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MEETING!

*Next meeting is Tuesday,
May 28, 7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

**Contact:
delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com**

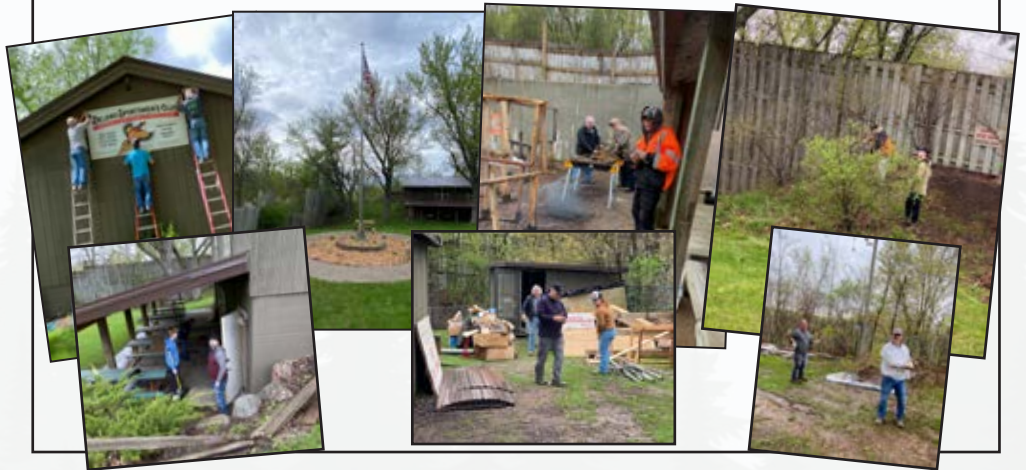
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SPRING CLEANUP A SUCCESS!

A BIG thank you to our club members and high school trap team members who showed up and worked hard- despite the drizzle- for our May 4 Range Clean Up Day. It was a bit wet but productive. Here's what we were able to accomplish:

- Building pistol targets
- Brass clean up
- 50 Yard rifle stand rebuilt
- Shrub maintenance and weeds pulled around the clubhouse
- Trees and vines along the chain link fence removed and area sprayed
- Landscaping around the flag pole cleaned and hostas planted
- Brush removed from lower parking lot
- Shed by clubhouse cleaned out
- Inside clubhouse- windows washed, walls wiped down and trophy heads dusted
- New sign hung from the clubhouse

Range clean up is a GREAT way to get your volunteer hours in. Watch our newsletters and announcements for future clean up days!



2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

It is the executive boards recommendation that we raise Club membership dues to \$250 per year. If you volunteer five (5) hours, your membership dues would be \$150 and if you volunteer ten (10) hours your membership dues would be \$50. This will go into effect beginning with 2025 renewals.

Club Officers:

- President Mike Larison 763-645-4884
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- Treasurer Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
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- Executive Board Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
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- 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!

Jay Loffler
Jonathon Herickhoff
Clifton Pippitt
Marcus Moody

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 Tom Delaney at mmraclubs@msn.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 APRIL 30, 2024 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$10,843.85; credits \$4284.00; checking balance \$12,033.33 - there was a question regarding the property taxes paid - was the cost for the full year - it was. The treasurers report was approved.
- New members: Two new members introduced themselves.
- Membership - There are 561 paid members, 2 lifetime members and 80 honorary members.
- Range issue - There continues to be issues on the range with targets being shot up. A discussion was had that maybe the club needs to have an orientation for new members.
- Building and Grounds - Gene Hanson received two bids for the gutters, the club needs to decide which bid to go with. Clean up day is on Saturday May 4th. Mike Larison has 8-9 high school trapshooting kids that will be showing up to help.
- Farm house - More clean up is needed. Franklin township has notified the club that any unlicensed vehicles need to be removed from the property.
- 4th of July - The trapshooting event was pushed to 2025. Everything else is going as planned. The bingo stand is looking to do a couple sessions of high stakes bingo. If anyone has any ideas on this contact Joe Kittok. Jan Kittok has the sign up sheet for the bingo stand. The club is looking for volunteers for July 4th, 5th and 6th.
- Trap Shooting leagues - Practice night was held on April 25th. Summer league will start May 1st and 2nd.
- Summer Raffle - \$1520.00 has been collected so far. Contact Jan if you need more tickets.
- Women's League - Over the winter the women's league held two events per month on a Thursday and a Saturday. For summer they will suspend the Saturday event and continue with their Thursday event each month until fall.
- New Trap Range - The new lights are up. Power has been wired to the throwing houses. A table is being built to put the thrower on. The club received a \$25,000 matching grant from the DNR for the range. \$50,000 needs to be spent to get \$25,000 back. A bid for \$36,000 has been received for concrete work on the third range. A bid of \$100,000 was received for construction of a new trap shack. A bid of \$36,000 was received for concrete for the new trap shack. Another option is a storage container office. They are \$1000 a month to rent and about \$30,000 to buy.
- Legislative updates - Only seven people showed up to take the bus to the capital for the rally. There should be more club participation for events like this.
- Hunters Safety - 76 students recently graduated from the Club's hunter safety course.
- Trap club house sign - The sign on the front of the trapshooting club house has been repainted and put back.

