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MEETING!

*Next meeting is Tuesday,
July 30, 7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

**Contact:
delanosportsmensclub@
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Delano Sportsmen's Club

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Delano, MN 55328

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS!

As we've wrapped up the Fourth of July Celebrations, the Club wishes to thank all the Volunteers that helped out at the Bingo Stand and Parade during the festivities. If you missed that opportunity, check out the Volunteer needs in this newsletter - the Club has been asked to serve Ice Cream at the Taste of Delano and host bingo at this year's Delano Oktoberfest.

Also a big thank you to Jered Brenny, Wayne Brenny and Mark Hanson, **community** members who helped us move the shed from the north side of the Clubhouse to the new range. **Jered's Lawn Care** of Delano provided the use of two skid steers, a flatbed trailer and a truck to move the building. From the Club, we'd like to thank Kurt Bostrom and Brad Zitzloff for repairs and painting of the shed.

VOLUNTEER CREDITS

We have received some questions regarding Volunteer hours and how Credit will be applied for dues that will renew in 2025 and cost \$250.

In order to pay reduced dues of \$50 when they are due in January 2025, you must have volunteered **8** hours between 01/01/24 -12/31/24. You could also sell **20** books of raffle tickets or serve a **lunch** for the monthly meeting between 01/01/24 -12/31/24 to get credit for reduced dues payable in January 2025.

Now is the time to get those volunteer hours in if you want that credit!

(ed note: Apologies if putting the volunteer requirements that go into effect 01/01/25 in the last newsletter created any confusion. If you have questions, please do not reply to the newsletter - reach out to a member of the Executive Board. Their contact information is included on Page 2 of the newsletter.)

IT'S ELECTION TIME

The Club encourages all it's members to perform their Civic duty and get out to VOTE! We promise, no political pandering here, we just want to provide some convenient links so you can register, find your polling place and have a schedule of upcoming elections.

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/>
<https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/elections-calendar/>



Club Officers:

- President Mike Larison 763-645-4884
larrylarison@hotmail.com
- Secretary Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
- Treasurer Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
- 1st Vice President Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com
- 2nd Vice President Cal Brandt 612-597-5112
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- Membership Joe & Jan Kittok 763-972-2989
deaconjoe@frontiernet.net
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b.spencer@lakesarah.com
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larrylarison@hotmail.com
- Executive Board Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
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- Public Relations Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

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!

John Thurk, Matthew Smiley, Tim Ziegler

With Sympathy

Long time Club member, Burt Koenecke of Delano, passed on. He was 90 years old. His funeral was July 13, 2024 at the Delano United Methodist Church. Full obituary can be found at itenfuneralservices.com

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 for the next year.

So, what counts?

Hours: 8 hours of time will give you credit to reduce your dues to \$50. So, if you work one 4-hour shift at July 4th, you still need to volunteer 4 more hours...or you and a family member could both volunteer, or you could volunteer for two shifts.

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

Raffle Tickets: If you sell 20 books of raffle tickets, that meets your full volunteer requirement.

