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MEETING
September 28th at
the Clubhouse 7PM

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newsletter by
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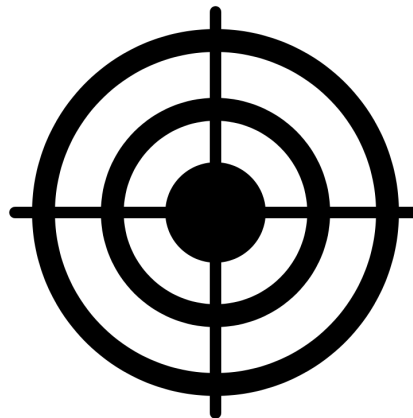
Friday, December 10th at 5:00pm. Our annual club Christmas Party! It is a pot luck, so bring your favorite dish to share. Each family will receive a Christmas gift. This is a great way to get to know other members with the same interests. Bring the entire family.



Non Member Sight-In

Non-Member sight-in day will be Saturday, October 9th, from 9am-5pm. It is \$15 per firearm. This is a great opportunity for folks to check out our club and join, so spread the word!

If you have questions or are able to volunteer to help people out, please call Steve Bragg at 612-390-5535.



Summer Raffle

The Summer Raffle drawing will be held at the end of our September 28th meeting.

There's still time! You can mail in your tickets or bring them to the meeting.



The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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- Firearm Training: Garrett Sarkinen 612-716-4614
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- 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.

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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.

Caps for Sale

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

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!

David Montgomery, James Rouse, Michael Davis, Brian Lowell, Mark Dalgaard, Caleb Lee, Keith Brooks, Brian Anderson, Steve Fray, Jacob Stewart

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.

Letter to the Editor

Brad Spencer for reelection to the Independence City Council!

Brad Spencer has been a member of our club for 23 years and I have gotten to know Brad through all the activities he has been involved with at the club and also previously living in Independence. He has helped in so many ways with questions we have all had and been a very pleasant addition to the club.

I want to see Brad Spencer reelected to the Independence City Council. He is honest, trustworthy, very intelligent, informed man who loves Independence. We all want Independence to stay rural residential and farming. We do not want all the big cities rules and regulations in the country.

Please reelect Brad for City Council as he has been a huge help to the club with many issues over the years.

Jan Kittok

Minutes of August 31st Meeting

28 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:58 PM by President Tom Delaney

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

Treasurers report - debits \$12,294.00; credits \$23,570.75; checking balance \$62,099.87. Deposits include \$18,000 check from the Delano Fourth of July celebration.

Two new members introduced themselves

Bert Neuenschwander passed away unexpectedly on August 6th. Joe Kittok said a few words and a moment of silence was observed in Berts honor.

Mike Larison will be taking over as volunteer coordinator.

Donna sends out the emailed newsletter. If you are not getting a newsletter contact her. She is getting a lot of bounce back emails so wants to be sure she has the email addresses correct.

Trap range update - No progress has been made since the last meeting. The next step is for the sand to be moved out. Mark will contact the contractors to get an update.

25 Yard Range - New portables have been put up on the range. Be sure to center targets so that the target frames do not get shot up. Things have been going well lately. Reminder that all members are responsible for clean up on the range.

Fourth of July - The club received an \$18,000.00 check from the Fourth of July committee for their part in the celebration. There will be a few changes for next years celebration, but nothing big.

Summer raffle - tickets for the summer raffle are available. \$5653.00 has been collected so far. Jan Kittok has extra books of tickets for those who want more. The raffle will be held at the September meeting.

Building Addition - The club has a permit to build the overhang. The club is looking for a member with construction experience to oversee a crew to build the addition. Talk to Mike Larison or Tom Delaney if you can help out with construction.

Members only Turkey shoot will be held on Saturday, September 11th starting at 9:00 am. A BBQ chicken lunch will be served at noon. Extra volunteers are needed to help out with the dinner.

Non member sight in day will be on October 9th. It will be \$15.00 per gun sighted in. Spread the word and advertise where possible.

A Womens shooting league, to be held at the club, is being discussed. A proposal will be put together by the women

involved for the club to review.

Last month Tom Delaney was contacted by an individual that has a civil war cannon that he would like to sell. Tom bought the cannon.

The members only fishing tournament was canceled due to rain.

A club member brought up that the telephone poles on the 25 yard pistol range have bullet holes in them. Everyone needs to police other shooters to prevent misuse and damage.

Tom Delaney recently had 32 kids go through his gun safety class, Joe Czanstowski recently had 25 kids go through his class. With the clubs gun safety class held this past spring, nearly 100 kids have completed gun safety on the clubs range.

Thank you to Rick Jorge for providing lunch for the August meeting. Kristine Pace will be providing lunch for September. Lunches are covered through the end of the year.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

***Thanks to Rick Jorge for the August
Lunch!***

***Kristine Pace will be providing lunch in
September.***

With Sympathy

Club member James "Jim" Verchota passed away on September 5th. He was 69 years old.

