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MEETING!

*Next meeting is Tuesday,
June 25, 7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

**Contact:
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2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

A motion was made and passed at the May Club meeting to raise dues beginning with 2025 membership to \$250 per year. As there have been some questions regarding volunteer credit, partial year memberships and late payments we wanted to provide some clarification for Club members.

Membership is annual based on the Calendar year and renewals are due before January 1. For renewing members, there is a grace period for dues to be paid by January 31. If you have not paid for your renewal before then, your membership will be considered expired and your keyfob will be deactivated. If you allow your membership to expire, this will be considered a new membership and the cost will be according to the schedule below regardless of past year volunteer credit. Please make sure you pay renewals on time – don't let your volunteer hours go to waste!

For those that have expressed concern about paying dues at the end of the year, dues for the following year will be accepted after June 1 of the current year. You may only claim credit for volunteer hours accrued at the time of payment.

As we do have new members join throughout the year, the schedule for dues will be as follows. New members joining from January 1 - May 31 will be responsible for \$250 membership dues/initiation for the year in which they join. Those joining June 1 - October 31 will be allowed to pay \$125 for membership dues/initiation in the year in which they join. New members joining November 1 - December 31 will be required to pay \$250 but dues will be considered paid for the month(s) of November and/or December and the entire year following.

The 2025 renewal is the last opportunity to get volunteer credit for 8 hours or 20 books and only have to pay \$50, so if you haven't volunteered yet in 2024, this is your last opportunity to take advantage of this credit. After this year, credit will be issued as follows. If you volunteer 5 hours, your membership dues will be \$150 for the following year and if you volunteer 10 hours, your membership dues will be \$50 for the following year. Credit of 10 hours will still be applied for volunteers that provide lunch at one of the monthly meetings or for those that sell 30 or more books of raffle tickets, credit of 5 hours for those that sell 15 books.

Those members who do not wish to volunteer for credit will pay \$250 annual dues.

New members will be asked to attend an orientation meeting with the Executive Board that will take place an hour before the monthly meetings. New members will be shown proper use of Club facilities, correct use of the range/targets and provided their keyfob at this time.

If you have any questions, please see a Board member.

Club Officers:

- President Mike Larison 763-645-4884
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- Secretary Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
- Treasurer Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
- 1st Vice President Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com
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- Executive Board Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
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Range Information:

- Trap Shooting Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training Garret Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder Joe Bergeron 763-898-6483
- Archery League Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Women's Shooters Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@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, or Dave Smith at 763-557-6970 or email at ddsnhs@outlook.com.

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 Club Buildings and Property. Director: Gene Hanson

NEW MEMBERS

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

Daniel Chapik, Jerry Vlaminc
Casey Phillips, Elise Lallier
Kyle Knudson, Anthony Peterson,
Jason Lund, Dustin Sanchez,
Ron Horn, Jason Rudolph, Dan Brode

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 Tom Delaney at mmraclubs@msn.com

VOLUNTEER CREDIT - WHAT COUNTS?

Members who volunteer to support the club receive reduced dues of \$50 or \$150 for the next year. So, what counts?

Volunteer Hours: 10 hours of time will give you credit to reduce your dues to \$50, 5 hours will give you credit to reduce to \$150. Volunteer hours can be obtained by volunteering at the 4th of July Celebration or Delano Expo, participating in Club clean-up days or volunteering on Club projects.

Meeting Lunch: If you make lunch for the members, your groceries (up to \$150) are reimbursed, and you get full 10 hour credit for volunteer time.

Raffle Tickets: If you sell 30 books of raffle tickets, that meets your full 10 hour volunteer time, 15 books will give you 5 hours volunteer time..

