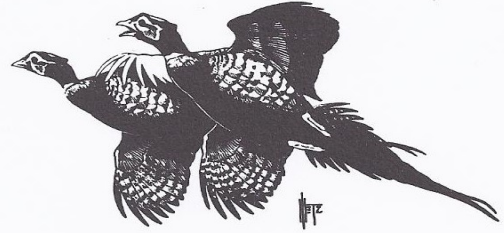


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**MEETING April
25th at 7:00pm!**

**You can get the
newsletter by
email! Contact:
delanosportsmen
club@gmail.com**

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P.O. Box 394
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Delano, MN 55328

Bird House Building April 29th

It's birdhouse time!

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 to-

gether, so bring the kids/grandkids & don't forget your hammer!

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

Raffles!

The summer Raffle has begun. Books were mailed out in the last week or so.

Tickets are \$2 each or \$10/book. If you sell 20 books, you've met your volunteer requirement for the year! The prizes are:

- 1- Beretta A300 12ga Shotgun, Kimber 1911, or \$500
- 2- \$250

3- \$100

Contact Jan for more books at 763-972-2989.

NEW FEATURE! There are 3 categories for book sales: The most books sold, will win \$125, second most will win \$75, and third most will win \$50!

JULY FOURTH!

There's a lot going on for the July 4th celebration!

First, if you're interested in learning from Joe Kittok, the details of planning our July 4th activities; contact Joe at 763-221-6658.

Next: Delano Club Float! We need a crew to design and decorate the float on Sunday, July 2nd or Monday, July 3rd. We also need someone to drive the float in the Delano 4th of July Parade.

If you can help with either (or both) of these, please also contact Joe Kittok

at 763-221-6658.

Finally—for now; Shifts are now being posted for the Milkshake and Bingo Booths. You'll find the open shifts on Page 5 of the newsletter. Each month, we'll update it. If you have questions about volunteering at the booths, or want to sign up, call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

July 4th is a good place to get your volunteer hours in, and a good fundraiser for the club, so be sure to participate if you can!

The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

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- Executive Board: Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training: Garrett Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder: OPEN
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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 , or Dave Smith at 763-557-6970 or email at ddsnhs@outlook.com.

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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.

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

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
- Buildings & Grounds: This is a working committee that meets to discuss issues and projects related to

New Members

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

Gabriel Turner, Joe Doyle, Steve Tomlinson

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.

Volunteer Credit– What Counts?

Members who volunteer to support the club receive reduced dues of \$50 for the next year. So, what counts?

Hours: 8 hours of time will give you credit to reduce your dues to \$50. So, if you work one 4-hour shift at July 4th, you still need to volunteer 4 more hours...or you and a family member could both volunteer, or you could volunteer for two shifts.

Meeting Lunch: If you make lunch for the members, your groceries (up to \$150) is reimbursed, and you get full credit for volunteer time.

Raffle Tickets: If you sell 20 books of raffle tickets, that meets your full volunteer requirement.

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

Minutes of the March 28th Meeting

27 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Tom Delaney

Secretary's report - Minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$18,051.77; credits \$4947.89; checking balance \$100,085.50.

New members - Two new members introduced themselves.

Trap range update - Mark Bauman updated the club on the new trap range. Mark has two contractors interested in the concrete work, he is working on a third. Mark has information on prefab trap thrower houses, he will also get bids for forming and pouring them.

Gun Show - There was a lot of positive feedback from the clubs gun show held in January. Tom is getting more interest for next years gun show.

25 Yard Range - The portables are getting beat up this winter, some are frozen in the snow. Volunteer opportunities are available on the range for clean up.

4th of July - Joe Kittok is still looking for an assistant to help him. If you are interested contact Joe. This is a great volunteer opportunity.

Trap Leagues - Winter league is over. Summer league will start the first week of May with a practice night on April 27th. The Delano High School Trap Team is shooting now, they have 68 kids on the team.

Summer raffle - The summer raffle has collected around \$1400 so far. There was a discussion to increase the amount paid to the high ticket seller from \$75 to \$125, and also add \$75 for the second highest and \$25 for the third. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Membership - The club had about 100 members that did not renew their membership in 2023. Five new members signed up. The club still has around 500 members.

Women's League - the March class was held and the topic was fundamentals of shooting and handgun proficiency. A motion was made and passed to add the women's group instructors to the clubs insurance policy.

Bird house building will take place on April 29th starting at 9:00 AM. Larry said that he is set with supplies. The wood has been cut out already. 30 wood duck and 30 blue bird houses will be built this year. Those coming to assemble can take a bluebird or wood duck house home with them, the rest will be given away at the expo.

