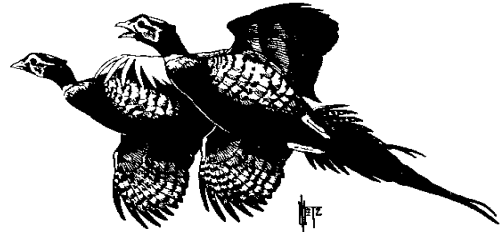


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New Year Stats...

Happy New Year! Yes, it's already nearing the end of February, but here's some "New Year" numbers...

88%. That's the percentage of members who have paid their dues by January 31st. If you're part of the 12%, don't miss out on any more! Get your membership renewed!

Raffle Winners:

Scott Yunker of Delano won the Savage .22 rifle.

Brian Baumann of Watertown won the 2nd place...having this year's dues paid for him. Congratulations gentlemen!

Be sure to go to the volunteer needs

and see what's up for the Fourth of July Celebration. I know, there's still ice on the lakes (although not very much...be careful out there); but fourth of July will be here soon!

Take a look at the volunteer options available in the back of this newsletter!



Firearms Safety Instructor Training!

The DNR Firearms Safety Instructor Class is scheduled for March 18th from Noon to 4pm at the Club.

If you're interested, you need to register with the Conservation Officer conducting the class. You can reach him at:

**Conservation Officer Frank Rezac,
Central Region Training Officer**

frank.rezac@state.mn.us

You'll also need to complete some pa-

perwork in advance. You can find that here:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/process.html>



**The next meeting is
February 28th, 7:00
pm at the
Clubhouse!**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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- President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
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- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

Standing Committees:

Questions about firearm legislation (federal or state)? You can get more information from Dan McDonald at: 952-454-3440 or by email at: yellowdogrescue@gmail.com .

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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.

- **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

From the Editor

The mail and I missed each other (being at the 3rd house in 2 months plays hell with the mail). We'll welcome new members for February in next month's edition.

Congratulations to Joe Kittok and Dan Kittok on remaining on as Treasurer and Secretary. It's also good to have Tom at the helm for another year.

Have a great month. Looking at the ice conditions (or lack thereof), it's time to start getting the boats and summer fishing gear ready!

Don't forget to check the volunteer needs on page 4. You can sign up now for Fourth of July...and it's time to build birdhouses in just a few weeks. Fun for the family and great for the club!

Enjoy the rest of February!

Bob

We're on Facebook!

If you're on social media, you can find us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/dealanosportsmensclub>. If you want something posted, contact Steve Pool at pool565rockford@hotmail.com.

Minutes of the January 31st, 2017 Meeting

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

Secretary's report - minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits for December 2016 \$3628.4; credits for December 2016 \$14,826.6. Debits for January \$9477.81; credits for January \$20,511.00. Checking balance \$59,013.25. Treasurers report was approved.

Elections for treasurer and secretary were held - Joe Kittok will remain as treasurer, Dan Kittok will remain as secretary. Tom Delaney agreed to continue as President for another year.

Mark Bauman gave an update to the club on the progress of the new trap range. Mark met with Bob Russek who will be doing the site plan for the range. Two site options were identified. One option is less intrusive than the other and has less issues with it. Mark would like to move forward with the site plan on the less intrusive option. Authorization was given to Mark to proceed.

Law Enforcement Officers Conceal and Carry forum has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 PM. West Hennepin has committed to coming. Tom will be inviting other police forces as well.

Other upcoming round table events are: Law Enforcement Officers appreciation on 7/11/17, First Aid on 9/12/17, Suppressors and Sights sometime in May, Delano Chamber meeting - the date is not set yet.

25 yard range improvements - There are instances where bullets ricochet into the garage. Future improvements are to build a concrete wall on the driveway side. This would then allow for a bullet catcher and future roof. The improvements would lessen noise and increase safety.

Approval has been given by the executive committee to build the wall. A motion was made and passed by the club to proceed with the wall. A suggestion was made to look into improving the drainage of the driveway as long as work was being done on that side of the range.

