

# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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**MEETING**  
**February 28th at**  
**7:00pm!**

**You can get the  
newsletter by  
email! Contact:**

**delanosportsmen  
club@gmail.com**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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## Gun Rights Trip to the Capitol

Mark your calendars! If you'd like to participate in the club's trip to the Capitol in St. Paul for gun rights, here's what you need to know:

Date: March 23rd, 2023

Time: Coffee & Donuts at the club at 9:15 am. Bus leaves at 10:15 am for St. Paul. Bus will return to the club by 3pm. Contact Tom Delaney to reserve a spot on the bus. No cost, but club donations accepted.

## Raffles!

Congratulations to Dan Warner of Maple Plain! He chose the Winchester XPR Scope combo 6.5 Creedmore 22" rifle, valued at \$799.00.

Summer raffle will be starting soon. Tickets are \$2 each or \$10/book. If you sell 20 books, you've met your volunteer requirement for the year! There's also a \$75 prize for the person selling the most books! Raffle will be September

26th. The prizes are:

1- Beretta A300 12ga Shotgun, Kimber 1911, or \$500

2- \$250

3- \$100

Books will be out late February/early March. Contact Jan for more books at 763-972-2989.

## Summer Camp

The Delano Sportsmen's Club has been sponsoring students to attend Forkhorn or Deep Portage Camp for many years.

Forkhorn camp is operated by the Three Rivers Park district and is a local day camp. Deep Portage Camp is an overnight camp, Sunday-Friday located near Hackensack, MN.

The camps teach outdoor skills, conservation, and firearm safety.

Forkhorn I camp offers a basic firearm safety certificate as part of their curriculum, required for all hunters

in Minnesota. Forkhorn II offers advanced firearm safety that allows younger hunters to hunt out of state as well.

If you have questions or have a child or grandchild that would like to attend, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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### Range Information:

- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training: Garrett Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder: OPEN
- Bow Safety: Mike Speckel 763-442-6851
- Archery League: Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Women's Shooters Ann Finelli [dscwom-  
enmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwom-enmn@gmail.com)

Questions about firearm legislation (federal or state)? You can get more information from Dan MacDonald at: 952-454-3440 or by email at: [yellowdogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:yellowdogrescue@gmail.com) , or Dave Smith at 763-557-6970 or email at [ddsns@outlook.com](mailto:ddsns@outlook.com).

## The Delano Sportsman

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Businesses or members wishing to advertise may place an ad in the newsletter once per year at no charge. Ad space is limited to 1/4 page. For advertising information contact Editor Bob Ball at 612-363-3936 or [editor.dsc@comcast.net](mailto:editor.dsc@comcast.net).

### Story Ideas:

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Just contact editor Bob Ball at:

[editor.dsc@comcast.net](mailto:editor.dsc@comcast.net)

**The deadline for story or advertising submissions is the 8th of each month.**

### Standing Committees:

- Executive Board: This is a closed committee consisting of current officers and directors. It makes decisions on matters related to the club and presents recommendations to the membership. Director: Club President

## New Members

Welcome to the club! We hope you enjoy many days, months and years of safe and fun shooting!

John Gille, Brandon Ulwelling, Kevin Hook, Chris Schabel, John Seery, Amy Nelson, John S. Christopher, Douglas Stahl, Keegan Husom, Ronald Bowman, Jacob West, John Finazzo.

## We're on Facebook!

If you're on social media, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/DelanoSportsmensClub/>

. If you want something posted, contact Steve Pool at [pool565rockford@hotmail.com](mailto:pool565rockford@hotmail.com).

## Bird is the Word

Spring at the club means it's time to start building bird houses!

This year, birdhouse building will be at the club on April 29th, starting at 9:00am. Bring a hammer and a desire to help build! This is a great opportunity for families to build houses together, so bring the kids/grandkids!

If you are available or interested in helping pre-cut parts for April 29th's event, please contact Larry Lindborg at 763-567-8347.

## Caps for Sale

The club has caps with our logo for sale at club meetings. They are \$15.00 each. See Joe Kittok.

