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Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot



The annual Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot is scheduled for June 15-16 at the range. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, or you're interested in shooting, please contact Dick Nordling.

Club Hats!

You can get your own Delano Sportsmen's Club hats at any club meeting! Be sure to pick one up and keep the sun out of your eyes when you're at the range or fishing this season!

Tree Time

We will continue having tree orders for members who would like. All kinds of trees, they come in lots of 25 to plant. Call Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347

2019 Summer Raffle

Check your mailboxes. The summer raffle tickets have been sent out!

Tickets this year are \$2 each or a book for \$10. There will be a \$75 prize for the person who sells the most tickets.

This year's prizes are:

First Prize: 9mm Beretta or \$500

Second Prize: \$250

Third Prize: \$100

You can use your ticket sales to count toward your club volunteer requirements. All you need to do to meet your volunteer quota is sell 20 or more books.

Be sure to get started soon! Oh, and if you need more books, call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.



**The next meeting is
Tuesday April 30th,
7pm at the
Clubhouse!**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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- Bow Safety: Mike Speckel 763-477-3619
- Archery League: Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

Standing Committees:

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 .

- 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
- Constitution and Bylaws: This committee meets to ensure that all rules are included in the bylaws and to review and make recommendations when needed. Director: Dave Quammen; 952-473-9071
- Membership: This committee tracks membership to ensure compliance with the maximum allowed. They also review applications for membership and accept new members. Director: Dave Quammen; 952-473-9071
- Buildings & Grounds: This is a working committee that meets to discuss issues and projects related to the range and grounds. They solicit bids for maintenance/repair projects and report to the membership. Director: Tom Delaney; 612-408-8944

New Members

Welcome to the newest members of the Delano Sportsmen's Club! We look forward to you enjoying many safe and fun hours at the range!

David Austin, Sean Ihde, Glen Littler

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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 Bob Ball at 612-363-3936 or editor.dsc@comcast.net.

Story Ideas:

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Just contact editor Bob Ball at:

editor.dsc@comcast.net

The deadline for story or advertising submissions is the 8th of each month.

Thank You!

Thanks so much to Bert Neuenschwander for bringing lunch to the March meeting! We're looking forward to what Linda Lindstrom is cooking up for April!

Lunch Volunteers Needed!

If you're interested in providing lunch, the club reimburses up to \$150. Contact Tom Delaney for more information. Volunteers also meet their annual volunteer requirement!

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 Steve Pool at pool565rockford@hotmail.com.

Minutes of the March 26th 2019 Meeting

31 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Delaney

Secretary's report - minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$7505.46; credits \$3148.68; checking balance \$65,108.47. Treasurers report was approved.

Three new members introduced themselves.

Gravel mining/Ram Excavating - Rolie Radtke, owner of Ram Excavating will take point on the gravel mining proposal at the club. Joe White is no longer with the company. The plans need to be updated with new criteria, but it is still the intent of Ram Excavating to continue to pursue gravel mining at the club.

Trap range update - The court date has been set for April 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM for the court of appeals to hear the appeals case against Wright County for issuing the club a conditional use permit for the trap ranges. Tom Delaney, Brad Spencer and Mark Bauman will be attending the hearing at the Minnesota Judicial Court in St. Paul.

Range Issues - The range is a mess due to the spring thaw. Range work day for April is on Sunday, April 13th. The club needs shovel ready volunteers to show up for this to help fix up the range. Mays work day will be moved to the first Sunday in May, Sunday, May 5th. The railroad ties from the 25 yard range will be used as a temporary back drop on the 100 yard range. The club is looking for ideas for more permanent backdrops on the 100 yard and 25 yard ranges.

Building and Grounds Committee - We will look to have a committee meeting soon. The club put down some red rock in the range parking lot.

Membership - a few new members recently signed up.

Executive Board - met last week, items discussed will be brought up tonight.

Fourth of July Committee - The club is looking for volunteers to man shifts in the bingo stand and the milk shake booth. Contact Jan Kittok to sign up. New equipment will be bought for the milk shake booth, Joe Kittok will be going with to offer his expertise on what to purchase.

