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## MEETING!

*Next meeting is  
Tuesday,  
March 31,  
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

## BUS TO THE MINNESOTA GUN OWNERS RALLY TO DEFEND THE 2ND AMENDMENT

The Delano Sportsmen's Club will have a bus traveling to the State Capitol on Saturday April 11. The bus will leave from the Club at 10AM and return back by 2PM. Don't forget to sign up on the GunOwnersMN website!  
Please contact Tom Delaney at (612)408-8944 to reserve your spot on the bus!

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NAMED THE INAGURAL DELANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

The Delano Sportsmen's Club, one of the oldest sportsmen's clubs in the state, has been recognized as the Delano Area Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Organization of the Year. This is the inaugural year for the chamber's Organization of the Year award. The chamber has been honoring local businesses for more than two decades and recently decided to also recognize organizations.



**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
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- 3rd Vice President Gene Hanson 612-518-3134
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- Volunteer Coordinator Mike Larison 763-645-4884  
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- 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.

## PAINT AND PLUMBING UP NEXT FOR NEW TRAP BUILDING!

Now that the drywall taping and mudding are finished, it's time to start painting! Paint has been delivered and will begin the weekend of March 21-22! It will be wiring lights and some plumbing for the bathroom up next!

**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

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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the club! We hope you enjoy many days, months and years of safe and fun shooting!

Barry Graunke  
Jack Schaal  
Matt Louiselle

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## 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)

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## 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 20 books of 4 raffle tickets, that meets your full 10 hour volunteer time, 10 books of 4 will give you 5 hours volunteer time.

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

# MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the January 27th, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - Main Checking - debits \$15,359.93; credits \$16,770.00; balance \$39,917.57 - Trapshooting Checking - debits \$638.23; credits \$2676.00; checking balance \$7,333.27. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$400.00; balance \$2413.44 All reports were approved.
- New Members - One new member introduced himself Dues - 438 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 96 Honorary member, 54 pending members said will pay.
- Building & Grounds - The entry way roof will be repaired in the spring. There is one volunteer so far to help out.
- Members raffle - new tickets are being printed.
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place. New contract for the carnival, bigger/more rides. Need bingo volunteers, possibly adding a coverall game for higher winnings.
- Trapshooting - Winter league is on week #8.
- Range Reservations - Three Rivers Parks PD has range reservations on 5/6/26, 9/23/26, 11/18/26. DSC Womens league has reservations on the following Tuesdays: 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, also 2 additional Saturdays on 10/3 and 11/7. Rockford Firearm Safety has reserved the range on April 25th for their range day. Plymouth Boy Scouts has the following dates reserved: April 17th, 18th, and 19th. All reservations were approved.
- Women's Group - The group had an event on February 7th. The next event is on April 21st .
- New business - Linda Althoff with the Delano Chamber of Commerce awarded the Sportsmans Club with Organization of the year 2026!
- There was a request for a money donation to sponsor a race and to be in the Delano Community guide book. Conversation was tabled to get more information.
- There was a request to raise the meal allowance from \$150.00 to \$175.00. Motion was voted on and approved.
- Dave Smith talked about the Gun Owners Caucus.
- Mark Bauman had some Yeti cups made with the Sportsmans Club logo on them, we might sell them as a fundraiser.
- 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.
- Old Business - The new trap house has heat in the floor hooked up and working and it is currently being taped and mudded on the inside.
- Cosmic Trap Shooting - Having a fundraiser shoot on March 7th. 4pm start with standard trap shoots at \$10/round and the cosmic trap shoots starting at 7pm and \$20/round

**February supper was provided by Coborns.  
March supper will be provided by Charlie Grill.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Shayne Peterson, Secretary.

## **FISHING CONTEST!**

*The Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a Club fishing contest. You can find details on Page 8 of this newsletter! 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...

- 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:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### Upcoming 2026 Schedule:


- Saturday, April 4 Range Event 11:45 am to 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 21 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)
- Tuesday, May 19 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)
- Tuesday, June 16 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)
- Tuesday, July 21 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)
- Tuesday, August 18 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)
- Tuesday, September 15 Range Event 5:45-9:00 pm (or sunset)





# DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group


## Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation\*

### Learn • Practice • Grow

 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!**

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 monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> St. SE Delano 55328



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

# CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

## March

- 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
- 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) Clubhouse Upper Reserved – Build bluebird and wood duck houses – 9:00am – 11:00am
- 18 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Plymouth Boy Scouts 8:00am-1:00pm
- 19 – (Sun) Clubhouse Reserved – Plymouth Boy Scouts – AM to 1pm
- 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
- 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

## May (continued)

- 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

## June

- 3 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 5:00pm
- 12 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Forkhorn 1 camp 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 16 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 16 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- 30 – (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.

## CLUB RAFFLE

In accordance with the Minnesota Gambling rules, we will not be mailing out raffle tickets to every member this year since we need to keep track of every ticket. There is also a big expense to the club for this. **We will have many ways each and every member can still get tickets.** If you would like to use a form of electronic payment from your debit account using Venmo, Cash App, Zelle, etc., please contact Mike Larison via text 763-645-4884. He will fill out tickets and send copies of them to the member. If you would like to mail a check or get books sent to your home to sell, please contact Jan Kittok (763)248-5382. **We are encouraging members to come to a meeting and get books from Jan in person.** Members are also encouraged to come to a meeting to purchase tickets.

