

President's Comments - Tom Wasbotten: We may start having virtual meetings starting in November.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn at 8:33 pm (M/S/C).

Incident Report: After guests were no longer present an incident was discussed. A motion was made to cancel the membership and ban from UNS property for TWO years.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Hansen, Secretary.

Next BOD meeting will be held on October 6th at 6pm at the UNS Clubhouse.

FIRE IN THE WILDERNESS A POSITIVE FOR WILDLIFE WHO LIVE THERE

Long term, the regeneration will provide food and habitat for moose, bears and more.

The northwest corner
of the Greenwood Fire
near Slater Lake



Anthony Souffle, Star Tribune



Brian Peterson, Star Tribune



A mother moose returned to check on her calves as she foraged at dusk July 13th on Topaz Lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

As the Greenwood fire threatened to spread to historic proportions this week, ecologists couldn't help but think of a vivid silver lining for moose, bear, grouse and other critters.

Especially for moose, listed in 2013 as a Minnesota species of special concern, the giant fire disturbance in Lake County will only improve an already vital segment of their home range, the experts said.

"To me, these areas where we've had big fires are some of the best moose habitats we have in the state," said Mike Schrage, wildlife biologist for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

He and others predict that moose and other animals eventually will return to the Greenwood fire area in larger numbers than before the blaze to feed on emergent vegetation as the forest regenerates with brushy plants like dogwood and saplings of willow, aspen, birch and other trees.

Whitetail deer, they said, are one notable exception, because they favor small forest openings, not huge expanses. And in the north, the deer need dense conifer stands for winter cover. But the 40 square miles of burned forest near Isabella, between Babbitt and Finland, wasn't a stronghold for deer even before the lightning-caused fire was detected Aug. 15.

The experts said wildfires in the region this summer have only displaced birds and animals. Any wildlife mortality has been minimal, they said.

"We hate to see the fire come uncontrolled like this, but if you were just managing wildlife that's how you create positives," said Ted Dick, forest habitat supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources in Grand Rapids.

For black bears, burned-out areas rebound to produce bumper crops of blueberries, raspberries and other foods. The abundance helps sows nurture more cubs. Woodcock and ruffed grouse also flourish in young, shrub-dominated forests.

But if the aftermath to the Greenwood fire follows expectations, it will take a few years for wildlife to return in any numbers. In the meantime, the fire itself and related closures of roads and public lands will interfere with bear hunting, upland bird hunting, waterfowl hunting and the seasonal gathering of wild rice.

A sizable portion of the burned area is private land however pockets of state, federal and county land will be inaccessible. For more specifics about the fire [look it up](#) here. And, of course, hunting in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is off-limits until at least Sept. 3 — the earliest date for a possible reopening.

The whole article can be read at <https://www.startribune.com/greenwood-fire-bwca-superior-national-forest-benefit-to-wildlife-wilderness/600091337/> or by [clicking here](#).

Written by Tony Kennedy, Star Tribune

FIREARMS ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA

A firearm is any type of gun designed to be readily carried and used by an individual.

The first firearms originated in 10th-century China, when bamboo tubes containing gunpowder and pellet projectiles were mounted on spears to make the portable fire lance, operable by a single person, which was later used to good effect in the Siege of De'an in 1132. In the 13th century, fire lance barrels were replaced with metal tubes and transformed into the metal-barreled hand cannon. The technology gradually spread throughout Eurasia during the 14th century. Older firearms typically used black powder as a propellant, but modern firearms use smokeless powder or other propellants. Most modern firearms (with the notable exception of smoothbore shotguns) have rifled barrels to impart spin to the projectile for improved flight stability.

Modern firearms can be described by their caliber (i.e. bore diameter). For pistols and rifles this is given in millimeters or inches (e.g. 7.62mm or .308 in.), or in the case of shotguns by their gauge (e.g. 12 ga. and 20 ga.). They are also described by the type of action employed (e.g. muzzleloader, breechloader, lever, bolt, pump, revolver, semi-automatic, fully automatic, etc.), together with the usual means of deportment (i.e. hand-held or mechanical mounting). Further classification may make reference to the type of barrel used (i.e. rifled) and to the barrel length (e.g. 24 inches), to the firing mechanism (e.g. matchlock, wheellock, flintlock, or percussion lock), to the design's primary intended use (e.g. hunting rifle), or to the commonly accepted name for a particular variation (e.g. Gatling gun).

Shooters aim firearms at their targets with hand-eye coordination, using either iron sights or optical sights. The accurate range of pistols generally does not exceed 100 metres (110 yd; 330 ft), while most rifles are accurate to 500 metres (550 yd; 1,600 ft) using iron sights, or to longer ranges whilst using optical sights. (Firearm rounds may be dangerous or lethal well beyond their accurate range; the minimum distance for safety is much greater than the specified range for accuracy). Purpose-built sniper rifles and anti-materiel rifles are accurate to ranges of more than 2,000 metres (2,200 yd).

