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MEETING!

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

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

Contact:
[delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com)

Delano Sportsmen's Club
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P.O. Box 394
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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.

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.

For those Members looking for Volunteer Hours, we are planning several potential Club project days in October. If you are interested in committing to any of the following dates - 10/3, 10/10, 10/17 or 10/24, please email taylor@minneapolislakes.net. We will also be sending out a survey link via email that you can sign-up with as well. Based on the commitments we will determine final dates and projects.

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.

GUNS AND AMMO FOR SALE!

Do you know of anyone interested in a Hellcat or Masada 9mm, an American made Palmetto AK-GF3, or an RF-15 AR style rifle (or a bunch of the appropriate rounds for any of them)? They're all for sale. Call Chuck at 763-528-8877 or Merlin at 763-229-8581.

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!

Charles Riley, Lee Chalich,
Jessica O'Leary, Mark Parsons,
Jake Bergstedt, Cade Wille

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 JUNE 30, 2026 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the May 28th, 2026 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$8,756.06; credits \$2,357.00; checking balance \$38,419.22 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$2,550.97; credits \$8,640.38; checking balance \$26,256.36. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$0.00; credits \$0.00; balance \$5,738.14 All reports were approved.
- New Members – 3 new member introduced themselves
- Members - 521 paid members for 2026, 2 Life-time members and 90 Honorary member
- Building & Ground – Clubhouse roof need work and the material is on site.
- Members raffle – Jan has tickets for the next raffle in September, we need more members to sell tickets.
- 4th of July – We had a trap shoot on July 3rd and had a great turn out.
- Trapshooting School League – Done for the school year.
- Summer Trap League – They are on week 10
- Range Reservations – No new reservations.
- Women's Group - The group is always looking for new members
- New Business – Candy was approved for the parade at \$527.69
- Clay targets were approved for \$23,400.00.
- The split rail fence by the club house was fixed.

- We talked about the cost for a new security camera system for the range and clubhouse, getting additional quotes.
- The ditch in front of the trap range was mowed and the brush cutter broke a blade, \$400.00 was approved to fix the brush cutter.
- Website – The new Membership packets are now available on the website.
- 2027 Membership cards – The new cards are now available with no end date.
- Old Business – The Delano Snowmobile club poured concrete in the garage at the farm.
- The trap house has a working bathroom now.

June lunch was provided by Charlie Grill and next month is Brad McKown.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shayne Peterson, Secretary.

**DSC Family Fun!
Annual Turkey Shoot & BBQ Picnic
Members Only
Saturday, September 12, 2026**

- Turkey Shoot 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Chicken BBQ Picnic to follow



Shooting turkeys at DSC?.... well, not the real ones!! Test your skill at a turkey target. Distance is 25 yards. Scopes allowed. Best score each group wins a coupon for a FREE turkey!

- Rifle or pistol. Recommended is .22 (No shotguns)
- Don't have a .22? No worries - we'll have extra on hand. Just bring your ammo (.22 LR)
- Great way to meet other DSC members!
- One turkey per family. We'll have prizes for the kids too.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the shoot, bbq, picnic set/clean up. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Jan Hanson: jannie4511@gmail.com

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.

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- 🔫 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



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

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

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

- 8 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 12 – (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
- 15 – (Tue) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:30pm-9:30pm (or sunset)
- 16 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Lake Minnetonka 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

October

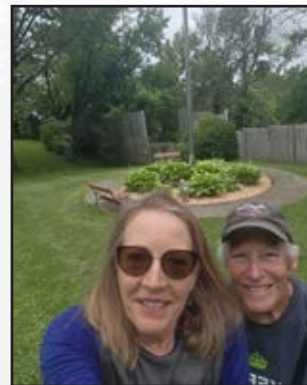
- 3 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am – 400pm
- 6 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm
- 7 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Raskin) – 8:30am – 2:00pm
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am – 5:00pm. Range is closed to DSC member shooting on both ranges during this event. [click here to view event flyer](#)
- 27 – (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.

FLAGPOLE WEEDING PROJECT

A massive shoutout to our dedicated club volunteers who recently gathered to weed and tidy the grounds around the flagpole! Their hard work transforming the space ensures our community focal point remains a proud, beautiful symbol for everyone that drive by our facility!



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.