Hatchet Jack - The shoot was held in January, turnout was slow and it was cold.

Trap League - The High School trap league has about 80 kids this year.

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald updated the club on the legislature. He has a flyer available with membership and contact information for the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus. Anti gun features have been included in the Governors budget, those provisions will likely be stripped out. Bump stocks were made illegal as of today, a person has 90 days to turn them in or destroy them.

Summer Raffle - Tickets are out, \$1330 has been collected so far. Prizes will be \$100, \$250 and a Baretta 9MM/or \$500. Jan Kittok has additional tickets available if you need more

Reservations - The FTF cancelled their March date and rescheduled for later in the year due to the conditions of the range. Three Rivers Park district added July 16th for the 25 yard range from 9:00-11:00 am. The new dates will be posted on the website. All dates passed.

Fishing Clinic for Kids - the club donated \$250 to this event.

Tom Delaney met with Mary Leuer recently. Mary is the wife of Buenno Leuer who was active in the club. She donated a plaque and some mounts to the club in memory of Buenno. They will be displayed upstairs.

The club has hats for sale for \$15 each.

Range rules sign - A club member has volunteered to paint a new sign with the club range rules on it. The club proposes to condense the rules to the following: Use paper targets only; No Trap shooting; Bullets must impact the backstop; Keep it clean, it's your range; All firing from under shelters; Safety first in all cases; Range hours must be followed. Motion made and passed to get new signs made. Two signs will be made, one for each range.

Security cameras - The club received a proposal for new camera's for the range. This was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting last month. The proposal is for \$2500, installed with all equipment included. The cameras will be better resolution and will be able to be monitored from a computer or smart phone. Motion made and passed to get the system installed.

Lunch for the March meeting was provided by Bert Neuenschwander. May and June lunches are taken, there are openings for the summer months if you are interested in volunteering.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Range Help Needed

Do you live near the range? If so, we could use your help in case we have someone with trouble there, or need to address range rule problems.

Contact Tom Delaney if interested.

Fourth of July Volunteer Needs

The new fair season is approaching. We will need a lot of members to volunteer a 4-hour shift at the Bingo Stand or Milkshake stand. If you have questions, or want to volunteer, call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

Bingo:

Wednesday July 3rd:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Thursday July 4th:

Noon-4pm

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Friday July 5th:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Saturday July 6th:

Noon-4pm

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Milkshake Stand:

Wednesday July 3rd:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Friday July 5th:

4pm-8pm

8pm-Midnight

Business Expo 2019

We still need volunteers for the Delano 2019 Business Expo. It's Saturday, May 4th, 2019 from 9am-1pm. We also need help setting up and taking down our booth.

This year the expo will be held in the Delano Legion Parking Lot to the east and in the commons building. If you have a smile and can help pass out bird-houses, please contact Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658.

Coach's Corner– DHS Tiger Trap

Hello all Club Members,

The Delano High School Trapshooting season is in full swing. The Team has 70 students participating in this year's season. The Team is made up of students from grades 6 - 12.

As I write this, we have had a couple weeks of Captains practice and one week of League practice. With those few weeks of practice we have had 13 straight 25/25 shot, with 3 of the kids shooting their first 25 straight, and we have had a pile of 24/25 shot as well.

This season we have 13 seniors on the team, four of which have been on the Team since the inaugural Team in 2013. It's going to be bittersweet seeing them move on. The coaching staff has had fun watching them start out as 6th graders and improve as the years went by. Our seniors are going to be backed by great underclassmen as we have a deep field of talented shooters. The Team understands that it's a Team effort when it comes to win-

ning. The Team has a great chemistry to it and the kids support each other during the good and bad times. Seeing the kids interacting with each other regardless of the age difference, watching the upperclassmen giving high-fives or supporting the underclassmen that may have had a bad round. It's a wonderful sight to see.

The Team would like to Thank the Sportsman Club for supporting the Team for all the past years and for years to come.

We shoot on Monday and Tuesday nights starting at 5 pm. We welcome you to come down and watch. (bring a lawn chair)

Next newsletter, I will know the Class and Conference that we will be competing in for the High School League.