This year's raffle we have increased the prizes and the raffle ticket cost to \$5. We have printed 2000 tickets. If all the tickets sell this will more than double the revenue from last year. The drawing will be held at the September Club meeting. Prizes for this year will be: **1st Prize** Beretta A 300 Ultimate 12 gauge shotgun or \$750 cash; **2nd Prize** \$300 cash; **3rd Prize** \$150 cash.

Any member that sells 20 books (4 tickets per book) will receive 10 hours toward their volunteer time. Any member that sells 10 books (4 tickets per book) will get 5 hours towards their volunteer time.

## 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're looking for volunteers with roofing or carpentry experience. Please contact Gene Hanson **BY TEXT** - please do not call - at (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](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 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>



**SAVE THE DATE: CLUB SPONSORED FISHING TOURNAMENT**

June 20, 2026 | 7 am – noon | Lake TBD

Free entry for all members and dependents

Nice prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place catches

4 categories: Walleye, Pike, Bass and Pan fish



**Don't miss a great morning on the water with the family!!**

Questions or comments?

Reach out to Darrell Pool

Email: [dpool\\_79@yahoo.com](mailto:dpool_79@yahoo.com) | Cell phone: 612-812-5268



# Wright Soil & Water Conservation District

**2026**

311 Brighton Ave S. Suite C  
 Buffalo, MN 55313  
 763-682-1933 ext. 3  
 Email: eric.mattson@mn.nacdnet.net  
 wrightswcd.org/tree-program-store

**ONLINE ORDERS DUE Monday, April 13th**

## Bare Root Seedlings sold in bundles of 25

	Species	Size	Price
Shrubs	Cherry, Sand	18-24"	\$45.00
	Cranberry, Highbush	18-24"	\$45.00
	Dogwood, Silky	18-24"	\$45.00
	Honeysuckle, Dwarf Bush	12-18"	\$45.00
	Indigo, False	18-24"	\$45.00
	Lilac, Common Purple	18-24"	\$45.00
	Ninebark	12-18"	\$45.00
	Rose, Pasture	12-18"	\$45.00
Small Deciduous	Crabapple, Dolgo	12-18"	\$45.00
	Maple, Mountain	18-24"	\$45.00
	Serviceberry, Downy	18-24"	\$45.00
	Willow, Pussy	18-24"	\$45.00
Large Deciduous	Birch, River	18-24"	\$45.00
	Chestnut, Chinese	12-18"	\$45.00
	Hickory, Shagbark	6-12"	\$45.00
	Maple, Red	18-24"	\$45.00
	Maple, Sugar	18-24"	\$45.00
	Oak, Northern Pin	12-18"	\$45.00
	Oak, Swamp White	12-18"	\$45.00
Conifers	Arborvitae, Techny	6-12" (rc-1)	\$45.00
	Fir, Balsam	10-15" (2-1)	\$45.00
	Pine, Ponderosa	7-15" (2-2)	\$45.00
	Pine, White	7-14" (2-1)	\$45.00
	Spruce, 'Black Hills'	10-18" (2-2)	\$45.00
	Spruce, Norway	10-16" (2-1)	\$45.00
Variety Pack	<b>Native Fruit - 10 Pack</b> - 2 each of: Allegheny Serviceberry, Black Chokeberry, Black Elderberry, Pin Cherry, Red Raspberry		\$45.00
Native Seed Mixes	Savanna - 25-60% tree cover	covers 1,000 sq ft	\$65.00
	Pollinator - dry/mesic	covers 1,000 sq ft	\$65.00
Native Plant Kits	Part-Shade Garden Kit - 6 species, 36 plants		\$70.00
	Sunny Pollinator Kit - 6 species, 36 plants		\$70.00

**ONLINE STORE**  
 Use QR code:



If you have ordered through our program this year, GREAT thank you. Tell your family, friends and neighbors. If you have not ordered yet, WHY NOT? Here is a link to the STORE. <https://www.wrightswcd.org/tree-program-store> If you aren't sure what to plant let Eric Mattson know and he can help you select species appropriate for your planting areas. If 25 trees or shrubs it too many for you, check out the seed mixes, plant kits, fruiting 10 pack OR share with others!

Trees are important for many reasons. The values include: Trees prevent erosion, provide shade food and shelter, cycles water and nutrients, produce oxygen, sequester carbon and many other benefits.

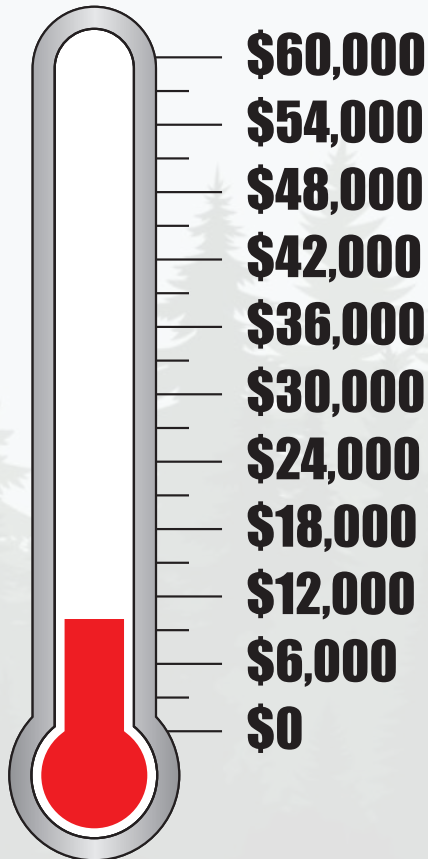
**SPRING IS COMING!**

# 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

Mark Bauman – 612-599-3263