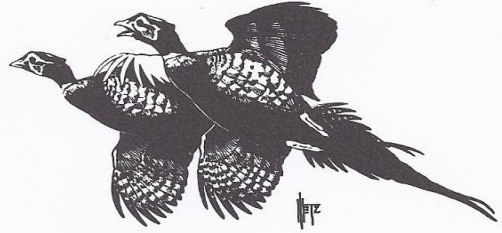


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**MEETING**  
**September 26th at**  
**7:00pm!**

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

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**Delano Sportsmen's Club**

**P.O. Box 394**

**Delano, MN 55328**

## **Non Member Sight-in October 14th**

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 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!

**BRING it ON!**



## **OCTOBER MEETING IS EARLY!**

**Since the last Tuesday of October is Halloween, the October Club Meeting will be Tuesday October 24th**

## **Summer Raffle**

The Summer Raffle Drawing is TONIGHT at the September meeting. The prizes are:

- 1- Beretta A300 12ga Shotgun, Kimber 1911, or \$500
- 2- \$250
- 3- \$100



## **Lunch Volunteers Needed**

Thanks to all who have served lunch the year!

We need volunteers from March-November 2024. It's your volunteer time & groceries are reimbursed. If we don't have volunteers,

we won't have a meal at the meeting. We need you!

If you're interested, contact Mike Larson at 763-645-4884

## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

• President:	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
• Secretary:	Dan Kittok	218-820-1155
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• Executive Board:	Larry Lindborg	763-567-8347
• Executive Board:	Jake Kittok	612-282-7975
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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	<a href="mailto:dscwom-enmn@gmail.com">dscwom-</a>
	<a href="mailto:enmn@gmail.com">enmn@gmail.com</a>	

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

Wayne Dearth, Craig Kadlec, Ryan Leisgang, Richard Kotten, Gregory Bozoian, Darren Roberge, April Roberge, Phillip Myers

## 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 August 29th Meeting

29 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Tom Delaney

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

Treasurers report - debits \$50,554.34; credits \$6279.00; checking balance \$10,610.20 - was approved

Trap range update - Mark Bauman and Tom Delaney spoke with Excel Energy on how to get electricity to the site. There are two options: Excel would run electricity to a pole they would put on site for a cost of \$5400. The club would then need to run wire from the pole to our box to hook up. Or, Excel would trench underground electric service to our box for a cost of \$6700. A motion was made and passed to go with the underground electric service option. This will take place in November. Mark Bauman has purchased wiring and supplies for the light poles. The next step is to get the concrete pads poured for the lights and trench wire to each location.

Mark Bauman will talk to John Fritz to get an estimate of where we are at with gravel loads going in and out of the property.

25 Yard Range - The range continues to have its portable targets misused and damaged.

Newsletter - A discussion was had regarding the clubs newsletter. There are still about 140 members who get their newsletter mailed to them at a cost to the club of about \$235.00 per month. The club would like to have as many people as possible get their newsletter by email. It was decided to put a note in the envelopes of the next newsletter mailing indicating that we would like to switch everyone to email. If you continue to need the newsletter mailed contact the club and it will continue. If the club is not contacted with an email address or an indication it needs to be mailed the mailed newsletter will be cut off to that person in January.

4th of July - The celebration was a big success. The club received its share of the profits - \$14,000 this year. Next year the celebration will be four days. It takes 156 volunteers for the club to cover all shifts in the bingo stand and milk shake booth.

Summer raffle - The summer raffle has collected around \$4190.00 so far. See Jan Kittok if you need more tickets to sell.

Membership - The club has 656 total members, 19 members are already paid for 2024.

Women's League - The Women's league will meet on Tuesday September 19th for their trapshooting event. In October they will have a classroom session. If you are interested in joining the Women's League contact Ann Finelli.

Joe Kittok and Tom Delaney met with the bank to renew the loan on the clubs property. The payment went up a bit. The loan will be paid off in 10 years. The bank evaluated the property at \$800,000.

Club sign - Tom and Mike will look for a suitable spot to put it up. It was suggested to buy one more sign for the club.

Volunteers - We need more volunteers in the club for clean ups, lunches etc. A list will be posted of volunteer opportunities.

Muzzleloader interest - Club member Joe Bergeron is looking to put together a muzzleloader group and bring back muzzleloading events to the club. He would like to do an instructional class before the deer season.

The club received a thank you note from Fishing Clinic for Kids for our continued support. The club also received a packet of thank you letters from kids that have taken their gun safety training through Three Rivers Park District and used the club for their range day.

