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## MEETING!

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

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

**Contact:  
delanosportsmensclub@  
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Delano Sportsmen's Club  
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## 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 Larson 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.

## HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING 2026

Delano Sportsman's Club finished up their Spring Firearm Hunter Safety Training class on Saturday, April 11th. Sixty-four (64) students successfully completed the course. The training involved firearm handling in the field, marksmanship shooting on the range, wilderness survival techniques, wildlife identification, conservation management, water safety, and first aid awareness. Students are now eligible for their Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety certificate. The plan is to hold a Spring class again next year. Late January, check the club's web page for dates and times. If you are interested in becoming a certified MN DNR Firearm Safety Instructor and can help out with the class, contact Garret Sarkinen (garret.sark@hotmail.com).



**Club Officers:**

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- 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.

## TRAP SHOOT FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY!

The Club is hosting a Trapshoot to raise additional money for bathroom and electrical work on **Saturday April 25 from 10am-3pm**. See the flyer on page 9 of this newsletter for additional details.

**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!

Jose Rocha, Chris Kellogg,  
Tyler Grosshuesch, Pierce Smith,  
Carson Dibble, Kippert Anderson

**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 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 MARCH 31, 2026 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the February 24th, 2026 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$7294.22; credits \$15770.00; checking balance \$48393.35 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$9638.67; credits \$6985.09; checking balance \$4679.69. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$400.00; balance \$2813.44 All reports were approved.
- Dues - 482 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 92 Honorary members
- Summer Raffle - Jan has tickets available for the summer raffle
- Building & Grounds - There are a lot of projects coming up. A date for spring clean up needs to be arranged. The ravine crossing the 100 yard range needs to be improved. Possibly a catch basin with drain tile. Mouse control for the club will be looked into. Bids from Adams and Plunketts will be asked for.
- Delano Living - Bobbi from Delano Living updated the club on the Delano Living publication. The club advertised in Delano Living back in 2024. Bobbi asked if we wanted to advertise again. Costs start at \$220.00 per month for an ad.
- Walk In Access program - Kevin Osland talked to the club regarding the Walk In Access program. Land owners get paid to enroll their land in the program and allow hunters access on their property. The program has been going on since 2011 and had 30,000 acres enrolled in 2025. The first funding cycle ended, but in the Big Beautiful Bill \$70 million was allocated for the program for 26 states to apply for. To date no money has been released. Kevin encouraged the club and club members to contact Tom Emmer and tell him to work to release the funds.
- 4th of July - New for 2026 will be a scavenger hunt. The city is negotiating the contract with the carnival. Sign up for bingo shifts is available.
- Trapshooting - Winter league is over. Summer league will start the first week of May. Practice night will be on April 30th. The High School Trap team started on March 30th with 88 shooters.
- Range Reservations - Possibly the Delano Chamber may hold their meeting at the club on May 21st.
- Women's Group - There will be an event on Saturday, April 4th. Going forward for spring and summer, events will take place on the third Tuesday of every month through September.
- Delano Expo - The Delano Expo will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The club will have a booth. Three volunteers will be needed to man the booth.
- Bingo Supplies - Mount Olive School reached out to the club and asked to borrow the bingo supplies. There being no objections to the request, Mike will call Mount Olive to discuss.
- Farm Loan Refinancing - A club member is willing to refinance our loans at a lower rate. The current rate on the farm loan is 8% and the trap loan is 8.5%. Would there be any other club members that would want to participate? The value of the loans to pay off are around \$250,000.
- Bloomington SWAT Team - Bloomington SWAT is looking for a place to shoot. There are four individuals and they would be looking for eight half days to shoot throughout the year. Shooting would take place during the week from 9:00 am to Noon. They are willing to pay the full membership fee for each person. A motion made and passed for the Bloomington SWAT team to use the range.
- Capital Savings Account - The idea was brought up to transfer \$500.00 a month from the general fund to the capital savings account to be used specifically for club improvements. After some discussion a motion was made and passed to transfer \$500.00 per month to the capital savings account.
- Firearms Safety - There are 67 students in the class this year. Field day will be April 11th. The club could use more volunteers to become instructors.
- Bus to the Capital - The club reserved a bus again this year to go to the Capital on April 11th from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. We would like to get at least a dozen people to go. Five people have signed up so far. The cost of the bus to the club is \$250.00. A motion was made and passed to pay for the bus. Contact Tom Delaney if you would like to go.
- Missing Suppressor - A club member is missing a suppressor that was left on the range. If anyone found it please let Mike Larison know.
- Range fence - Another section of the wooden fence on the berm has fallen down. A discussion was had on what to do with it. It was decided to just take the top half of the fence down. This project will be added to the list for cleanup day.
- New Trap Clubhouse - Drywall is up and taped, the walls have been painted and the bathroom should be operational in a month or so. A final push for fundraising will be made and there will be some fundraiser shoots throughout the summer. The High School Trap Team will have a check for the club for \$13,500.00 for their use of the range this year. There will also be practices on Tuesday nights and some Sundays for the kids that will generate more revenue. Mike would like to use half of the \$13,500.00 to pay for what's left to be done on the clubhouse, to be paid back with future fundraisers and donations. Approval to spend up to half of the High School money to be paid back with fundraisers was approved.
- Cosmic Trap Shooting - There was a good turnout in spite of the rainy weather. About \$1000.00 was taken in. Another event will be planned again for this fall.
- Organization of The Year - The Delano Sportsmen's Club was chosen Organization of the Year by the Delano Chamber of Commerce.
- Yeti Cup Fundraiser - Pete Froehle donated eighteen Yeti cups/tumblers with the Sportsmen's Club patch lasered on them as a fundraising item for the new clubhouse. It was decided to have a \$40.00 donation for the cups. Contact Dan Kittok if you are interested in a cup.
- Trap and Range parking lots - Mark Bauman addressed the club regarding improving the trap shooting and range parking lots and driveways. Work would include grading for better drainage and putting down a better base. He would like to get it done before summer league trap shooting. Mark will get an estimate from John Fritz to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cleaning of the Clubhouse - A discussion was had on cleaning of the clubhouse. Can we get volunteers to clean it on a regular basis? Should we get a service again? It was decided at this time to add clubhouse cleaning to the list for cleanup day.