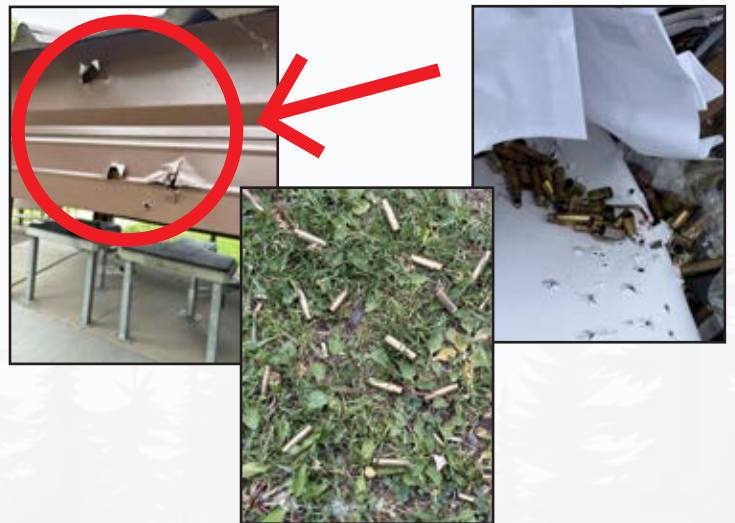
You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Contact editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

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>

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	Rifle Range
- Siding - AC - Fence - Bathroom Remodel - Kitchen Remodel - Weed & Landscape - Broken Bench - Remove A/C Units - Fix Entry Way Roof - Fix Road Entry	- 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	Trap
- Windows - Siding - Range Check - Remove Electric Heaters - Paint Walls - Window Replacement	- Grass/Landscaping - Parking Lot

**Deep Portage**

LEARNING CENTER

Exploring Woods • Water • Wildlife

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Association of Colleges and Schools

Dear, Delano Sports Man Club

Thank you so much for letting me go
to a nother Deep Portage adventur
I had so much fun learning about
the safty and all of the history
behind bow hunting.

I made a ton of great friends
on my trip here. They were all so
nice a fun.

So One more big thank you

Sincerely,

Eliza Wondling

Elks 45TH Annual GUN SHOW

KNIVES & COINS

Saturday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sept 26-27, 2026

Hutchinson, Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

(Behind Target & Walmart) -- Hutchinson, MN 55350

Public Invited - \$8.00 Admission



Tables 370 tables--8 foot tables

Rental \$40.00 for 2 days

Parking FREE all day

Exhibits Guns, Weapons, Coins
Prints, Knives, Military & Powder, Shells & Bullets,
Trapping, Fishing, Stamps, New, Used & Antique
Security McLeod County Sheriff's Posse

Public Open to Public
Saturday and Sunday
Admission \$8.00
Under 12 FREE with Adult

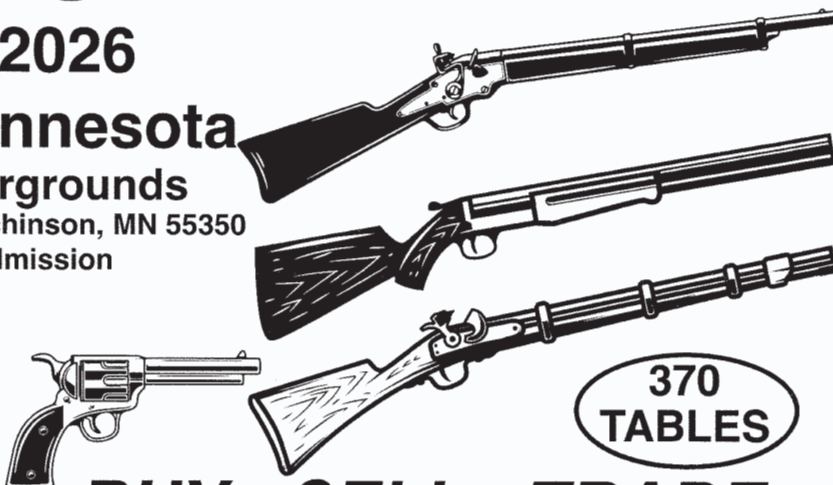
Early Exhibitor Set Up Friday, 1-7 p.m.
or 6:00 a.m. Saturday Morning

Sponsored by Hutchinson Elks
Lodge No. 2427
Hutchinson, MN 55350

For Table Reservations:
Dale Harbarth, 20641 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson, MN 55350
320-587-8989

