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## MEETING!

*Next meeting is  
Tuesday,  
June 30,  
7:00 PM at the  
DSC Clubhouse*

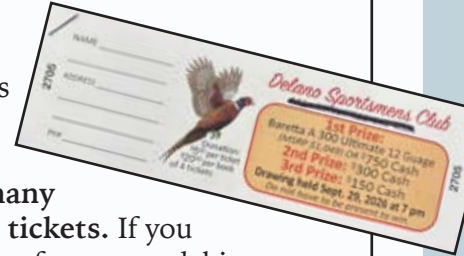
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## CLUB RAFFLE - LET'S SELL SOME TICKETS!

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.

## TAYLOR BRYANT - NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Included at the end of this newsletter are the current projects we are working towards completing at the Clubhouse, Rifle Range, Range Shack, and Trap area. These are (mostly) all volunteer projects that can count towards volunteer hours with the club to get reduced membership dues.

If you are interested in taking any of these on your own or with other members please reach out to Taylor Bryant (Volunteer Coordinator) at 612-590-6082 or taylor@minneapolislakes.net. We will also be discussing certain projects and work days at upcoming meetings.

**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
- **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.

**FUN INFORMATION!**

Brad Spencer's mother, 93, ran in the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth. Way to go!!!

**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!

Jonathan Carpenter, John Jensen,  
Margaret Jensen, Floyd Seres,  
Grant Anderson, Jackie Todd,  
Scott Phillips, Madelyn Phillips,  
Joan Harlan, James Dahl,  
Donald House Jr, Jerrid Voss

**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 MAY 26, 2026 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the April 28th, 2026 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$1,250; credits \$10,375.15; checking balance \$34,818.28 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$2,42.51; credits \$3,550.70; checking balance \$20,166.95. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$1,923.80; balance \$5,738.14 All reports were approved.
- New Members – 3 new member introduced themselves
- Members - 516 paid members for 2026, 2 Life-time members and 90 Honorary member
- Building & Ground – Clubhouse roof need work and we need help building new targets. More projects added to the board.
- Members raffle – Jan has tickets for the next raffle in September, \$625 sold to date
- 4th of July - Planning for next year is taking place. Sportsmans club is doing a float and still need volunteers for Bingo. We are also hosting a trap shoot tournament for the 4th of July festivities.
- Trapshooting School League – Kids are doing great, trap shoot in Buffalo vs Rockford on June 2nd.
- Summer Trap League – They are on week 4, have 23 teams, 4 new and our 1st all girls team since the 80's.
- Range Reservations – No new reservations.
- Women's Group - The group is always looking for new members
- New Business – Dan Kittok has met with All Seasons Sports for some logo apparel for the club, a link to buy was sent out via email.
- Chamber meetings – Tom took 30 members from Rockford Chamber and 30 from Delano Chamber of Commerce on a site tour. Handed out membership info as well as letting them know the clubhouse is available for rental for events.
- We have a club fishing tournament coming up on 7/20 on Waverly Lake, Members only
- Taylor Bryant – New Volunteer Coordinator, his info will be added to the website.
- 2027 Membership cards – Talked about new cards with no date and member since date added.
- Old Business – New trap building plumbing is coming along as well as trim for the windows and doors.
- Delano Sesquicentennial – We fell just short of our 150 round target, 141 rounds shot.
- Delano Expo – Had 800 visitors to the booth and everything went well.
- Project Board – We've added a project board to the club house to show what projects are needed to be worked on at the club house, gun range, and trap range
- Range Clean up day – Took the range fence down, cleaned up the pigeons and plastics

**April lunch was provided by Matt Young and next month is Charlie Grill.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shayne Peterson, Secretary.

# 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

## 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

## September

- (Sat) Range Reserved – 9:00am – noon – Members Only Turkey Shoot – Rifle and 25 yard ranges are closed to DSC member shooting other than the event shooting
- 8 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 15 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- 16 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Metro SWAT (Raskin) – 8:30am – 5:00pm
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 23 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 28 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon – 4:00pm
- 29 – (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.

