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Officer Elections– January Meeting

January's meeting has Officer Elections. Tom Delaney has served his terms as President and will be moving to the Executive Board.

Mike Larison will become our new President. We will be electing a new 3rd Vice President. They will eventually move up to the role of President.



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 Kit-tok at 763-972-2989 to get them on the list!

**MEETING January
30th at 7:00pm!**

**Executive Board
Meeting 30 minutes
prior**

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

***delanosportsmen
sclub@gmail.com***

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Firearms Safety

The Spring Firearms Safety Class is being set up. The class will begin on March 19th and Field Day is set for April 13th.

Full schedule and information is available in the accompanying flyer.

If you have questions contact Garret Sarkinen at 612-716-4614 or email garret.sark@hotmail.com. Email is preferred.



The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

• President:	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
• Secretary:	Dan Kittok	218-820-1155
• Treasurer:	Joe Kittok	763-972-2989
• 1st Vice President:	Mike Larison	763-645-4884
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	larrylarison@hotmail.com	
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• Executive Board:	Jake Kittok	612-282-7975

Range Information:

• Trap Shooting:	Dan Thienes	763-567-8446
• Firearm Training:	Garrett Sarkinen	612-716-4614
• Black Powder:	Joe Bergeron	763-898-6483
• Archery League:	Shawn Lynch	763-972-3112
• Portable Targets	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
• Women's Shooters	Ann Finelli	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.

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 the range and grounds. They solicit bids for maintenance.

New Members

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

Mike Kremenak, Jeffrey Bertelson, Patrick Nevin, Thomas R. Johnson, Scott Logan, Simon Quigg, Jeff P. Brown, Steve Wollak, Jack Carlson

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 November 28th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$5859.59; credits \$10,205.14; checking balance \$22,792.90 - was approved

New members: two new members introduced themselves.

Trap range update - Locks have been purchased and installed for the doors on the new trap shacks. Excel Energy is running behind in getting electricity to the new trap range.

Member raffle - The members only raffle has collected \$2900.00

Membership - 28% of the membership has paid their dues so far

Executive Board - There will be an Executive Board meeting at 6:30 PM (before the regular meeting) on January 30th 2024.

Building and Grounds - The club received a letter from the township that more clean up needs to be done on the farm. If things are not done in the next week, it will be turned over to the county. Tom Delaney will arrange further clean up.

The Spot - Chris Heikkila, General Manager of The Spot in Rockford talked about their new facility that just opened up. The Spot is owned by KLM Family Brands and provides boarding for cats and dogs, a play area for cats and dogs and full service grooming. Proceeds from The Spot go to provide and train support and service dogs for veterans and first responders.

Delano Living Magazine - Kelsey Platt talked about a new magazine - Delano Living - that will be launching in February of 2024. It will be sponsored by local businesses and organizations and contain articles on events in the Delano area and family feature stories. The magazine will be distributed to 2600 households in the Delano area. They have 15 sponsors so far and are looking for other sponsors. Tom Delaney suggested that the club try advertising in the magazine for a year at the cost of \$2400. The ad can be changed monthly to include events that the club is having. A motion was made and passed to advertise in the magazine.

New Sign - The new sign has been put up on the berm. An additional sign is wanted for the club house. Joe Kittok will look into the cost and see if it can be made bigger - 6' X 10'.

4th of July - The committee would like the club to staff the

bingo stand again in 2024 but they would get someone else to staff the milk shake booth. They would like the club to organize a trap shooting or archery event during the 4th of July celebration.

Women's League - Two events were held in the last month. An end of season wrap up/dinner and a basic pistol class. Schedules were discussed for next year. It was decided to have shooting events through the winter. Dates of these shoots were submitted and approved. In January the group will have a gun cleaning class.

GOCRA/MNGOPAC Legislative updates - Dan MacDonald updated the club on current legislative efforts. On January 1st, 2024 the new law regarding registration for transfers of guns goes into effect. The Gun owners Caucus will be having a fund raising dinner on December 2nd. Cost is \$90.00 per plate. Dan MacDonald has information on the event.

Muzzleloader interest - Club member Joe Bergeron will coordinate training and events in 2024.

Christmas Party - The Clubs potluck Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 8th from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Gun Show - The club's annual gun show will be held on Saturday, January 13th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Liz Collins may be there to do another book signing.

Thank you to Gene and Jan Hanson for providing lunch for the meeting. The Lucky Fives trap team will provide lunch for the January meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Thank you to Gene
and Janet Hanson for
the November Lunch!

We still need lunch
volunteers for March-
November of 2024.

