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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
February 24,
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
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Delano, MN 55328

FIREARM SAFETY FORKHORN CAMPS

It has been the tradition of the club to send kids to summer camp for Forkhorn I or II firearm safety camps and the club pays their fees to attend. The Club voted and will send up to 6 kids not to exceed \$3000.

If you have children or grandchildren who would like to attend, contact Jan Kittok at 763-248-5382. These camps are for 11-16 year olds. You can look up details about the camps on deepportage.org or contact Ryan Barth at threeriversparks.org

If a student has had firearm safety, at Deep Portage they have Forkhorn II, which is advanced hunter safety, and that enables the student to student to hunt out of state.

The last date to sign up at Baker Park camp is 3/1/2026, so we need to get the paperwork and checks in there fast!

You are responsible for transportation to and from the camps.

2026 FIREARM SAFETY CLASS

Registration date is March 16 from 7-8pm at the Delano Sportsmens Club. A parent or guardian is required to register each student. Additional details can be found on Page 8 of this newsletter!

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Memberships not paid by 1/31/2026 are 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 Shayne Peterson 612-432-2269
- 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.

SHEETROCK AND TAPING IN NEW TRAP BUILDING

Many thanks to the dedicated members who volunteered and got the sheetrock hung and taped 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!

Matt Morris
Nathan Lysne
Avery Freeman
Garrett Thompson

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 JANUARY 27, 2026 MEETING

35 members present - the meeting called to order at 6:59 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the November 25, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$14872.77; credits \$36210.45; checking balance \$38507.50 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$1831.58; credits \$2743.64; checking balance \$5295.50. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$1700.86; balance \$2013.44 All reports were approved.
- New Members - One new member introduced himself
- Dues - 311 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 89 Honorary member, 235 members have not paid yet.
- Building & Grounds - The entry way roof will be repaired in the spring. There is one volunteer so far to help out.
- Members raffle - \$3710.00 has been taken in so far. The winner was Jeff Levine
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place.
- Trapshooting - Winter league is on week #5. There is no trapshooting this week due to the weather.
- Range Reservations - Deephaven Police provided their range reservations. Rockford Firearm Safety would like to reserve the range on April 25th for their range day. All reservations were approved.
- Range Issues - There have been instances of shooters using cans and other items to shoot at on the range. This is not allowed. Shoot at paper targets only.
- Women's Group - The group had an event in January. The next event is on February 7th.
- Cardboard Recycling - The club got rid of the cardboard recycling container. There is a half barrel container located on the range that cardboard can be placed in.
- Members That Pass Away - A discussion was had on what the club's procedure is when members pass away. If a member passes away, flowers are sent to the funeral. If it's a members family member that passes away then a sympathy card is sent.
- Non - Profit revenue rules. As a condition of the clubs non profit status only a certain percentage of revenue can come from non members. To stay compliant and simplify computing this revenue it was discussed and decided to make The Delano Snowstormer club, Delano Shooting Sports organization and Brenny's Outdoor Services club members. It was also discussed to charge a fee for league trap shooters to make them conditional members of the club for league trap shooting each year. A motion was made and approved for these recommendations.
- Summer Raffle - A discussion was had on possible changes to the summer raffle. Increasing ticket price from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per ticket, capping the amount of tickets to 2000, providing better prizes, and distributing tickets at the meetings instead of mailing. Each ticket would need to be kept track of if these changes were incorporated. After further discussion a motion was made and passed to increase the price of each ticket to \$5.00 and limit the amount of tickets to 2000.
- Bylaw Changes - The following changes to the bylaws were presented. Article III, Section 4 - remove. Article IV, Section 9 - change 8 years to 12 years. Article VI, Section 2 - the President can appoint someone to run the meeting in his absence. Article VII, Section 2 - changed that the President can be re-elected for multiple terms. Article VIII, Section 3 - added pledge of allegiance and approval of minutes as posted in the newsletter. Article XI, Section 4 - changed his to theirs. Motion was made and approved to accept the changes.
- Conceal and Carry Class Guidelines - A set of guidelines/criteria was drawn up for people asking to use the club to conduct conceal and carry classes. The guidelines were presented to the members in attendance. A list of the guidelines is available to those interested.

