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MEETING!

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

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

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Delano Sportsmen's Club
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P.O. Box 394
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Delano, MN 55328

CLUB OFFICER SUCCESSION

The Club is still looking for active members who can participate as active backups for our Club Officers. We're looking for VPs who are willing to become President and backups for Secretary and Treasurer.

PHOTOS FROM THE TURKEY SHOOT AND CHICKEN DINNER!

Saturday September 6, 2025 was a good day when the Club hosted the Annual DSC Turkey Shoot and Chicken dinner. We had 28 shooters, 7 youth shooters and many family members to watch their turkey shooters win a turkey. Some of the children we hope to see vie for a turkey in future shoots! Some were new, some had been coming for years! The weather was good, no rain!

I'd like to thank our volunteers, Dean, James, Ann and Gene for their great work. Without them it would not have been possible.

The chicken dinner was delicious! Very well done! Darrel, Mike, Becky and all who helped make the meal did an excellent job!!

May next year bring more members out to win a turkey and enjoy a super meal! Thank you, Jan Hanson



Club Officers:

• President	Mike Larison	763-645-4884
	larrylarison@hotmail.com	
• Secretary	Dan Kittok	218-820-1155
• Treasurer	Dan Kittok	218-820-1155
• 1st Vice President	Ann Finelli	dscwomenmn@gmail.com
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	deaconjoe@frontiernet.net	
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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.

WANTED!

The club is looking for someone to pour concrete in front of the 25 yard (pistol) range. Please contact Mike Larison or Gene Hanson if you can help.

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!

Joseph Ostlund, Michael Mason,
Josh Lindberg, Jake Wegleitner,
Alexander Tokhinsky, Alexander Sumetsky

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 40 books of raffle tickets, that meets your full 10 hour volunteer time, 20 books will give you 5 hours volunteer time.

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2025 MEETING

37 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the July 29, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$4925.41; credits \$920.00; checking balance \$9590.39 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$30298.68; credits \$22294.00; checking balance \$24224.36. Capital Savings account for new trap club-house: debits \$13665.00; credits \$1569.00; balance \$8888.52 All reports were approved.
- New members - One new member introduced himself.
- Dues: 527 paid members, 2 Lifetime members and 89 Honorary members.
- Building & Grounds - The roof to the entry way on the club house needs to be replaced. The roof on the range shack will be done in the next couple weeks. The range shack is now outfitted with a refrigerator, microwave, and pizza oven.
- 4th of July - The club received a check for \$10,000.00 for their participation in the celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped out.
- Taste of Delano - Thank you to everyone who worked the taste of Delano. Next year the club can decide if they want to continue providing ice cream cones or provide something else.
- Summer raffle - \$2280.00 was collected so far. Contact Jan Kittok for extra tickets.
- Trapshooting - Summer league - There are two weeks of league left.
- Range Reservations - The Women's Group would like to reserve the pistol range for Saturday October 4th from 11:15 - 4:00 and Saturday, November 1st from 11:15 - 4:00. Both dates were approved.
- Women's Group - The August event was cancelled. The next event will be Thursday, September 18. This will be the last event on Thursdays, they will then go to Saturday events.
- Annual Turkey Shoot and Chicken BBQ - The chicken halves are on order. Normally the club does 50 halves, it will be reduced to 40 halves this year. Jan Hanson will pick up the turkey certificates. It was approved to get 35 turkey certificates this year. It was approved to spend around \$500.00 for the chicken BBQ this year. The club will need people to donate pot luck dishes for the meal.
- Fundraising Trap Shoot - After the turkey shoot on September 6th, there will be a trap shooting fundraiser to raise money for siding for the new trap club house. It will run from Noon - 6:00 PM.
- Trap Range fill - Multiple loads of fill have been delivered to the trap range and it needs to be spread out. The club is looking for volunteers with skid loaders to help spread it out. Mike Larison will send out a notice.
- Club House Cleaning - Club member Diane worked last Thursday cleaning in the club house. It could use more cleaning. A day and time will be set up for volunteers to do more cleaning. The club will look into getting more frequent cleanings set up.
- Members Only Fishing Tournament - There was no fishing tournament in 2025. The fishing tournament in 2026 will be on June 20th. A lake will be determined next year.
- Thank You - The club received thank you notes from Three Rivers Park District students for the use of the range. The family of Richard Walker sent the club a thank you.
- 990 Status - The forms are still in the process of being filled out.
- Farm Property - Clean up continues. The red garage is cleaned out. There is a member that will be putting on the garage doors. Everything is out of the lean too's. Some of the volunteer trees have been removed from around the buildings. The shed in the back will be cleaned out next. The Delano Fire Department would still like to use the house to do some training. The club would need to clean up the trash in the house before they could train in it. A motion was made and approved to let the Fire Department use the house for training. The Delano Snowstormers have expressed an interest in renting the red garage. They are still talking about it, no decisions have been made yet.
- New Trap Clubhouse - The club house shell is up and the roof is on. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. A \$1000.00 donation was just received from a past member. There will be a fundraiser shoot on Saturday, September 6th to raise funds for the siding. Four rolls of 12/2 wire are needed to wire the building - if anyone has a roll or partial roll laying around from a past project that you would like to donate, the club could use it. Or if you want to donate your Menards rebate checks to the club to buy some supplies, that would work too.

