



# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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## MEETING!

*Next meeting is  
Tuesday, November  
26, 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  
-  
Delano, MN 55328



## 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](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com).

## POT-LUCK WILD GAME FEED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

In lieu of an individual member providing lunch at the November meeting, the Club is hosting a pot-luck wild game feed! Here's your opportunity to clear out the freezer and to show off that secret recipe that everyone raves about! Don't worry about having enough to feed everyone, bring your dish to pass and we can all get a taste of those delicious recipes and exotic species!

**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
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- 3rd Vice President Gene Hanson 612-518-3134
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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 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!

Ashley Thienes  
Andrew Eickman

**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](mailto: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 OCTOBER 29, 2024 MEETING

41 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by public relations liason Tom Delaney

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the September 24, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$7224.47; credits \$14,482.80; checking balance \$16,287.67 - Trap-shooting Checking: debits \$70,660.00; credits \$50,385.90; checking balance \$2166.49. Savings account for new trap clubhouse: Balance 28,480.01 All reports were approved.
- New members - One new member introduced himself.
- Membership - There are 490 members paid through 2024, 78 members paid through 2025, 2 lifetime members and 87 honorary members.
- Building and Grounds - Gene Hanson and a crew cleaned up the kitchen and clubhouse.
- 4th of July -The core committee meets each month to discuss what they want to do for the 2025 celebration. The contract with the carnival is up, the committee is trying to negotiate more outside vendors.
- Trapshooting league - Winter league will start on Thursday, December 5th.
- Member raffle - \$1160.00 has been collected so far.
- Legislative report - Dave Smith updated the club on legislative issues. Dave had voter guides available and information on how to check your legislators voting record on 2nd amendment issues
- Range -The portable targets are getting shot up. Tom Delaney installed a safe for items in the trap shack and a lock was put on the refrigerator. In the next couple weeks, as it gets colder, the trap shack will be open for range users to use while they are shooting.
- Women's League - The last event for 2024 was held in October. The league will be taking a break until January 2025. A leadership meeting will be held soon to discuss the schedule for 2025.
- Range reservations - Deephaven and Medina police departments have provided their proposed range dates for 2025. A letter was sent out to West Hennepin and Three Rivers Police to get their schedules. The dates were accepted.
- Christmas Party -The club Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 13th from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. The club is looking for donations for Christmas gifts. A motion was made and passed to spend \$400.00 on gifts.
- Gun Show - The clubs annual gun show will be held on January 11, 2025 starting at 10:00 AM.
- Fence repair - Jay Fogelson got an estimate for materials needed to repair the fence. It came in at \$3500.00 - \$4000.00. This will be a project that will be discussed in 2025.
- Club website - Aaron Gesell updated the club regarding the clubs website. The current website is not secure. Aaron is looking into modernizing it with the potential to maybe pay dues through it and track membership. More information to come.
- Delano High School 2025 Grad Party - The Grad Party committee is looking for donations for the party. A motion was made and passed to donate \$300.00 for the party.
- Trap Range Expansion & DNR Grant - Concrete on the third range has been poured. No update yet on when the \$25,000 grant money will be received. Gene Hanson and Tom Delaney put a window in the temporary trap shack. Mark Bauman dug in the conduit for the next three lights.
- Trap Range Clubhouse fundraising - Jeff Graunke updated the club on the fundraising efforts. Around \$40,000.00 has been collected so far. Blueprints are being made on the building for the permitting process. Mike Larison is working on applying for a grant through the NRA for new trap throwers. He will be asking for three with the hopes of getting at least one.
- Club Audit - The Executive Board approved an auditor to review the general fund checking account.
- EAW on property - No additional news. The permitting is still being worked on.

*Thank you to Vsevolod Tokarev and his family for providing the meal for the meeting. The November meal will be a potluck wild game feed.*

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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](mailto:dscwomenmn@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Schedule:

At present, our leadership team is taking a brief pause and will be meeting in November to work on our upcoming schedule and events. We will notify members and post events as soon as they are planned!

Questions can be directed to Ann Finelli.

