

# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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**MEETING April  
26th at the  
Clubhouse 7PM**

**You can get the  
newsletter by  
email! Contact:**

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**Delano Sportsmen's Club**

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**P.O. Box 394**

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**Delano, MN 55328**

## Firearm Safety!

Delano Sportsman's Club finished up their Spring Firearm Safety Training class on Saturday, April 9th. Sixty-eight (68) students successfully completed the course. The training involved firearm handling in the field, marksmanship shooting on the range, wilderness survival techniques, wildlife identification, conservation management, water safety, and first aid awareness. Students are now eligible for their Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety certificate. The plan is to hold a Spring class again next year. Late January, 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 out with the classe, contact Garret Sarkinen ([garret.sark@hotmail.com](mailto:garret.sark@hotmail.com)).



***Volunteer Clean-up! Meet at the Farm on 4/24 at NOON!***

## Delano Business Expo!

Saturday, May 7th is the Delano Business Expo. It runs from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Our club has a booth there, and we need volunteers to help staff the booth. We will be handing out club flyers, bird houses, and

selling raffle tickets. We also answer questions people may have about our club. If you can volunteer or you have any questions about the expo, call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.

## 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: OPEN
- Bow Safety: Mike Speckel 763-442-6851
- Archery League: Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Women's Shooters Ann Finelli [dscwom-enmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwom-enmn@gmail.com)

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).

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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.

### 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

## New Members

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

Tim Pratt, Judah Aos, Charles Toews, David Pagelkopf, Mark Doll, David Ferin

## 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).

## Forkhorn Camps

Each year the Delano Sportsmens Club sponsors about 10 students to go to three rivers Fork horn summer camps or Deep Portage summer camp Fork horn camp by Hackensack MN Both have great websites and the students that have gone have loved it.

If you would like the club to sponsor your student or have any questions, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989. We have 5 students on the list to go in 2022.

# Minutes of the February 22nd Meeting

Minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting

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

New members - Three new members introduced themselves

Secretary's report - Minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. There was an error in the newsletter regarding range shooting times that will be fixed.

Treasurers report - debits \$9,347.59; credits \$5,728.75; checking balance \$79,484.60.

Trap range update - A lease agreement was drawn up by the excavators - New Look Contracting for the club. The lease will be reviewed for signing. The grant for the new trap range is up on June 30th. The club needs to get as much work done before then so that the paperwork can be submitted. We are looking for someone to do the sidewalks and trench the electric lines in.

25 Yard Range - Still having issues with misuse of targets. Remember to center your targets and clean up after yourself.

Tom Delaney brought up that the club has rocks available to build a pit for use for the chicken BBQ.

Farm - the club will be following up on some concerns in the near future.

Membership - the club signed up nine new members this month.

Women's League - The first event was held and had eighteen attendees. The second event will be held on Monday, April 4th. May 5th will be the first outdoor event. The league is working on pistol fundamentals now.

Fourth of July - The club needs a driver for the float. Jan Kittok has the signup sheets for the bingo stand and milk shake booth.

GOCRA/MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald update the club on legislative activities regarding gun rights. Call your legislators.

Summer Raffle - \$2092.00 has been collected so far. Jan Kittok has additional tickets if you need more.

Trap League - Summer league will start the first week of May, there will be a practice night on Thursday, April 28th. The Delano High School trapshooting team has started. There are 70 kids this year. Twenty five are new shooters, Eleven shooters are girls.

Bird house building will be held on April 10th at 2:00 PM.

Camps - The club will be sending seven students to camps this year

Volunteer Day - Volunteer day will be held on Sunday, April 24th. Starting time will be noon. Contact Mike Larison if you have any questions.

Reservations - Reservations for Women's league events, bird house building and a CPR class were all approved and are listed in the newsletter.

4H Youth 22 Shooting League - Pete Eiden spoke to Tom Delaney regarding their 4H youth 22 shooting league. They are looking for a place to shoot at. After some discussion it was decided to discuss this proposal further at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Highway 12 trash pick up will be held on May 21st. This counts as credit for your volunteer time. Contact Dan MacDonald for details.

Firearms Safety - There are 70 students in this years firearm safety class. The class is going well.

Thank you to Bob and Mary Kirksall for providing lunch for the March meeting. Lynn and Ann will provide lunch in April. Volunteers are needed for lunches throughout the year.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

***Thank you to Bob & Mary Kurzhals for making dinner for the March Meeting!***

***We need volunteers to serve lunches—  
June-November 2022! If you're  
interested or have questions, contact  
Mike Larison***

# Delano Women's Shooters Group

Thanks to all who attended our classroom session April 4. We had a full session of training and you were all awesome ☺ There's always lots to learn and that is one of the reasons owning and shooting firearms is so rewarding!!

## TIME TO HEAD TO THE RANGE!

Our next several events will be live fire on the range, with our first one coming up May 5. To be held at Brandt Airport, just outside of Delano. The address is:

Brandt Airport MN19 256172nd St SE Delano 55328

Begins at 6:00 pm and will go until 8:00 pm. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to get checked in.

I will send more details on what to bring and courses of fire as we get closer to the date.

Here's the range schedule for the summer. All events are 6:00-8:00 pm:

Thursday, May 5: Brandt Airport

Tuesday, June 21: DSC

Tuesday, July 19: DSC

Tuesday, August 16: DSC

Tuesday, September 13: DSC

## SAFETY RULES

Judith has put together safety and range rules. Suggestion is to start your 3-ring binder for rules, drills, handouts, etc. by printing these. Read through and let us know if you have any questions.