## MICHAEL CRAIG WOLFE



Michael Craig Wolfe, of Delano, passed on March 4, 2026. He was born August 1, 1943, in Minneapolis, MN, to Rene and Vivian (Krause) Wolfe. He grew up in south Minneapolis, just off Nokomis Parkway, attending Roosevelt High School. After high school, he attended Dunwoody Trade School in the automotive field. Mike married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Carroll, on August 3, 1968.

Michael was an avid sportsman, and he had so many good friends who shared those hobbies. He loved hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting at Delano Sportsmen's Club. In his later years, he and his lifelong friends would shoot during the week and then go to breakfast together, the last time being the week before he passed. For years, he would make an annual hunting trip with his close friends to Eston, Saskatchewan, Canada.

He left the automotive trade at the age of 42 and became an avid antique dealer.

All his family and friends will miss him dearly, but it's the "kids" who were in his life that will miss him the most. Nieces, nephews, godchildren and friend's children. Mike was a kid at heart. He watched them and helped them grow up...he even danced at quite a few of their weddings.

He had endless stories and they were the epitome of Michael's character. He was a happy and loving man. He would tell everyone, even the girls at the grocery store who asked how he was; he would say "old, fat and ugly" with a big smile. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A graveside service at the Dassel Community Cemetery in Dassel, MN will happen on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 11AM. The graveside service will be followed by a luncheon at Dassel Evangelical Covenant Church.

Mike was truly loved!

## 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).

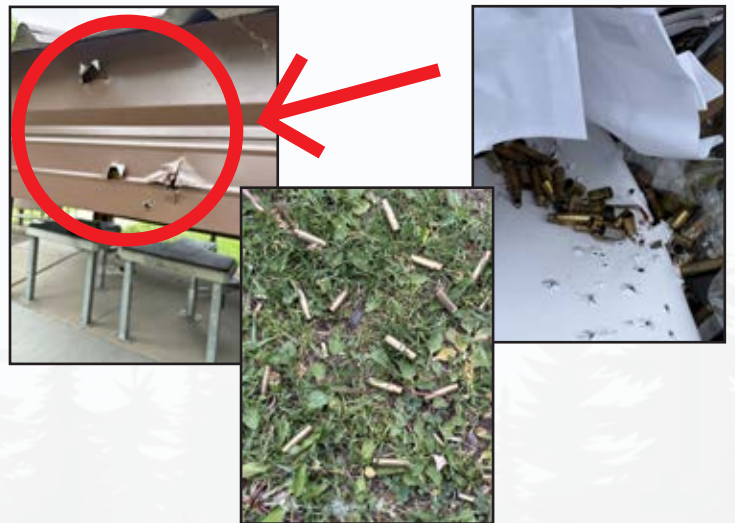
You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities!  
Contact editor Aaron Gesell at [delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com).

**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 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>

# Delano Sportsmen's Club

## Volunteer Project List

The following projects have been identified across our club facilities. Volunteers are needed to help complete these improvements. If you can lend your time or skills, please contact a board member.

Main Clubhouse
- Siding
- AC
- Fence
- Bathroom Remodel
- Kitchen Remodel
- Weed & Landscape
- Broken Bench
- Remove A/C Units
- Fix Entry Way Roof
- Fix Road Entry

Rifle Range
- Drainage
- Fence Removal
- Pushback 25 yd Berm
- Rubber Roof Telephone Poles
- Rebuild Plastic Wall
- Rebuild Back Tables
- Level 25 yd + Add Pea Gravel
- Tree Removal
- Cover Wads & Reseed
- Rebuild 100 Target

Range Shack
- Windows
- Siding
- Range Check
- Remove Electric Heaters
- Paint Walls
- Window Replacement

Trap
- Grass/Landscaping
- Parking Lot

**Capital Savings Balance:** \$5,425.00

**Projects In Process:** Rodent Control

*Thank you for your continued support of the Delano Sportsmen's Club!*

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# DELANO 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TRAP SHOOT

📅 **JULY 3RD**

🕒 **10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**\$65** PER PERSON ★

★ **INCLUDES:** ★

- 🎯 2 ROUNDS OF TRAP
- 🔫 SHELLS PROVIDED
- 🍔 BURGER CERTIFICATE FOR THE PARK

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