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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday, August 27,
7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

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

**Contact:
delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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P.O. Box 394

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Delano, MN 55328

DSC FAMILY FUN! ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT & BBQ PICNIC

Members Only

Saturday, September 21

- Turkey Shoot 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- BBQ Picnic to follow

Shooting turkeys at DSC?... well, not the real ones!! Test your skill at a turkey target. Distance is 25 yards. Scopes allowed. Best score each group wins a coupon for a FREE turkey. Everyone goes home with a coupon, so bring extra ammo and shoot till 'ya win!!



- Rifle or pistol. Recommended is .22 (No shotguns)
- Don't have a .22? No worries- we'll have extra on hand. Just bring your ammo (.22 LR)
- Great way to meet other DSC members!
- One turkey per family. We'll have prizes for the kids too.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the shoot, bbq, picnic set/clean up. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Jan Hanson: jannie4511@gmail.com

MOVING THE BIFF

If you haven't been down to the range in a while, you may not have noticed that the Biff is on the move! A request from a member raised at one of our monthly meetings to move the Biff inside the fence has been completed.

Thanks to all who volunteered time and equipment!



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
• 3rd Vice President	Gene Hanson	612-518-3134
• Membership	Joe & Jan Kittok	763-972-2989
	deaconjoe@frontiernet.net	
• Rental/Reservations	Brad Spencer	612-616-7548
	b.spencer@lakesarah.com	
• Volunteer Coordinator	Mike Larison	763-645-4884
	larrylarison@hotmail.com	
• Executive Board	Larry Lindborg	763-567-8347
• Executive Board	Jake Kittok	612-282-7975
• 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 ddsns@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!
Jim Mahoney, Robert Topp, Tim Lemmerman

With Sympathy

Harvey Dahl, a former club member, has passed on at 83. His funeral was July 31 in Annandale.

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 JULY 30, 2024 MEETING

23 members present - the meeting called to order at 6:59 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$3708.03; credits \$1715.00; checking balance \$1719.30 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$1318.55; credits \$11,106.13; checking balance \$14,436.94.
- New members - Two new members introduce themselves.
- Membership - There are 590 paid members, 2 lifetime members and 83 honorary members. Two members have paid for 2025 already.
- Building and Grounds - The county fixed the driveway going down to the trap shack with asphalt millings taken from County Road 50. Lights in the clubhouse need to be fixed.
- 4th of July - A meeting was held a week ago. The celebration was a success. The bingo stand made as much this year as it did last year. The celebration brought in \$470,000 before expenses. The club will get \$8600.00
- Summer Trapshooting - The leagues have completed 12 weeks of the 18 week season. Clay pigeons need to be purchased for the league. The order will be 12 pallets of pigeons for around \$13,000.00 which will last about a year. A motion was made and passed to order the pigeons.
- Summer Raffle - \$2695 has been collected so far. Contact Jan if you need more tickets.
- Range - Orientations have been given to all new members joining the club. It is working out well.
- Women's League - The Women's league held an event in July, however it was a small group that attended. Hopefully the August event will be better attended.
- Bylaws - The bylaws allow for up to \$250.00 to be spent without club approval. Due to the current financial situation Mike would like to temporarily lower it to \$150.00. It was discussed to suspend the cleaning service for a few months and use volunteers to save additional money.
- Republic Recycling and Trash service - The recycling container had 3 plastic garbage bags in it this last month. As a result the club was charged \$300.00 as no plastic bags are allowed in the recycling container. Mike contacted Republic and got the fee cut in half. The club would like signs made up indicating what is allowed to be thrown in the container. It was also discussed to lock the container, but it was decided to try the sign option first.
- Volunteer opportunities - Mike Larison asked for help on Saturday or Sunday to create the new pad for the Porta Biff and to move the telephone poles on the 25 yard range. The club has a member that would trim the maple tree in front of the clubhouse but it would require a lift to be rented. Due to finances the club will wait on trimming the tree. The Volunteers Needed email that was sent out in late June was a huge success. A lot of participation was generated as a result. Mike will continue to do this monthly. The Sign Up Genius for meeting meals also worked well. Volunteers have signed up for meeting meals through the end of the year.
- Club Dues - Mike will be sending out an email to see if members will pay their dues early and/or pay an additional donation to help the club. A discussion was had on how to handle dues for new members joining in the middle of the year. Should there be half year memberships? After input from the club and new club members that were in attendance it was determined to keep the dues at full payment

for those joining midyear. However, if joining after November 1st, the new member would get the remaining two months included in the yearly membership.