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2024 MEETING

25 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the April 30, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$4354.87; credits \$1515.00; checking balance \$9193.46 - The club has a credit of \$649.31 for Excel Energy. A new checking account for trapshooting was opened up, with a debit card for Dan Thienes for supplies. The treasurers report was approved
- Membership - There are 563 paid members, 2 lifetime members and 80 honorary members.
- Building and Grounds - They had a good clean up day on May 4th. The gutters on the clubhouse have been installed. The roof on the entry way and trap shack need to be fixed. The shed behind the clubhouse was cleaned out and will be used as a temporary trap shack on the new range.
- Farm Committee - The committee recently met at the farm to review next steps in getting it cleaned up. A condition of the farm was that all vehicles on the premises needed to be licensed, it was found out that they are. The barn will be removed by July 1st. Other findings will be discussed with Joe after the regular meeting. The farm committee is open for anybody to be part of, if you would like to be a part of the farm committee contact Mike Larison.
- 4th of July -The bingo stand is looking to do a couple sessions of high stakes bingo. If anyone has any ideas on this contact Joe Kittok. Jan Kittok has the sign up sheet for the bingo stand. The club is looking for volunteers for July 4th, 5th and 6th.
- Delano Expo - The Expo went well. A total of 800 visitors went through the expo. The club gave away bird houses and passed out information regarding the club. There is a list of people interested in gun training for next year.
- Newsletter - The distribution list has been cleaned up of old and incorrect email addresses. There are 13 email addresses left to be corrected.
- Range discussion - At the executive meeting last month it was discussed and approved to implement a new member orientation. Prior to getting their key Fob, new members will first have to go through an orientation session.
- Summer Raffle - \$1930.00 has been collected so far. Contact Jan if you need more tickets.
- Women's League - The women's league held their last event at Cal Brandts - nine shooters participated including a few new people. The women's league recently qualified three new range safety officers.
- Clubhouse reservation - The Delano Class of 1984 would like to rent the clubhouse for a reunion on June 22nd. This reservation was approved.
- Highway 12 clean-up- The clean up of highway 12 east of Monies to County road 6 recently took place. Eight people participated. Sixteen bags of trash were collected.
- Wright County Optimist Club - Tom Delaney is part of the Wright County Optimist Club and informed the club on it. The club works to set up programs for kids. They want to be aligned with some of the programs our club does for kids like sending them to camps. Tom will get more information on the organization for the club.
- New Trap Range - The clubs \$25,000 matching grant from the DNR for the range is for getting lights and wiring installed, concrete and sidewalks for the third range and for a new trap thrower. A bid for \$36,000 has been received for concrete work on the third range other bids are being investigated. It was discussed to move forward with these projects. A motion was made and passed to open a \$60,000 line of credit with the bank to facilitate paying for these projects.
- 2025 dues increase - The executive committee recommended that club membership dues be increase to \$250, with a reduced rate to \$150 if you volunteer five hours and a reduced rate to \$50 if you volunteer 10 hours. The rate increase will go into effect January 1st 2025. It was also discussed that if a members dues have not been paid by January 31st, the members fob card will be cut off and they will have to pay the \$250 new member fee to be reinstated. A motion was made and passed to accept these changes.
- Moving portable toilet - A suggestion was made to move the portable toilet inside the fence and give access to the company to service it. This could be done but some prep work at the location would need to be done. A discussion was had on what would be involved in the club purchasing their own portable toilet? Mark Bauman will talk to a friend of his that has some to get an idea.
- Sign up Genius - Mike Larison will have his wife set up Sign up Genius for the club to make it easier for members to sign up for club lunches.
- EAW on property - John Fritz continues to work on completing the EAW for the mining project.
- A thank you card was received from the family of Bill Horsch. The club received an invitation to the Wright County Snowmobile club picnic to be held on June 26th, if anyone is interested in attending.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Following the regular meeting there was a discussion regarding the farm rent and clean up.

A contract will be drawn up outlining the rent. An itemized list of work done that would credit the rent will be needed for review every month. The front yard needs to be cleaned up like it was in the fall. The lean too in the back needs to be cleaned out, with those items removed from the property, and all trailers need to be parked in the lean too. The vehicles in front by the road then need to be moved to the back where the trailers once were. This list needs to be completed by July 1, 2024. And, continued progress needs to be made to clean up and keep the area looking good. If this does not take place the club will elect to address separation of the agreement from the renter. Mike Larison will write up the list and contract.

