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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
November 25,
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.

WILD GAME FEED POTLUCK AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING!

In lieu of an individual member providing lunch at the November meeting, the Club is hosting a potluck 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!

DSC FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club will be hosting a Family Christmas Party at the clubhouse December 12. All attending are encouraged to bring a gift to share. There is a potluck dinner and it is bring your own drinks.

RANGE SHACK OPEN AGAIN!

GOOD NEWS!! The range shack will be open again this winter and heated for those that can bear the cold in the winter months. Just so all members are aware, there is a fridge and tv in there as well. We encourage the use of these. Bring a few waters or soda and leave some for someone else.

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
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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.

NEW CONCRETE AT THE PISTOL RANGE

Many thanks to the dedicated members who volunteered and got the new concrete poured at the pistol range! Way to "Get'R Done"!

**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!

Stephanie Lundgren, Alex Stenback,
Mike Werman, Daniel Lueth,
Alex Aaron, Mason Splichal,
Jason Phillips, Jack Bloomquist

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 OCTOBER 28, 2025 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the September 30, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$11710.63; credits \$11810; checking balance \$17371.18 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$9445.14; credits \$10648.54; checking balance \$12227.27. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$11837.00; credits \$400.00; balance \$312.58 All reports were approved.
- Dues: 52 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 89 Honorary member, 478 paid for 2025.
- Building & Grounds - The bid to replace the roof to the entry way on the clubhouse came in high, \$4100.00. The club will get a crew together to replace it on our own. The club is looking for a volunteer that would be interested intaking on this project.
- Members raffle - \$1550.00 has be taken in so far.
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place.
- Trapshooting - Winter league starts the first Thursday of December.
- Range Reservations - West Hennepin reserved their training dates for 2026 and for October 29th, 2025 All reservations were approved.
- Women's Group - The last event of the year will take place on Saturday. Three new people participated in the September event. More new people will be joining in the October event.
- Farm Property - The club will try to move the small lean too to the property off of Farmington Road by the river. The larger lean too the club is asking if any members would want to disassemble it and take the materials. The club would be looking for a donation to the club for the materials taken. Last Thursday the Fire Department conducted a training session in the old farm house. The Snow Stormers snowmobile club will be renting the red garage. They have been doing excavating inside and around the garage to make it more user friendly and will be fixing up the interior of the garage.
- Temporary Trap Shack - The club will look to put the temporary trap shack up for sale once it is no longer being used. It would make a good fish house or hunting shack for someone.
- New Concrete - Last Saturday new concrete was poured on the rifle range and pistol range. The improvements were paid from the range improvement fund consisting of brass recycling money and rent from the farm property.
- 990 Status - The 1024 forms have been filled out. The filing fee and invoice to the accounting firm have been paid. The process could take seven months before we hear anything.

- Non Member Sight in Day - Non Member Sight in Day was held on Saturday, October 11th. Steve Bragg said that it was the clubs best year yet. Thirty eight shooters participated. The event took in \$510.00, with \$114.16 in expenses. Most shooters found out about the event via social media.
- New Trap Clubhouse - Work continues on the new club house. Jim and Kristi Sawatzke of Tri-Co tree movers donated a fireball maple as the first memory tree. The tree has been planted in memory of Cindy Theines. Four other memory trees have been committed for. There are two more memory trees available. Painting of the clubhouse has started, side-walks have been poured, insulation will be worked on in November. There may be a fundraising event held this winter to generate more money. A lot of work and volunteer time has gone into this project, thank you to everyone that has helped.
- Club Christmas Party - The annual club Christmas party will be held on Friday December 12th from 5:30 - 9:00. It will be a potluck. A motion was made and passed to spend \$300.00 for gifts for the party, donations of gifts is appreciated too.
- Annual Gun Show - The clubs annual gun show will be held on Saturday, January 10th.