Grounds Improvement - It has been brought up that we should start improving the habitat on the farm this year, suggestions are to plant trees and pheasant habitat. The club should think about what can be done and it can be discussed again at the February meeting.

Tom Delaney bought 50 hunting DVD's and is donating them to the club. A DVD library will be set up for club members to use and share DVD's. More donations are welcome.

Membership is now at 88% paid.

Fourth of July - February 13th will be the first meeting of the Fourth of July committee. There is another spot available for a Sportsmen's club member to join in on the meetings with Joe Kittok and Mike Speckle, if anyone is interested.

The members only raffle brought in \$2020.00. Scott Yunker won the Savage 22 rifle, Brian Baumann won a year's membership to the club.

GOCRA & MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald updated the club that nothing

is immediately happening with the legislature right now. It is encouraged to give your e mail address to GOCRA & MNGOPAC to get up to date e mails on what is getting into committee.

Range Reservations - Brad Spencer and Jan Kittok are handling reservations this year. A list of reservations have be submitted and passed and will be listed in the newsletter. Reservations passed for Dan MacDonald to reserve the 25 yard range for May 13th and September 9th for the people helping out with the highway 12 clean up on those days.

Think about how the club wants to handle hunting on the property, this will be discussed at future meetings.

Information is available on the West Hennepin Citizens Police Academy. Another academy will be starting on February 16th and will run seven weeks, if anyone is interested.

Lunch for the January meeting was provided by the Lucky Fives trap team. The February lunch will be provided by Coborns.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Thank you to John and Joe Tackaberry for serving a great lunch in November!

We're lucky to have the Lucky 5 Trap team serving lunch at January's meeting!

We still need volunteers for March- November 2017. Groceries are reimbursed up to \$150. Contact Tom Delany if you are interested.

2017
FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING
COURSE

Registration date is March 6th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Delano Sportsman's Club. There is a NO registration fee. A parent or guardian is required to register each student.

No online registration / No phone registration / Class has no size limit

Students must be 11 years old by registration date. Adults are welcome and encouraged to take this course.

Class hour are 7:00 to 9:00 each night. **Saturday, April 1st** is the Field/Range Day from 7:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. **A parent or guardian is requested to attend the March 7th class from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Class dates are as follows:

March 7, 9	March 27, 30
March 14, 16	April 1 Field Day
March 21, 23	

NO firearms or ammunition are to be brought to classes by students. A firearm of some type (i.e. rifle, shotgun, BB gun, etc.) will be needed for the Field/Range Day for each student. Do not bring ammunition for this day. If you have no firearm, one will be provided to shoot on the range.

Field/Range Day will be held rain or shine. Students should dress accordingly.

The Firearm Safety Training Course will cover hunter responsibility, firearms handling, marksmanship, wildlife identification, game management and game care, survival, water safety and first aid.

If you have any questions, call John McClay at 612-964-1697.

Delano Business Expo

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On April 8th, is the annual Delano Business expo which will be held at the Delano High School activity center at 700 Elm Ave E. in Delano. The expo runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We need to start earlier to haul all the birdhouses and booth materials into the building and set up. Also to take apart and haul things out after. What we would like, would be to have 4 to 5 people that love to smile, pass out fliers, birdhouses etc. We also will have a big raffle going on in which is an opportunity to sell a lot of raffle tickets to the public. If you have questions or just want to volunteer, call Joe Kittok at 763-972-2989

Tree Sale

The Delano Sportsmens Club, in conjunction with Wright County, are offering trees for sale. They are small, about 1 ft. tall, they have varieties of lilac bushes, pine trees and leaf trees etc.

The trees come in bunches of 25. For information or to order, contact Larry Lindborg

NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF CLUBHOUSE, RANGE, TRAPHOUSE

PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN PLACE; CLEAN ALL AREAS UTILIZED

**LEAVE NOTHING IN THE REFRIGERATORS
WIPE UP, CLEAN UP, SWEEP UP, VACUUM
TAKE OUT/TAKE WITH ALL TRASH. THANK
YOU!!!!**

Round Table Discussions...