- High School Trap Team - Coach Jeff Graunke of the Delano High School trap team presented the club with a check for \$1700.00 to be used for a voice activated throwing system on the new trap range. The kids sold fish fry tickets to the Delano Legion Club fish fry earlier in the year to raise the money. It was the largest fish fry the Legion has ever had. There were 81 kids on the team this past year.
- Turkey Shoot - The club's annual turkey shoot will be on Saturday, September 21st this year. Ann Finnerli mentioned that it should be posted in the newsletter that a group will be needed to clean up the clubhouse the day before the event.
- Taste of Delano - The Taste of Delano will be held on Wednesday August 7th. The club gives out ice cream cones at this event. A motion was made and passed to purchase the supplies for this event.
- New Trap Range - The shed was moved to the new trap range. A volunteer will paint it. Additional work will need to be done on it to make it useable. Winter league will continue to operate out of the existing trap shack for this coming winter.
- Trap Range Completion & DNR Grant - Mike Larison and Dan Kittok met with the banker to get a line of credit to be used for completion of the third trap range. The meeting went well. The bank required some additional information before approving. That information has been provided and it should be no problem getting approved.
- Trap Range Clubhouse fundraising - Jeff Graunke is willing to take the lead on fundraising for the new trap range clubhouse. Tim Lemmerman said he would help as well. A CUP for the structure has already been approved and blueprints have been made. The main structure would be 24' X 40'. A question was brought up if the club could become 501C3 so that donations could be tax deductible? This will be looked into. A motion was made and passed to have Jeff start the fundraising process.
- EAW on property - No additional news. The permitting is still being worked on.
- Farm Rent - Joe Kittok provided the club with documentation of work provided to offset the rent. Fifty two hours were documented for July. The document was passed around to the club members for comment. One comment was made that all the work hours documented would be considered volunteer hours. It was also brought up that Jans hours should be included in the agreement.
- Farm Clean-up - Joe updated the club that he continues to move more items into the sheds and on to trailers. This led to a discussion that more still needs to be done. The club continues to get comments from the township and individuals regarding how the property looks. Joe would like to meet with one person to tell him what more needs to be cleaned up. Mike Larison will be working with Joe on this.
- Thank you to Donna Stundahl for providing the meal for the meeting. The August meal will be provided by Matt Young.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

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 August 15, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-8:30 pm
- Thursday September 19, Outdoor Shoot 5:45-sunset
- October date and time TBA

*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.



Lost and Found?

During our clean-up day last spring we found 12 old wooden chairs inside the old trap shack. They were taken home and have been cleaned up. Five of these chairs have names painted on them. Apparently, many years ago, five men used to play poker after the monthly meetings. These chairs were theirs. Jan is looking for family members who may want to have a chair that their relative used many years ago. Any help will be appreciated. Both Joe and Jan Kittock remember these fellows. Here are the names: Leon Kuklok, Pete Lies, Bill Main, Richard Schumacher and Pete Farniok. Please contact Jan Hanson at jannie4511@gmail.com if you can help!



CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

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

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

CLUB 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 (continued)

- 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)

October

- 12 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am – 5:00pm. Range is closed to DSC member shooting on both ranges during this event. click here to view event flyer
- 29 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

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.

With Sympathy

Long time Club member, Al Sullivan of Delano, passed on. He shot trap for many years. His funeral was Sat June 27 at 1:00 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran church in Maple Lake. The Club had flowers delivered.



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

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.

- **Clubhouse Cleanup!** The Club is looking for Volunteers to clean up the Clubhouse on the Sunday's before the monthly meetings. Check out the sign-up genius link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAC29A4F85-50566087-club>

- We are looking for volunteers to help with the shoot, bbq, picnic set/clean up. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Jan Hanson: jannie4511@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 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 host bingo at the Delano Oktoberfest celebration. Shifts available as follows:

Saturday September 21:

11am-3pm

3pm-7pm

7pm-10pm

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 or use the sign-up genius link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAC29A4F85-50565980-delano>

We've included another thank you letter the Club has received from the kids sponsored for firearm safety summer camp. It's great to see our youth engaging in gun safety and the outdoors!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>



Deep Portage

FOUNDATION

Exploring Woods • Water • Wildlife

Accredited by North Central
Association of Colleges and Schools

Dear Delano Sportsmans Club,

Thank you for the awesome opportunity to attend Forkhorn II Camp! I really enjoyed being at the beautiful Deep portage area. This morning, I looked out my window in the dorms and saw two bucks, and a doe and her fawn. That was only one of the times I've seen awesome wildlife. With my friends in Group B, we went on canoe trip on the Little Bay river, which was really fun. There were two beaver dams we portaged over, then canoed over on the way back. We got to fire compound bows and Mongolian recurve bows. I was actually better with the traditional recurve. This morning we had a really fun orienteering activity where we plotted our course, then hiked around through the woods with a compass and map, going to points we chose. The food was great and the concillors were awesome. I learned that Misquitos are called mozzies from Felix, our team leader from Britain. I passed the bowhunters safety test, and had an overall wonderful time. Thank you so much!

