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## Bird House Construction

On Saturday March 27th, we will be building bird houses from 9:00am until noon at the club house.

This is a good experience for members and their kids or grandkids. It's a

great family activity, and a fun way to get your volunteer hours in.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Lindborg at 763-567-8347.



## Honoring Military

We are starting a new column in the newsletter honoring members and their families serving in the military.

If you would like your family member listed, we would like you to include some information:

The person's name, rank, branch of service, where they're serving, how long they've been serving, their relationship to the club member, and any other information you think other members might be interested in reading about.

Please send it to the club at P.O. Box 394, Delano, MN 55328.

If you have questions you can call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

We'll post each one in the newsletter

for a month. If you want to run it every year, you can send in the information each year.

Thanks!



**MEETING**  
**JANUARY 26, 2021**  
**7:00pm at the**  
**clubhouse.**

**ELECTIONS! Want**  
**to run for office?**  
**Talk to President**  
**Delaney ASAP**

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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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- Executive Board: Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
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### Range Information:

- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training: Garrett Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder: Gordy Hall 612-735-5871
- Bow Safety: Mike Speckel 763-442-6851
- 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](mailto: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](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.

### 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 the range and grounds. They solicit bids for maintenance/repair projects and report to the membership. Director: Tom Delaney; 612-408-8944

## New Members

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

Matthew Wilcox, Gerald Asplund, Justin Hanson, Steven Pederson Tony Stecton, Jace Rosenfield, Aaron McKay, Adam Anderson

## Service Highlight

Our first Service Member Highlight is from member Thomas Traughber.

Captain Thomas P. Traughber, USN, Retired, served from 1968-1998, including duty in Vietnam. With a 30-year career, Tom says he had "too many (assignments) to list!"

On retirement, Tom also served as a police officer from 2001-2012.

Thank you Tom!

## 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).

## Lunch Volunteers!

If you want to cook for the meeting, we still need volunteers for March-October 2021. You get reimbursed up to \$150 for groceries, and it counts toward volunteer credit!

If you're interested contact Bert Neuenschwander.

### With Sympathy

**Don Fern**, aged 94, passed away in a crash in January. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and participated in the first bombardment of the main islands of Japan. He has been very active in teaching firearm safety and started the birdhouse building program with the club. His funeral was held January 27th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose.

### Reservations from Page 6

25 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
 27 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – noon  
 29 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
 30 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
 30 – (Tue) **7:00pm Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse**

## Member Raffle

Taj Melson won the Member's Raffle at January's meeting! He chose the AR-15.

Congrats Taj!

## Volunteer Update

We are making some changes to the volunteer scheduling. We will now meet **Saturday & Sunday** of the 1st weekend of March, June, September and December at 8am.

If those times don't work for you or you have questions, please contact Bert Neuenschwander, the club's volunteer chairperson.

## Thank You Lunch Volunteers!

Thank you to the Lucky 5 Trap Team for the great meal after January's meeting.

Coborn's in Delano will be serving the February meal. Remember, you can volunteer too and get credit and reimbursement! See the article at the top of the page!

## Gun Sales Soaring

*From HANNAH DENHAM and ANDREW BA TRAN, Washington Post:*

Firearm sales soared in January after the assault on the U.S. Capitol and the arrival of a new administration that favors tighter gun restrictions.

More than 2 million firearms were bought in January, according to the Washington Post's analysis of federal gun background-check data. That is an 80% year-over-year spike and the third-highest one-month total on record.

While Western Michigan University's Thomas M. Cooley Law School (also on the board of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners) said he heard many firearm owners were buying firearms as an investment, like a precious metal.

More common, he said are reports of first-time buyers who said they no longer trust police departments to protect them, especially after some agencies were overwhelmed by protestors during the summer.

It's common for gun sales to jump when a Democrat takes over the White House. In January 2009, when Barack Obama was inaugurated for his first term, a record 1.2 million background checks were completed. In January 2017, when Trump was inaugurated, there was a 20% drop in checks from 2016.

# Minutes of January 26th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. There was one correction in the newsletter regarding Sympathy for Kaleb Fish, it should have read Kaleb Fish's sister Jenna died.