- Rockford/Greenfield Chamber of Commerce - The club joined the Rockford/Greenfield Chamber of Commerce again this year. It was proposed to have a meeting at the club as it should be great exposure for the club. The meeting would be held May 14th from 11:30am - 1:30 pm. It was also proposed to allow chamber members (Rockford, Greenfield and Delano) to rent the clubhouse for \$250.00 a day. This would also be a good way to gain more exposure and make some extra money. A motion was made and passed to allow rental of the clubhouse to chamber members.
- Bird House Building - Larry Lindborg would like to make 30 bluebird and 30 wood duck houses again this year. A motion was made and passed to do this and allow \$600.00 for materials. The building date will be Saturday, April 18th.
- Camp for Kids - Each year the club pays tuition for club members kids to go to camp. The camps are either Three Rivers Park in Maple Plain or Deep Portage in Hackensack. A motion was made and approved to send up to six kids to camp this year, and not to exceed \$3000.00 in tuition.
- In Memory of Richard Maas - The club received a donation of \$200.00 from Marsha Maas, for a memory tree in memory of her husband, long time member Richard Maas.
- Cosmic Trap Shooting - The supplies have been purchased. Just waiting for some nice weather to have an event.
- Club Patches - Delano Sportsmen's Club patches were found in the storage room. They are available for a \$5.00 donation.
- Farm Property - There has been no one interested in taking down the lean too's yet.
- Snowmobile Club Rental Agreement - A contract has been written up for the snowmobile club to lock in the rent on the garage for the next five years. The rent will be \$1200.00 per year.
- 990 Status - The Club has been reinstated as a non profit club. Paperwork has been provided to the accountant to file the required 990 form for 2025.
- New Trap Clubhouse - Concrete for the floor has been poured. This week there will be more sheetrock going up. The club is looking for more donations to purchase trim and interior doors.
- Delano High School Trap Team - There will be a meeting soon for the upcoming season.
- Club Christmas Party - The annual club Christmas party was held in December. It was very successful with a pot luck dinner and gifts for each family. Thank you to Tom Delaney for organizing the event.
- Annual Gun Show - There was a good turnout of vendors. Forty five to fifty people came through the event.
- Election of Officers - Mike Larison was nominated and elected President, Dan Kittok was nominated and elected as Treasurer. Shayne Peterson was nominated and elected as Secretary. The club is still looking for anyone interested in being a Vice President.

January lunch was provided by the Lucky Fives trap team. February lunch will be provided by Coborns.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

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...

- **Beginning your firearms journey. We love to help new shooters get started!!**
- Making new friends and shooting partners
- Expanding skillset & firearms knowledge
- 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 Tuesday of the Month (April-September) 5:45-8:30 pm.
- 1st Saturday of the month (October-November, January-April) 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!

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

Learn • Practice • Grow

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

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 monthly on the 3rd Tuesday (Spring and Summer). 1st Saturday of the month (Fall and Winter); 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.



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

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
- *17 – (Fri) Clubhouse Reserved (Leurer) – Plymouth Boy Scouts – 6pm-overnight
- *18 – (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Plymouth Boy Scouts – All day
- *18 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Plymouth Boy Scouts 8:00am-1:00pm
- *19 – (Sun) Clubhouse Reserved – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM to 1pm
- (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – 11:00am
- *21 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- *25 – (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

April (continued)

- 29 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm

May

- *6 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 11 – (Mon) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Learn 2 Hunt program 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Sunset)
- (Fri) Clubhouse Reserved (Althoff) – Delano Boy Scouts – 5pm-overnight
- (Sat) Clubhouse Reserved – Delano Boy Scouts – All day
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Delano Boy Scouts 8:00am- 1:00pm
- (Sun) Clubhouse Reserved – Delano Boy Scouts – AM to 1pm
- *19 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- (Sat) GOCRA/MNGOPAC – Highway 12 cleanup / Adopt a highway (East of Baker Park Rd) 7:00am breakfast, roadside cleanup 8:00am-noon. contact Dan MacDonald
- 26 – (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.