# Minutes of the January 31st Meeting

23 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Delaney

Secretary's report - Minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$20,588.25; credits \$25,565.00; checking balance \$121,108.09. The treasurers report was approved. A question was asked regarding separate accounting for the club and the farm income and expenses.

Election of Officers were held - Tom Delaney and Mike Larison were nominated for President. Tom Delaney was voted in as President. Dan Kittok was nominated for secretary for another year and Joe Kittok was nominated for treasurer for another year. Both nominations passed.

Trap range update - Mark Bauman updated the club on the new trap range. Mark is starting the search now for concrete sources. He would like to get bids now and be ready to start in the spring. If you know of any good concrete sources let Mark know. Mark is arranging rip rap to be put down for the drainage pipe. Tom Delaney was contacted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The club needs to provide the MPCA with a storm water pollution prevention plan for the new range. A consultant will be hired and a plan will be made. This could cost between \$3000.00 - \$8000.00. The club is working with the MPCA to get them what they need.

The members only Christmas party was held in December and went well.

The Clubs gun show was held on January 15th. Sixty to seventy people came through. Liz Collins was in attendance to do a book signing for her new book. Twenty to 30 guest came through that were not club members. It was a good opportunity to showcase the club.

Members only raffle - \$5830.00 was collected. The winner is Dan Warner. Dan has a choice between a Berreta shotgun and a Winchester 6.5 Creedmore with scope.

25 Yard Range - Tim Hainlin put a new system in for the range gate access. Tim would like a volunteer to help him enter club members names into the system.

Excel Energy seems to be moving some of their equipment off of the club property.

Farm property - at a recent Franklin Township meeting a formal complaint was filed regarding junk vehicles and equipment left sitting in the flood plain on the property. It was also expressed that if it doesn't get cleaned up the planning commission would never allow the club a mining permit. A suggestion by Tom Delaney to terminate the lease was brought up to be thought upon until the February meeting at which time it would be discussed and voted on. Mark Bauman made a motion that based on the formal

complaint by Franklin Township that the vehicles and equipment must be removed from the floodplain by March first. Phase two of the motion included that there be a complete removal and clean up of all items stored outside at the farm, to be completed by May first. The motion was seconded by Dick Nordling. After a lengthy discussion the motion passed.

Membership - 85% of the membership is paid up for 2023. Dues are now due for 2023.

Women's League - the Women's League schedule will be coming out. In January they had a gun cleaning class. February will be training on situation awareness. March will be mastering hand gun proficiencies. April depending on the weather will be on the range.

Executive Board - the Executive Board may meet in February or March.

MNGOPAC/GOCRA - Dave Smith updated the club on gun legislation and the possible actions against gun rights that may be coming up. On March 23rd there will be a rally at the capital, in the past the club has arranged a bus to go down to this rally. A motion was made and passed to arrange a bus again.

Range Reservations - reservations for the range and clubhouse were listed and approved.

The club would like to put a new sign on the corner in the future. The club is looking for design ideas for that sign. The club would need to find out what the county allows for signage.

The club received a letter from the family of Paul Desens. There will be an estate auction of Pauls guns coming up.

Thank you to the 2022 summer league championship team the Lucky Fives for providing lunch for the January meeting. In February Coborns will be providing lunch.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

***Thanks for lunch Lucky Fives!***  
***Volunteers needed March-November***  
***2023! Food cost is reimbursed! If you're***  
***interested or have questions, contact***  
***Mike Larison 763-645-4884***

# January Gun Show

The club held a gun show on January 15th. In addition to a great number of collections, reporter Liz Collin was there as well to sign copies of her new book.

In all, there were about 70 people that came by the show. 20-30 of them were non-members, so this was a great opportunity to show off our club.