Jim was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. While his passions were running and gardening, he also enjoyed his job as an over-the-road truck driver.

Jim is survived by his wife, seven children, seven grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

A celebration of life will be at the Delano Senior center on September 26th, 2:00pm-6:00pm.

The 2nd Amendment Is Not Outdated

Submitted from the Epoch Times by Jan Kittok

A lawyer in Boulder, Colorado, has been buying billboard space attacking the Second Amendment right to keep and bear Arms.

One billboard reads: “Imaging highways using traffic laws written in 1791. Imagine radio, television, and internet run by 1791 regulations. Imagine limiting yourself to medical care available in 1791. Thoughts and prayers are not enough. “This ad paid for by Lindasue Smollen.”

If you get angry Lindasue Smollen’s billboard message, please leave her alone. She has a right to freedom of speech and of the press. They are guaranteed to her by the First Amendment—also adopted in 1791. (Because she’s using a medium, a billboard, to communicate her message, her conduct is more properly freedom of the press than freedom of speech.)

My first reaction to this billboard was that Smollen was wasting her money: A key to effective billboard advertising is brevity. Drivers don’t have time to read lengthy messages.

But it turned out that she didn’t waste her money, because the liberal media megaphone did her work for her. It dutifully reproduced her billboard and its messages to the wider American public.

Have you even seen mainstream media repeating any of the conservative, patriotic, pro-life, or religious billboards appearing on our highways? Of course not.

My Second, probably sounder, reaction was that maybe Smollen should sue for a law school tuition refund. Obviously she was never taught the difference between ordinary legislation (such as traffic laws) and a general constitutional standard. Law professors traditionally employ Chief Justice John Marshall’s famous opinion in the *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819) to explain the distinction. But apparently at her law school, they neglected to do so.

For those of you who didn’t attend a competent law school, here’s the distinction: Ordinary legislation (such as traffic laws) are detailed to respond to specific conditions. The legislature readily alters them when necessary. But while constitutions often contain detailed provisions, they also feature many terms (such as the Second Amendment) written in broader, more enduring language. As Marshall explained in the *McCulloch* case, we interpret broad constitutional standards somewhat differently from ordinary laws. “We must never forget,” he wrote, “that it is a constitution we are expounding.”

Unlike traffic rules, the Constitution’s expansive provisions are crafted to accommodate changing conditions. For example, the Commerce Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3) doesn’t lay out detailed rules for trade by horse, ship, and barge. Rather, It grants Congress power to regulate commerce. The word “commerce” enables Congress to regulate trade by methods that didn’t exist when the Constitution was

adopted, such as railroads, motor vehicles, aircraft, and telecommunications.

Similarly, the Second Amendment doesn’t protect “the right of the people to keep and bear muskets and swords.” It protects the right to “keep and bear Arms.” That’s why the Second Amendment protects the right to own and use modern “bearable” (portable) weapons, such as semi-automatic AR-15 style rifles.

In short, by comparing traffic laws to the Second Amendment, Smollen’s billboard compares apples to edibles.

The billboard message also suffers from the false assumption that changes in conditions necessarily require changes to the Constitution. Because the breadth of constitutional language, this simply isn’t true.

In 2011, Time Magazine ran a front-page editorial that remains one of my favorite samples of constitutional illiteracy. The editorial sought to discredit the Constitution by pointing out that the Founders didn’t know about: “World War II. DNA. Sexting. Airplanes. The Atom. Television. Medicare. Collateral debt obligations. The germ theory of disease. Miniskirts. The internal combustion engine. Computers. Antibiotics. Lady Gaga.

The author was right that the Founders didn’t know about those things. But sexting, miniskirts and Lady Gaga (as important as they may seem to a trendy magazine editor) aren’t the sort of things that justify constitutional change.

A change in conditions merits a change in a constitutional phrase only if—

- The change is relevant to the constitutional phrase; and
- Knowledge acquired since the Constitution was adopted (including the knowledge of change) has destroyed the phrase’s value.

Consider relevance first: The Second Amendment was adopted partly to protect state militias. But it also was adopted to enable citizens to protect themselves against criminals, foreign invaders and domestic tyrants. Traffic laws, radio, television, the internet, and modern medicine don’t undercut any of the reasons behind the Second Amendment.

On the contrary, you can argue that social changes call for strengthening the Second Amendment. Modern American cities probably suffer more violent crime than in 1791, rendering self-defense and arms training for law abiding citizens more vital. Modern medicine makes it easier to remedy accidents arising from the legitimate use of weapons.

What about knowledge acquired since 1791?

We know criminals sometimes use weapons to attack others and that armed citizens can stymie those attacks. But the

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Founders knew those facts, too. Recent international experience tells us that an armed citizenry can help resist foreign invasions and domestic tyrants. But the Founders knew that as well.

