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MEETING!

*Next meeting is Tuesday,
March 26, 7:00 PM at
the DSC Clubhouse*

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

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RANGE ISSUES/CONCERNS

Attached are photos of some issues we are having at the range. The range is available for all members of this club. It is everyone's responsibility to cleanup after yourself. If you see something that needs to be cleaned up, please help out.

One issue we are having is the targets being shot up. We do understand that there are time we miss, but if you center your target on the chicken wire this reduces those chances. Also when using cardboard on the targets try not to cover the entire target. This covers the wood structure and increases your chances of hitting and damaging the targets.

The final photo is of a small fire that occurred on March 3rd. We were lucky that a passersby on the road called 911. Maple Plain Fire and West Metro Fire quickly responded and extinguished the flames. The actual cause is unknown but the fire department did not suspect any intentional act or malicious intent.



TRIP TO THE CAPITOL

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

- Breakfast at the club from 8:20-10:00am. The bus will leave at 10am and arrive back at the club by 3pm.
- The bus holds 50 people, so you must reserve your spot to get on. Contact Tom Delaney to secure your spot on the bus!

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

Club Officers:

- President Mike Larison 763-645-4884
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- Treasurer Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
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Range Information:

- Trap Shooting Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training Garret 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 dscwomenmn@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.

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 Club Buildings and Property. Director: Gene Hanson

NEW MEMBERS

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

Christopher Woestehoff, Marc Monahan, Michael Heffelfinger, Samuel Schmid, Cecil Bell, Michael Jones, E.J. Clyman, Michael Swenson, Chris Zimmerman, Kurt Bostrom, Scott Yokiell

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) are 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 FEBRUARY 27, 2024 MEETING

19 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting were approved with one change. The wood duck/blue bird building day is April 27, not March 27.
- Treasurers report - debits \$15,061.68; credits \$12,573.25; checking balance \$25,624.72 - was approved.
- New members: One new member introduced himself.
- Trap range update - The power is to the box on the new trap range. Just waiting for the ground to firm up before resuming work.
- XCEL Energy lease - Everything has been cleared off the property. XCEL still has to do restoration of the property as a condition of the lease.
- Range issue - There was a complaint of somebody shooting on a Saturday morning. The video was checked at the club and it was determined the shooting did not come from the club.
- Membership - The club has 531 paid members, 2 life time members and 80 honorary members . There are around 30 members from last year that have not paid yet.
- Building and Grounds - Gene Hanson will be taking over chair of the building and grounds committee.
- Farm house - The wood piles have been burned at the farm house.
- Newsletter - Aaron Gesell will be taking over the newsletter from Bob Ball. Aaron will reach out to Bob on this.
- Range and Clubhouse reservations - Reservations for the Women's Group for the clubhouse on April 18th from 5:00-9:00 pm and the pistol range on June 1 from 12:00-3:00 pm were approved.
- 4th of July - Joe Kittok attended a meet and greet for Ambassador candidates for the 4th of July.
- Trap Shooting leagues - Winter league has completed. Summer league will start May 1st and 2nd, with a practice night on April 25th.
- Raffles - A Sig Sauer 9mm and a Mossberg 12 gauge have been purchased for the upcoming raffle.
- Women's League - There is an event coming up on Saturday at the pistol range. The league is getting some improvements done on Cal's range. The league will be using both ranges throughout the year.
- GOCRA/MNGOPAC Legislative updates - Dan MacDonald updated the club on new bills that are going through the legislature. Go to whorepresentsmenn to find out who your legislators are in your area. There will be a rally at

the capital on April 27th. The club has set up a bus to go down to it. If you would like to reserve a spot on the bus contact Tom Delaney.