Thank you to Buzz Plante and his wife for providing the October meal. The November meal will be our annual potluck wild game feed.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Prior to the Clubs regular meeting an Executive Board meeting was held. Items discussed were the roof bid for the front entrance to the clubhouse being very high. The need to fix or replace the furnace in the pistol shack as it failed to start this fall. The recent abuse of range targets and if the cameras can be directed down range to capture future abuse. The new concrete on the ranges. The disposition of the two lean too's on the farm property and the idea to sell the trap shack when it's no longer needed. The cost (\$15,000.00) and timing to tear down the farm house. The consolidation of the clubs loans to a club member that has offered the club a reduced interest rate. And the succession of officers as written in the bylaws compared to how its being handled now (the bylaws need to be updated to past changes on succession).

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:

- **Saturday January 3 2026 11:45-3:30 Range Event**
- **Saturday February 7 2026 11:45-3:30 Range Event**
- **Saturday March 7 2026 11:45-3:30 Range Event**
- **Saturday April 4 2026 11:45-3:30 Range Event**

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

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

2026 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

no date denotes unconfirmed placeholder

January

- *3 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-3:30pm
- (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Gun show – 11:00am – 3:00pm
- 27 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

February

- (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 3:00pm – 11:00pm
- 24 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

* 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.

CLUBHOUSE CLEANING

The cleaning of our clubhouse, range shack and both shooting bays went very well last Friday, November 14. Walls got washed, cobwebs were removed, floors were washed, stairs vacuumed and windows were washed, in the clubhouse. The shooting area was swept, cleaned up and the trash dumped. The range shack was swept, cobwebs removed and trash dumped. We had six people who volunteered. Those six people were– Joe Casey, Ann Finelli, Steve Fischer, Jan and Gene Hanson and Diane Thoennes. Thank you so much for all your hard work!!

BRASS BUCKETS

These two buckets should look familiar to anyone who shoots at the pistol bay and the rifle range. They are where your spent brass should be put when you are through shooting! All brass! 0.22's on up! No steel, aluminum or shotgun shells. Also do not throw your brass in the trash! LOL This brass is sorted out and recycled. This is a time consuming process. Having all brass in the buckets helps a great deal!

Thank you for your help.



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!

CENTER YOUR TARGETS

The targets are being shot up again. Please center your target so they are nowhere near the edges and shooting the wooden stands. Please speak up if you see other members destroying targets. Contact Mike, Gene or Tom if your not comfortable letting a member know they are doing it wrong.

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.

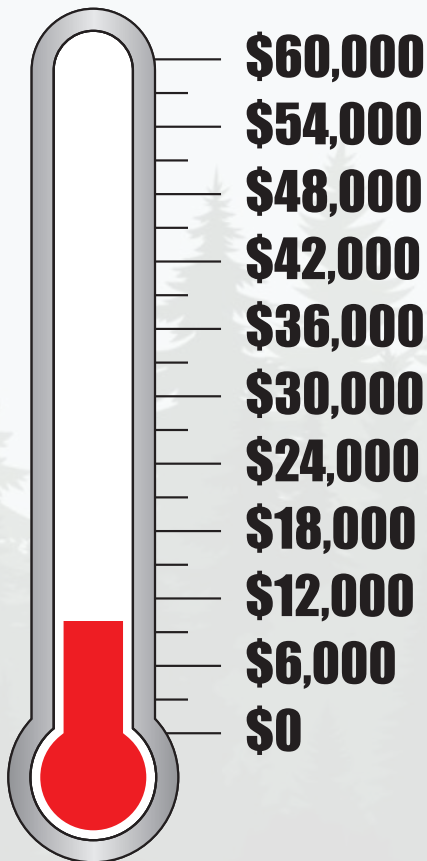
To use as a self mailer, fold in thirds with club address showing, affix return address and stamp. Mail.

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.

Jeff Graunke – 763-442-5939 – jeff.graunke@imperialdade.com

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