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2024 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$7548.47; credits \$3408; checking balance \$3967.10 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$2621.18; credits \$7270.54; checking balance \$4649.36.
- New members - One new member introduce himself.
- Membership - There are 590 paid members, 2 lifetime members and 81 honorary members.
- Building and Grounds - There are a number of projects that need to be done - the roof on the clubhouse entrance and trap shack need to be fixed, the retaining wall needs work, the access road to the range is rutted (Mike will check on the status of the asphalt millings), in front of the pistol bay needs more cement, wood chips need to be replaced on the 25 yard range, there is some siding on the clubhouse that needs to be fixed.
- Public relations: Tom Delaney reported that the Optimist Club has chosen August 25th from 1 - 4 PM for their fishing and canoe event for the kids. The club will help out with this event. The clubs property off of Farmington Road can be used for a gathering site for the participants. The date and time were approved by the club and will be put on the calendar. Several new club members have gone through the new member orientation. It has been working out well.
- 4th of July -Everything is going good except for the flooding. They may need to move where the fireworks are shot from due to the water. The clubs float is being built and we have a driver for it. Jan Kittok has the sign up sheet for the bingo stand. There is one spot to fill.
- October Fest - The club has a fundraising opportunity to run the bingo stand at Delano's October Fest held in September. The club would need to pay 10% of the profits to the October Fest organization and could keep the remaining 90%. It is a two day event that goes from 11:00 am - midnight.
- Summer Trapshooting - The leagues have completed 8 weeks of the 18 week season.
- Summer Raffle - \$2010.00 has been collected so far. Contact Jan if you need more tickets.
- Women's League - The women's league held an event last Thursday. They practiced shooting from different positions and re-enacted a scenario of how you would react in retrieving your firearm if someone broke into your house.
- Reservations were approved for the Range for August 24th from 8:00am - 1:00pm for Rockford's firearms safety field day.
- Bylaw change - A motion was made and approved to change the bylaws in regard to fees, volunteer hours and new member orientation.
- Dues increase: there has been some negative feedback regarding the dues increase for 2026. The last dues increase the club had was back in 2013. At that time some club members elected to leave the club but membership has continued to increase since then.
- Farm Rent - The club was notified by Mike Larison that Joe Kittok has been trading services in lieu of the monthly farm rent. Going forward Joe will need to provide documentation of what work has been done to offset the rent. The rent is currently \$900.00 a month.
- Honorary members - to qualify for an honorary membership you must be at least 70 years old and have been a member of the club for at least 8 years.
- Moving portable toilet - A call will be made to the portable toilet company to verify if they will service the toilet if it was moved inside the fence.
- EAW on property - John Fritz continues to work on completing the EAW for the mining project. They have submitted paperwork to the DNR.
- Farm Clean-up - The Executive board had a conversation with Joe about cleaning up the farm. Joe is working on it.
- Archery building - Jan Kittok would like the club to consider an archery building and save part of the clubs property to accommodate it. An archery building was discussed a number of years ago but was not acted upon as the club decided to pursue additional trap ranges.
- A discussion was also had on the clubs work being solely completed by volunteers instead of paid contractors.
- A club member informed the club that he recently learned that many gun owners are not registered voters. He wants to encourage everyone to please register and please vote.
- Mike Larison will be having an email sent out regarding volunteer opportunities. It will also contain the sign up genius for volunteering for club lunches.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.



Joe Kittok and friends on the Club's Fourth of July Parade float.

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 July 18, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday August 15, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- September Trap night TBD



*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

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

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
- 24 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 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

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!

September

- 4 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 5 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 7 – (Sat) Range Reserved – 9:00am – noon – Members Only Turkey Shoot
- 10 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 11 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league (season ends) – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 16 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – 12:30pm – 4:00pm
- 18 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Metro SWAT (Raskin) – 9:30am – 5:00pm
- 18 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 19 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league (season ends) – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 24 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 24 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 25 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 26 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm (party night)

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 is holding 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 September - November 2024. You'll be reimbursed for food costs. Contact Mike Larison or use the sign-up genius to volunteer. This one job covers your volunteer requirement for the year and saves you \$200 on dues! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48A4A72AA3F94-50151760-delano#/>

We received feedback from the membership about how the Club communicates volunteer opportunities. Look for upcoming emails shortly after the monthly meetings that will highlight some of the Volunteer opportunities available at the Club.

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 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.