WITH SYMPATHY

Honorary member Steven Harpestad of Watertown has passed. He had been a member for 9 years.

Honorary member Ken Weege has passed. Ken had been a member of the club from the 1960's through to 2026. Jan has known Ken since the early 70's and he was a very active member of the club.

Club member Bill Mevissen has passed. He had been an active member for quite a few years and mailed out the paper newsletters

CLUB RAFFLE

*Members only raffle was drawn at the January meeting. This year's prize was a Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport 22 **OR** Smith and Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 2.0 380 ACP. The winner was Jeff Levine. Changes are coming to the summer raffle - tickets will be \$5 each and will be limited to 2,000 tickets.*

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. November is the only month left!*
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAC29A4F85-61506828-copy>
- *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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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 photos above of improper targets found around the range. ***Please see rule number 3 above. This is unacceptable and not allowed on the range.*** THANK YOU for your cooperation and following the range rules!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE

Delano Sportsman's Club

March 17th – April 11th, 2026

Location: Delano Sportsman's Club

Registration date is March 16th from 7-8 pm at the Delano Sportsman's Club. A parent or guardian is required to register each student.

Course is 4 weeks in length – held Tuesday and Thursday evenings except for March 30th which is held on a Monday evening.

Class Dates and Times are as follows:

March 17 & 19	7-9 pm
March 24 & 26	7-9 pm
March 30 & April 2	7-9 pm
April 7 & April 9	7-9 pm
April 11 Field Day	7 am- 1pm

Students must be 11 years old by class start date. Adults are welcome and encouraged to take this course.

A parent or guardian is requested to attend the first class on March 17st.

There is no course fee.

No firearms or ammunition are to be brought to classes by students. A firearm of some type (i.e., rifle, shotgun, BB gun, etc.... but not pistol) will be needed for the Field Day and each student is encouraged to bring their own. If student cannot bring a firearm, one will be provided to use on Field Day. Do not bring ammunition to Field Day, the instructors will provide ammunition for students .22 rifles. Only .22 caliber will be permitted for firing on Field Day.

Field Day will be held rain, snow, or shine. Students should dress accordingly.

This Firearms Safety Training Course will cover hunter responsibility, firearm handling, marksmanship, wildlife identification, game management, conservation, game care, outdoor survival, water safety, and first aid awareness.

Students successfully completing this course are eligible for their Minnesota Firearm Safety Certificate.

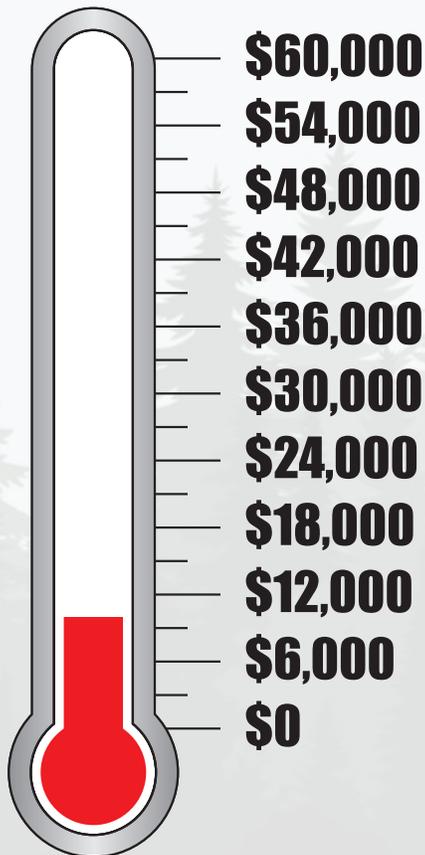
With any questions contact Garret Sarkinen at 612-716-4614 or email garret.sark@hotmail.com. Email is preferred.

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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