**March lunch was provided by James Quast.  
April lunch will be provided by Buzz Plante.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Treasurer.

# 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:


- 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

## April

- 25 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 25 – (Sat) TRAP SHOOT Fundraiser! 10:00 – 3:00pm – cost \$35 / person includes 2 rounds of 25 clay targets &\* lunch. Please bring your own shells. Raffle tickets available. fundraiser for bathroom & electrical work.
- 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
- (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

## 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)
- 20 - (Sat) Club Fishing Tournament – 7am – noon – Lake TBD
- 30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse 7:00 PM

## July

- 19 – (Sun) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Family Firearms Safety 11am – 2pm
- 21 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- 28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse 7:00 PM
- 31 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) PF & NWTF Firearms Safety Camp 9:00am – 3:00pm

\* 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.



*Bruce will be doing the gutters on the new trap building. Thank you Bruce!*

## MISSING SUPPRESSOR

Club member Guy Meyers is missing a .22lr suppressor. If you have seen it or have any information please contact Guy at gmeyers1413@gmail.com

## EXTRAS IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Checkout the extra info at the end of this month's newsletter! You'll find info about a CALL TO ACTION for all hunters, a Trap Shooting Fundraiser, the Club fishing contest and an opportunity to pick up some reloading equipment from one of our Members!

## 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.*
- *Have you been to the range? We could use all hands on deck for some spring cleaning! We are planning May 9th to get some projects done. We will be cleaning around the ranges, repairing targets, taking down the burnt/falling fence on the hill, and many other little projects. If there is anything you can think of that needs repair please come to the next meeting April 28th to discuss.*

## **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 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>

# **SHRINKING WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM**

Reprinted with permission of Outdoor News p.1 Mar. 5, 2026  
By Tori J. McCormick, Contributing Writer

St. Paul — The Minnesota DNR's popular Walk-in Access Program that allows for public hunting and other outdoor recreational uses on private land will have far fewer acres enrolled on the landscape in 2026.

"We're looking at about 8,000 fewer acres, from roughly 30,000 to about 22,000," said Amber Knutson, Minnesota DNR WIA and grassland coordinator.

The reason: the federal funding used to pay for part of Minnesota's walk-in access program — as well as programs in several other states — has not been rolled out yet. Last July 4th, President Donald Trump signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. One provision in the sprawling legislation was \$70 million in funding over seven years for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP), a popular federal program that has bipartisan support in Congress. It provides state funding through grants to incentivize private landowners to open up their lands for wildlife-dependent recreation — most notably hunting.

VPA-HIP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the conservation arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. State officials like Knutson and other national conservation officials were hoping the funding would be released by the NRCS last December or in early January.

That would give states like Minnesota the time to apply for the grant money and handle the laborious administrative process to sign up landowners, which can take several months. But the so-called "Notice of Funding" by the NRCS has yet to happen.

Officials representing prominent national conservation groups believe the federal funding will be allocated at some point in the near future.

"The sporting community is working closely with the Trump administration to deliver VPA-HIP funding to the states — and to hunters — as soon as possible," said Ariel Wiegard, vice president of government affairs for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. "We're optimistic a notice-of-funding opportunity is on the horizon."

Minnesota's Walk-In Access Program has been around since 2011, and its acreage has been in the 30,000 range in recent years. That tally could drop by 25% in 2026 if the Trump administration doesn't release federal funding for the state effort soon.

## **Minnesota program**

Knutson said the state's walk-in access program has been popular with hunters and landowners since its inception. It began in 2011 with a \$1.67 million federal grant, which covered, among other expenses, roughly 9,100 acres on 87 tracts of private lands. During the past few years, Knutson said program enrollment has been around 30,000 acres. The DNR pays landowners roughly \$18 an acre to participate. Federal, state and private funding sources pay for the program, including Knutson's salary. In 2025, Knutson said 42 Minnesota counties — most of which are in western and southern Minnesota — had acres enrolled into the program that now includes access for "nonconsumptive users," such as birders and nature photographers.

