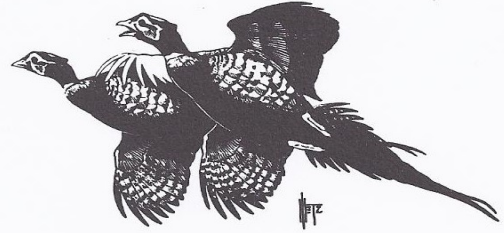


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## Winter Means Elections & Dues

At the January meeting, we will be holding an election of club officers. If you are interested in holding an office at the club, please contact Tom Delaney.

The end of the year also means it's time to renew your membership. Dues should have been turned in by 12/31/2022. If you volunteered in 2022, your dues are \$50. If you did not volunteer, dues are \$150. You can mail the dues to the club.

## 4th Of July Planning!

To all of our great members! We are looking for a volunteer to work with Joe Kittok on the 4th of July Committee in Delano. There are 5-6 meetings before the fair. Then this GREAT member would help supervise the Bingo & Milkshake stands during the celebration. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping do this, please

contact Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.

**MEETING January  
31st at the  
Clubhouse 7PM**

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

**delanosportsmen  
sclub@gmail.com**

## Chair Needed

Not the kind you sit on, but the kind you sit on. Seriously, a new chairperson is needed for the Members-Only Turkey Shoot. This is scheduled for September 9th 2023 from 9am-noon.

Lance Scott has served as chairman for many years, but he's retiring. If you would like to take this on as your volunteer commitment, contact Tom Delaney at 612-408-8944



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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

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- 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 [ddsahs@outlook.com](mailto:ddsahs@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.

### Caps for Sale

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

### 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!

Stephen Holten, Blake Arnfelt, Patrick Kerber, Reed Soeffker, Michael Martin, Mike Hanson, Michael Tadros, Adam Krambeer, Jay Keto, Judy Olson, Kelly Guralnik, Adam Snajder, Mark Enge, Greg Moore, Tom Kaminsky, Jess Kaminsky, Eli Sundquist

## 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).

## 2023 Summer Camps

Each year our club pays for the tuition of students ages 11-16 to attend Forkhorn Camp at Deep Portage in Hackensack or the Three Rivers Park District. These camps include a variety of outdoor activities and students also complete their Firearms Safety.

If you have a child or grandchild that may be interested in attending, or you have questions about the program, please call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

# Minutes of the November 29th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report - debits \$6386.09; credits \$16,705.40; checking balance \$106,966.85.

Trap range update - Tom, Mark and Joe met with John Fritz to look at different road accesses to the farm fields for dirt removal. It was mentioned that a concrete source was found, but with the recent weather it is probably too late to start.

Members only raffle - \$2910 has been collected so far. There will be two guns to pick from: a Berreta shotgun and a Winchester 6.5 Creedmore with scope.

Trapshooting - Winter league starts Thursday, December 1st.

25 Yard Range - Compliance has been good lately but a few issues with targets continue to happen. It is the responsibility of all members to clean up the range after they use it and to center their targets.

Newsletter - in the last month, the club was able to convert 58 members to receive the newsletter electronically.

Membership - 28% of the membership is paid up for 2023. Dues are now due for 2023.

Women's League - Last month's meeting was a social event. Everyone was happy with the activities of the past year and will be ready to start up again next year.

Executive Board - the Executive Board will probably meet again in January.

MNGOPAC/GOCRA - Dan MacDonald commented on the Star Tribune article that was in the newsletter. Two paragraphs out of the seven were factual. Be careful when reading articles like this. Dave Smith will be added to the newsletter as a second firearms legislation contact.

Volunteers - Tom Delaney and Dan and Lorna Lyrek set up the lights and tree for the Christmas party.

Range Reservations - reservations for The Women's League and West Hennepin Police were approved

The members Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 9th from 5:00 - 9:00 PM.

There was a request for access to a first aid kit for the range. A first aid kit is now hanging in the 25 yard range.

There have been issues with gate access for members. There will be a meeting with Tim Hainlin and an IT professional to get it fixed.

Recently there was an email scam that was sent to some members email addresses. Be careful if you get something suspicious.

The Delano High School graduating class is looking for donations for their senior party. The club has donated to this event in the past. A motion was made to donate \$250.00. The motion passed.

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. If you have any ideas, let Tom Delaney know.

Thank you to Joe Kittok Jr. for providing lunch for the November meeting. In January the Lucky Fives Trap team will be providing lunch

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

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

## Delano Sportsmens Club

### DSC Women's Shooting Group Be Safe, Learn Something, Have Fun.

Join our DSC Women's Shooting Group! We provide opportunities for women **at all skill levels** to meet other women shooters and learn/practice together in a safe, comfortable environment.

Think of it as a "women's night out" that is educational, challenging and fun! This group is for you if you are...

