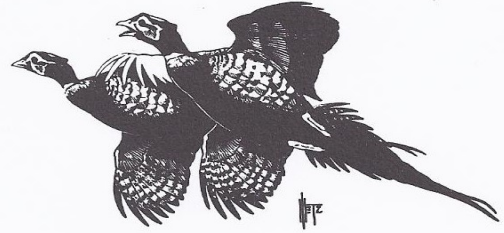


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## Trip to the Capitol

On April 27th, the club will have a bus going to the capitol for a gun-owners caucus rally.

Contact Tom Delaney to secure your spot on the bus for this rally.

Breakfast at the club from 8:20-10:00am. The bus will leave at 10 and arrive back at the club by 3pm.

There is no charge for this event, but donations are appreciated!

The bus holds 50 people, so you must reserve your spot to get on.

## Member's Only Raffle

The raffle brought in over \$5,000 in funds!

This year's winner of a Kimber 1911 was David Van Dongen.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the raffle as part of their renewal!

**MEETING**  
**February 27th at**  
**7:00pm at the**  
**clubhouse**

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

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

## 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.

If you have questions contact Garret Sarkinen at 612-716-4614 or email [gar-ret.sark@hotmail.com](mailto:gar-ret.sark@hotmail.com). Email is preferred.



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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](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!

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](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 January 30th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the November 28, 2023 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$10,616.40; credits \$17,177.50; checking balance \$30,575.10 - was approved

New members: two new members introduced themselves.

Elections of officers were held - Mike Larison was voted in as President, Joe Kittok was voted in as Treasurer, Dan Kittok was voted in as Secretary, Gene Hanson was voted in as Third Vice President and Tom Delaney was voted in as Public Relations liaison.

Trap range update - The power is in and the lights are on order. We hope to get the lights in yet this winter. The club is looking for a building/temporary work site trailer to operate out of. Keep your eyes open for a suitable structure. The club was approved for the \$25,000 grant from the DNR.

XCEL Energy lease - Everything has been cleared off the property except for the grates. XCEL still has to do restoration of the property as a condition of the lease. They may need to extend the lease?

Member raffle - The members only raffle has collected \$5130.00. The winner of the Kimber 1911 is David Van Dongen

Membership - 85% of the membership has paid their dues so far.

Executive Board - There was an Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm before the regular meeting to discuss the new public relations position. This position will take phone calls, attend meetings, and assist in events on behalf of the club.

Public Relations Position - As recommended by the Executive Board a motion was made and passed to approve the addition of a Public Relations position.

Building and Grounds - The club had issues with kids driving into the property where the new range is. The access has since been roped off. Much of the farm was cleaned up in December. Joe Kittok thanks everyone that helped out.

Newsletter - The club is looking for more help in producing the newsletter. If you want to help out contact Bob Ball or Donna Stundahl

Range and Clubhouse reservations - Reservations for the police departments, gun safety, trap shooting and Women's league were all approved.

New Sign - The cost of a 6' X 10' sign for the club house is

\$1500. A motion was made and passed to go with another 4' X 8' sign.

4th of July - The committee will be meeting next week. The committee is trying to add new things - frisbee golf, pickle ball, archery and trapshooting to keep things fresh.

Women's League - There is an event coming up on Saturday. The league is up to two events a month. There has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the league from the participants. Shooters are learning a lot and their shooting has improved. The club approved adding Gene Hanson to the insurance policy for his help with the league.

GOCRA/MNGOPAC Legislative updates - There will be a rally at the capital on April 27th. The club will try to set up a bus again to go down to it.

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

Christmas Party - The Clubs potluck Christmas Party was well attended again this year

Gun Show - The club's annual gun show had a moderate turnout. Thirty people came through.

Mike Wolf sold the brass that was collected on the range. The club received \$1500.25.

Bird house building - The date is set for March 27th for bluebird and wood duck house building. Thirty of each will be built.

The club will be sending six kids to camp again this year. The total cost of \$3000.00 was approved.

West Hennepin police is looking for a few more people to attend its next academy. The academy is held on Thursday nights for eight weeks.

Thank you to the Lucky Fives trap team for providing lunch for the meeting. Coborns will provide lunch for the February meeting. March through November are open for lunch volunteers.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

# 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](mailto: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.

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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.

### Fourth of July Bingo Volunteers!

It's time again! More to follow next month but here's what we have so far:

Wednesday July 3rd:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Thursday July 4th:

Noon-4pm

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Friday July 5th:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 6th:

Noon-4pm

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

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### April

- 1 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 2 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 2 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**
- 4 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**
- 6 – (Sat) – **Range Reserved** – **(25 yd range only) – DSC Women – 12:30PM – 3:00PM**
- 8 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm
- 9 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm
- 9 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm**
- 10 – (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 11 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm**
- 13 – (Sat) **Range Reserved & Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Field Day – 7:00AM – NOON**
- 15 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Medina PD (Hall) – 12:30pm – 4:00pm
- 15 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 16 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 19 – (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved (Leuer)** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – All day
- 20 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – All day
- 20 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- 21 – (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM
- 22 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 23 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 23 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 25 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league (practice night) – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 27 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – **Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)**
- 27 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – 11:00am
- 27 – (Sat) **GOCRA/MNGOPAC – Rally at the Capitol**
- 29 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) – **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**

## 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

\*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** – Trap-shooting 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

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**

### 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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