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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
October 28,
7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

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

Contact:
[delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com)

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.

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

A reminder that your 2026 membership dues are to be paid by December 31, 2025. If you have not volunteered, your dues will be \$250. If you have volunteered 5 hours in 2025, your dues will be \$150. If you have volunteered 10 hours in 2025, your dues will be \$50. Please use the volunteer form later in this newsletter and return it with your dues.

TRAP CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

Progress keeps moving forward! We have completed the windows and siding on the building and the septic system is installed. A huge thank you to Mike Gallus, Adam Herzog and all the volunteers so far that have helped in this process. We could have never gotten this far without our members and there expertise in getting this constructed. We would also like to Thank Tri-Co Tree movers out of Buffalo. Jim and Kristi Sawatzke are a local tree company out of Buffalo and they have donated our 1st Memory tree. They donated a \$900 Firefall Maple with the 90" spade truck. The tree has been planted in memory of Cindy Thienes, wife of Dan and mother of Ashley from the Trap Range. We are purchasing 5 more Autumn Blaze and Sugar Maples from Tri-Co. If you would like to buy a tree in memory of a loved one for \$200 please contact Jeff Graunke at 763-442-5939. If you need any tree's this fall please don't hesitate to call Jim or Kristi at 763 682-1050, They have been great to work with. The next phase for the clubhouse is painting and getting the side-walks poured this fall.



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
- 2nd Vice President Cal Brandt 612-597-5112
- 3rd Vice President Gene Hanson 612-518-3134
- Membership Joe & Jan Kittok 763-248-5382
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 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!

Mike Gallus

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 MEETING

33 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Tom Delaney

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the August 26, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$9785.83; credits \$15226.00; checking balance \$17271.81 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$26106.47; credits \$12905.98; checking balance \$11023.87. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$6069.00; credits \$8921.00; balance \$11740.52 All reports were approved.
- Dues: 527 paid members, 2 Lifetime members and 88 Honorary members. Eight members have paid for 2026.
- Building & Grounds - New LED lighting has been installed in the clubhouse. The roof to the entry way on the club house needs to be replaced. Gene will be getting bids.
- Summer raffle - \$3620.00 was collected so far. Tom Bipes was high ticket seller with 51 books, Paul Klesmet was second with 42 books and Frank Czanstkowski was third with 40 Books. Norman Radtke won both the first and third prize in the raffle. Diane Olson won second prize.
- Union Sportsmens Alliance - Paul Klesmet is selling gun raffle calendars for the Union Sportsmens Alliance. The calendars are \$25.00 each.
- West Hennepin Police Chief - Matt DeRose, West Hennepin's new Police Chief was in attendance at the meeting. Chief DeRose took over for Gary Kroells in April. Chief DeRose spoke to the club about himself, his family and the West Hennepin Police force. He stayed through the meeting to answer any questions club members had.
- Trapshooting - Summer league is over. Winter league starts the first week of December.
- Club Website - The clubs Bylaws have been posted on the website.
- Gun Owners Caucus - Dave Smith updated the club on current events regarding gun control legislation.
- Range Reservations - Non- Member Sight in Day will be on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Three Rivers Park District - Ryan Barth would like to reserve the 25 yard range from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on June 12th, June 19th and June 31st for their camp classes. All reservations were approved.
- Women's Group - The Saturday event schedule is starting this Saturday from 11:15 - 4:00 pm
- Bingo Stand Manager - The Executive board in May approved to offer \$1000.00 stipend to anyone wanting to take over being Bingo manager for the 4th of July Celebration. The job requires being at the bingo stand for the opening and closing of every shift on each day of the celebration. Joe did not want the position. Susie Larison agreed to do it for 2025. The position is open for 2026. Approval passed to provide \$1000.00 stipend to the Bingo Manager position.
- Farm Garage - The Snowstormers Snowmobile club would like to rent the red garage at the farm to store some of their equipment. They will fix up the garage, install doors and re-

grade the lot. They have offered the club \$1200.00 per year in rent. A motion was made and passed to let the Snowstormers rent the garage.