Several other counties, she said, are eligible but do not currently have enrolled acres. Roughly 95% of enrolled acres (all must be at least 40 acres) are in a conservation program — including CRP, the Conservation Reserve Program.

In addition, Knutson said there is more demand for the program than there is funding.

"I frequently get calls from landowners about enrollment," she said. "But without the federal funding right now, we just don't have the budget."

## **Hunter perspective**

Kevin Auslund, 66, of Eden Prairie, is an avid pheasant hunter who regularly hunts on state walk-in access lands.

"They're great places to hunt," said Auslund, the former president and co-founder of Sportsmen for Change.

Auslund, who worked to help Minnesota implement a dove-hunting season and pass the Legacy Amendment for dedicated natural-resource funding, brought up the question of federal funding for the state's walk-in access program at the recent public lands panel discussion at National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic in Minneapolis.

Auslund said he's disappointed that Minnesota will have fewer acres enrolled in 2026.

"It's sad, to be honest," Auslund said. "These access acres usually have good pheasant habitat from a conservation program like CRP and help relieve some of the pressure on state wildlife management areas, which get pounded during the season. So, yes, it's very disappointing."

Like other hunters, Auslund would like to see the program expanded — to at least 50,000 acres. "But we need that federal funding to do it," he said. "Hopefully next year."

## **Hunter access**

Knutson and other conservation officials say walk-in access programs are critical to the future of hunting. Conservation officials say a lack of access is a barrier to retaining current hunters and recruiting new ones — especially in metro areas. More and more private land, they say, is being leased for commercial hunting, often consolidating more hunters on public lands. Landowners are also worried about liability issues when allowing public hunting access. State walk-in access programs, buoyed by federal investment, are a win-win for hunters and landowners, conservation officials say.

"Lack of access to quality hunting opportunities is consistently cited by hunters as one of the biggest barriers to recruitment and retention, and in many places these VPA-funded walk-in access programs have become 'the tool' to get people into the field," said Wiegard, who added that the federal funding, once it's available, "will provide a much-needed boost in places where hunters need it the most."

Roughly 26 states and one tribe have received VPA-HIP funding. For more information about the DNR's walk-in access program, visit: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/walkin/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/walkin/index.html). Reach Tori J. McCormick at [torimccormick33@gmail.com](mailto:torimccormick33@gmail.com).

Minnesota's Walk-In Access has trouble, \$70 million in funding in Washington DC is sitting there but not being released to MN DNR and other states. The U.S. Dept of Agriculture and its NRCS department is not letting MN and other states apply for this funding. We need to ask our U.S. Reps, including Tom Emmer (House Majority Whip) and Senator Klobuchar to free-up these funds that were approved in the Big Beautiful Bill back in July of 2025. Any questions ask Kevin Auslund at 612-615-3339 (volunteer sportsman activist).

## **Message needed to our senators and representatives in congress:**

Subject: VPA-HIP Walk-in Access needs to be released for MN hunters,

"Please release \$70 million of VPA-HIP federal funds for hunter walk-in access already allowed in the Big Beautiful Bill. The NRCS dept. under US Dept of Agriculture won't let MN DNR apply for this funding even though this has been available since July 4 of 2025. Thank you."

# TRAP SHOOT



**DATE: APRIL 25**



**TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**COST: \$35 PER PERSON**



**INCLUDES:**

- ◆ 2 ROUNDS OF 25
- ◆ LUNCH



**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SHELLS**



**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

**THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR  
BATHROOM AND ELECTRICAL WORK  
FOR THE CLUB HOUSE**

**COME OUT FOR A GREAT DAY OF  
SHOOTING, FOOD, AND FUN!**





**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

## Reloading Equipment For Sale

**RCBS Rock Chucker Supreme Master Reloading Kit** **\$ 300**

**Includes:** Press, Powder Measure, Scale, Primer Tool,  
Case Lube Pad and Lube, 3 Case Loading Blocks

**RCBS Carbide reloading dies for 9mm** **\$ 40**

**Includes:** Dies, RCBS #16 shell holder, Loading manual

**RCBS Carbide reloading dies for .45 ACP** **\$ 40**

**Includes:** Dies, RCBS #3 shell holder, Loading manual

**RCBS reloading dies for .223** **\$ 40**

**Includes:** Dies, RCBS #10 shell holder, Loading manual

**Hornady Ultrasonic Cleaner** **\$ 40**

**Hornady cam lock case trimmer** **\$ 65**

### Bullets

Bullets only. no cartridges. no brass. no powder.

**.223** 55gr FMJ-BT-WC qty: 1,400 **\$ 110**

**9mm** Berry's 115gr Round Nose qty: 300 **\$ 28**

**.45 ACP** Hornady 230gr Round Nose qty: 108 **\$ 15**

### Once-Fired Brass

.223 ~qty: 525 **\$ 35**

9mm ~qty: 1,039 **\$ 55**

.45 ACP ~qty: 660 **\$ 35**

Misc. range brass free with purchase of above brass

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