- Trees - The trees have been picked up and will be planted on Saturday.
- 2025 dues increase - Mike spoke of the possibility of a dues increase for 2025. This would be in an effort to get more members to volunteer or have those that don't pay more. Only 50 people completed their volunteer hours in 2024. A discussion was had on provisional members and full members. Suggestions were to communicate better what projects need to be done to volunteer for, to list them on the website, and to identify what skilled labor is needed at the club. Also, to increase our technology to track volunteer hours. Raising the dues will be further discussed at the Executive Committee meeting following the regular meeting.
- Asphalt Millings - Mike was contacted by Brad Spencer about a source for asphalt millings. The product would be free. There would be a cost in spreading/rolling it out. It could be 30-40 loads. Motion was made and passed to pursue getting the millings.
- Clean-up after Police shoots - It was discussed to contact the Police departments to encourage clean-up of their brass after they shoot at the club. There are four police departments that use the club for their training with each department shooting 3-4 times a year.
- Clubs expenses - The clubs internet and phone service has been changed to T-Mobile and is now \$50 month. The garbage bill with Republic was found to be on a contract. Mike changed the service to a dumpster for garbage and a dumpster for cardboard that reduced the cost. The club will be receiving a credit from Excel for gas due to incorrect monitoring this winter.
- EAW on property - It was found out that the original EAW was not completed. John Fritz has been working to complete the EAW before going to the county.

Thank you to Dave Smith and his wife for providing lunch for the April meeting. May through November are open for lunch volunteers.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Following the regular meeting was an Executive Committee meeting . Items discussed were:

- Range Service Officers volunteering on the range during the busy times to help shooters and monitor compliance.
- Accepting the \$2200.00 bid for gutters on the north side and south side of the clubhouse.
- The dues structure changing to \$250 for no volunteering, \$150 for five hours of volunteering and \$50 for 10 hours of volunteering.
- The passing of Bill Horsch and his contributions to the club over his many years of being a member. The club will look at doing something in his memory at the next Turkey Shoot.

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 May 16, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday June 20, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday July 18, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday August 15, 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.



Delano Sportsmen's Club finished up their Spring Firearm Safety Training class on Saturday, April 13th. Seventy-six (76) students successfully completed the course. The training involved firearm handling in the field, marksmanship shooting on the range, wilderness survival techniques, wildlife identification, conservation management, water safety, and first aid awareness. Students are now eligible for their Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety certificate. The plan is to hold a Spring class again next year. Late January, check the club's web page for dates and times. If you are interested in becoming a certified MN DNR Firearm Safety Instructor and can help out with the class, contact Garret Sarkinen at garret.sark@hotmail.com.

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

May

- 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

June

- 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
- *22 – (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Delano class of 1984 class reunion (Nordling)
- 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

SUMMER RAFFLE

Contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 to get more tickets. As a reminder, there are prizes for the top 3 sellers. Selling 20 booklets completes your volunteer hours for the year!

July

- 3 – (Wed) No Trap league
- 4 – (Thu) No Trap league
- 10 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 11 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Firearms Safety 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 17 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 18 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 21 – (Sun) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Firearms Safety 11:00am – 2:00pm
- 24 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 25 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 31 – (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.

DELANO AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Introducing Ella Hoppa, the 2024 Ambassador candidate, pictured with Club Treasurer Joe Kittok..

Katie Harder, last year's Ambassador will be attending the 2024 Minneapolis Aquatennial.

PHOTO FISHING CONTEST!

The Sportsmen's Club is having a photo fishing contest and we want to see your best photo! Please email your photos to delanosportsmensclub@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.



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!

We received feedback from the membership about how the Club communicates volunteer opportunities. We will be working to get additional emails sent, links on our website and use technology like Sign-up Genius to present more volunteer opportunities for everyone. We also heard that we should communicate any specialized projects that can be handled/completed when the volunteer has time to complete or can utilize their specialized skillset. Thank you for the feedback!

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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.

Fourth of July Bingo Volunteers! *Shifts available as follows:*

Wednesday July 3rd:

All Shifts Full

Thursday July 4th:

8pm-Midnight

Friday July 5th:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 6th:

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 4th of July Parade.
Call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.*

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>