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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
May 26,
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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Delano, MN 55328

CLUB RAFFLE - LET'S SELL SOME TICKETS!

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.

FIRST ALL-GIRLS TRAP TEAM SINCE THE 1980s!

Delano High School trap Team members form the 1st all Girls team in the Sportsmen's Club Summer League Since the 1980's. Team Members



Naomi Tasche, Olivia Tormanen, Stephanie Larison, Halle Thomas and Lily Tormanen have started a new team this year. All the girls have been members of the High School Team for multiple years. Their new team name is "Gone With The Wind". They will be a force to be reckoned with as they are all very good shooters and I'm sure they can't wait until they can face and out-shoot their Dads, brothers, uncles and friends teams this summer! It's great to see these Girls start this new team and the Sportsmen's Club welcomes them to the League!

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
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- Membership Joe & Jan Kittok 763-248-5382
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- Rental/Reservations Brad Spencer 612-616-7548
b.spencer@lakesarah.com
- **NEW Volunteer Coordinator**
Taylor Bryant 612-590-6082
Taylor@minneapolislakes.net
- 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.

SESQUICENTENNIAL TRAP SHOOT ON MONDAY MAY 25!

The Club is hosting a Trapshoot to honor Delano's 150th Anniversary on **Monday May 25 from 10am-3pm**. See the flyer on page 8 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!

Nathan Pulscher, Brendan Guccione,
Jackson Erickson, Ryan Corcoran,
Craig Levang, Melissa Sorensen,
Brian Michael, Richard Iverson

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 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 APRIL 28, 2026 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the March 31st, 2026 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$12,071.41; credits \$7,621.49; checking balance \$43,943.43 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$3,421.52; credits \$17,400.59; checking balance \$18,658.76. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$1,000.90; balance \$3,814.34 All reports were approved.
- New Members – 4 new member introduced himself
- Members - 485 paid members for 2026, 2 Lifetime members and 90 Honorary member
- Building & Ground – Clubhouse roof need work and we need help building new targets. Brass was cleaned up.
- Members raffle – Jan has tickets for the next raffle in September
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place. Sportsman's club might do another float and still need volunteers for Bingo. We are also hosting a trap shoot for the 4th of July festivities.
- Trapshooting School League – They are on week 2, had the Trap fund raiser on April 25th, raised over \$3,000.00.
- Summer Trap League – League starts May 6th
- Range Reservations – No new reservations.
- Range Issues - There have been people using the range that haven't been recycling the brass and throwing it in the garbage.
- Women's Group - The group had an event in April and everything went well.
- New Business – A motion was made to approve the payment for the Accountant to do the 2025 taxes for \$2,303.00, motion was approved.
- Signage - Gene would like to make some more signage that shows the updated hours and proper disposal/recycling of the spent brass
- Delano Sesquicentennial – Trap shoot over memorial weekend 150 rounds to celebrate 150th anniversary
- We have a club fishing tournament coming up on 7/20 on Waverly Lake, Members only
- Delano Expo – Dan needs to more volunteers to help out on May 9th
- Old Business – New trap building plumbing is coming along as well as finding trim for the windows and doors.
- Gun Caucus – Bus to the state capital went well, had 10-12 people attend. Would like to have a few more members attend in the future to show our support.
- Missing Suppressor – Still MIA, please contact the club if anyone knows of its location, the member would like it returned.
- Project Board – We've added a project board to the clubhouse to show what projects are needed to be worked on at the clubhouse, gun range, and trap range
- Rodent Control – We are getting pricing on rodent control, Plunketts \$349 and you can keep the traps, Adams is \$349 and you must return the traps. Adams doesn't do snakes and Plunketts charges a monthly service of \$480 for snakes. A motion was made to hire Plunketts for rodent control starting in Aug, motion was approved.
- Club Visits – Rockford Chamber of Commerce is visiting the clubhouse on May 14th and the Delano Chamber of Commerce is visiting the clubhouse on May 21st.
- Improvements – We are installing a catch basin at the end of the driveway by the gun range on May 9th, a motion was made to spend \$400 for materials, motion was approved.

March lunch was provided by Bruce Plante and next month is Charlie Grill.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shayne Peterson, Secretary.

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB STORE NOW OPEN!

The Delano Sportsmen's Club has partnered with All-Seasons Sports in Delano to open a DSC "store" so you can get outfitted with some sweet DSC gear! Don't wait - the store is only open until June 10th! Here's the link so you can get your's before the "store" closes for the summer!

<https://allseasonssports.chipply.com/DelSportsmensClub26/>

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.

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

***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

May

- 6 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 9 – (Sat) Range closed from 8:30am – end of event – Club spring cleanup event – volunteers needed!
- 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
- 25 – (Mon) Delano Sesquicentennial Trap Shoot, 10:00am-3:00pm
- 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 – Waverly Lake
- 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

August

- 3 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon-4:00pm
- 11 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm
- 12 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm
- 18 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- 25 – (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.

PHOTOS FROM CLUB

SPRING CLEANUP DAY 2026

When the wall comes tumblin' down! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the Volunteers who made the Spring Cleanup Day at the Club such a success! Below are a few photos from the wall behind the rifle range coming down. Be sure to contact **new Volunteer Coordinator Taylor Bryant** if your hours haven't been logged! See page 2 of this newsletter for contact information.



DELANO AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE

Once again the Delano Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring an Ambassador Candidate. Our new ambassador candidate is Ella Gibas, a charming girl and ready to promote our club. We're sure she'll do great!



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.

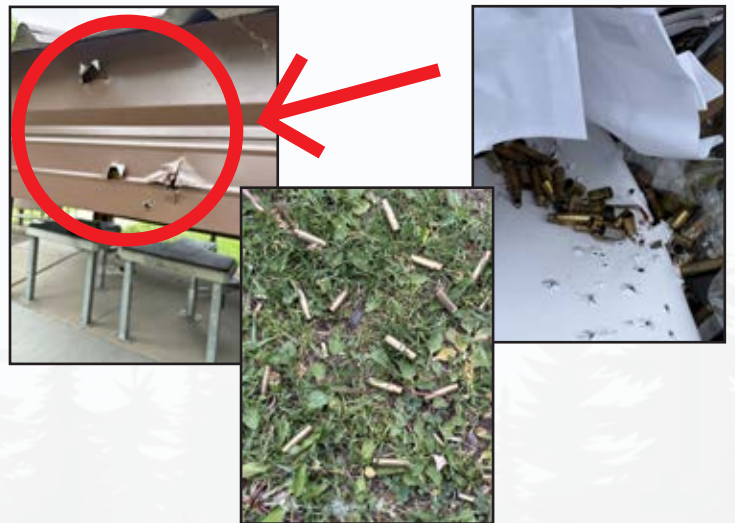
You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities!
Contact editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

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 ISSUES



Please see the photos above of recent issues found around the range. ***Please keep your finger OFF the trigger until you're ready to shoot!*** We've also found a lot of brass in garbage cans so please pick up your used brass and put them in the RED brass buckets! THANK YOU for your cooperation and following the range rules!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>



150 TRAP SHOOT

FOR DELANO SESQUICENTENNIAL



MONDAY

MAY 25TH

10AM-3PM



**ADULTS
\$10 A ROUND**



**YOUTH
\$8 A ROUND**

**PLEASE JOIN US
TO SHOOT 150
ROUNDS FOR DELANO.**

SHELLS ARE NOT INCLUDED.



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SAVE THE DATE: CLUB SPONSORED FISHING TOURNAMENT

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

Free entry for all members and dependents

Nice prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 | Cell phone: 612-812-5268