- Bird house building - The date is set for April 27th from 9:00 am - Noon for bluebird and wood duck house building. Volunteers are needed to help drill holes in the pieces. Contact Larry Lindborg to volunteer.
- Tree orders - All tree orders are on line now with the Wright Soil & Water Conservation District. Go to their web site to order.
- Range outhouse - It was requested that the range get a larger outhouse - something bigger than what we currently have but not as big as a handicap one. Gene Hanson will luck into what is available.
- Clubs expenses - Mike Larison would like the clubs expenses to be reviewed to make sure we aren't overpaying for the services provided. If anyone is willing to help with a review contact Mike.
- The clubhouse needs gutters on the north side - Gene Hanson will get some bids for this.
- Snowmobile trail - The Delano SnowStormers snowmobile club would like to extend a snowmobile trail from County Line road along and across the clubs property to Farmington Road. It was suggested to have a SnowStormer club member talk to the club at a future meeting regarding this.
- EAW on property - there is an Environmental Assessment Worksheet requirement attached to the clubs property from when mining was being considered. The club needs to look into how to get this removed so that future ponds can be built.
- High School trap team volunteer time - Mike Larison met with the High School trap team recently. As a condition of shooting this year, each shooter must put in some volunteer hours at the club. This could be working on the club grounds or at the 4th of July bingo stand.
- New Trap Range Clubhouse fundraising - Mike Larison reported that club member Jeff Graunke has volunteered to start fundraising efforts for a new trap clubhouse for the new trap range. Many of the details still need to be worked out, but he would contact potential donors for either a one time donation or a commitment of money each year for a period of time. It was suggested to get bids for the building first so that potential donors would know how much we are trying to raise.

Thank you to Coborns for providing lunch for the meeting. March through November are open for lunch volunteers.

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

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday April 6 Outdoor Shoot at DSC 1-3:00 pm
- Thursday, April 18 Outdoor Shoot or Classroom (Weather Dependent) 5:45-8:30 pm
- Saturday, May 4, Outdoor Shoot at DSC 1-3:00 pm
- Thursday, May 16, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 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 first Saturday and 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.



WOOD DUCK HOUSE BUILDING

Bring a hammer, bring the kids! The date is set for April 27th from 9:00 am - Noon for bluebird and wood duck house building. Volunteers are needed to help drill holes in the pieces. Contact Larry Lindborg at 763-567-8347 to volunteer.

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

March

- 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
- 19 – (Tue) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- 20 – (Wed) – Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Women – 5:00PM – 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

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
- 18 – (Thu) – Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Women – 5:00PM – 9:00PM
- 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

April (continued)

- 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

May

- 1 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm First night
- 2 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 4 – (Sat) – Range Reserved – (25 yd range only) – DSC Women – 12:30PM – 3:00PM
- 6 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 7 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 8 – (Wed) Range Reserved (100 yd range only) – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 8 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 9 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 13 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 14 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 15 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 16 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
– (Sat) GOCRA/MNGOPAC – Highway 12 cleanup / Adopt a highway (East of Baker Park Rd) 7:00am breakfast, roadside cleanup 8:00am-noon. contact Dan MacDonald
- 20 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 21 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00p
- 22 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 23 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 29 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

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.

RANGE HOURS AND RULES

Range Hours:

Rifle and Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-SUNDOWN

Saturday: 9:00am-6pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6pm

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 ID.

See someone without an ID? Ask to see it...

Be kind to our neighbors— follow the rules!

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- *Meeting Lunches: We still need volunteers for March-November 2024. You'll be reimbursed for food costs. Contact Mike Larison 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*
- *Need a team lead/manager to oversee re-roofing the range house.*
- *Need volunteers on Saturday May 11 for the Business Expo 9am-1pm. We will be promoting the club and selling raffle tickets. Call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658 to volunteer.*

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 Aaron Gesell at editor.dsc@comcast.net.

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Just contact editor Aaron Gesell at editor.dsc@comcast.net.

The deadline for story or advertising submissions is the 8th of each month.

Fourth of July Bingo Volunteers! Shifts available as follows:

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.

We also need a volunteer to drive the club float during the Parade. Call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>