

# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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## Delano Queen Candidate

The club's Queen Candidate is Katie Harder. We're so happy to support her!

The Ambassador ceremony will be June 30th at the grandstand.



## Raffles!

Keep selling those raffle Tickets!.

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!

**MEETING June  
27th at 7:00pm!**

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

**delanosportsmen  
sclub@gmail.com**

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## JULY FOURTH!

There is still room to volunteer for this year's July Fourth festivities!

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:

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

Bradley Sienko, Garry Hellmich, Murray Wolf, Nicholas Jackson

## 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).

## 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 May 30th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$5851.03; credits \$25,064.27; checking balance \$101,882.77

New members - Two new members introduced themselves.

Trap range update - Mark Bauman updated the club on the new trap range. Mark received three bids for the concrete work. The bids include concrete for two stations and thrower houses. Two bids were for poured walls for the thrower houses and came in at \$43,000 and \$40,000. One bid was for core filled walls for the thrower houses at \$31,000. It was decided to go with poured walls and accept the \$40,000 bid. Work is supposed to start before July 4th.

25 Yard Range - Issues continue on the range with targets being damaged. We need to stop the range from getting wrecked. We may be able to add cameras to monitor the area better. Tom will look into adding cameras.

Excel Energy lease - The lease with Excel Energy was renewed for this year for \$20,000.

Farm - Joe is still working on cleaning up the farm. He will attend the next Franklin township meeting to make sure he is in compliance to their expectations and will continue to clean up until it is done.

Dick Nordling was honored for 50 years of teaching fire-arms safety by the Minnesota DNR.

4th of July - There is a meeting on Thursday to discuss supplies needed. Joe has a driver for the clubs float. The float needs to be built yet. The club needs volunteers to work in the bingo stand and milk shake booth. Contact Jan Kittok for available shifts.

Expo - The Delano Expo was held on Saturday, May 20th. Around 600 people attended. All the bird houses were passed out. The event was a success.

Summer raffle - The summer raffle has collected around \$2682.00 so far. See Jan Kittok if you need more tickets to sell.

Membership - The club has 566 members and 77 honorary members.

Tom Delaney spoke to a painter regarding the painting that hangs upstairs in the club. They will be looking for someone to repair it.

Women's League - due to attendance being down the Women's league will be making some changes. Ann has a plan going forward that will be announced in the near future. If

you are interested in joining the Women's League contact Ann Finelli.

MNGOPAC/GOCRA - Dave Smith updated the club on recent legislative action. Two of the four anti gun proposals were passed - the red flag law and universal background checks. Semi automatics and 30 round magazines are also being discussed. There is a gun caucus meeting on June 5th in Roseville to discuss the recent legislation and plans going forward.

Trap Leagues - The Delano High School Trap Team finished third in their conference this year. They were invited to the Big Lake/Monticello tournament and took first place against seven other schools. They won the Crow River Shoot Off against Rockford. On June 19th they will be shooting at the Minnesota State High School Trap-shooting Championship in Alexandria. The Sportsmen's Club summer league is in their fifth week of shooting, there are 18 teams this year.

Club sign - The design for the sign has been finalized.

Lunch was provided by Laura Herman. The club is looking for volunteers to do lunch in June through November.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

***Thank you Laura Herrmann for  
the May Lunch!***

***We still need volunteers to  
prepare meals***

***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***

# DSC Women's Group Expands

## DSC Women's Group Expands

Since we began a few years ago, we have had several comments from some of the men desiring to have access to a shooting group at DSC. A number of the men are spouses/family members of the women who were attending and are also members of DSC.

At this point, it appears there is support for and interest in a shooting group as a "co-ed" opportunity. We are now opening up attendance to spouses/SO and family members of the women on our mailing list, provided the men are currently members of DSC.

Please know that our instructors and range safety officers will still provide assistance to newer shooters and ensure that safety protocols are followed! So if your goal is to connect with other shooters, learn proper techniques and advance your skills (and have FUN), that will very much be a part of what we do!

If you are currently on our women's mailing list and have a spouse/SO or male family member who is a member of DSC (21 years of age or older) and would like to shoot with this group, he is welcome to join us! Must provide membership ID.

- Group meets the third Thursday of the month

Location is Cal Brandt Airport, 2561 72nd St SE  
Delano MN 55328

- **Plan to arrive 5:45 to get checked in and sign the waiver. Safety briefing starts 6:00. We need to start right at 6:00 so we can take advantage of the daylight! Shoot until sunset.**
- Suggested donations for group events are \$10 for DSC members (men and women) and \$15 for our women group members who are NOT members of DSC.

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! This helps cover the cost of range supplies.

### Our upcoming range events:

Thursday, June 15

Thursday, July 20

Thursday, August 17

Questions can be directed to Ann Finelli at [dscwomenmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwomenmn@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Shoots!

### Members-Only Turkey Shoot!

The Members-only Turkey Shoot will be held on Saturday, September 9th, starting at 9am.

This is a great family event. You may be shooting at "non-standard" targets (think closer to old-fashioned plinking). For adults, the winning prizes are gift certificates for a frozen turkey—it'll be thawed by Thanksgiving! For the kids, they will win other gift certificates for something fun.

NOTE! While skill is involved, this is a fun shoot. For fun and safety, stick with lower-powered rifles (think .22).



### Non-Member Sight-In

Our non-member sight-in shoot will be held on October 14th. Times will be announced soon. There are usually volunteer opportunities for range safety, fee collection, and spotting. This is a great recruitment opportunity for new members (it's how this editor wound up joining

**BRING IT ON!**



the club some 11 or 12 years ago). So, downside—don't plan on sighting in yourself that day. Upside—it's a volunteer time and chance to bring your non-member friends to sight in and maybe join the club!

## Volunteer Needs

More to come...



## Members-Only Fishing!

We spend a lot of time at the DSC talking about firearms. It makes sense; I mean we do have range facilities. But, the club has always embraced the other sports too.

Our annual Members-Only fishing contest will be held August 5th from 7am-12pm. Check-in/weigh-in will be at the south (west) access by Highway 55.

This is a fun event, and historically has been a great family event too!

If you have questions, you can call or text Darrell Pool at 612-812-5268. Come down and catch the big one!

## July 4th Volunteer Shifts

### Friday June 30th, 2023

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

### Saturday, July 1st, 2023

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

### Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Milkshake Noon-5pm  
5pm-10pm  
Bingo Noon-5pm  
5pm-10pm

### Monday, July 3rd, 2023

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

### Tuesday, July 4th, 2023- All OPEN!!!!

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

~~FLOAT (NEW): 9am until parade end, need driver for float. Before parade, need help decorating. Call Joe Kit-tok. Full, thanks!~~

## 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:

#### June

21 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

22 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

23 – (Fri) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – TRPD Group Forkhorn Camp 9:00am – 3:00pm

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

**27 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Club-house, 7:00 PM**

28 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

29 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

#### July

5 – (Wed) **No Trap league**

6 – (Thu) **No Trap league**

12 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

13 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

19 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

20 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

23 – (Sun) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – TRPD Family Firearms Safety 11:00am – 2:00pm

**25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Club-house, 7:00 PM**

26 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

27 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

### 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.