Annual Turkey Shoot - The clubs annual turkey shoot will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 - 11:00 am with a chicken dinner to follow. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Non-Member sight in day will be held on October 14th. Spread the word regarding the event to get more people involved. \$350 is needed for advertising and supplies. A motion was made and passed to approve \$350 for the event.

Sunday, September 10th there will be a clean up day at the farm. Meet at the farm at 9:00 AM.

Thank you to Mike Larison for providing lunch for the meeting. The club is looking for volunteers to do lunch each month. Contact Mike Larison if you are interested. Going forward if we do not have a volunteer for lunch, then lunch will not be provided for that meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

## DSC Women's Group Has Expanded!

Since there has been interest in and support for our shooting group to be a "co-ed" opportunity, we are now opening up attendance to spouses/SO and family members of the women's shooting group 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

- 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 events:

September 19 (Tuesday): Annual Trap Event!

October date: TBD We are hoping to get outside on a Saturday to shoot one last time for the season with a dinner to follow. Stay tuned for more details!!

November 16: Fall Wrap Up and Informational Meeting for New Members

Questions can be directed to Ann Finelli at dscwom-enmn@gmail.com

## Turkey Shoot & Range Cleanup

*By Jan Hanson*

### TURKEY SHOOT

Saturday the 9th was a very successful morning. The Turkey Shoot started at 9:00 AM with a number of members ready to win a turkey. The weather was perfect. We had grandsons and grandpas, fathers and sons, mothers and sons and sharp shooting men and women.

Every family left with a coupon for a turkey from Coborns. Every child and woman left with a gift card from All Season Sports.

I would like to thank all who showed up for this event. A special thank you to the three great volunteers! Without your help this event would have not been such a success.

The chicken Bar-B-Que after the shoot was delicious! So much hard work went into preparing this feast. Bill, Geri and their team did it again! We all went home full to the brim.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful Saturday!

### CLEAN-UP

Sunday the 10th was a clean-up day at the ranges. The weather was perfect but the turn-out was not! Out of 500 or so members, four men and one woman showed up to help.

We cleaned up both the pistol range and the rifle range. Pizza boxes, shot-up targets and general junk was picked up at both ranges. We got rid of shot-up wooden targets stuffed in a corner. We cut weeds at the new trap sight so black dirt could be spread and grass seed put down before winter.

We would have liked to do clean-up around the outside of the clubhouse but after three hours of hard work it was time to spend the rest of the day with family. If more members had showed up, the grounds would have been cleaned up better in the same amount of time.

We need more volunteers next time! Take pride in your Gun Club. Make this a sight to be proud of. It is yours through your membership! Contact one of our board members and we will add you to our volunteer list.



## Volunteer Needs

- **Meeting Lunches:** We still need volunteers for March-November 2024. You'll be reimbursed for food costs. Contact Mike to volunteer. This one job covers your volunteer requirement for the year, and saves you \$100 on dues!
- In need of a volunteer or tree service to trim/clean up the maple tree by the club house
- **SEPTEMBER 10, 9AM:** Cleanup at the Farm.
- Looking for bids to paint the club houses

## Thank You!

*From Josh Kittok*

Thank you for sponsoring the Wilderness II camp. I learned how to use a flint and steel. I also learned how to use a compass and map. My friends and I even slept in a shelter we made. It was a really fun camp. Thank you

## DSC in Action! Fishing Tournament & Turkey Shoot



## 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:

#### **September**

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

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

#### **October**

**11 – (Wed) Range Reserved** – Three Rivers PD – 8:00am – 6:00pm

**14 – (Sat) Range Reserved** – Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am – 5:00pm. **Range is closed to DSC member shooting on both ranges during this event.**

**19 – (Thu) DSC Women Shooters Classroom Training 5:00PM – 8:00PM**

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

**\*28 – (Sat) 25 yard Range & Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Women Shooters 1:30PM – 6:00PM**

#### **November**

**1 – (Wed) Range Reserved** – Three Rivers PD – 5:00pm – 9:00pm

**8 – (Wed) Range Reserved** – Three Rivers PD – 5:00pm – 9:00pm

**15 – (Wed) Range Reserved** – Medina PD (Boecker) – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**19 – (Thu) DSC Women Shooters Fall wrap up and informational meeting 5:00PM – 8:00PM**

**21 – (Tue) Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety – 3:00pm – 11:00pm

**28 – (Tue) Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 4:00pm – 10:00pm

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

### 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.