## Reservations from page 6

**DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
23 – (Thu) **Rally at the Capitol**– DSC will have bus service for members going to the rally. Coffee & Donuts 9:15 bus departs 10:15. Bus leaves Capitol at 2:00pm to return to DSC by 3pm

23 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm

27 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

27 – (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** 7:00PM – 9:00PM

28 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

**28 – (Tue) 7:00pm Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse**

30 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** 7:00PM – 9:00PM

## Firearm Estate Auction

Paul Desens was a longtime club member. He passed away last February. His family is holding an auction of his firearms in March. They reached out to be sure our members were aware in case any of you are interested.

A catalog will be going out in March. A quick preview shows a variety of over 100 antique/historic conventional handguns and rifles, as well as a large collection of black powder rifles and pistols (both percussion cap & flintlock). NOTE: these look to be the kind of black powder I grew up with (replicas of the ones from the 18th & 19th century) not “modern” muzzleloaders. There are also a number of black powder parts and accessories available.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.aasnessauctioneers.com/auction-listings/large-firearms-memorabilia-estate-auction/>

There's a link there to contact the auctioneers to register and receive a catalog.

## DSC Women's Shooting Group

Join our Women's Shooting Group! Open to members and guests 21 years of age or older. We meet once a month for live fire and/or classroom training. Women of all skill levels are welcome.

### Upcoming Events- Mark Your Calendar:

**Thursday, February 16:** Avoid, Escape, Defend: Situational Awareness, Evaluating Options, Fight or Flight and Defending Yourself

**Thursday, March 16:** Proficiency & Purpose: Mastering Handgun Proficiency and Effective Range Training (This will be a hands-on workshop)

**Thursday, April 20:** Getting Range Ready: Self Defense

### Shooting Fundamentals

\*PLEASE NOTE the topics are subject to change depending upon the weather and when we are able to get out on the range to begin the shooting season.

*"Hello Ann, Just wanted to express my appreciation for all the effort you and the RSO's did to make my evening last night very enjoyable. I was apprehensive about shooting but now with the instruction and encouragement received by all of you it was FUN."*

To join or for more information, contact Ann Finelli at [dscwomenmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwomenmn@gmail.com)

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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We're on the web!

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

### Range Hours:

#### Rifle & Pistol:

**Monday-Friday: 8:30am-  
SUNDOWN**

**Saturday: 9:00am-6 PM**

**Sunday: 11:00am-6 PM**

Rifle and Pistol Ranges are closed during Trap Shooting events, leagues and practices.

Watch the range calendar for restrictions/closures due to scheduled events.

#### Trap Shooting:

*No Hand or portable throwers allowed.*

#### **League and Practice Hours:**

**Wednesday & Thursday:**  
5:45pm-10:00pm

Trap Shooting is only allowed during scheduled events and practice time.

#### **Don't forget to wear your I.D.**

See someone without an ID? Ask to see it...

**Be kind to our neighbors- rules**

**No one likes to show up at a closed range!** These reservations have been accepted and approved by the club. Please note the time and date to avoid conflict.

### Reservations:

#### February

23 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

28 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety Police Dept – 8:30am – 3:00pm

**28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**

#### March

2 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

9 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

13 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

14 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

16 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

16 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Women Shooters 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

18 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Park Sportsmen Firearm Safety (Fust) – 9am – 2pm

20 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

20 – (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class – PARENT REQUIRED TO ATTEND** – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

21 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm

21 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm

21 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** –

### Range Rules:

1. You must wear your ID card when on the range.
2. Maximum of 2 guests per member are allowed.
3. Use paper targets only (no cans, glass, plinking).
4. No Paintball guns
5. Do not attach targets to the backstop posts.
6. No trap shooting; except organized events.
7. Be sure bullets are hitting the backstops.
8. Do not dig in the backstops.
9. All firing must be done from the firing lines at 25, 50 & 100 yards.
10. **Move the 50-yard target off range when not in use.**
11. No intermediate targets between established firing lines.
12. Do not shoot anything on the ground.
13. Pick up your trash, remove targets from backstops, & pick up casings. Leave the area clean & ready for the next member.
14. Check unknown people for membership cards.
15. Do a **Safety Check** before firing
16. Fully automatic weapons are forbidden
17. The gate is to be kept locked at all times.

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