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2024 Dues & Members-Only Raffle

As the leaves are falling and we're getting ready for deer season, it's time to start thinking about dues season.

Dues for 2024 membership are due by December 31st, 2023. If you volunteered more than 8 hours, your dues are \$50. Non-volunteer dues are \$150. Jan mailed out the volunteer forms, the members-only new year raffle and envelope recently.

ALSO! Dues time is Members Only raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and you can include them with your dues. You can buy as many as you like.

Like your dues, the deadline to enter the raffle is December 31st.

This year's prize is a Kimber 1911 .45 caliber pistol!

Don't wait!

Since the last Tuesday of October is Halloween, the October Club Meeting will be Tuesday October 24th at 7pm.

Christmas Party

The club Christmas party will be Friday December 8th from 5:30pm-9:00pm.

This is a great time to bring the family and celebrate! Everyone who attends will receive a gift from the club.

This is a potluck event, so bring something to share.

If you want to donate gifts, contact Tom Delaney at 612-408-8944

Summer Raffle Winners

The drawing was held at the September meeting.

1st Place: Brandon Mawer—he chose the shotgun.

2nd Place: Mike O'Connor of Rockford, \$250

3rd Place: Gary Fischbach of St. Paul, \$100

Tom Bipes & Steve Bragg each sold 41 books and each won \$125 for tied first-place ticket sales.

Gene Hanson sold 32 books and took the \$50 second place.

Great work everyone!

**MEETING October
24th at 7:00pm!**

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

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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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 ddsnh@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.

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!

Brad Maiorino, Drew Scheck, Tanner Weise, James Conlely, Matthew Chiles, Gideon Gonzalez, Peter Larson

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 September 26th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the August 29, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$11,657.29; credits \$16,944.50; checking balance \$13,675.07 - was approved

New members - three new members introduced themselves

Trap range update - Mark Bauman and Mike Larison updated the club on progress on the new range. With help from the Delano High School trap team black dirt was spread on the range. Grass seed will be planted soon and it will be covered with hay. The light bases are in. Mark has an opportunity to buy two security lights for the parking lot at a reduced cost. Mark is working on getting wiring to the light poles. The DNR has grant money available for shooting ranges. The application needs to be in by the middle of October. It will be for work completed starting November 1, 2023 and completed by June 30, 2024. Brad Spencer will be submitting the application for consideration.

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

Newsletter - The newsletter went out a little late this month. If anyone is interested in helping out with the newsletter, let Tom know.

4th of July - The club received its share of the profits - \$14,000.00

Summer raffle - The summer raffle has collected around \$6656.00. Brandon Mauer won first prize, Mike O'Connor won second prize and Gary Fischbach won third prize. Steve Bragg and Tom Bipes each sold 41 books of tickets. Gene Hanson sold 32 books.

Membership - The club has 660 total members. 583 regular members, 2 lifetime members, and 75 honorary members

Executive Board - the Executive board will meet tonight after the meeting. Tom Delaney will be stepping down as President in January. Mike Larison will step in as President. There will be an opening for a third Vice President.

Trap Shooting league - Summer league is over. Winter league will start on 7th.

Women's League - The Women's league had their trap-shooting event in September. They are in the process of getting their October and November schedule together. If you are interested in joining the Women's League contact Ann Finelli.

Reservations - The Womens league would like to reserve

the 25 yard range and the club house for Saturday, October 28. The reservation was approved.

GOCRA/MNGOPAC - Dave Smith updated the club on legislation that was passed earlier this year..

Muzzleloader interest - Club member Joe Bergeron is putting a plan together for black powder shooting and instruction.

Non-Member sight in day will be held on October 14th. Steve Bragg will be getting advertisements in the local papers and on the radio. Club members should spread the word and pass out flyers to generate more interest.

Thank you to Tom Bipes for providing lunch for the meeting. Donna Stundahl will provide lunch for the October meeting and Gene and Jan Hanson will provide lunch for the November meeting.

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24th due to Halloween.

The members Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 8th.

The clubs annual gun show will be held on Saturday, January 13th.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Thanks to Tom Bipes for making dinner. He made the best BBQ pork ribs we have eaten. Great job Tom!!

We still need lunch volunteers for March-November of 2024. Contact Mike Larison for more information or to volunteer.

DSC Women's Group Expanded, Upcoming Events

Due to interest in and support for our shooting group to be co-ed, we have opened up attendance to spouses/SO and family members of the women's shooting group mailing list, provided the men are currently members of DSC.*

Instructors and range safety officers are at each event to provide assistance to newer shooters and ensure that safety protocols are followed! If your goal is to connect with other shooters, learn proper techniques, advance your skills and have FUN, join us!

October 28 event at DSC 2:00-5:30 pm:

Shooting Group Members Only Event: Shooting at DSC, Dinner to Follow

We decided to try for one last outdoor shooting event before the weather turns cold! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28.