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

Learn • Practice • Grow

- Our group was founded by women for women and will ALWAYS focus on educating and training women at ALL skill levels.
- Leadership and Instructor Team consists of both Women and Men.
- Our men are invited (see below). We appreciate the many ways the men have contributed to the success and dynamic of our group since becoming co-ed!
- TO JOIN or for more information, contact Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday June 20, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday July 18, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday August 15, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm



*ABOUT OUR GROUP

Due to interest in and support for our shooting group to be co-ed, we have opened up attendance to spouses/SO and family members of the women's shooting group mailing list, provided the men are currently members of DSC.

If you are currently on our women's mailing list and have a spouse/SO or male family member who is a member of DSC (21 years of age or older) and would like to shoot with this group, he is welcome to join us! Must provide membership ID.

Instructors and range safety officers are at each event to provide assistance to newer shooters and ensure that safety protocols are followed! **If your goal is to connect with other shooters, learn proper techniques, advance your skills and have FUN, join us!**

- Group meets first Saturday (seasonally) and third Thursday of the month.
- Suggested donations for group events are \$10 for DSC members (men and women) and \$15 for our women group members who are NOT members of DSC.
- Our instructors and RSOs are all volunteers. We rely completely on donations. If you are so inclined, any amount over and above the suggested is appreciated! This helps cover the cost of range supplies.



CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

June

- 10 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 11 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Delano HS Trap Team – 4:30pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 13 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 18 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 19 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 20 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 22 – (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Delano class of 1984 class reunion (Nordling)
- 25 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 26 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 27 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

July

- 3 – (Wed) No Trap league
- 4 – (Thu) No Trap league
- 10 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 11 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Firearms Safety 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 17 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 18 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 21 – (Sun) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Firearms Safety 11:00am – 2:00pm
- 24 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 25 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 31 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

SUMMER RAFFLE

Contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 to get more tickets. As a reminder, there are prizes for the top 3 sellers. Selling 20 booklets completes your volunteer hours for 2024!

August

- 1 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 2 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Firearms Safety 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 7 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – 12:30pm – 4:00pm
- 7 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 8 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 14 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 15 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 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

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.



BIG BUCK CONTEST!

The Sportsmen's Club received no entries for the photo fishing contest so we're going to move the prize and make this a Big Buck contest! Entries will be accepted from the beginning of archery season (9/14/24) through the end (12/31/24). Photos submitted may be of deer taken during any legal season in 2024, regardless of method.

There will be a \$50 prize for the best adult member photo and \$50 for the best kid/family photo. Please have your entries submitted by January 10, 2025. Winners will be announced at the club meeting on Tuesday January 28, 2025.

Please email your photos to delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

RANGE HOURS AND RULES

Range Hours:

Rifle and Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-SUNSET

Saturday: 9:00am-6pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6pm

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 ID.

See someone without an ID? Ask to see it...

Be kind to our neighbors— follow the rules!

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- **Meeting Lunches:** We still need volunteers for June - November 2024. You'll be reimbursed for food costs. Contact Mike Larison to volunteer. This one job covers your volunteer requirement for the year and saves you \$200 on dues!

We received feedback from the membership about how the Club communicates volunteer opportunities. We will be working to get additional emails sent, links on our website and use technology like Sign-up Genius to present more volunteer opportunities for everyone. We also heard that we should communicate any specialized projects that can be handled/completed when the volunteer has time to complete or can utilize their specialized skillset. Thank you for the feedback!

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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 Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Contact editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

The deadline for story or advertising submissions is the 8th of each month.

Fourth of July Bingo Volunteers! *Shifts available as follows:*

Wednesday July 3rd:
All Shifts Full

Thursday July 4th:
8pm-Midnight

Friday July 5th:
8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 6th:
8pm-Midnight

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

We also need a volunteer to drive the club float during the 4th of July Parade. Call Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>