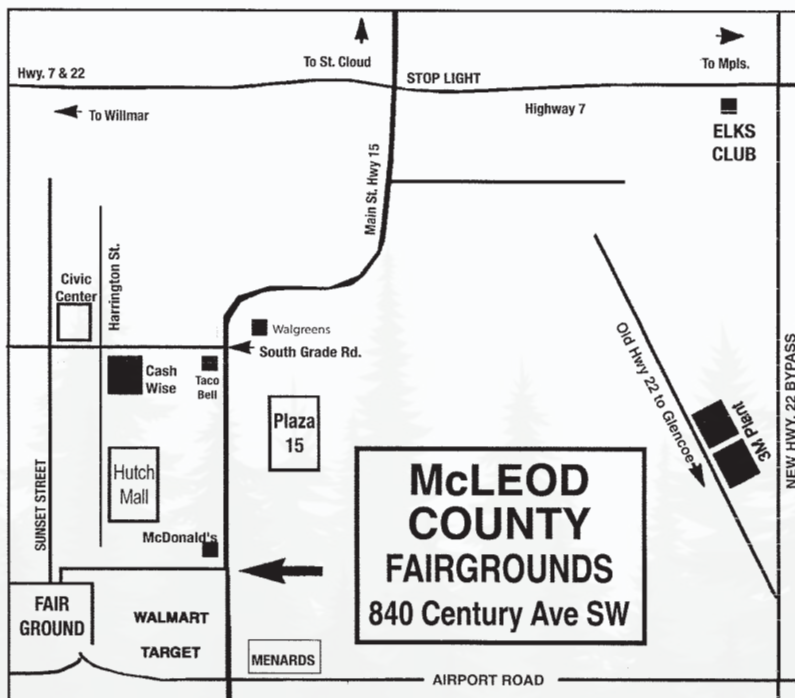
**Att. Exhibitors; Table rental must
be paid by Sept. 1st.**
**You are expected to keep your tables
open til 3:00 Sunday**

Food and Beverages Available



**370
TABLES**

BUY - SELL - TRADE



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Hutchinson
320-587-9299

DAYS INN
1000 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
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QUEENS INN
200 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-2129

**Cobblestone
Hotel & Suites**
416 Prospect St NE
Hutchinson
320-587-7777

KING MOTEL
1255 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
320-587-4737

AMERICINN
1115 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-5515
1-800-634-3444

BUY - SELL - TRADE - ANTIQUE - MODERN



July Events and News



Hey everyone!

Just sharing some upcoming 3D archery shoots and getting the new email system set up. Expect more frequent emails about community archery events and organization happenings.

- Wade Nibbe is the new secretary of MBI!

Aerial Archery Dates:

- Hunt for Hope - Redwood Falls, MN 7/25/26
- State 4H - Alexandria Shooting Park 9/11/26-9/13/26
- More TBD (reach out)

If you have any ideas for the 80th anniversary event or want to help out, let us know! Minnesota Bowhunters was established in 1946, and we remain as a volunteer non-profit organization.

July 3D Shoots

6/27/2026	June	Saturday	Elk River, MN	Elk River Sportsman's Club	
6/27/2026	June	Sat-Sunday	Duluth, MN	Duluth Archery Club	TRAD ONLY
6/27/2026	June	Sat-Sunday	Henderson, MN	Broken Arrow Archery / Caribou Gun Club	
6/28/2026	June	Sunday	Worthington, MN	Southwest Bowbenders	
6/28/2026	June	Fri-Sunday	Granite Falls, MN	Hawk Creek Archers	
7/3/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Fountain City, WI	Winona Archers	
7/11/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Lakeville, MN	South Forty Archers	
7/11/2026	July	Saturday	Rushford, MN	Hardwood Country Sportsman's Club	
7/12/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Medford, MN	Straight River Archers	
7/17/2026	July	Fri-Sunday	Horeb, WI (Tyrol Basin)	Beastmode Archery Challenge	Tyrol Basin
7/18/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Rochester, MN	Rochester Archery Club	
7/18/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Austin, MN	Cedar Rivers Archery	
7/18/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	Duluth, MN	Duluth Archery Club	
7/18/2026	July	Saturday	Scandia, MN	Brats, Bows, and Shooting Does	Team Competition
7/19/2026	July	Sunday	Andover, MN	Rapids Archery Club	
7/19/2026	July	Sat-Sunday	New Berlin, WI	Ojibwa Bowhunters Archery Club	
7/19/2026	July	Sunday	Cambridge, MN	Isanti Sportsman's Club	
7/25/2026	July	Saturday	Redwood Falls, MN	Redwood River Archery Shoot	Hunt for Hope