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MEETING!

*Next meeting is Tuesday,
April 30, 7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

**Contact:
delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com**

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2025 MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE?

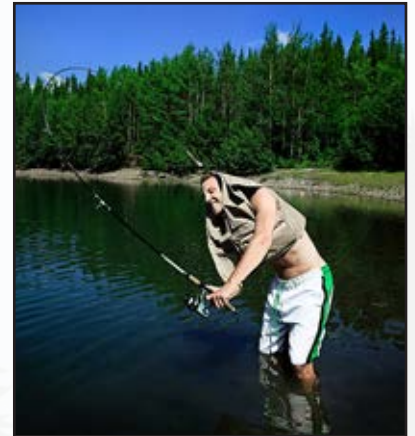
The Executive Board would like to invite any and all members of the club to come and voice your opinion on a membership fee increase at the April meeting. We will also discuss the volunteer time requirements and credit towards dues. The rate has not been updated since 2013.

SPRING CLEANUP!

Volunteers needed May 4th for club cleanup. Many little projects to take care of. Bring your rakes, shovels and cleaning supplies, window washing supplies too! Contact Gene Hanson with any questions at 612-518-3134.

PHOTO FISHING CONTEST!

Fishing opener is less than a month away! The Sportsmen's Club is going to have a photo fishing contest and we want to see your best photo! Please email your photos to delano-sportsmensclub@gmail.com. There will be a \$50 prize for the best adult member photo and \$50 for the best kid/family photo. Please have your entries submitted by May 27th.



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
larrylarison@hotmail.com
- Secretary Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
- Treasurer Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
- 1st Vice President Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com
- 2nd Vice President Cal Brandt 612-597-5112
- 3rd Vice President Gene Hanson 612-518-3134
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- Executive Board Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
- Executive Board Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
- Public Relations Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

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!

Sabah Ozan, Jordan Lindenfesler,
Guy Meyers, Leif Borg, Hunter Robarge,
Joseph Pitzl, Ryan Chernik, Paul Otto,
Robert Loudon, Selmer Olson

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

If you're on social media, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/DelanoSportsmensClub/>

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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 MARCH 26, 2024 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$8454.04; credits \$2544.00; checking balance \$19,714.68 - was approved
- New members: One new member introduced himself.
- XCEL Energy lease - Excel has done their cleanup on the property and has re-seeded the area. The conditions of the lease have been fulfilled.
- Range issue - There has been some issues with cleanliness and shooters not centering their targets as reported in the February newsletter.
- Membership - The club has 538 paid members, 2 life time members and 80 honorary members .
- Building and Grounds - Gene Hanson is waiting on bids for upcoming projects.
- Farm house - More clean up is needed.
- Newsletter - Aaron Gesell is doing the newsletter now. The first issue looked good.
- 4th of July - Joe Kittok attended a meeting a few weeks ago. The committee still wants to do a trapshooting event this year. There is discussion of doing some bigger bingo games with more expensive cards and more expensive prizes.
- Trap Shooting leagues - Summer league will start May 1st and 2nd, with a practice night on April 25th.
- Summer Raffle - \$830.00 has been collected so far. Contact Jan if you need more tickets.
- Women's League - The last meeting was on awareness. The next meeting will be April 6th and will be an outdoor shoot.
- New Trap Range - The new lights are up. The range is 95% ready. Platforms need to be put in to mount the trap throwers. The club received a grant from the DNR for the range. The grant includes the purchase of a third trap thrower. The Delano High School Trap team starts on April 1st. They will continue to use the existing trap range for this season.
- Legislative updates - Dave Smith updated the club on recent legislative action. Twelve people have signed up for the bus to the capital on April 27th. If you would like to reserve a spot on the bus contact Tom Delaney.
- Donation request - The club approved donating \$250.00 to Fishing Clinics For Kids.
- Fishing Photo Contest -Mike Larison would like the club to do a fishing photo contest this May. \$100 was approved by the club for prize money. Submit a picture of the fish you caught. Winners will be drawn from all pictures submitted.
- Trapshooting leagues treasurers report - Mike Larison asked that the trap shooting league have a separate checkbook and separate treasures report.
- Farm Committee - Mike Larison would like there to be a farm committee, so that farm related decisions could be made as they happen without having to take them to a meeting first. More discussion will take place on this.
- Trap club house sign - The sign on the front of the trapshooting club house has been removed and will be repainted. A student will be repainting it for his high school project.
- Trees - A motion was made and passed to buy 150 trees to be planted on the clubs property.
- Range outhouse - Gene and Jan Hanson looked into alternative portable toilet options. The service we are getting now is the most economical. A handicap toilet was looked into but the handicap version does not contain a urinal and is more expensive. The company we are using now will replace our existing toilet with a better one. And, we would like the toilet moved to inside the gate.
- Clubs expenses - Mike Larison looked into some of the clubs monthly expenses. The garbage bill with Republic is \$284.00 a month now. Mike found that Waste Management could provide similar service for \$130.00 a month. The clubs internet and phone service is \$278.93 a month for two internet services and one land line. Mike found that T-Mobile could do internet service for \$50.00 a month.
- EAW on property - Mike called the state and found out the EAW on the property is attached to the RAM mining project. He was told that If the club wanted to do ponds it would be a new project and the EAW should not be needed. Mike contacted the county with this information and the county still thinks we need it.
- Fund Raising for new trap club house - Mark Bauman received a materials bid for the new club house. It came in at \$60,000.00. He is getting bids for the concrete work too.