-Jacob Werth

Elks 43RD Annual GUN SHOW

KNIVES & COINS

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

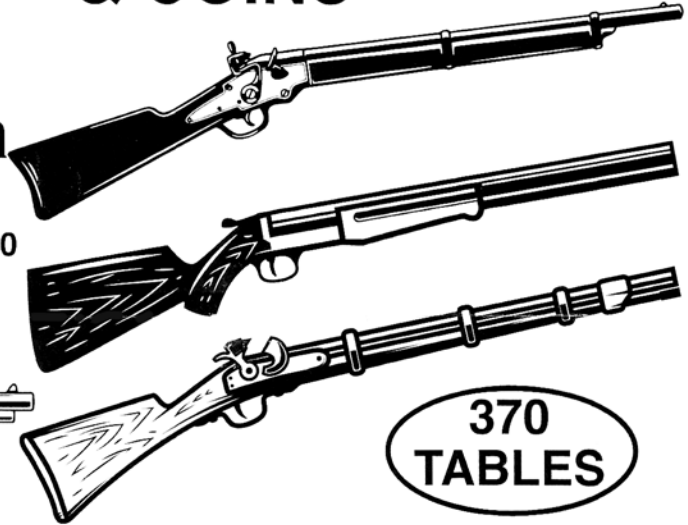
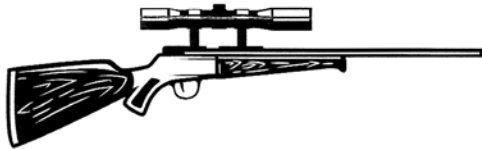
Sept 21 & 22, 2024

Hutchinson, Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

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

Public Invited - \$8.00 Admission



370 TABLES

BUY - SELL - TRADE

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

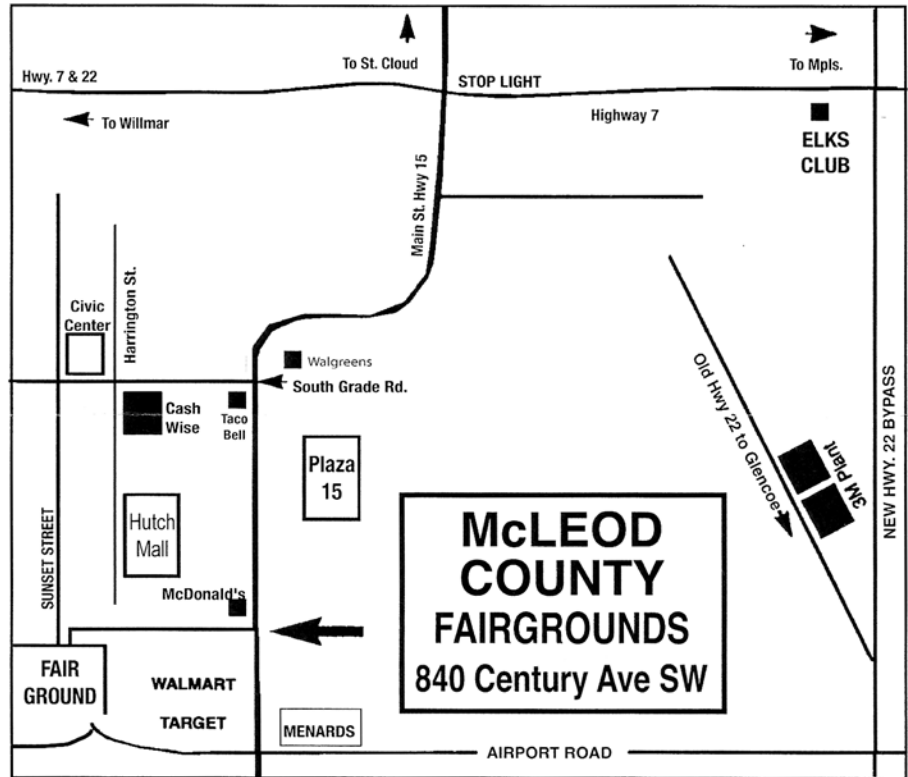
Early Exhibitor Set Up Friday, 1-7 p.m.
or 6:00 a.m. Saturday Morning

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



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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
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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.