On February 15th, club members and members of local law enforcement had an opportunity to discuss concealed-carry and how it impacts the police (and how the police impact citizens who carry). It was a great topic.

More topics will be coming up this year. We already

have dates for some future topics. Law Enforcement Appreciation: 7/11/17, and Hunter First Aid 9/12/17. We're also looking to host a session on suppressors and sights sometime in May.

Range Reservations from Page 6

- Trap Team - 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 21 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 21 - (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved - DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 23 - (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved - DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 25 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved & Range Reserved** - Park Sportsmen Firearm Safety (Fust) - 9am - 2pm
 27 - (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved - DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 27 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 28 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team - 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
28 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
 30 - (Thu) **Trap Clubhouse Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team Safety Meeting - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 30 - (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved - DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

APRIL

- 1 - (Sat) **Range Reserved & Clubhouse Reserved - DSC Firearms Safety Field Day** - 7:00am-1:00pm
 3 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 4 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Deephaven Police Dept. - 8:00am - 1:00pm
 4 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 6 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:00am - 4:00pm
 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 - 9:00pm (McClay)
 11 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 14 - (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day
 15 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day
 15 - (Sat) **Range Reserved** - Plymouth Boy Scouts - 9am - 1pm
 16 - (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day
 17 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 18 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 19 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 20 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 22 - (Sat) **Range Reserved** - Rockford Firearm Safety Field Day (Czanstkowski) - 7:00am - 1:30pm
 24 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
 25 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
 26 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 27 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

Volunteer Needs

Bring a lunch to the meeting: We have opportunities for members to volunteer to bring lunch for meetings in 2017. The great thing? Give us your receipts (up to \$150), and we'll reimburse you for the food! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Tom Delaney.

Range Maintenance:

We have volunteer needs for some maintenance at the range:

- Help paint the last 5 picnic tables. Call Tom Delaney
- 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.** They need to replace the old ones. If you are able to do this, contact Tom Delaney.
- Spackling the hall and stair area at the farmhouse. Contact Jan Kittok if interested.
- Painting the hall and stair area after spackling. Contact Jan Kittok if interested.

January-February: Help Larry Lindborg cut wood for birdhouse build.

March 11 9am: Build Birdhouses. Bring kids and hammers. Fun for everyone!

Firearm Safety Training Classes: You need to be certified to help (see page 1). When you're certified, contact John McClay.

Fourth of July!

Now is the time to grab yourself a choice spot at the bingo stand or milkshake booth. Right now, both open, all shifts! Contact Jan if you can help.

Fri June 30	4:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. 8:00 p.m.-midnight
Sat July 1	noon-4:00p.m. 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. 8:00p.m.-midnight
Sun July 2	noon-4:00p.m. 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Mon July 3	4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. 8:00p.m.-midnight
Tues July 4	noon- 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. 8:00p.m.-midnight

We also need people to help build, drive, and ride in our float! Contact Jan for that one too!

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
(or Dark...whichever is earliest)

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:
5:00pm-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...

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:

February

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

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

25 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Rick Compton - private event - All day

March

3 - (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Delano Boy Scouts - All day

4 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Delano Boy Scouts - All day

4 - (Sat) **Range Reserved** - Delano Boy Scouts 9:00am- 1:00 pm

5 - (Sun) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Delano Boy Scouts - overnight until 10:00 am

6 - (Mon) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DSC Firearms Safety Class sign-up** 7:00pm-8:00pm. **Parent / Guardian reqd for reg.**

7 - (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DSC Firearms Safety Class - PARENT SHOULD ATTEND** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

9 - (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

11 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** - Build bluebird and wood duck houses - 9:00am - 11:00am

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

14 - (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

16 - (Thu) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

18 - (Sat) **Clubhouse Reserved** - **DNR Firearms Safety Instructor Class** - noon - 4:00pm

20 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS

See Reservations; Page 5

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 or- ganized events.
7. Be sure bullets are hitting the backstops.
8. No digging 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.