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Hatchet Jack Tournament

The annual Hatchet Jack Muzzle-loader Tournament will be held at our range on the weekend before the Super Bowl, so January 26.

If you have questions, or would like to help, please contact Dick Nordling.



January Meeting Notes

If you can only make one meeting this year, January's may be the one you want to attend (but please...try to attend more!).

First of all, January Meeting is also election night. We will be voting on the positions of:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- President . President Delaney is running for another term as club president.



If you want to have more ownership in the club, participating at this level or even voting helps give you that ownership.

For everyone who sent a little extra money to the club beyond dues to enter the members-only raffle...this is it!

The members-only raffle drawing will happen at the January meeting as well.

The prizes are a 9mm Beretta pistol, or a 12ga CZ over-under shotgun.

Be sure to come!



**The next meeting is
Tuesday January
28th at the
Clubhouse!
Election Night!**

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Secretary: Dan Kittok 763-479-2429
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-682-4980
- Firearm Training: Garrett Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder: Dick Nordling 763-972-2714
- Bow Safety: Mike Speckel 763-477-3619
- Archery League: Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

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 .

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.

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
- Constitution and Bylaws: This committee meets to ensure that all rules are included in the bylaws and to review and make recommendations when needed. Director: Dave Quammen; 952-473-9071
- Membership: This committee tracks membership to ensure compliance with the maximum allowed. They also review applications for membership and accept new members. Director: Dave Quammen; 952-473-9071
- 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/repair projects and report to the membership. Director: Tom Delaney; 612-408-8944

New Members

Jeffrey Johnson, Thomas Schneider, Ken Peterson, Art Drattlo, Brian Anderson, Peter Sparrow

Thank You!

Thank you Rick Jorges and Corcoran Locker for a great lunch!

It's January, so we're looking forward to dinner from the Lucky Fives trap team!

Volunteers needed for March-October 2020– Plan now!

If you're interested in providing lunch, the club reimburses up to \$150. Contact Tom Delaney for more information. Volunteers also meet their annual volunteer requirement!

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

Minutes of the November 26th, 2019 Meeting

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

Secretary's report - minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. There was a question as to the start time of the Christmas Party, it starts at 5:00 PM.

Treasurers report - debits \$11,706.39; credits \$12,270.00; checking balance \$61,539.67.

New members - There were two new members at the meeting that introduced themselves.

Gravel mining/Ram Excavating - The project is going forward. Ram submitted their application for wetland credits, approval should be in 60 days.

Delano High School Trap Team - Jeff Graunke informed the club that the High School trap team will be holding a fundraiser in January - it will be purse bingo. They would like the Delano Sportsmen's Club to be a part of it and would like to use our non profit status to get a gambling permit. They are working on getting their own non profit status for future fundraisers. Motion was made and passed to let the Delano High School trap Team use our non profit status.

Range Issues - The chicken wire used to hold targets is working well. Wood chips were put on the 25 yard range, there is no more mud. The club is looking for good ways to suppress sound on the range, if you have any ideas, let Tom know.

Farm - The gate off of the Farmington access has not been put in yet.

Building and Grounds - There will be a Building and Grounds meeting in February.

Membership - 33% of 2020 dues have been paid already. One lifetime membership was sold this year - cost is \$2500. The members only raffle has collected over \$1710 so far.

The Executive board will meet tonight after the regular meeting.

Fourth of July Committee - Joe Kittok was elected on to the Fourth of July steering committee. They are thinking of expanding it from seven to 12 people.

Trap League - Winter trap league starts on December 5th..

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Check out their website and sign petitions whenever you get a chance.

Reservations - March 20-22 for the Boy Scouts. They would like the club to consider allowing the Boy Scouts to shoot trap at the club on that day.

Kitchen - The cabinets need to be removed on the wall side. The sheet-rock got wet and it is getting moldy. Anyone who has access to stainless steel counter tops, let Tom know.

The bank stabilization project continues. They came out to put up barriers.

Security cameras - There was a suggestion for a camera that would view down range on the 100 yard range.

Elections - Elections will be held in January. Tom would like to remain as President for another year - with the clubs support.

Christmas Party - The members Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 13th from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Members have been donating gifts. It will be a pot luck. The club donates \$350 for gifts.

Lunch for the November meeting was provided by Rick Jorges and Corcoran Lockers. January lunch will be provided by the Lucky Fives Trap Team.

Joe Kittok will be putting on his Thanksgiving dinner again this year at the Delano Legion. It is his 7th year in a row. If you know anyone who doesn't have a place to go for Thanksgiving tell them about it. It starts at noon, last year there were 75 people.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Deliberate Property Damage

It shouldn't even have to be discussed, but please note: if someone causes deliberate damage to the range (shooting at the range support posts for example), they will immediately forfeit their membership.

Report any new damage you find, and shoot wisely. Please take care of OUR range.

Range Help Needed

Do you live near the range? If so, we could use your help in case we have someone with trouble there, or need to address range rule problems.

Contact Tom Delaney if interested.

Is Minnesota Gun Rights Legit?

Opinion by Dan MacDonald

I am a member of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, but I do not speak for the organization, only for myself. The following article expresses my opinion only, after about 20 years of direct involvement in the gun rights legislative battle in Minnesota.