Treasurers report - debits \$6283.60; credits \$10,930.00; checking balance \$90,588.33

Election of Officers were held - Tom Delaney was nominated for President for another year, Dan Kittok was nominated for secretary for another year and Joe Kittok was nominated for treasurer for another year. All nominations passed. Cal Brandt stepped aside as second vice president, Bert Neuenschwander moves up to second vice president, Mike Larison was nominated and elected for third vice president.

Trap range update - There has been no contact from Ram lately. There are a couple interested contractors to do the dirt work. Mark Bauman will have a more detailed update at the next meeting. We want to start this spring. Brad Spencer updated the clubs application for a matching fund from the DNR for the construction of the trap range. The application was accepted but Brad has not yet received the agreement. The matching fund is for \$25,000.

Improvements for the 25 yard range will start in the spring.

Joe Kittok has been working on updating the electrical outlets in the farm house.

The club patches for honorary/life members have been sent out. Tom Delaney donated them to the club. There are some oversize patches that were made by mistake. A motion was made and passed to offer All Season Sports \$300 for the oversize patches and have the trap shooting kids use them.

The gun show was a success. It was a small show but people had a blast. Tom will work on getting another one set up for April or May.

Building and Grounds committee will probably meet in March

Membership - 88% of the membership has paid their dues for 2021

Fourth of July - There have been several planning meetings to decide how big of a celebration to have. There will be a meeting again in a couple weeks to decide.

Winter Trap League started the first week of January, it has been going good. They will be shooting 8 weeks.

The Hatchet Jack shoot was cancelled

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald update the club on legislation. Call or write your legislator with your views. Tell them that you are interested in your constitutional freedoms. Be courteous and thank them.

Brad Spencer contacted police and other organizations to get the club reservations set. Reservations for the Boy scouts, gun training, Three Rivers camps and police training have been entered into the calendar. All reservations were approved.

The members only raffle was won by Taj Melson

The security cameras are working.

The clubs taxes went down about \$200 for this year.

Bert Neuenschwander update the club on the volunteer schedule. Organized clean up days will be held once a quarter - March, June, September and December - on the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of that month. Starting time will be 8:00 AM. If you see something that needs to be done at the club or range let Bert know.

Thank you to Bert Neuenschwander for donating the stove for the club house.

Tom Delaney would like plans drawn up for a three season porch for the clubhouse. Jan Kittok will contact a club member that is an architect.

Thank you to the Lucky Fives trap team for providing lunch for the January meeting. Coborns will be providing lunch for February. March, April and May lunches are already booked.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

# 2021

## FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE

Location: Delano Sportsman's Club

Course is 4 weeks in length – held Tuesday and Thursday evenings except for March 29<sup>th</sup> which is on a Monday.

Class Dates and Times are as follows:

March 16 & 18	7-9pm
March 23 & 25	7-9pm
March 29 & April 1	7-9pm
April 6 & April 8	7-9pm
April 10 Field Day	7am- 12 noon

Students must be 11 years old by class start date. Adults are welcome and encouraged to take this course.

A parent or guardian is required to attend the first class on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

There is no course fee.

No firearms or ammunition are to be brought to classes by students. A firearm of some type (i.e., rifle, shotgun, BB gun, etc.... but not pistol) will be needed for the Field Day and each student is encouraged to bring their own. If student cannot bring a firearm, one will be provided to use on Field Day. Do not bring ammunition to Field Day, the instructors will provide ammunition for students .22 rifles. Only .22 caliber will be permitted for firing on Field Day.

Field Day will be held rain or shine. Students should dress accordingly.

This Firearms Safety Training Course will cover hunter responsibility, firearm handling, marksmanship, wildlife identification, game management, conservation, game care, outdoor survival, water safety, and first aid awareness.

With any questions and to register for the course, contact Garret Sarkinen at 612-716-4614 or email [garret.sark@hotmail.com](mailto:garret.sark@hotmail.com). Email registration is preferred.

The class size will be limited due to COVID restrictions so all students must register prior to start of class.

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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:

#### February

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

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

27 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Private Party – (Ness) – All Day

#### March

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

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

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

– (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class sign-up 7:00pm-8:00pm. Parent / Guardian reqd for reg.**

15 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm

16 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm

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

\*19 – (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Delano Boy Scouts – All day

\*20 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Delano Boy Scouts – All day

\*20 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Delano Boy Scouts – 9:00am-1:00pm

\*21 – (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Delano Boy Scouts – All day

22 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm

23 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm

### 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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