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## MEETING!

*Next meeting is  
Tuesday,  
January 27,  
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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year. This is a notice that at the January meeting the by-laws have been updated by the executive board and will need approval from the membership to be ratified.

Another discussion is the use of the facilities for conceal and carry classes. A committee was setup to set guidelines and will be brought up for approval.

Also up for discussion is the summer raffle and possible changes.

## COMPLETED PROJECTS IN 2025

Thank you to the many members and volunteers that have helped with projects in 2025. Have a look at all that was accomplished!

- Paid tuition for 6 kids to attend camp
- Graduated 68 kids in firearm safety and provided range use and firearms for Rockford and Three Rivers Park District safety classes
- Provided use of the trap range for the Delano Trap team's 83 student shooters
- Provided range and clubhouse use for Boy Scouts weekend outing
- Built 30 wood duck and 30 bluebird nesting houses that were donated to the community
- Worked with the Delano and Rockford/Greenfield Chambers of Commerce
- Hosted trap shooting event for the Delano Fourth of July celebration
- Sponsored an Ambassador for the Delano Fourth of July Celebration
- Hosted a trap shooting event for the Delano City Council
- Hosted Project Appleseed event
- Provided a platform for several volunteer organizations to speak at our meetings
- Provide range use for training of 5 law enforcement agencies (West Hennepin, Three Rivers PD, Medina, Deephaven and West Metro Swat)
- Provided CWD testing site for MN DNR
- Provided farmhouse as training site for Delano Volunteer Fire Department
- Purchased new furnace for clubhouse
- Purchased new trap thrower and 3 voice activated systems for the new trap range
- Completed third trap range
- Started construction on 24' x 40' trapshooting clubhouse
- Replaced roof on range clubhouse
- Concrete upgrades on rifle and pistol range

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Memberships not paid by 1/31/2026 will considered to be revoked and your access card will be cancelled. Full membership is \$250 for the year. If you volunteered 5 hours your membership will be \$150 and if you volunteered 10 hours your due are \$50. Please send all membership payment to Delano Sportsmen's Club, PO Box 394, 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.

**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.

## IN-FLOOR HEAT AND FLOOR IN NEW TRAP BUILDING

Many thanks to the dedicated members who volunteered and got the in-floor heat and new concrete poured at the new trap building!

**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!

Scott Grubba, David Dirkers,  
Mac Smith, Scott Nelson,  
Jeff Ament, Steve Pederson,  
AJ Helgersen, Garcia Cruz

## 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 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 NOVEMBER 25, 2025 MEETING

35 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the October 28, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$11257.36; credits \$11056.00; checking balance \$17169.82 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$7843.83; credits \$0.00; checking balance \$4383.44. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$0.00; balance \$312.58 All reports were approved.
- Dues: 97 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 89 Honorary member, 449 paid for 2025.
- Building & Grounds - The roof to the entry way is still leaking. Drain tile will be needed in the room under the entry way next year.
- Members raffle - \$2420.00 has been taken in so far.
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place.
- Trapshooting - Winter league starts Thursday, December 4th. They will be using the new trap building.
- Range Reservations - West Hennepin submitted their range dates for 2026. Delano Firearms Safety reserved the range for April 11th, The Women's Group requested the range on January 3rd, February 11th, March 6th and April 4th. All reservations were approved.
- Women's Group - The group is on Holiday break and will resume events in January.
- Cosmic Trap Shooting - Trapshooting is investigating Cosmic Trap Shooting under black lights as a possible fund raising activity. The club's conditional use permit allows it. Lights will need to be purchased first to test if it will work.
- Delano High School Class of 2026 Senior Party - The club received a letter from the Delano High School Class of 2026 asking for donations for their senior party. A motion was made and passed to donate \$300.00 again this year.
- Snowmobile Trail by Club - The snowmobile club would like to extend the snowmobile trail that comes out of Lake Rebecca Park and follow the ditch to the club's farm, drop into club property past the farm over to Farmington Avenue. A motion was made and approved to sign the release to allow the trail.
- Farm Property - The club will try to move the small lean too to the property off of Farmington Road by the river. The Snow Stormers snowmobile club has around \$5000.00 invested in fixing the garage and surrounding club property. They are asking for a rental agreement for the next five years. There was a question regarding insurance on the garage that will be looked into. Mike will put together a rental agreement for the snowmobile club.
- Thank you to Tom Delaney and Dan Lyrek for putting up the club's Christmas lights.