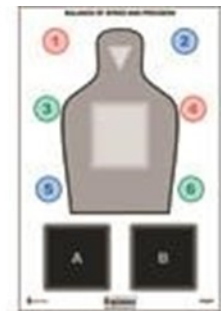
- Interested in making new friends and shooting partners
- New or somewhat new to shooting and would like to expand your skills and knowledge
- Would like to feel confident enough with your firearm to begin carrying (permit holders)
- Would like to try new types of firearms (pistol, rifle, shotgun)
- Would like to develop skills for recreation, self-defense  
OR competition shooting
- Have experience, knowledge or training you would like to share with others
- Enjoy shooting and just want to have fun with like-minded women



Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00-8:30 pm. Our schedule is as follows:

- Indoor classes: January-March/April and October-November
- Outdoor Range Time: April/May through September/October
- Additional informal range time may be scheduled throughout the year

Classroom training and range training/events are taught and supervised by USCCA and/or NRA Certified Instructors and NRA Certified Range Safety Officers.



Classroom sessions cover a wide range of topics and are based upon member feedback. Includes hands on workshops. Our organization is run by volunteers and relies completely on donations from members. Suggested donation for events is \$10 for DSC members and \$15 for non DSC members.

**If you wish to join DSC Women Shooters you will need to get on our email list.** E-mail is the primary way we communicate to our members. We will keep you up to date on what's happening. Questions or requests to join should be sent to Ann Finelli at [dscwomenmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwomenmn@gmail.com)

\*PLEASE NOTE schedule is subject to change depending upon weather. Updates on events will be sent via e-mail prior to each event. Please make sure you are on our mailing list and have added our e-mail address to your contacts.

**Delano Sportsmens Club:** 4505 County Road 50 SE, Delano, MN 55328

**Brandt Airport:** 2561 72<sup>nd</sup> St. SE Delano 55328



## Reservations from page 6

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 – DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
 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

## A Heartfelt Thanks

As I approached the range to check the zero on my smoke pole one day this fall, it dawned on me what a blessing the range has been over the many years that I have been a member, and all due to the many folks that run the club and maintain the range. It has become one of the "good places" in my life, one of enjoyment, where you start to feel better just driving in there. That day, the mission was to check the zero on my 50 caliber Knight Vision muzzleloader, topped with a 3 x 9 Leupold scope. What a combo. It took considerable experimentation over the years to fine tune the optimal load for this gun, but there was no doubt when we finally got there...a 290 grain plastic tipped copper Barnes Spit Fire EZ-Load sabot with 100 grains of Blackhorn 209 propellant by Western Powders. With this load combo, the accuracy of the Knight Vision is comparable to my Remington 30:06 at 100 yards. I like that it is sighted in to be 2" high at 100 yards, so it is spot on when my target is a little further away than that...still just point and shoot.

It only took three shots to confirm zero that beautiful, sunny, fall afternoon, but as I left, it was with a deep sense of gratitude to all of you that made it possible. Thank you, Have a Blessed New Year and Happy Hunting, Harry D. Menk

## DSC Women's Shooting Group

Hello Ladies:

Happy New Year! 2023 promises to be an exciting year as we celebrate our "official" one year anniversary this month.

A few updates:

### Leadership:

We have had some changing of the guard and several new members join us so I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our Leadership Team. Congratulations to one of our RSO's, Donna Stundahl, who recently received her NRA instructor's certification!

**Ann Finelli**, Group Leader and Co-Founder  
 USCCA Certified Instructor, Concealed Carry & Home Defense, Women's Defensive Handgun

NRA Certified Instructor, Basic Pistol

Chapter Leader/Instructor, Armed Women of America

NRA Certified RSO

**Judith Saewert**, Co-Founder  
 NRA Certified CRSO, RSO

LEOSA Certified Firearm Instructor

**Donna Stundahl**  
 NRA Certified Instructor, Basic Pistol  
 NRA Certified RSO

**Jan Hanson**  
 NRA Certified RSO

**Jinny Choi**  
 NRA Certified RSO

We have a well trained leadership team who is eager to help you learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events 😊

### DSC Women Shooting Group Flyers:

Attached is an informational flyer for our group. Please share with others- word of mouth is a great way for our group to grow!!

### Upcoming Events:

DSC Gun Show: Saturday January 14 at the clubhouse. 11:00-3:00 pm

**DSC Women: Gun Cleaning Workshop** January 19 at the Clubhouse. 6:00-8:00 pm

**\* PLEASE NOTE:** I will be sending out a separate e-mail message with the details for the January 19 workshop. Please look for it so you know what to bring!!

Thanks to all- you have made this such a fun and educational group! You are all amazing!! Hope to see you next week 😊

**Ann M Finelli**

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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Delano, MN 55328

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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:

#### January

26 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
31 – (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**

#### February

2 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
9 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
16 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Women Shooters 5:00PM – 9:00PM**  
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23 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
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) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Women Shooters 6:00PM – 9:00PM**  
\*18 – (Sat) **Range Reserved**– Park

### 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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