We have the pistol bay and clubhouse at DSC reserved for the afternoon, Shooting starts at 2:00, meeting and dinner following around 4:00.

We will also have season wrap-up and brainstorming for our Shooting Group classroom dates going into 2024 and the spring-summer outdoor season.

If you are new to the group or thinking about starting, this will be a great opportunity to meet the instructors, RSOs and other group members who are anxious to meet you!

To join our Shooting Group, contact Ann Finelli at dscwomenmn@gmail.com

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

*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.

Trapshooting Range Update/The Club Would Like Your Help

The Club has been in the process of building two new trapshooting ranges (with a third pending) for its members, leagues and the expanding Delano High School Trap Team.

To date, excavating, drainage, concrete work and electricity have been completed or are in process. But, there are many things left to do - lighting, landscaping, additional concrete work, retaining walls, fencing, shade structures and storage all need to be completed. So far, the club has been able to pay these expenditures without having to take out a loan.

We are asking our club members now for help for these future expenses. Any amount you

are able to donate will help continue the process of completing the ranges. Our goal for this next round of projects is \$50,000. Please send donations to:

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PO Box 394
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Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Volunteer Needs

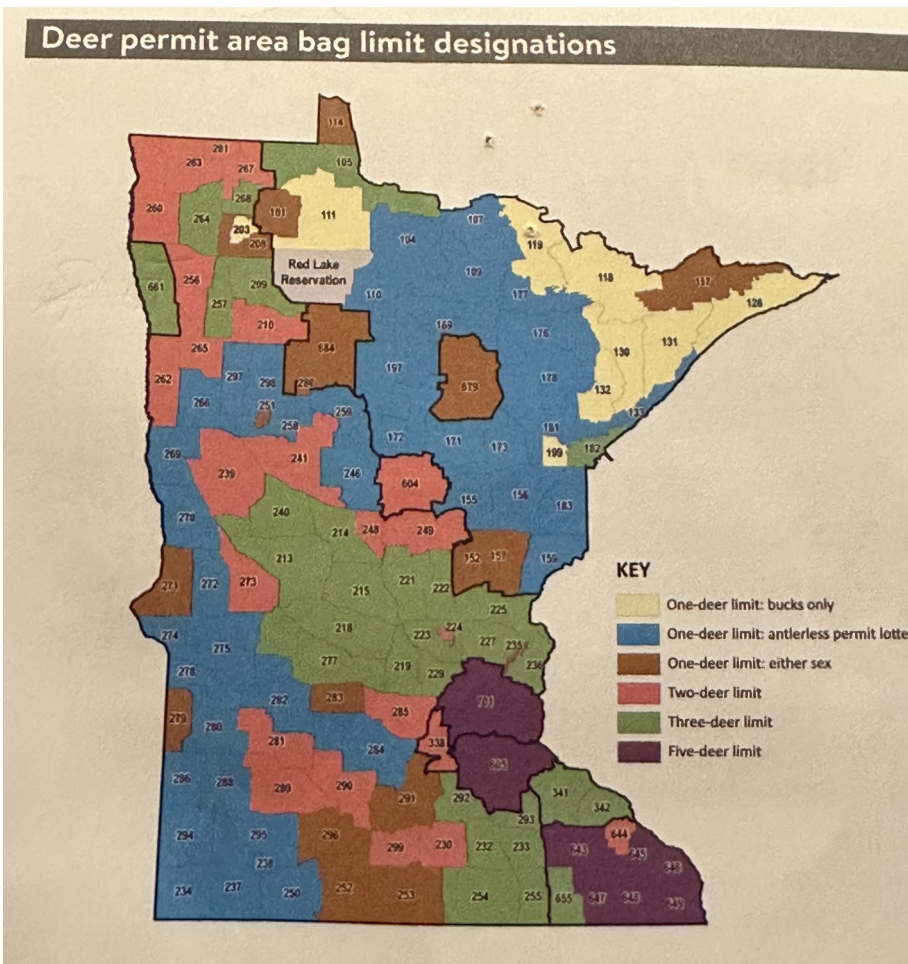
- **Meeting Lunches:** We still need volunteers for March-November 2024. You'll be reimbursed for food costs. Contact Mike to volunteer. This one job covers your volunteer requirement for the year, and saves you \$100 on dues!
- In need of a volunteer or tree service to trim/clean up the maple tree by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

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December

- 7 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – Winter league begins – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 - 8 – (Fri) **Club Members Christmas party.** 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm Bring the Family–potluck – bring something to share plus your own beverages, beer and wine, board games and cards.
 - 14 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 - 21 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- No monthly club meeting in December**

2023 Minnesota Hunting & Trapping Regulations are Online!



Find out more at:

Dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/hunting

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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:

October

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.** [click here to view event flyer](#)

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 (Groskreutz) – 5:00pm – 9:00pm

8 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 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 (Ebeling) – 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.

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