## "DUMMY" Rounds or Snap Caps

We will be using these on the range at various times to practice loading, unloading, clearing malfunctions and dry fire practice. These are all skills we recommend you practice at home too. They are not expensive and are worth the cost for the training value they provide!

If you are able before May 5, please purchase some for your caliber pistol(s) if you don't already have. You can find them at most gun stores, ranges with retail centers or order online.

Note :The cheaper plastic ones, while less expensive, tend not to last as long and are prone to not properly cycling. Kind of defeats the purpose In my opinion, it is preferable to spend a little more and not have those issues. Here's a few types that many shooters use:

Tipton  
B's Dummies  
A Zoom

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# 2022 Summer Raffle

The 2022 Summer raffle has arrived with some great prizes!

1st: Springfield Spirit AR-15 or \$500

2nd: \$250

3rd: \$100

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book.

There is also a volunteer opportunity with our summer raffle. You can sell and turn in 20 books of tickets, and that qualifies you for your 2022 volunteer service.

Members are encouraged to sell as many as possible as it is a fundraiser for our club. To get more tickets, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

Also, the member who sells the most tickets will receive \$75 as a prize.

## Reservations from Page 6

ing league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
12 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
16 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
17 – (Tue) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
18 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm  
19 – (Thu) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league –

5:00pm-10:00pm  
21 – (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  
23 – (Mon) **Range Reserved** – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:00pm-10:00pm  
25 – (Wed) **No Trapshooting league**  
26 – (Thu) **No Trapshooting league**  
31 – (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**



# Volunteer Needs

## Sunday, April 24th

Range Cleanup Day

Also need:

- ♦ Painters to stain the lean-to at the club house
- ♦ Range signs painted

Contact Mike Larison for more information.

## Fourth of July Celebration: Bingo & Milkshake Booths

Joe can use help with opening/closing and making sure the booths are stocked and ready, as well as:

Lots of volunteers needed for the Bingo & Milkshake stand during the Delano Fourth of July Celebration (July 1st-4th). Shifts are first-come/first-served. We have these shifts open:

## Friday July 1st, 2022

- ♦ 4pm-8pm, Bingo & Milkshake **MILKSHAKE**

## FULL

- ♦ 8pm-Midnight, Bingo & Milkshake

## Saturday July 2nd, 2022

- ♦ Noon-4pm, Bingo & Milkshake **BINGO FULL**
- ♦ 4pm-8pm, Bingo & Milkshake
- ♦ 8pm-Midnight, Bingo & Milkshake

## Sunday July 3rd, 2022

- ♦ Noon-4pm, Bingo & Milkshake
- ♦ 4pm-8pm, Bingo & Milkshake
- ♦ 8pm-Midnight, Bingo & Milkshake

## Monday July 4th, 2022

- ♦ Noon-4pm, Bingo & Milkshake
- ♦ 4pm-8pm, Bingo & Milkshake
- ♦ 8pm-Midnight, Bingo & Milkshake

If you have questions or want to pick your volunteer hours for 4th of July, call Jan at 763-972-2989.

## DSC Women from Page 4

STAction  
StrikeIndustries  
NewBold  
Notes:

If you have a rimfire like a .22 caliber, your only choice may be the plastic. We'll work with what you are able to find.

Some are weighted to feel just like live rounds (more realistic feel while practicing), while others are lightweight. Either choice is fine, but I like the weighted ones. I mix them in by feel with my live rounds to "surprise myself" when practicing clearing malfunctions. (I'll teach ya how to do that too 😊)

Brightly colored ones are MUCH easier to find on the range. They go flying everywhere so you have a better chance of finding them!

## RSO TRAINING

Our intrepid RSO candidate team passed their April 17<sup>th</sup> training with flying colors! Three of them of club members: Jinny Choi, Donna Stundahl, and Janet Han-

son. Hats off to our CRSO, Ela, for generously donating her time and expertise to train these ladies.

## NAME TAGS:

Heidi G has our nametags ready and will have them for you on May 5. They look awesome! A big thank you to her for designing and producing them.

## THANK YOU...

Once again... for your donations. They have enabled us to purchase targets, more stands, target pasters and cardboard backers. We will be purchasing additional range supplies/tools to get ready for May 5 in the days ahead. We **appreciate your support**.

As always- feel free to fire away (pun intended) if you have any questions.

You are ALL greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to a SAFE, PRODUCTIVE and FUN range season!

Guests are always welcome. E-mail me at [dscwomenmn@gmail.com](mailto:dscwomenmn@gmail.com)

## 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-SUNDOWN**

**Saturday: 9:00am-6 PM**

**Sunday: 11:00am-6 PM**

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**

**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:

#### **April**

24 – (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM

24 – (Sun) **Volunteer / Spring Cleanup Day** – noon – 4:00pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **May**

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

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

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

4 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm First night

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

5 – (Thu) **Brandt Airport – DSC Women range event** 6:00pm-8:00pm

7 – (Sat) – **Delano Business Expo** – 8:30am – 1:00pm Riverside Commons

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

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

11 – (Wed) **Range Reserved (100 yd range only)** – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 9:00am – 4:30pm

11 – (Wed) **Range Reserved** – Trapshoot-

### 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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