The club has been asked to serve Ice Cream at the Taste of Delano on **August 7th from 5pm-8pm.**

The Club has been asked to host bingo at the Delano Oktoberfest celebration. Shifts available as follows:

Friday September 20:
5pm-10pm

Saturday September 21:
11am-3pm
3pm-7pm
7pm-10pm

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

Update: Our queen candidate, Ella Hoppa, was chosen as a Delano Ambassador. HUR-RAH!!! Our candidate last year, Katie Harder, was chosen ambassador last year and this year she was chosen to represent Delano in the Aquatennial in Minneapolis. We've also included some of the thank you letters the Club has received from the kids sponsored for firearm safety summer camp.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>



Deep Portage

FOUNDATION

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Dear, Delano Sportsman Club,

Thank you so much for paying for me to go to camp. I had so much fun and I learned a lot. we did some Bow and Arrow practice, I used a compass and map to find things. I also did a lot of gun practice at The Range. I had 2 girls in my room. They had great Pan cakes real Pan cake they were so good, there were 21 people in my team. we had a cleanest room compation we didn't do so well but it was still fun. we got two snack every day. we had to do trivia to eat and I was so much fun. Holt was 1 of my favorit people same with Natilie and cloda and beford. Thank you agina for leting me go to camp thank you so so much

Sunseraly

Eliza Nordling ♡



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LEARNING CENTER

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Dear Delano Sportsmen's Club,

Thank you so much for sponsoring me for Forkhorn I. This has been hands-down the best shooting/sleepaway camp I have ever been to, and I am just so happy that you payed for it. My favorite part was probably being at the archery and rifle range. The archery range was really fun because we got to shoot both compound and recurve bows, and I have only ever shot with a compound bow. My favorite part about the rifle range was getting to shoot '22s, because I haven't ever shot anything bigger than a pellet gun. I also liked trying out the four different positions: Standing, Kneeling, Sitting, and Prone. The food here is AMAZING, it might be even better than my school lunches! I would say the best part of all though, was getting my firearm safety, and doing it all with my best friend right beside me to help me have a great time. I would definitely reecomend it to anybody!

Sincerely,

Henry Merth



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Dear Delano Sportsmen's club

Thank you for paying for my tuition. I have had so much fun, I really enjoyed the first day. I got to know the people in my dorm. Their names were Jet, Henry, Nick, and Paxton. We all became really good friends. I really enjoyed nature hikes just being there in nature. I really enjoyed R.E.K. Time we had gone swimming and rock climbing. I loved the fangle we got to shoot a firearm, I even got a few ball sizes! So Thank you so much for letting me come here I had a blast.