Thank You,
John McClay, Head Coach

Reservations from Page 6

Volunteers check the list at the clubhouse door! 8:00am

13 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

14 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

15 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

16 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

20 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

21 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

22 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

23 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

25 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved - Private party** (Yttrie) - all day

28 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

28 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

29 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

30 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

June

3 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

4 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

5 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

6 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

9 - (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair - Volunteers check the list at the clubhouse door! 8:00am

10 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

11 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

12 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

13 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

14 - (Fri) **Range Reserved** - FTF Officer Certification - 8:30am - 4:30pm

16 - (Sat) **Range Reserved** - Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All day

18 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Deephaven Police Dept - 8:30am - 1:00pm

19 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

20 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

21 - (Fri) **Range Reserved** - FTF Officer Certification - 8:30am - 4:30pm

25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse,

Volunteer Needs

Range Maintenance:

We have volunteer needs for some maintenance at the range:

- There is a pile of old garage door panels. These are used as the boards targets are posted on at the range. All metal pieces need to be removed. Contact Tom Delaney.
- **AT THE CLUB FARM, WE HAVE BOUGHT 3 NEW GARAGE DOORS. UPDATE!** One Garage door has been replaced. Only two to go! Contact Tom Delaney if you want to help.
- We need a volunteer to make and paint a sign with the range rules, and install it by the 100-yard range. Contact Tom Delaney if interested.

Range Schedule Continued...

7:00 PM

26 - (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** -

TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm

26 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

27 - (Thu) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** -

TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm

27 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

Supporters' activism is misplaced

(From the Star Tribune)

Since an April 4 letter writer compares what is being done or not done with regard to guns and distracted driving, why not include alcohol? It kills more people than guns every year and causes more health issues, more domestic crimes, more broken homes, more abuse. Yet I don't see people calling for background checks when buying alcohol or calling a limit to buy alcohol for others of legal age. Why? You may remember a person in the news who had 28 DWIs yet was still able to purchase alcohol. Because people who drink don't want to face the issue.

I've been a gun owner my entire adult life, yet I don't personally know one person who was killed by a gun or by a gun used illegally. I cannot say the same about alcohol. Can you?

Meanwhile a friend of mine and his wife were hit by a distracted driver. They both almost died and will have pain the rest of their lives. He lost a leg. The person who hit them had a previous distracted driving offense, and it appears she will get off with a slap on the wrist.

When current gun laws cannot even be enforced because of the lack of sharing between government and health institutions so that background checks will actually mean something, I question what the effect of new laws will be on law-abiding people. Not being able to lend a gun to a friend to go hunting or to a high school student to participate in the trap shooting leagues is one of the results of the legislation trying to be forced through now.

I believe in having background checks for gun purchases at gun shows, etc. But if I decide to pass on a gun to a family member or friend who I know is law-abiding, I don't see the need.

Tim Hainlin, Maple Plain

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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Change Service Requested

We're on the web!

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

Range Hours:

Rifle & Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-8:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6:00pm

Rifle and Pistol Ranges are closed during Trap Shooting events, leagues and practices.

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 I.D.

See someone without an ID? Ask to see it...

Be kind to our neighbors- rules are strictly enforced.

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.

Reservations:

April

25 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

27 - (Sat) **Range Reserved**- Rockford Firearm Safety Field Day (Czanstkowski) - 7:00am - 1:30pm

29 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

30 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:00am - 5:00pm

30 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

30 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

May

1 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

2 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

3 - (Fri) **Range Reserved** - FTF Officer Certification - 8:30am - 4:30pm

4 - (Sat) - **Business Expo**, Delano Commons (next to the Legion) 9:00am-1:00pm

6 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

7 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 10:00pm (McClay)

8 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

9 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

12 - (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair -

Range Rules:

1. You must wear your ID card when on the range.
2. Maximum of 3 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. **Move the 50-yard target off range when not in use.**
10. No intermediate targets between established firing lines.
11. Do not shoot anything on the ground.
12. Pick up your trash, remove targets from backstops, & pick up casings. Leave the area clean & ready for the next member.
13. No human silhouette targets, except official **police events**.
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.

See Reservations on page 5