However, we have learned two lessons outside the Founders' immediate experience. One is that even governments in "civilized" countries may slaughter their own people, and that they can do so only when the targeted portion of the citizenry is disarmed. The 20th-century history of Germany is a case in point. The other recent lesson, as my Independence Institute colleague Dave Kopel has documented, is that the United States isn't immune to terrorism against unarmed populations. The history of the Ku Klux Klan is a case in point.

So it's clear that the Founders were right to adopt the Second Amendment. It's even clearer that we need its protection today.

Range Reservations from Page 6

December

2 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm -10:00pm – Start of Winter League
4 – (Sat) **Club Clean-up and Repair** – 8:00 am Volunteer opportunities

5 – (Sun) **Club Clean-up and Repair** – 8:00 am Volunteer opportunities

7 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 3:00pm – 11:00pm

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

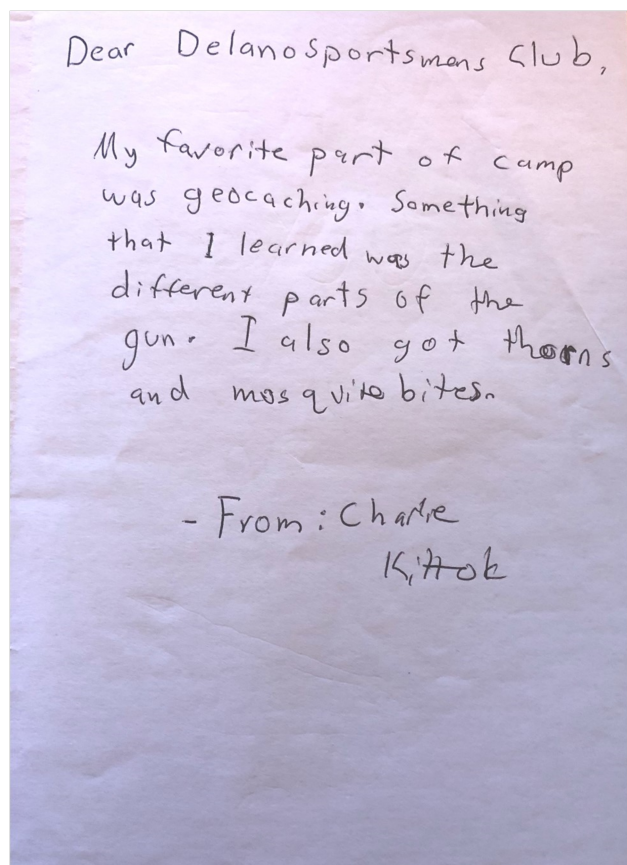
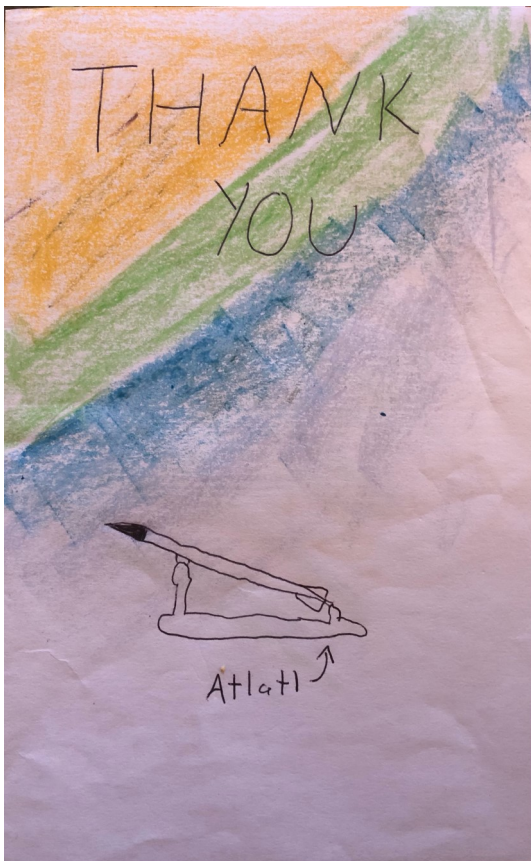
– (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** – **Rick & Carol Dobbelaire** – **Christmas Boutique** – open to the public – 9:00am-3:00pm

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

– (Fri) **Club Members Christmas party**. 6:00 pm – Bring the Family–potluck – bring something to share plus your own beverages, beer and wine, board games and cards.

No monthly club meeting in December

From a Camp Attendee



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:

September

22 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – West Metro SWAT (White) – 9:30pm – 4:00pm

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

28- (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Club-house, 7:00 PM

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

October

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

9 – (Sat) **Range Reserved** – Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am – 5:00pm. [click here for flyer](#)

13 – (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm

26 – (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Club-house, 7:00 PM**

November

3 – (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 3:00pm – 9:00pm

10 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Deephaven Police Dept – 4:00pm – 10:00pm

15 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Medina PD (Boecker) – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Club-house, 7:00 PM

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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