Sincerely Nathan Knistey

Elks 43RD Annual GUN SHOW

KNIVES & COINS

Saturday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

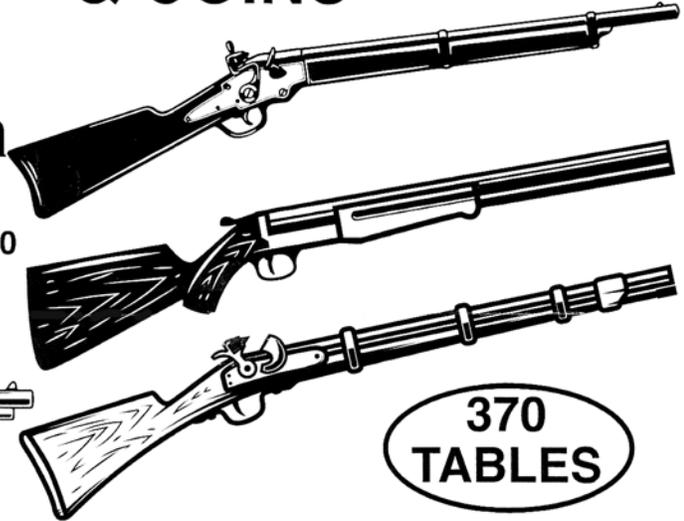
Sept 21 & 22, 2024

Hutchinson, Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

(Behind Target & Walmart) -- Hutchinson, MN 55350

Public Invited - \$8.00 Admission



370 TABLES

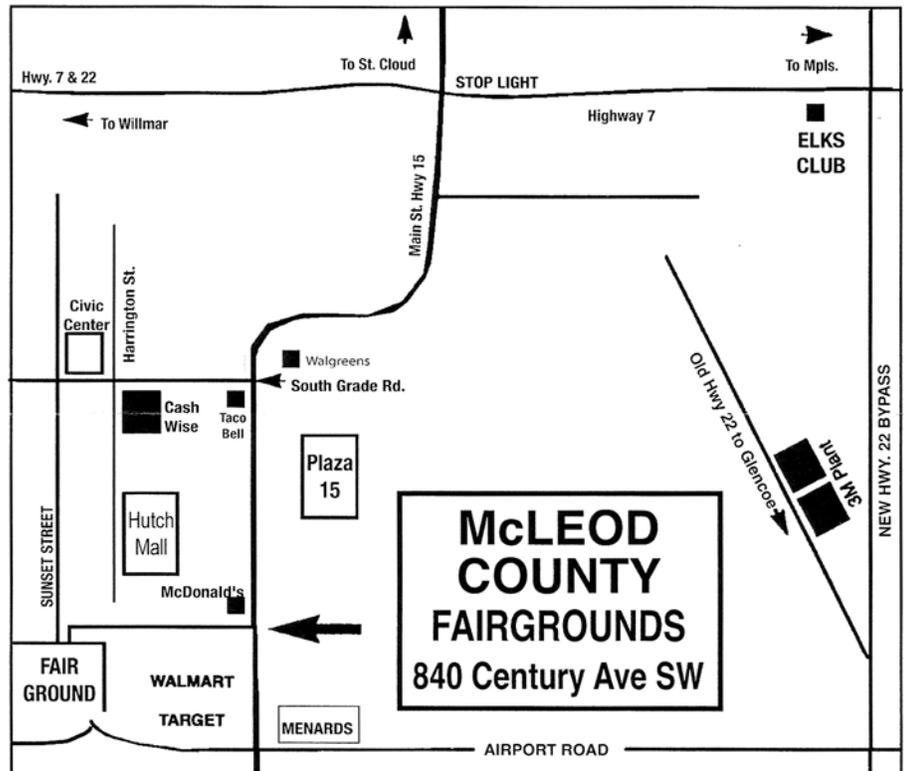
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- Tables 370 tables--8 foot tables
- Rental \$40.00 for 2 days
- Parking FREE all day
- Exhibits Guns, Weapons, Coins
Prints, Knives, Military & Powder, Shells & Bullets,
Trapping, Fishing, Stamps, New, Used & Antique
- Security McLeod County Sheriff's Posse
- Public Open to Public
Saturday and Sunday
Admission \$8.00
Under 12 FREE with Adult
- Early Exhibitor Set Up Friday, 1-7 p.m.
or 6:00 a.m. Saturday Morning
- Sponsored by Hutchinson Elks
Lodge No. 2427
Hutchinson, MN 55350

For Table Reservations:
Dale Harbarth, 20641 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson, MN 55350
320-587-8989

**Att. Exhibitors; Table rental must be paid by Sept. 1st.
You are expected to keep your tables open til 3:00 Sunday**

Food and Beverages Available



SHAMROCK INN
1200 Hwy 15 So
Hutchinson
320-587-9299

DAYS INN
1000 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
320-587-6030

QUEENS INN
200 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-2129

7 HI BUDGET MOTEL
700 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-2088

KING MOTEL
1255 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
320-587-4737

AMERICINN
1115 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-5515
1-800-634-3444

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DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

MEMBER VOLUNTEER NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please be advised that on (date) _____ I volunteered 4 or more hours of volunteer work for the Delano Sportsmen's Club. The work performed falls under the volunteer work category number _____ listed below. What I specifically did was;

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Volunteer work category codes:

1. Administration/committee activity
2. Training/supervisory activity
3. Building, repairs and maintenance
4. Grounds keeping, repairs and maintenance.
5. July 4th activities - In the bingo stand and for driving and riding or decorating float in the parade.
6. Rummage sale
7. Raffle activities
8. Other activities.

Please mail this completed notification form to:

Membership Administrator
Delano Sportsmen's Club
P O Box 394
Delano MN 55328

Or bring 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 with the newsletter throughout the year. You can also pick one up at the monthly meeting.

To use as a self mailer, fold in thirds with club address showing, affix return address and stamp. Mail.