

# 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.

## Meet our Miss Delano Candidate

Hello! My name is Katie Wegman and I am a 17 year-old student at Delano High School, heading into my Senior year this fall. I am involved in multiple school sports and activities such as : volleyball, basketball, trapshooting, Journalism Editor for the school newspaper and yearbook and most recently, a member of the Prom committee.

I am very hardworking. This is my fourth summer working at the Peppermint Twist. I have nannied in years past and have also helped my dad with building projects at custom homes.

I am very creative and love bringing my camera wherever I go. I enjoy taking pictures of nature, friends, family and different sporting events.

I also love spending time out on the lake and enjoying fresh air and the summer sun whenever I get the opportunity.



I'd like to thank the Delano Sportsmen's Club for sponsoring me in my Delano Royalty journey. I hope to get the opportunity to represent the town I've grown up in my entire life.

**MEETING June  
29th at the  
Clubhouse 7PM**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Secretary: Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
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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!

Mary Kurzhals, Kyle Scott, Anthony Peterson, Eric Jessen, David Brainerd, Art Ahlstrom

## Caps for Sale

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

## 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).

## Fourth of July

We are off to a good start, but with only a short time left, we still have openings (bold below). Please sign up!!!  
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~~ FULL, Thanks!

Saturday July 3

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

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

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

Sunday July 4

~~Noon-4:00 p.m.~~ FULL, Thanks!

**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~~ FULL, Thanks!

Sunday July 4

~~Noon-4:00 p.m.~~ FULL, Thanks!

**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**8:00 p.m. to midnight**

### Parade Help!

We **still** 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

## Reservations from Page 6

2:30pm

21 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

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

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

28 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

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

## 2021 Fishing Contest

The 2021 Delano Sportsmen's Club annual fishing contest is set for **August 7th, 2021!** Members wishing to participate should go to Buffalo Lake (in Buffalo) and meet at the North End Launch.



Fishing time is from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This has always been a great event for members and their families!

For questions, call 612-812-5268, preferably in the evenings.

## Firearm's Safety Class Success!

From Garret Sarkinen:

Delano Sportsmen's club finished up their Summer Firearm Safety Training class on Sat June 5th. 35 students successfully completed the class. The class involved training on firearm handling in the field, marksmanship shooting on the range, and wilderness survival techniques. Students are now eligible for their Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety certificate.

This year was one of the hottest times we have held the class but all students and instructors made it through fine. If all goes well, the plan is to hold a Spring and Summer class again next year also. Early next year check the club's web page for dates and times. If you are interested in becoming MN DNR Firearm Safety Instructor certified and can help with the classes, contact Garret Sarkinen ([garret.sark@hotmail.com](mailto:garret.sark@hotmail.com)).

## Our Sympathies

**Ronnie "Ron" Emmons**, 76, a club member for 23 years, passed away May 25th due to complications with cancer. Ron was a retired Marine. He is survived by his wife, son, and many family members. A celebration of Ron's life will take place at a later date: [www.oconnellbenedict.com](http://www.oconnellbenedict.com).

**Steve Harpestad's mother Ardelle** passed away. No further information at this time. Please keep Steve and his family in your thoughts.

**Tom Delaney's mother, Gladys Vosika** passed away May 17th at age 86. She is survived by Tom and his three siblings, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her Celebration of Life was June 6th in Greenfield.

# Minutes of May 25th Meeting

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

Secretary's report - Minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$4326.64; credits \$4067.00; checking balance \$79,127.19

Delano Expo - Tim Vanbeusekom worked the Delano Expo for the Sportsmens Club. He was asked by Deb Debeer if the Sportsmens Club wanted to participate in the Delano Spirit of the Community trail. The cost is \$600.00 to participate and get the necessary materials made. Deb will be contacted for further information on what is involved. Gary Zitzloff also talked to Tim at the Expo, Gary does laser engraving should the club need or want anything engraved. The Expo was pretty busy the first hour but then it slowed down. Overall it was a positive experience.

A suggestion was made to close the club range on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. After discussion, suggestions were made to: change those holidays to Sunday hours, find out through key fob information how many users there have been on those holidays and consider putting a note in the newsletter to keep use of the range to a minimum, if possible, on those days. The discussion was tabled until more information could be gathered.

Trap range update - Dirt work has begun on the new trap ranges. The excavating should be done by the end of this week. Putting the drainage in comes next and then concrete for the sidewalks. The excavating company is doing a wonderful job. The conditions of the agreement are that mining will still be approved for the site and if so the first 100,000 yards of gravel will be royalty free in payment to the excavating company for the excavating work. Royalties for the club will be paid after that. Reclaimed gravel has been delivered for the new parking lot and driveway. The club will need rip rap for the end of the drainage pipe. If any club member has field stones they would like to donate to the club, let Mark Bauman know.

Gary McClay was recently honored for 50 years of firearms safety instructing. Congratulations and thank you to Gary for all the hard work over the years.

Club Clean up - The next general work days are June 5th and 6th. There is a fair amount of work to be done. Contact Bert if you are coming to help. Starting time is 8:00am.

Fourth of July - The club needs workers for the bingo stand and milk shake booth. There are still 60 slots to fill.

Trap League - Summer league has started, there are 20 teams this year. The Delano High School trap team has completed their school competition. The next few weeks

they will be practicing for the state meet in Alexandria in June.

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald update the club, not much is going on as the legislators are out of session now. Closed door meetings are taking place though. Continue to stay in touch with your legislators.

Summer raffle - tickets for the summer raffle are available. \$3233.00 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 building permit has been applied for.

The club was asked by two club users if they could remove the dead oak on the south side of the range parking lot. A motion was made and passed for them to removed the oak and all brush/limbs associated with it.

Thank you to the Bartos family for providing lunch for the May meeting. Kali Anderson will be providing lunch for June. Lunches are covered every month except July and August. Contact Bert Neuenschwander if you are interested in volunteering to do lunch.

Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer was in attendance at the meeting and spoke briefly to the club.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

## Thank You Lunch Volunteers!

Thanks to the Bartos family for the May Meal! Kali Anderson will be providing lunch for June! We still have openings for lunch in July & August!

If you're interested in getting volunteer credit and cooking for the club contact Bert Neuenschwander.

## Police Officers Needed:

The Jerome Event Center in Delano is looking for police officers to work security at weddings and events held there. Contact Lynn Graunke 612-875-7716 for details and dates.

## 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:

#### June

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

23 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

24 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting 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** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

#### July

1 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

– (Wed) **No Trap league**

– (Thu) **No Trap league**

14 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

15 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trap-shooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

17 – (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved – (Lien) Private Party**

21 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am –

### 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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