- Range update - The furnace didn't start in the range shack this fall and needed to be replaced. Tom Delaney's son found a used furnace where he works and installed it. Thank you to TJ Delaney.
- World Vision - Joann Huebsch spoke to the club on World Vision. World Vision is a non-profit that raises money to help bring people access to clean water in Africa. Joann runs endurance races to help raise money for World Vision. She will be running the London England Marathon in April and is looking to raise \$25,000.00 before the race. If anyone would like to donate it is appreciated.
- Liability Insurance - The Officers and Board Members liability insurance is coming due soon. The renewal cost is \$1718.00. A motion was made and approved to continue with the insurance.
- Brass - Gene Hanson took in the brass collected on the range and received a check for \$1299.78 that will go into the range improvement account.
- Postage - Jan Kittok requests the club to buy 1000 stamps at \$780.00 that will be used to send out membership cards, information packets and tickets for the next raffle. A motion was made and approved to buy the stamps.
- Temporary Trap Shack - The trap shack has been sold for \$1500.00 and has been moved from the property.
- 990 Status - The 1024 forms have been received by the IRS. The club is waiting for a determination.
- New Trap Clubhouse - Wall insulation has been installed. Drywall for the ceiling has been put up. Five new memory trees were planted. They are investigating a black light cosmic shoot as a possible fundraiser.
- 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. Donations of gifts is appreciated.
- Annual Gun Show - The club's annual gun show will be held on Saturday, January 10th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

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](mailto: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.

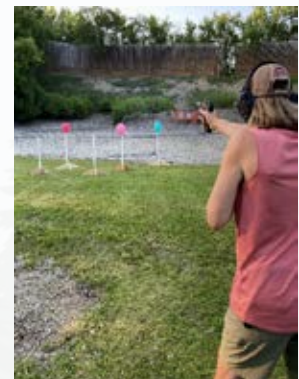
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 Taught and supervised by USCCA and/or NRA Certified Instructors. NRA Certified Range Safety Officers ensure safety at all times.

 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\*

### Learn • Practice • Grow

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 72<sup>nd</sup> St. SE Delano 55328



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



# CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

## January

- 3 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-4:00pm
- 10 – (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Gun show – 11:00am – 3:00pm
- 27 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

## February

- 7 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-4:00pm
- 11 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 5:30pm – 10:30pm
- 24 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

## March

- 7 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-4:00pm
- 16 – (Mon) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class Registration– PARENT REQUIRED TO ATTEND – 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- 17 – (Tue) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- 19 – (Thu) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- 24 – (Tue) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM
- \*24 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 26 – (Thu) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM
- 30 – (Mon) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM
- 31 – (Tue) 7:00pm Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse

## April

- 2 – (Thu) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class 7:00PM – 9:00PM
- 4 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am-4:00pm
- 6 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon – 4:00pm
- 7 – (Tue) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 9 – (Thu) Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Class – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- 11 – (Sat) Range & Clubhouse Reserved – DSC Firearms Safety Field Day – 7:00AM – 1:00PM
- (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – 11:00am
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 28 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm
- 28 – (Tue) – Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
- 29 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm

\* 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.

## WITH SYMPATHY

*A very long-time honorary member of the club, Richard Dobbelaire Sr. age 87, died in a Brainerd hospital on Friday December 19, 2025. Jan Kittok recalls when he was younger, he was very active in the club with many things.*

*Rest in Peace Richard!!*

## WITH SYMPATHY

*Honorary member Walfred Salen has passed. Jan Kittok mentioned “I met Mr. Salen at a club meeting in the early 70’s. He was regular coming to all meetings, even though he lived in Golden Valley all this time.” Mr. Salen has the beginning of his obituary on [thepetersonchapel.com](http://thepetersonchapel.com)*

## 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!***

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- *One easy way to get your volunteer time in is to prepare a meal for the monthly meetings. These tend to go quickly. Here is a link to a Signup Genius to grab your spot.*  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAC29A4F85-61506828-copy>
- *We will start looking to see if there are any members in the trades that can help finish the interior of the new trap building. We need to hang the drywall on the walls and see if someone is interested in doing the mud and taping. Then followed up with the interior painting.*
- *The rubber roof on the entry of the main clubhouse leaks when there is enough ice buildup. We need a "supervisor" to lead the project. Once a date and time are set we can request additional volunteers. Please contact Gene Hanson (612)518-3134 if you can assist.*

## **THE DELANO SPORTSMAN**

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the Delano Sportsmen's Club.

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](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com).

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.

## 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>

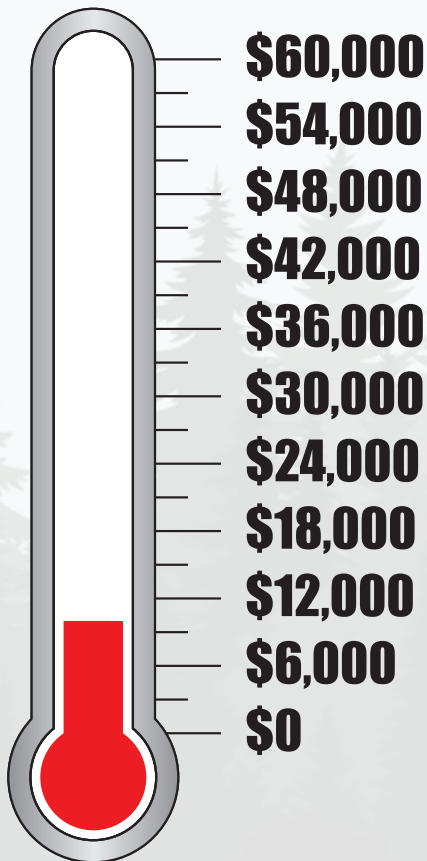
# DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## 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.

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

Mark Bauman – 612-599-3263