

# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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## 2021 Summer Raffle

It's time again! What an exciting year, with spring coming and life slowly getting back to normal!

We have a fantastic raffle again this summer. Prizes are:

1— Stevens over/under 555 12 ga. Shotgun or \$500;

2— \$250; or

3— \$100

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$10 for a book.

Once again this year, selling raffle tickets can count as your volunteer

commitment. You only need to sell 20 books to qualify for your volunteer commitment (which is \$100 off annual dues!).

In addition, the person who sells the most books will receive \$75, so you can win, even if you don't "win".

If you have questions or need more books, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

## Honoring Military March

This month we recognize LTC (retired) R. R. "Ben" Benson.

Ben enlisted in the Army in November of 1967 and served three years, mostly on Okinawa.

In 1971 he reenlisted in the active Army Reserve and received his commission in the Army National Guard in 1977. He retired in October 1999 as the Commander of the 682nd Engineer Battalion, Minnesota Army National Guard.

While he was serving, he was a competitive marksman. In 1988, he shot a sub-caliber practice match at the club in preparation for the Minnesota Governor's Ten Rifle Match. The next day, he earned the Governor's Ten, a top honor in over ten years of competitive

shooting. That great memory returns every time he has an opportunity to shoot at the club!

Thank you Ben!



**MEETING**  
**MARCH 30th at the**  
**Clubhouse 7PM**

**NOTE: Executive**  
**board & Building &**  
**Grounds will meet**  
**before the 4/27**  
**Meeting**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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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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### 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!

Dave R. Gavin, Clinton Foster, Vsevolad Tokarev

## 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).

## Gun Show in April

There will be a gun show on April 3rd from 11am-3pm at the Clubhouse. Attendance is limited to members and one guest.

This is a great opportunity to see unique firearms!

Reloader? There will be members with casings available to sell at this show!

## Fourth of July

Delano 4th of July celebration is on track to happen this year. We need a lot of volunteers to man the bingo and milkshake stands

If you can volunteer, please call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

### BINGO STAND

Thursday July 1  
4:00pm to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. to midnight

Friday July 2  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. to midnight

Saturday July 3  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00p.m. to midnight

Sunday July 4  
Noon-4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. to midnight

### MILKSHAKE STAND

Thursday July 1  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. to midnight

Sunday July 4  
Noon-4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. to midnight

## Reservations from Page 6

**Safety Field Day** – 7:00AM – NOON

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

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

14 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:30pm – 4:30pm

\*16 – (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – All day

\*17 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – All day

\*17 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts 9:00am-noon

\*18 – (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM

19 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Medina PD (Boecker) – 12:30pm – 4:00pm

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

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

24 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – **Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day** – 9:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)

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

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

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

28 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm

\*28 – (Wed) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Delano Chamber – 5:00-7:00PM

29 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm Practice night

## Firearm Legislation

There are bills being considered regarding firearms, including “Red Flag” laws and expanded background checks in both the federal and state legislatures.

In Washington, it is HR 127.

NOW is the time to contact your elected representatives and tell them your thoughts.

Since our members extend beyond the Delano Borders, you can use the link below to find and contact your elected representatives at the state and federal level:

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

From here, you can find your federal, state, and local representatives, based on your home address.

Remember, they can’t and won’t work for us, if we don’t tell them our expectations.

# Minutes of February 23rd Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$7,257.46; credits \$5,356.50; checking balance \$92,896.40

Trap range update - There will be some additional boring taking place either this week or next. There should be a plan of action in place by the next meeting. There are individuals interested in doing the excavating.

Executive Board meeting/Building & Grounds meeting - There will be an Executive Board meeting and a Building and Grounds meeting Tuesday, April 27th. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM, one hour prior to the regular meeting.

Club patches - The club paid All seasons Sports for the oversized patches. Joe Kittok has them now. Dan Kittok will talk to Jeff Graunke to see how he wants to use them for the High School Trap team.

Gun show - Tom Delaney would like to have another gun show on Saturday April 3rd from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This will be for members only and one guest. A motion was made and passed to have the gun show. This show will be advertised in the newsletter.

Membership - The club has 513 paid members and 86 honorary members

Fourth of July - The committee has decided to move forward with a full celebration. Should there be restrictions still in place there is a plan B as well. Plan B would be a smaller celebration with less activities. There will be fireworks involved for either plan.

Winter Trap League is still going, there are 3 weeks left in the season.

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dave Smith update the club on legislation. Contact your Representative and Senator with your views.

Summer raffle - tickets for the summer raffle will be available next week. Jan Kittok will mail them out once received.

Reservations for Park Sportsmens Club, West Metro SWAT and a gun safety class for August 22nd were approved.

Building Addition - Plans have been drawn up for a three season addition to go over the concrete pad on the clubhouse. The plans have been introduced to the City of Inde-

pendence for their review.

A discussion took place regarding who is eligible to be on the Executive board - It is important that there are nine members on the Executive board - and should the wording in the Bylaws be changed to insure there are nine members. After the discussion it was determined that no change to the Bylaws is needed.

Bert Neuenschwander informed the club that the next clean up day is the first weekend in March. March 6 & 7 starting at 8:00 AM. Please email Bert prior to the weekend if you will be attending.

Thank you to Coborns for providing lunch for the January meeting. Laura Hermann will be providing lunch for March. April through June lunches are already booked.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

## Thank You Lunch Volunteers!

Thank you to Coborns for the fantastic Fried Chicken meal at the February Meeting! In March, Laura Herrmann will be cooking and serving.

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

If you're interested contact Bert Neuenschwander.

## Delano Sportsmen's Club Member Volunteer Notification to Membership Committee

Please be advised that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), I completed 8 or more hours of volunteer work for the Delano Sportsmen's Club. The work performed falls under the volunteer work category code number \_\_\_\_\_, listed below. What I specifically did was:

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Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer work Category Codes

1. Administration/Committee activity
2. Training/Supervisory activity
3. Buildings, repairs, maintenance
4. Grounds keeping, repairs & maintenance
5. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities
6. Rummage Sale
7. Raffle activities
8. Other special events

Please mail this completed notification form to: Membership Administrator, Delano Sportsmen's Club, P.O. Box 394, Delano, MN 55328; or bring it to a monthly meeting. Forms must be received no later than 12/31 of the current year. Members who paid the volunteer fee for the current calendar year, but failed to perform or report their volunteer service by 12/31 will be charged the non-volunteer membership fee.

This form will be sent out periodically in the newsletter. You can also obtain a copy at the monthly meeting.

## 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:

#### March

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23 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
23 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
25 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
27 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Build blue-bird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – noon  
29 – (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
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**

#### April

1 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
3 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Members gun show – 11:00am – 3:00pm**  
5 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
6 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
6 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
7 – (Wed) **Clubhouse Reserved – Delano Firearms Safety Class II 6:00PM – 9:00PM**  
8 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM**  
10 – (Sat) **Range Reserved – DSC Firearms**

### 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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