Thank you to Charlie Grill for providing the August meal. The September meal will be provided by Bobby Weckwerth.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

FISHING CONTEST???

Darrall Pool is trying to gauge interest on a Club Fishing Contest. If interested please reach out to Darrall at dpool_79@yahoo.com or leave a message on his cell phone at (612) 812-5268.

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

Learn • Practice • Grow

Join our DSC Women's+ Group! We provide opportunities for women (and men by invitation) at all skill levels. Learn & practice in a safe, comfortable environment!

This group is for you if you are interested in...


- Making new friends and shooting partners
- Expanding skills & knowledge as a newer shooter
- Feeling confident to begin carrying (permit holders)
- Trying new types of firearms (pistol, rifle, shotgun)
- Developing skills for recreation, self-defense or competition
- Just having fun with like-minded individuals!





Our group was founded by women for women. Our focus is educating & training women at ALL skill levels. DSC men are welcome and can attend by invitation.*


Event Times:

- 3rd Thursday of the month (April-September) 5:45-8:30 pm
- 1st Saturday of the month (January-March) 11:45 am-3:30 pm
- Classroom training or range events, weather dependent. Additional events may be scheduled time and weather permitting.

 Taught and supervised by USCCA and/or NRA Certified Instructors. NRA Certified Range Safety Officers ensure safety at all times.

 Leadership and Instructor Team consists of both women and men.

 Classroom sessions cover a wide range of topics. Includes hands on workshops.

 We LOVE newer shooters and will provide any assistance you need to get you started!



If your goal is to connect with other shooters, learn proper techniques, advance your skills and have FUN, join us!

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

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Joining is easy! All you need to do is get on our e-mail list and show up! E-mail is the primary way we communicate to our members. We will keep you up to date on what's happening. Questions or requests to join should be sent to Ann Finelli at dscwomenmn@gmail.com

***MORE ABOUT US...**

By request we have opened up attendance to DSC men (spouses, significant others, family members of a women's shooting group member) who are 21 or older. We welcome the men as they have greatly contributed to the success and dynamic of our group! Contact Ann at dscwomenmn@gmail.com for requests to join.

- Group meets 3rd Thursday or 1st Saturday of the month; other dates seasonal.
- Cost is \$15 for DSC members (men and women) and \$20 for non-DSC members.
- Our instructors and RSOs are all volunteers.
- All fees go directly to our group for range supplies, etc.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE at DSC:

- **Thursday, September 18, Range Event** 5:45-Sunset
- **Saturday October 4, Range Event** 11:45-3:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 1, Range Event** 11:45-3:30 pm

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Delano, MN 55328

Brandt Airport: 2561 72nd St. SE Delano 55328



Shooting is a Perishable Skill... Don't Perish- Practice!

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

September

- 6 – (Sat) Range Reserved – 9:00am – noon – Members Only Turkey Shoot – Rifle and 25 yard ranges are closed to DSC member shooting other than the event shooting
- 6 – (Sat) Trap Shoot for Siding Fundraiser– noon – 6:00pm
- 9 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 10 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Metro SWAT (Raskin) – 9:00am – 4:00pm
- 13 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 15 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon – 4:00pm
- 16 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 18 – (Thu) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:00pm-9:30pm
- 24 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

October

- *4 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am – 4:00pm
- *11 – (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.
- 28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

November

- *1 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am – 4:00pm
- 5 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- 17 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 18 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 4:00pm – 10:00pm
- 25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

December

- (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.

No monthly club meeting in December

* indicates reservation request pending approval

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.

SHOOT FOR SIDING A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to the 83 shooters who participated in the shoot for siding! We had a great turn-out with many people shooting on the new range for the first time.