Contact Mike Larison

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged-Men by Invitation*

Learn• Practice• Grow

Our group was founded by women for women and will ALWAYS focus on educating and training women at ALL skill levels. Leadership and Instructor Team consists of both Women and Men
Our men are invited (see below). We appreciate the many ways the men have contributed to the success and dynamic of our group since becoming co-ed!
TO JOIN or for more information, contact Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, January 18: Annual Handgun Cleaning Class! 5:45-8:30 pm. **Group Members** only event.
 - Saturday February 3 Outdoor Shoot at DSC 1-3:00 pm
 - Thursday, February 15: 5:45-8:30 Classroom- Topic TBA
- Saturday, March 2, Outdoor Shoot at DSC 1-3:00 pm

*ABOUT OUR GROUP

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.

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.

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!

- 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.

A Day of Firsts By Katie Menk (with forward by Katie's Dad Harold Menk)

My daughter Katie has joined me at the range many times over the years for what has always been special father/daughter time. She was a crack shot with her deer rifle right from the start, but read on for an amazing story of her first shot deer hunting with a crossbow, as told in her own words:

My husband, Zach, and I headed out to my brother, Joe's, for the Archery Opener this past September. Joe and his wife, Lorena, have some land in central Minnesota and he has done quite a bit of work on the whitetail habitat, making it a lot of fun to hunt. Zach, Joe, and Lorena all hunt with vertical bows, and thanks to the law change this year, I was able to join in on my first bow hunt by borrowing my dad's Ravin crossbow. On Saturday afternoon the four of us set up Joe's Block target at 50 yards to see what the crossbow could do. Though the sight picture was slightly different for all of us, we were extremely impressed with the Ravin's precision. For myself, I found I was able to consistently hit the center by aiming 7 inches right and using the 60-yard pin. Given that I was only borrowing the crossbow for the weekend, we all agreed it would be better to compensate than to adjust the sight.

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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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14 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
 18 – (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class – PARENT REQUIRED TO ATTEND** – 7:00pm – 8:00pm [click here for flyer](#)
 19 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 21 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 25 – (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** 7:00PM – 9:00PM
 *26 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
 26 – (Tue) **7:00pm Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse**
 28 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety class** 7:00PM – 9:00PM

A Day of Firsts (From Page 4)

Feeling confident about the crossbow, we went out to the stand with the rangefinder and Joe showed me a few landmarks. The stand looked out on a wide shooting lane ending in a food plot at about 100 yards, but Joe had set up a mock scrape on a deer trail that crossed the lane at 50 yards. "If they come through in crossbow range, it'll be at 50 yards," he said. All I would have to do would be to use the 60-yard pin and aim 7 inches to the right.

Saturday evening nothing came through within range, however. I watched a couple sets of does and fawns make their leisurely way through the food plot, and a couple young bucks sparred their way across as well; fun to watch, but beyond my reach.

Sunday morning as I contemplated sleeping in, Zach reminded me this was our chance to provide for the family and put some meat in the freezer. So it was that I had the crossbow already up and pointing at the mock scrape around 7am when a doe came into view, walking past the mock scrape along the trail at a steady pace. She was crossing my lane perfectly broadside, from left to right, at 50 yards, just as Joe had predicted. I followed her with the crossbow, hoping she would stop, until she neared the right edge of my lane. I had never taken a shot at a moving deer before or taken a shot at any deer with a bow. Carefully I aimed the 60-yard pin 7 inches to the right of the heart, then added a couple inches to accommodate for her pace, taking my best guess. I was now aiming at the air in front of the doe, but I felt as good as possible about it. Just before she was about to walk out of the lane, I squeezed off the shot.

She ran away. I sat back, suddenly unsure... her reaction had been very different from any deer I had shot with my rifle. It looked like I hadn't hit her at all, and she had run away at the sound of the crossbow firing. I texted Joe that I had taken a shot but thought I had missed completely. When I explained the shot, he commented that shooting at a moving deer was "generally not advisable for archery." We decided to wait an hour before looking for the bolt.

After quite a bit of searching, we found it - and to our surprise, there was blood. A good sign, and it looked better and better as we followed the trail about 50 yards to the edge of some reeds - a bedding area.

Still uncertain about the quality of the shot, and also hungry, we went in for breakfast before tracking further. About an hour later, Zach, Joe and I went into the reeds where the doe's path soon became painted in red. We found her expired about 50 yards into the reeds; the shot had gone through both lungs.

All in all, it was an exciting day of firsts and a great time spent with family. I look forward to making more memories during bow season in the years to come.

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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:

February

1 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
3 – (Sat) – **Range Reserved** – **DSC Women – 25 yard range – 1:00PM – 3:00PM**
8 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
15 – (Thu) – **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Women Basic – 5:30PM – 9:00PM**
15 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
22 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
*27 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety – 3:00pm – 11:00pm
27 – (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**
29 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

March

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

7 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting 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.

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