Minnesota Gun Rights, MGR, is a sham organization out of Iowa, run by several members of a single family group for the purpose of collecting donations. The contact address on their website is the UPS store in Bloomington, a remailing box. They use the contentious subject of gun ownership as a basis for soliciting money from interested people, knowing that many of those people do not understand that MGR does nothing to help gun rights but instead draws off funds that could otherwise be put to good use in Minnesota. MGR presents themselves as a nonprofit in Minnesota but is currently under investigation by the Secretary of State for failure to register under that status in Minnesota. They also claim to be lobbyists in Minnesota but again are unregistered. Both of these things are consider crimes in Minnesota.

The web site <https://www.minnesotagunrights.org/> lists the following affiliated sites: Iowa Gun Owners, Missouri Firearms Coalition, Ohio Gun Owners, Georgia Gun Owners, North Carolina Firearms Coalition, Wisconsin Firearms Coalition, , Idaho 2nd Amendment Alliance, Wyoming Gun Owners, and New Hampshire Firearms Coalition. Some of the links work, some do not. A cursory inspection of

them shows the same video clips, same formats, and same texts used in the other sites. Obviously, all designed using the same template.

These sites are run by the same group who have long been known as owners of a bulk mailing company headquartered in Iowa that sends out donation requests to mailing lists. They get these lists from the standard sources by paying a fee. They refine the lists by tracking who responds; the responders are marked and stay on the list for future mailings and donation requests.

While Minnesota Gun Rights claims to be working for gun rights, the truth is that gun friendly legislators in Minnesota have not been contacted by the group for any purpose. Some have had their names used in mailings after having forbidden such use. Some 25 or so have signed a letter to their fellow legislators and anyone who will listen, asking them to disregard MGR. MGR shows up now and then to make a video or to claim credit for some legislative action even though they were never involved in it in any way.

I believe it is entirely possible that the same group is running the same program on the anti-gun side of things.

Their books show that virtually all their collections go to the bulk mailing company as expenses to keep the nonprofit look. Normally I would call this laundering the cash.

Please do not support Minnesota Gun Rights. Please carefully check them out yourself. Check the sites above, check with your local gun store, check with GOCRA or any other Minnesota based gun rights group, check with your legislators. Please check them out before you send money or support them in any way.

Christmas Party

A wonderful time was had by all at this year's annual Christmas party. There was great food, great socializing and gifts!

If you couldn't make it this year, watch for announcements for the 2020 party, and get it on your calendar!



Background Checks Up

Associated Press: Background checks on gun purchases in the U.S. are climbing toward a record high this year, reflecting what the industry says is a rush by people to buy weapons in reaction to the Democratic presidential candidates' calls for tighter restrictions.

By the end of November, more than 25.4 million background checks—generally seen as a strong indicator of gun sales—had been conducted by the FBI, putting 2019 on pace to break the record of 27.5 million set in 2016, the last full year President Obama was in the White House.

In the years since Donald Trump took office, gun sales have been down dramatically resulting in some notable manufacturers such as Remington Arms, to file for Bankruptcy.

Volunteers Needed

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: We need a few members to volunteer to be on the Building and Grounds Committee. We've had 2 members who have moved. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Tom Delaney.

SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK: We need a member to take over managing the club's Facebook page. We need to add photos and articles on the club. If interested, please contact Tom Delaney.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION: We need a volunteer or volunteers to construct a fence on our property. If you have questions, would like to know more, or would like to volunteer, contact Tom Delaney.



Forkhorn Summer Camps

Each year, our club pays for students aged 12-16 to go to Forkhorn I camp at Three Rivers Parks (Bake Park Reserve) or Long Lake Conservation camp near Palisade MN. If a student already has their Firearm Safety Certificate, they can go to Forkhorn II or Forkhorn III. This would allow the student to hunt in other states beyond Minnesota.

For more information, you can find information at: <https://www.threeriversparks.org/index.php/page/summer-camps> , and look through their summer camp guide. You can also look at: <https://www.longlakecc.org/summercamp> .

As a member, you can apply to sponsor your children or grandchildren to attend in 2020. If you have any questions or want to sign a child or children up, call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

Our Sympathy

Long time Club member Ron Graunke passed away December 12th. His funeral was December 16th.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and loved the outdoors, from his involvement with the Trap shooting program at the club, to catching a 195# halibut in Alaska.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, his children, grandchildren, sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.



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-8:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6:00pm

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 are strictly enforced.

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:

January

16 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

23 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

26 – (Sun) Hatchet Jack Muzzleloaders Shoot – 10:00am – 5:00pm

28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

30 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

February

6 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

8 – (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair – Volunteers check the list at the clubhouse door! 8:00am

13 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

*20 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety – 8:30am – 5:00pm

20 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

27 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm – *if needed

Range Rules:

1. You must wear your ID card when on the range.
2. Maximum of 3 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. **Move the 50-yard target off range when not in use.**
10. No intermediate targets between established firing lines.
11. Do not shoot anything on the ground.
12. Pick up your trash, remove targets from backstops, & pick up casings. Leave the area clean & ready for the next member.
13. No human silhouette targets, except official **police events**.
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.