### \*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

## November

- 6 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- 13 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 19 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 4:00pm – 10:00pm
- 26 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

## December

- 5 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 12 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 13 – (Fri) Club Members Christmas party. 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
Bring the Family–potluck – bring something to share plus your own beverages, beer and wine, board games and cards.
- 19 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm

## No monthly club meeting in December

## January

- 2 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- \*4 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-3:30pm
- 9 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 11 – (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Gun show – 11:00am – 3:00pm
- 16 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 23 – (Thu) Range Reserved – Trapshooting league – 5:00pm-10:00pm
- 28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 30 – (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.

## DUES FOR 2025

You can pay your 2025 dues now. If you did not volunteer in 2024, your dues will be \$250. If you volunteered 8 hours or more in 2024, your dues will be \$50.00.

You can mail them to the Club at:

**Delano Sportsmens Club**

**PO Box 394**

**Delano MN 55328**

or pay at the monthly meeting. If you have questions, call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

## FOR SALE

*Fellow Club member, Rick Thome is selling some of his varmint and competition guns. Interested members should reach out directly to Rick at 612-202-6485.*

## CLUB RAFFLE

*Members only raffle with drawing to be held at the January 2025 club meeting. This year's prize is a Mossberg Gold Reserve Sporting 12 Gauge shotgun. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each and you can purchase as many as you would like. If you have any questions, please call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.*

## 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!***

## 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/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAC29A4F85-50566087-club)

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### **THE DELANO SPORTSMAN**

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You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Contact editor Aaron Gesell at [delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com).

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

### *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.

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

Visit us at

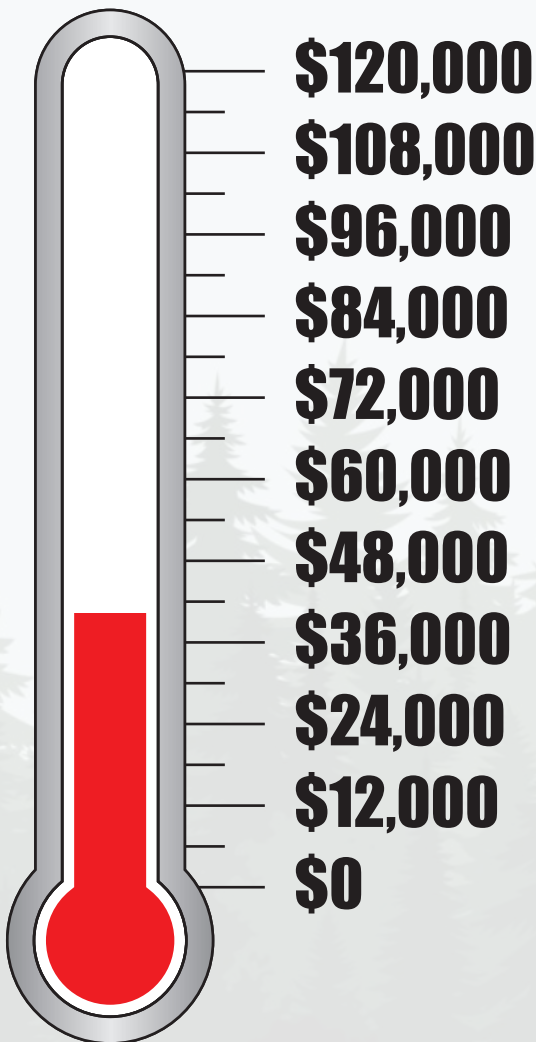
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# DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEW CLUBHOUSE FUNDRAISING



The Delano Sportsmen's Club is building a clubhouse on the new trap range. *This project will be funded solely by donations from individuals and businesses from our community, which is why we're asking for your help.*

## GOAL



We're currently working with club member Jon DeWitte from **Worldwide Steel Buildings** on a structure that his company has discounted to the club. **Our goal is to build a quality structure that we will be proud of and be cost efficient doing it.** The clubhouse will be 24'x40' with a 24'x32' covered patio area. Our Phase 1 goal was to reach \$40,000 by the end of October so we can pour concrete this fall – **we've reached that goal!** Phase 2 will be for materials and labor to put up the Clubhouse exterior shell at a cost of approximately \$80,000. We would like to purchase the materials by January so we can put it up this winter/spring. Phase 3 will be to finish off the inside of the clubhouse – **as we could use members who want to volunteer to help**, the cost of that final Phase is TBD.