The overall winner was Reed Graunke who shot 50/50 and won in a shoot-off verses Parker Raskowiak. Parker also shot a 50/50 but Reed was able to shoot another 25 straight in the shoot-off to narrowly win the event. Other winners were Jordan Thienes and John Holzer who won \$75.00 each with some great shooting. Our raffle winner of a YETI cooler went to Troy Lynch.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked and donated money or materials towards the new clubhouse. In the last month we've installed doors, started siding the clubhouse and have started wiring on the inside. Things are really moving forward and were hoping to have it weathered in by the middle of October!



CLUB RAFFLE

*Members only summer raffle tickets are available. This year's first prize is a Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport 22 **OR** Smith and Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 2.0 380 ACP **OR** \$500. Second place is for \$250 and third is \$100. Tickets for the raffle are \$2 each and you can purchase as many as you would like. If you have any questions, please call Jan Kittok at 763-248-5382.*

RANGE HOURS AND RULES

Range Hours:

Rifle and Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-earlier of 8:30pm or SUNSET

Saturday: 9:00am-6pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6pm

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!

2026 DUES

Want to avoid the Holiday rush? You can begin sending in dues for 2026 today!



Congratulations to the Lucky's 5's for winning the summer trap league this year.

Shooters were Super Dave Johanning, Justin "Roofie" McNeilly, Jeff Graunke, Reed Graunke and Danny Kittok

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.

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.

GUN RANGE ISSUE



Please see the photo of where targets were placed on the range. ***This is unacceptable and not allowed on the range. The standing targets cannot be used on the 100/50 yard range.*** The rolling 50 yard target should be used on the right side with the 100 yard as the backstop. **THANK YOU!**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

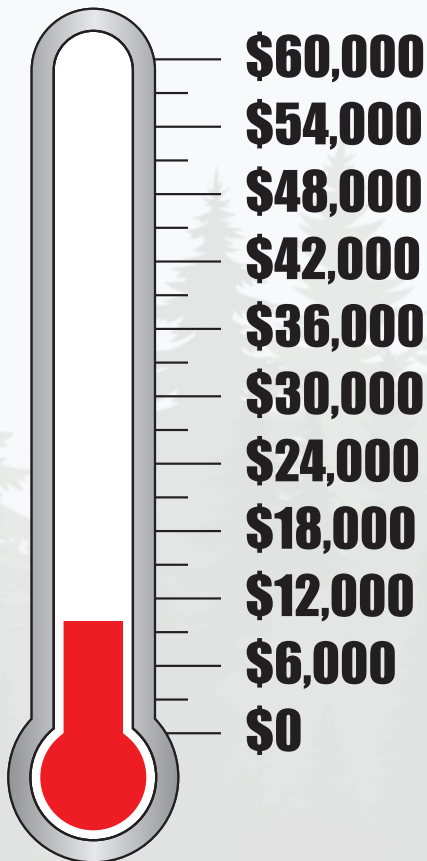
DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

NEW CLUBHOUSE DONOR SHEET



BREAKING NEWS- The new clubhouse building has been ordered and we now enter into Phase 2 of construction! We would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who donated thus far to help us get to this point. Our plan is to have the building kit materials delivered around the 3rd week of July. We now need everything from lumber, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc. to complete the project. If you have any of these materials, or if you can donate any money **it will help**. ANY amount would be greatly appreciated towards the \$60,000 needed to finish the building.

PHASE 2 GOAL



As a thank you to our generous donors, the Club intends to recognize **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 Sponsor Board, 1 year membership, 15 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Emerald*** \$5,000 - Name on Sponsor Board, 10 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Platinum*** \$2500 - Name on Sponsor Board, 5 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Gold** \$1,000
- **Silver** \$500
- **Bronze** \$100
- **Other** \$ _____

* Outdoor signage will be available to platinum sponsors and above

Please see the options below for donating or reach out to us with questions.. 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

Tim Lemmerman – 612-751-7668 – tlemmerman@yahoo.com

Mark Bauman – 612-599-3263

11TH ANNUAL PHEASANT HUNT

HOSTED BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM NASH



SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS:

CONGRESSMAN, TOM EMMER
& SPEAKER LISA DEMUTH



SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025

9:00AM - NOON | BIRDS AND LUNCH PROVIDED

DONATIONS

\$150/HUNTER

All proceeds go to winning back
the Minnesota State House

LOCATION

WINGS OF WATERTOWN

15950 County Road 20
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