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Annual Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot

We will be holding the annual Father's Day Muzzleloader shoot on Saturday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This is the first year the event will take only a day, as the number of shooters has decreased over the years. At its peak; the Father's Day shoot would host up to 50 shooters for the event.

If you own a muzzleloader, this is your

time to shine among other muzzleloading enthusiasts. If you want to watch some great shooting, you're welcome to cheer on your favorite shooter. Of course, volunteers to help before and during the event are always appreciated as well!

You can contact Dick Nordling if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

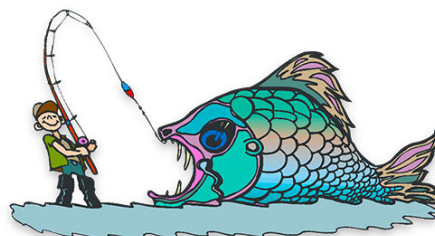


**The next meeting is
May 30th, 7:00 pm
at the Clubhouse!**

How about the one that didn't get away?

As seems to be customary, opening fishing for Minnesota happened *after* the deadline for this month's issue.

Send your best opener pictures by email to editor.dsc@comcast.net, and we'll include them in next month's issue!



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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

• President:	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
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• Firearm Training:	John McClay	763-675-2397
• Black Powder:	Dick Nordling	763-972-2714
• 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!

Travis Coder, Kyle Thompson, Chad Kinart, Bert Neuenschwander, Eric and Amy Gafkjen, Bill Thomas, Kevin Lussky, Giovanni Leonardo

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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.

Thanks to Dave and Debbie Larsen for the April lunch! We're looking forward to lunch with Scott and Denny Bartos in May!

If you're interested in providing lunch, the club reimburses up to \$150. Contact Tom Delaney to see what months are open.

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 April 25th 2017 Meeting

29 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Tom Delaney

Secretary's report - minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - debits \$5228.24; credits \$11,334.00; checking balance \$52,287.08. Treasurers report was approved.

Mark Bauman updated the club on the trap range. he had a preliminary site drawing that club members could view. Another drawing will be coming.

In May Pete Bauman wants to come and speak to the club. Pete was the recipient of the first scholarship the club gave out. Pete works for the South Dakota Game and Fish.

Tom Delaney informed the club that Desiree Vansystama who helps run the Delano High School trap team will help the club get support from the school district regarding the new trap range. She will be setting up a meeting with the school superintendent.

Gerhardt Kottke long time club member fell and broke his hip. He is in Parkview in Buffalo and would like visitors.

25 Yard Range - The contractor is ready to start on the new wall. Joe Kittok will be doing the digging. The extra dirt from digging will be spread to create a new driveway heading to the farm.

Club Farmhouse - The club is still looking for a volunteer to put up three garage doors. The trees have be delivered and will be planted on Sunday. Most of the trees are going on the berm. Joe Kittok offered the use of his tree planter if the club wants to use it.

DVD Library - The club is looking for more donations of fishing and hunting DVD's.

There will be a Building and Grounds meeting tonight after the regular meeting..

Newsletter - On the 15th of each month the newsletter will be done and submitted. The club is looking for ways to im-

prove getting it out on time.

Membership - six new members signed up this past month.

The FTF used the clubs range and is pleased with the relationship. They are looking for a long term relationship with the Sportsmen's Club.

Fourth of July - there was a Fourth of July meeting last night. There was some controversy over the parade route and the a little bit about the pork chop stand. Things calmed down though. The club runs the bingo stand and the milk shake booth. Volunteers are needed for both. The bingo stand seating needs to be raised if anyone is interested in volunteering to do so. The city is still talking about putting up a new building for the hamburger and bingo stand. The city bought the gravel pit on the west side of the road going to Farmington Ave. Landscape Structures would like to donate to Delano a waterpark, but the proposed spot is where the bingo stand and the band stand is.

Fathers Day shoot - The Fathers Day Shoot will be Saturday only this year due to a decline in shooters. It will be Saturday, June 17th.

Wright County Federation - A meeting was held two weeks ago. It is possible that the Federation may end soon. At one time there were fourteen outdoor groups involved in the Federation, slowly these groups have declined. The next meeting they will decide if they will be doing the fundraiser.

Fall Raffle - \$2000 in tickets have been sold so far.

The Summer Trap league started last Thursday.

GOCRA& MNGOPAC - Dan MacDonald updated the club that not a lot is happening right now. The Constitutional Carry and Stand Your Ground got shot down by Kurt Doudt. Call Kurt to voice your disapproval.