MNGOPAC/GOCRA - Dave Smith updated the club on gun legislation. The rally at the Capital on March 25th was very good and well attended. Dave started a petition to stand against SF 1723 that would require registration of

every semi automatic firearm as well as three other legislative introductions against gun rights. Club members are invited to sign it.

Firearms Safety is half way through their class now. There are 70 students this year.

Club sign - A design proposal for a new sign to be placed on the berm between the two ranges was brought to the club. There was discussion on what and what not to include on the sign. The sign proposal will be put on the website for further feedback.

Lunch was provided by Dave Smith and his wife. The club is looking for volunteers to do lunch in April and June through November. A motion was made to raise the lunch budget from \$150 to \$175. The motion passed

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

NOTICE: The club is accepting bids for lawn mowing. Contact Joe Kittok for more information.

Thank you to Dave & Nancy Smith for the great lunch at our March Meeting. We still need volunteers to prepare meals April & June-November 2023! Food cost is reimbursed up to \$150! It also meets your annual volunteer requirement. If you're interested or have questions, contact Mike Larison 763-645-4884

Women's Shooting Group: DSC "She Shooters"

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:

She Shooters meets the **third Thursday of the month**, locations vary and are announced in advance

Classroom events are held at the Delano Sportsmen's Clubhouse 6:00-8:30 pm, 4505 County Road 50 SE Delano 55328

Live Fire Range events are held at the Brandt Airport 6:00-8:30 pm, 2561 72nd St. SE Delano 55328

Suggested event donations are \$10 for DCS members and \$15 for non-members. Our instructors and RSOs are all volunteers. We rely completely on donations. If you are so inclined, any amount over and above the suggested is appreciated!

Upcoming Events- Mark Your Calendar:

We are getting ready to hit the range in April, weather permitting. We will be training and brushing up on fundamentals, further develop pistol handling, marksmanship and self-defense shooting skills... we are looking forward to getting OUTSIDE!!

If you haven't been with us for a while, this is a great time to jump back in! If you are new, we welcome you to join us whatever level you are at!

Thursday, April 20: Getting Range Ready: Self Defense Shooting Fundamentals. WEATHER PERMITTING, we will be shooting at Brandt Airport (address above). If we are unable to be outdoors, we will meet at the DSC Clubhouse and have our Fundamentals class indoors. This will be a hands-on workshop.

Our spring and summer range schedule:

Thursday May 18

Thursday June 15

Thursday July 20

Thursday August 17

"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

Federal Judge Rules on MN Carry for under-21

From the Star Tribune:

A Federal judge has ruled against a Minnesota law that prevents adults under 21 from obtaining a carry permit for a handgun. While more information is coming, it may be

that adults as young as 18 may be able to apply for a permit to purchase and carry in Minnesota in the near future.

Reservations from page 6

(Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
 10 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 11 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 15 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
 16 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
 17 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 18 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 22 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
 24 – (Wed) **No Trapshooting league**
 25 – (Thu) **No Trapshooting league**
30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
 31 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

Our Sympathy

Carl Weiss: We were notified that fellow member Carl Weiss has passed away. Carl had been a member of the Delano Sportsmen’s Club for 15 years.

Gerry Weise: Gerry passed away on April 11th at 65. A resident of Rockford, when he wasn’t working in bridge construction tree work and other trades, his passion was for the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and camping. He was also known for his cooking, from smoked meat & game to pies and cookie dough. He’s survived by his partner, mother, children, and sister.

Eugene Bouley: Eugene passed away on April 1st at age 88. Eugene was a member of both the Plymouth and Delano Sportsmen’s clubs. He was a DSC member for 45 years. He’s survived by his wife, children, 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and brothers. His son-in-law says he’s “shooting trap in heaven.” The funeral was held on April 12th.

Business Expo:

Thank you to everyone who is interested in volunteering. We now have all of our business expo volunteer positions filled.

July 4th Volunteer Shifts

Friday June 30th, 2023

Milkshake: 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight
 Bingo: ~~4pm-8pm~~ Full, thanks!
 8pm-Midnight

Saturday, July 1st, 2023

Milkshake: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight
 Bingo: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Milkshake Noon-5pm
 5pm-10pm

Bingo Noon-5pm
 5pm-10pm

Monday, July 3rd, 2023

Milkshake: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight
 Bingo: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight

Tuesday, July 4th, 2023

Milkshake: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight
 Bingo: Noon-4pm
 4pm-8pm
 8pm-Midnight

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 394
Delano, MN 55328

Change Service Requested

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:

April

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

23 – (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM

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

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

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

27 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league (practice night) – 5:00pm-10:00pm

29 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Delano Boy Scouts 9:00pm- 1:00pm

29 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – 11:00am (or when completed)

May

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

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

3 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm First night

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

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

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

10 – (Wed) **Range Reserved (100 yd range only)** – Three Rivers PD

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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