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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!

Christmas Party



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

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

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

If you want to donate gifts, contact Tom Delaney at 612-408-8944. You can also bring donated gifts to the November meeting or on the evening of the party.

MEETING
November 28th at
7:00pm!

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

**delanosportsmen
sclub@gmail.com**

Club Officer Elections

Mike Larison is moving to President at the January meeting.

We need a volunteer to step up to be 3rd Vice President and will eventually move up to President. If you would like to run for election of 3rd VP, please contact Mike Larison at 763-645-4884.



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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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- Executive Board: Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
- Executive Board: Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
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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 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!

Eric Nordling

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 October 24th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$5627.33; credits \$5260.00; checking balance \$19,070.88 - was approved

Trap range update - Mark Bauman updated the club on the recent progress. The doors are on the trap houses now. 95% of the excavating work for the third range has been completed. Additional electrical work has been done. Brad Spencer submitted the grant application, the DNR received it and will be reviewing it.

25 Yard Range - The range garbage can was overflowing recently, Tom Delaney along with a few members took care of it.

Member raffle - The members only raffle has collected \$2170.00

Membership - 94 members have paid their 2024 dues - 474 left to pay.

Trap Shooting league - Winter league will start on December 7th.

Building and Grounds - The equipment has been moved off the farm hill, the club still needs to remove the lumber and scrap metal off before the next Franklin township meeting. Mike will try to get a volunteer crew together to do this.

Women's League - There is a shooting event scheduled for Saturday October 18th along with their end of season dinner. Congratulations to Gene Hanson for receiving his instructor certificate. If you are interested in joining the Women's League contact Ann Finelli.

GOCRA/MNGOPAC Legislative updates - The club is looking for a member to be our legislative liaison. If you are interested contact Tom Delaney.

Muzzleloader interest - Club member Joe Bergeron was at the meeting and wants to get black powder going again at the club. He would like to do a yearly shoot and an instructional class if there is interest. Joe is knowledgeable in traditional, in-line and black powder pistol shooting. Some dates will be put together for future black powder events.

Non-Member sight in day was held on October 14th. Steve Bragg reported that it was a great day. Twenty seven guns were paid for, many were youths. The club netted \$187.54.

Club member Brad Zitzloff presented a bid to the club of \$3500 to paint the clubhouse, trap house and shed. If approved he would like to get the work done yet this fall, weather permitting. A motion was made and approved to

accept the bid.

Delano Senior Grad Party - The club will be donating \$250 again this year for this event.

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

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Thank you Donna & Roger Stundahl for the great lunch at October's Meeting!

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

Delano Women's Group

Women's Group Expanded, Upcoming Events, New Leadership Team!

ABOUT OUR GROUP:

- Meets the third Thursday of the month for range or classroom events.
- Due to popular demand, we will be shooting outdoors during winter months one Saturday each 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 and training supplies.

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.*

Our primary purpose has and will continue to be to provide a safe and comfortable experience for women who are new to shooting or wish to advance skills. We have welcomed the men as partners in accomplishing this goal. Our "guys" have been a positive addition to our shooting group and we are glad to have them! We provide individual instruction and coaching to all members, having both women and men instructors to accommodate this need.

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!

*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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- Thursday November 16: Basic Pistol class, 5:45-8:30 pm, DSC Clubhouse
- Saturday December 2: Winter Shoot at DSC, 1:00-3:00 pm. Heated Trap Shack & warm beverages will be available!
- Friday, December 8: DSC Members Christmas Party
- Thursday, January 18, 2024: Annual Handgun Cleaning Class!

Thursday, February 15, 2024: TBA

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM:

We are pleased to announce our new **Leadership Team** and welcome Gene Hanson as our new Co-Leader and instructor. Here is your team:

Ann Finelli: Co-Leader, USCCA Certified Instructor CCHD WHSD, NRA Certified Pistol Instructor- Basic Pistol, NRA Certified RSO, Chapter Leader Instructor: Armed Women of America

Gene Hanson: Co-Leader, NRA Certified Instructor- Basic Pistol

Donna Stundahl: NRA Certified Instructor- Basic Pistol, NRA Certified RSO

Jan Hanson: NRA Certified RSO

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

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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- 11 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 13 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – DSC Members gun show – 11:00am – 3:00pm
- 18 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- *18 – (Thu) – **Clubhouse Reserved** – DSC Women – 5:30PM – 9:00PM
- 25 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**

Summer Camp Scholarships

Each year the club sponsors students to attend Forkhorn camp and obtain their Firearm Safety certificate.

Last year, we sent students ages 11-16 to both Three Rivers Parks (a day camp here in the metro) as well as Deep Portage overnight camp near Hackensack. The Deep Portage camp also allows students to obtain their Advanced Firearm Safety, so they may hunt out of state.

If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc., that would like to attend, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 to get them on the list!



Delano Women's Group Event Pics



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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:

November

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

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

December

*2 – (Sat) **25 yard Range Reserved** –
DSC Women Shooters 1:30PM –
4:00PM

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

January 2024

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

*6 – (Sat) – **25 Yard Range Reserved** –
DSC Women – 25 yard range – 1:00PM
– 3:00PM

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.

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