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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.

## McClay Honored for Safety

*Editor's Note: We are still trying to get the photo to go with this. We'll post it as soon as we can get it.*

### ***From the Delano Herald –Journal***

Gary McClay was recently recognized by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 50 years of firearms safety training.

From a letter by MN DNR Col. Rodmen Smith:

"The hundreds of hours of time that you've donated over the past 50 years has paid—and will continue to pay—dividends for all of the students who have gone through your classes...Everyone who realizes the importance of safety training for youth and adults greatly appreciates your efforts. That's especially true of the

enforcement division's conservation officers and staff."

Gary's wife Lynn was an instructor for 30 years, and they've passed this passion to their son John, who has been an instructor for 30 years, and is the head coach of the Delano Tigers High School Trap Team. Gary serves as the team's Range Safety Officer.

Gary is continuing to recruit new instructors at the club, to ensure the future of firearms safety, but he's not ready to retire just yet.

***MEETING May  
25th at the  
Clubhouse 7PM***

***Delano Sportsmen's Club***

***P.O. Box 394***

***Delano, MN 55328***

## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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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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### 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!

Todd Dosch, Dawn Pfeilsticker, Chad Kestner, Diane Thoennes, Alex Hoekstra, John Hartley, Philip Laudolff, Jonathan Boettcher, Anthony Schuft, Joshua Baker, Chris Sheldon, Edward Otis, Ross Repke, Michael Rees.

### Caps for Sale

The club has caps with our logo for sale at club meetings. They are \$15.00 each. See Joe Kittok.



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If you're on social media, you can find us on Facebook at:  
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. If you want something posted, contact Steve Pool at  
[pool565rockford@hotmail.com](mailto:pool565rockford@hotmail.com).

## 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.~~ FULL, Thanks!

8:00 p.m. to midnight

Friday July 2

~~4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.~~ FULL, Thanks!

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.~~ FULL, Thanks!

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

### NEW: Parade Help!

We need a volunteer to drive our club's float in the July 4th parade. If you can volunteer or have questions, call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658

## Our Sympathies

**Carl Thomas**, 85, a club member for 40 years, and team trap shooter at our club for 30 years, passed away. His funeral was May 1st at St. Peter and Paul church in Loretto. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and is survived by his six children and 17 grandchildren.

**James Dahl**, 59, a 5-year member of the club, passed away suddenly at his home in Delano. He was a 30-year lineman for Xcel Energy. His funeral was at the Delano Senior Center on April 23rd. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchild, and many of his siblings.

## Reservations from Page 6

### June

1 – (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

2 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

3 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

3 – (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

5 – (Sat) **Club Clean-up and Repair** – 8:00 am Volunteer opportunities [email Bert](mailto:email Bert)

5 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved & Range Reserved** –

**DSC Firearms Safety Class** – 7:00am – noon

6 – (Sun) **Club Clean-up and Repair** – 8:00 am Volunteer opportunities [email Bert](mailto:email Bert)

7 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team –

4:00pm-10:00pm

8 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team –

4:00pm-10:00pm

9 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

10 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

14 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team –

4:00pm-10:00pm

15 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team –

4:00pm-10:00pm

16 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

17 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

18 – (Fri) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – TRPD

Group (TBD) Camp 9:00am – 4:00pm

23 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public

Safety (Ebeling) – 8:30pm – 4:30pm

23 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

24 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

25 – (Fri) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – TRPD

NWTF Camp 9:00am – 4:00pm

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

30 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm

## Delano Business Expo

We need volunteers to promote the club at the Delano Business Expo, at the Riverside Commons building at 10 Bridge Ave E in Delano on Saturday May 22 from about 8:30 a.m. to a little after 1:00 p.m. The volunteers will be donating bird houses, selling raffle tickets, promoting the club and answering any questions people may have. If you would like to volunteer contact Joe Kittok at 763-972-2989.

Even if you cannot work in the booth, come and visit!!

# Minutes of April 27th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$3155.87; credits \$5024.00; checking balance \$80,619.34

New Members: Five new members were in attendance and introduced themselves.

Trap range update - The new company the club has found to do excavating is ready to start. Mining will come after the trap range. A contract needs to be drawn up before starting. The company will do the excavating in return for sand and gravel. The club was also approved for A \$25,000 matching grant from the DNR for the trap range construction.

Range Issues - shooting lines will be delineated on the 25 yard range. Shooters need to be careful when shooting along the east wall to make sure they are not angling toward the wall. A reminder that all members are responsible for clean up. There are some enhancements planned for the 25 yard range. They will be drawn up to show the club.

Executive Board meeting/Building & Grounds meeting - There was a meeting held prior to the regular meeting. Items discussed were the trap range, the new overhang on the clubhouse, the 25 yard range improvements, farm clean up and recycled tar for the entryway.

Club patches - The oversized patches are being passed out to the Delano High School trap team kids.

Gun show - The gun show held on April 3rd had a great turn out. There were 7 - 8 distributors that came. Several members attended. Overall it went well. Tom would like to make this an annual event on the second Saturday of January from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Club Clean up - The next general work day is the first weekend in June. If you have extra time to before then call Bert and he will have jobs that need to be done.

Fourth of July - The committee had a recent meeting, they are going ahead with a full celebration. Applications are being taken for parade floats, they are doing the 5K run, volunteers are needed for the bingo stand and milk shake booth. There will not be an ambassador contest this year. Joe is working to get the Chamber of Commerce back involved in the 4th of July celebration.

Delano Chamber Social - The April 28th Delano Chamber Social will be held at the club. It will run from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beer, wine and snacks will be available.

Delano Chamber Expo - The expo will be held on May 22nd from 9:00am - 1:00 pm this year at the Commons Building in Delano. The club needs volunteers for this event.

Trap League - Summer league starts on Wednesday, May 5th. There will be a practice night on Thursday April 29th.

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald update the club on current issues.

Hwy 12 clean up - On Saturday May 15th starting at 8:00am they will be picking up trash on highway 12 from the Holiday gas station to highway 6. If interested contact Dan MacDonald. This qualifies as credit for your volunteer hours.

Summer raffle - tickets for the summer raffle are available. \$2300.00 has been collected so far. Jan Kittok has extra books of tickets for those who want more.

Building Addition - The overhang has been approved by the City of Independence. A permit still needs to be applied for. There are a few club members interested in overseeing the project.

Delano Chamber Social - The April 28th Delano Chamber Social will be held at the club. It will run from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

The recycled tar for the upper parking lot will be coming this week

Thank you to Dave and Nancy Smith for providing lunch for the April meeting. Denny Bartos will be providing lunch for May. Lunches are covered every month except July and August. Contact Bert Neuenschwander if you are interested in volunteering to do lunch.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

## Thank You Lunch Volunteers!

Thanks to Dave & Nancy Smith for the great lasagna dinner! In May, Denny Bartos will be cooking. Come hungry!

If you're interested in getting volunteer credit and cooking for the club contact Bert Neuenschwander. Still chances for July & August!

## 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

P.O. Box 394  
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### 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:

#### May

10 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
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12 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
13 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
15 (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 952.454.3440

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### 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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