Thank you to Pete Kittok for providing lunch for the meeting. Dave Smith will provide lunch for the April meeting. May through November are open for lunch volunteers.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

With Sympathy

Bill Horsch, 83 of Delano, passed away unexpectedly while cutting a tree on Friday, April 5. Bill was always active with the club. For many years he was the head chef at the members-only Turkey Shoot, making BBQ chicken and all the sides. Bill was also in charge of the members-only fishing contest. He raised baby pheasants to be released in the wild. The story he told of releasing them and they wanted to stay by Bill and the house and not go in the wild. Bill told us that he joined the club 68 years ago when he was 15. Bill's personality pulled people together, whether at the club, his church or anywhere else he went! He will be greatly missed!

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 April 18, Outdoor Shoot or Classroom (Weather Dependent) 5:45-8:30 pm
- Saturday May 4, Range Event DSC 1-3:00 pm
- Thursday May 16, Range Event Brandt Airport 5:45-8:30 pm
- Saturday June 1, Range Event at DSC 1-3:00 pm
- Thursday, June 20, Range Event Brandt Airport 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

April

- 9 – (Tue) 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
- 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) Bus to the Capital! The club will have a bus going to the Capital for a gun-owners caucus rally. Breakfast at the Club from 8:20-10:00 am. The bus will leave at 10am and return by 3pm. Contact Tom Delaney to reserve your seat!
- 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

May(continued)

- 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-10:00pm
- 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

June

- 1 – (Sat) – Range Reserved – (25 yd range only) – DSC Women – 12:30PM – 3:00PM
- 3 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 4 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 5 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 6 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 10 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 11 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 13 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 18 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 19 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 20 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 25 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 26 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 27 – (Wed) 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-SUNSET

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 May - 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!*
- *Need volunteers for May 4 Club Spring Cleaning. Contact Gene Hanson with any questions at 612-518-3134.*
- *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.*
- *Need a volunteer to drive the club float during the 4th of July Parade. Call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.*

Fourth of July Bingo Volunteers! Shifts available as follows:

**Wednesday July 3rd:
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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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 delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Contact editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

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

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ROCKFORD LIONS 5TH ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE

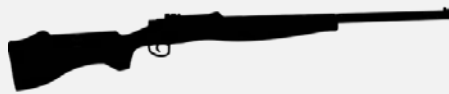
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