SMOKELESS POWDER

Smokeless powder is a type of propellant used in firearms and artillery that produces less smoke and less fouling when fired compared to black powder. The combustion products are mainly gaseous, compared to around 55% solid products (mostly potassium carbonate, potassium sulfate, and potassium sulfide) for black powder. In addition, smokeless powder does not leave the thick, heavy fouling of hygroscopic material associated with black powder that causes rusting of the barrel. Despite its name, smokeless powder is not completely free of smoke; while there may be little noticeable smoke from small-arms ammunition, smoke from artillery fire can be substantial. Smokeless powders are typically classified as division 1.3 explosives under the UN Recommendations on the transportation of Dangerous goods – Model Regulations, regional regulations (such as ADR) and national regulations. However, they are used as solid propellants; in normal use, they undergo deflagration rather than detonation.

Originally invented in 1884 by Paul Vieille, the most common formulations are based on nitrocellulose, but the term was also used to describe various picrate mixtures with nitrate, chlorate, or dichromate oxidizers during the late 19th century, before the advantages of nitrocellulose became evident.

Smokeless powder made autoloading firearms with many moving parts feasible (which would otherwise jam or seize under heavy black powder fouling). Smokeless powder allowed the development of modern semi- and fully automatic firearms and lighter breeches and barrels for artillery.

THREE PLACES YOU CAN KILL A PUBLIC LAND BUCK DURING THE OCTOBER LULL

The first few weeks of October are almost a season on their own. Everything changes, leaves are turning, farmers are harvesting crops, weather fronts are fluctuating, and bucks are easing into their fall patterns and ranges. It's also the period known as the infamous October lull. Spending most of my time each fall on public land has taught me not to put much stock into this myth. A season is short enough as it is, and spending time in the woods is important. With plenty of scouting and the right conditions, mid-October can be a great time to put yourself in position for a successful fall before the crazy rutting activity and hunting pressure ensue.

Don't get me wrong—public land or not, this is not the time to throw caution to the wind and dive into the deepest, darkest holes with hopes of catching a lucky break. Focusing on access routes, security cover, and weather fronts are essential. Consider every detail, hone in on the freshest sign, and find a few key areas to capitalize on daylight activity.

The Appetizer Over the Main Course: It can be rare to have large destination food sources on public land, but chances are you aren't too far away from a few.

Primary Scrape Areas: Scrapes are one of my favorite October setups. They can be one of the most consistent draws for bucks before the rut phases begin.

Secluded Creek Crossings: During the October lull, I also look for concentrated travel areas in security cover, especially ones that coincide with a creek or waterway crossing. [Click here](#) for the full article.

Written by Alex Gyllstrom and published by The Meateaters.

DNR Continues Webinars on Hunting and Fishing Skills

Anyone interested in hunting, fishing and the outdoors can learn about activities like how to hunt pheasants, catch bass in the fall or get ready for deer seasons by joining webinars hosted by the DNR. The webinars are free, but participants are required to pre-register. Fall session topics are as follows:

- Oct. 6 – Bird hunting with a pointing dog: The training required for both the owner and dog to become a team in the field.
- Oct. 13 – Pheasant hunting strategies, techniques and how to get started chasing longtails.
- Oct. 20 – Bats of Minnesota and why many consider them a great backyard visitor.
- Oct. 27 – The latest on chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Minnesota and what hunters need to know about this disease and what the DNR is doing to manage it.
- Nov. 3 – Preparing for the firearms deer season, including last-minute tips, reminders, strategies to be successful.
- Nov. 10 – Muzzleloader hunting tips and techniques.
- Nov. 17 – Creating habitat in your woods to attract more wildlife.
- Nov. 24 – Nature Rx, ahead of Free Park Friday at all 75 Minnesota state parks, about the health benefits of getting outdoors in parks, forests and other natural settings.

For details: [DNR outdoors skills webinar page](#)

UNS RANGE SAFETY

Last month the DNR announced the availability of the 2021 Hunting Regulations. One of the things hunters do to get ready for the season is to sight-in their guns. Of course that isn't the only reason for using our ranges. Some come to practice shooting and others for the fun of shooting. We have a big bore or rifle range, a trap range, a pistol range and an archery range. The best way to prevent accidents is to follow gun range etiquette. Here are some tips for gun range etiquette that will keep you and others around you safe and ensure you have a great time when you visit the range. [PRESS HERE](#) for UNS range rules.

- Review and Follow the Range's Rules - Always Handle a Firearm Like a Pro**
- Respect the Range Safety Officer - Don't Touch Someone Else's Equipment**
- Remember That You Can Call a Cease Fire**
- Don't Interrupt Another Shooter**
- Pick Up Any Litter**

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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