- Farm Property Sheds - There are two shed structures in the flood plain at the farm that should be removed. Should we put them on Marketplace to sell? No decision was made on this.
- Annual Turkey Shoot and Chicken BBQ - The weather was great and the event had a good turnout with 28 shooters. Seven were youth shooters. Mike Pool and his crew put on a delicious chicken dinner. Thank you to everyone that helped make the day a success.
- Fundraising Trap Shoot - After the turkey shoot on September 6th, there was a trap shooting fundraiser to raise money for siding for the new trap club house. Eighty three shooters participated.
- 990 Status - The 1024 forms have been filled out. The process could take seven months before we hear anything.
- Non Member Sight in Day - Non Member Sight in Day will be Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Steve has fliers for club members to distribute. He will also be advertising in the Wright County Journal, the Drummer and on social media.
- Tom Delaney received a complaint from a house across from the trap range regarding the lights. The lights will be adjusted.
- Farm Property - Clean up continues. On Saturday morning there will be another clean-up for volunteers to participate in.
- New Trap Clubhouse - Work continues on the new club house. Siding has been started. Windows should be delivered this week. The doors are in. The Electric has been roughed in. The water line has been bored and the septic tanks have been placed. The project needs more money.

Thank you to Bob Weckwerth for providing the September meal. The October meal will be provided by Buzz Plante.

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:

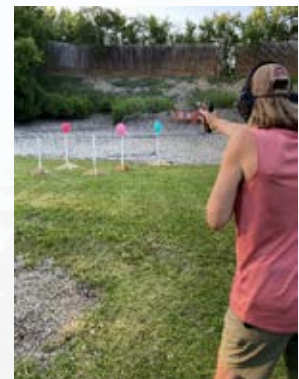
- 3rd Thursday of the month (April-September) 5:45-8:30 pm
- 1st Saturday of the month (January-March) 11:45 am-3:30 pm
- Classroom training or range events, weather dependent. Additional events may be scheduled time and weather permitting.

 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

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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:

- **Saturday October 4, Range Event** 11:45-3:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 1, Range Event** 11:45-3:30 pm

Delano Sportsmens Club: 4505 County Road 50 SE,
Delano, MN 55328

Brandt Airport: 2561 72nd St. SE Delano 55328



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

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

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
- 29 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:30am – 5:00pm

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

- 12 – (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.

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CLUB RAFFLE

Members only raffle tickets are available. This year's prize is a Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport 22 **OR** Smith and Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 2.0 380 ACP. 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 763-248-5382. The drawing will be held at the January club meeting.

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!



Jim and Kristi Sawatzke from Tri-Co Tree Movers with the donated Firefall Maple tree in Memory of Cindy Thienes.

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

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.

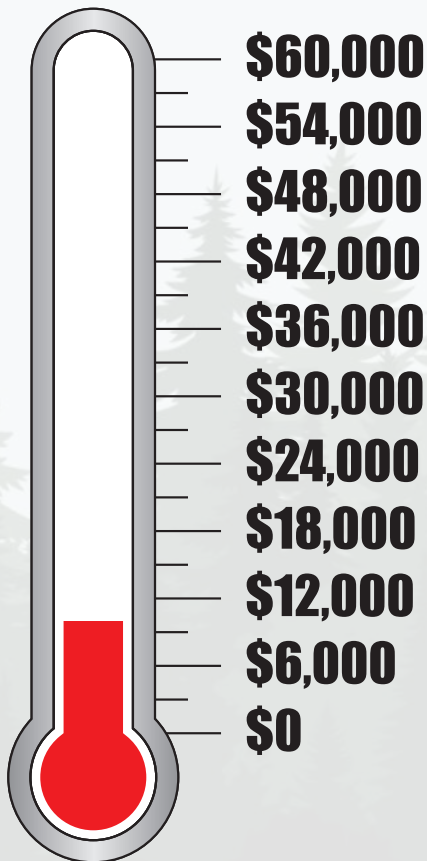
DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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.

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