This is a project where **WE** can make a difference for the next 50 plus years. It will expand the opportunities the DSC will have to offer to our membership. Club members, the Public, as well as the Delano High School trap team, our kids and grandkids will **ALL** be able to benefit from this facility.

The Fundraising committee is asking for your help by donating to get this built. We will keep everyone updated via the club newsletter each month on our progress. If anyone wants to join the committee to help, please reach out to us. We may be sending out emails or contacting members throughout this process.

Please see the options below for donating or reach out to us if you have any contacts that might want to donate any materials or labor for this project. Check can be made payable to **Delano Sportsmen's Club- New Clubhouse**. Please mail them to: **Jeff Graunke**

**11657 Deegan Ave SE  
Watertown MN 55388**

or call us and we will gladly pick them up!

Please feel free to contact any of us on the New Clubhouse Fundraising Committee if you have any questions or to join us on this mission.

Jeff Graunke – 763-442-5939 – [jeff.graunke@imperialdade.com](mailto:jeff.graunke@imperialdade.com)

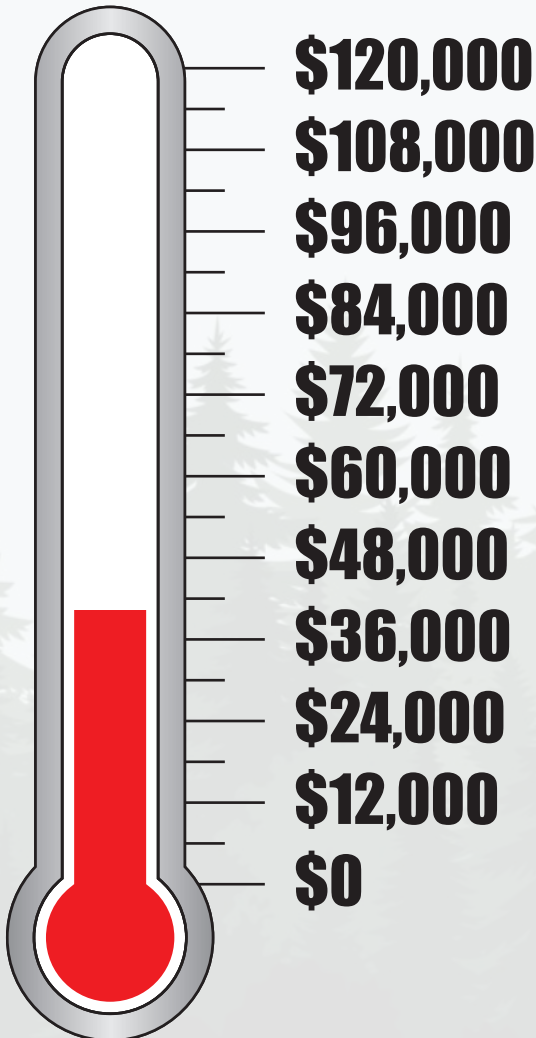
Tim Lemmerman – 612-751-7668 – [tlemmerman@yahoo.com](mailto:tlemmerman@yahoo.com)

Mark Bauman – 612-599-3263

# DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEW CLUBHOUSE FUNDRAISING DONOR SHEET



## GOAL



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

As a thank you to our generous donors, the Club intends to recognizing YOU based upon the level at which you are able to help:

### Individual/Business

- **Premier Diamond\* \$20,000** - Name on Sponsor Board, 2-one year memberships, 20 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Diamond\* \$10,000** - Name on Sponser Board, 1 year membership, 15 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Emerald\* \$5,000** - Name on Sponser Board, 10 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Platinum\* \$2500** - Name on Sponser Board, 5 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Gold \$1,000**
- **Silver \$500**
- **Bronze \$100**

\* Outdoor signage will be available to platinum sponsors and above

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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;

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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.