Highway cleanup for GOCRA/ MNGOPAC will be the morning of May 13th. Contact Dan MacDonald if you would like to help. Volunteers are invited to shoot on the range after the cleanup is done. The Fall highway

cleanup day will be September 13th. There will be no shooting on the range afterward on that day due to the Club Turkey Shoot.

Roundtables & Seminars - Sights and Suppressors is set up for May 6th from 9:30 - 12:30 on the 25 yard range and is open to members and their guests. Law Enforcement Appreciation night is on July 11th. Instead of pizzas like last year, the club would like to grill hot dogs or hamburgers. Tom is looking into getting first responders and firemen to come this year.

Tom Delaney had a conversation with Bri Koch, the new administrator at Three Rivers Park district, regarding the use of park property for gun training. And the reciprocal agreement of the park using the clubs range. Everything was worked through between Bri and the club.

Tom Delaney spoke with Wright County regarding the crash that happened on club property. Tom expressed to them that someone should have notified the club that someone was killed. They said they dropped the ball on that.

Delano Expo - The expo was very successful. The club gave away bird houses again and sold raffle tickets. The club had enough volunteers for the event. The attendance was not as strong as previous years.

The club voted to donate \$250 to Fishing Clinic For Kids.

Kimball Rod and Gun Club will be having a shoot for Veterans on May 27th if anyone is interested in participating.

Tonight's lunch is provided by Deb and Dave Larson. Thank you.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

(Almost) Local Elk Hunting?

From the Minnesota DNR:

Hunters have through Friday, June 16, to apply for one of 13 elk licenses offered this year by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

“We have native elk herds and managing them involves balancing the benefit they provide to all Minnesotans with the damage these large animals do to fences and crops,” said Adam Murkowski, DNR big game program leader.

“Our elk management plan provides background and guidance on our elk management and research.”

Licenses will be available for two concurrent elk seasons in Kittson County’s central (zone 20) and northeast (zone 30) zones. The Grygla area elk zone will not be open to hunting in 2017 because that area’s elk population is below the population goal level outlined in the elk management plan.

The first 2017 elk season runs from Saturday, Sept. 9, to Sunday, Sept. 17, in both open elk hunt zones. Three bulls-only licenses and one antlerless-only elk license will be available in the Kittson County central zone (zone 20) and two bulls-only licenses will be available in the Kittson County northeast zone (zone 30).

The second 2017 elk season runs from Saturday, Oct. 7, to Sunday, Oct. 15. Three bulls-only licenses and one antlerless-only elk license will be available in the Kittson County central zone (zone 20) and three bulls-only licenses will be available in the Kittson County northeast zone (zone 30) for the second season.

Hunters may apply individually or in parties of two at any DNR license agent, the DNR License Center at 500 Lafayette Road in St. Paul, on the [buy a license](#) page or by telephone at 888-665-4236. There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$4 per hunter. The license fee is \$287. Hunters will have to select a zone and season when applying. Hunting information including maps of the elk hunting zones is on the [elk hunting page](#).

In addition to managing elk populations through hunting, the DNR continues to track 19 adult cow elk that were outfitted with GPS tracking collars in early 2016 for a research project that will enhance knowledge of elk and help inform elk management in the future. Applicants should be mindful that if successful in the antlerless lottery, they will be asked to not shoot radio-collared cows because the study is ongoing.

More information on Minnesota’s current elk herd and ongoing studies exploring the feasibility of reintroducing elk to northeastern Minnesota in the future can be found on the [DNR elk page](#) and [elk.umn.edu](#).

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only) -TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm
 17 - (Sat) **Range Reserved**- Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All day
 18 - (Sun) **Range Reserved**- Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day
 21 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Deephaven Police Dept. - 8:00am - 1:00pm
 27 - (Tue) **Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**

July

9 - (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair - Volunteers check the list at the clubhouse door! 8:00am
 11 - (Tue) **Clubhouse Reserved - Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner / Roundtable** - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 12 - (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** - TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm
 12 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 13 - (Thu) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** - TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm
 13 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 19 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 20 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
TBD - (Sat) **Members Only Fishing Tournament** - public boat access - 7:00am - noon
25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
 26 - (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** - TRPD Pheasants Forever Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm
 26 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
 27 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm



Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to sell off those raffle tickets. The prizes are great, and selling 20 books will equal your volunteer requirement for the year...all for a good cause!

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.

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

May 13th: GOCRA / MNGOPAC Highway 12 cleanup, 8am-10am (and a fun shoot after). Contact Dan MacDonald with questions.

June 18th and 19th: Annual Father's Day Muzzleloader shoot: Participants, spectators and volunteers all needed and welcome. Contact Dick Nordling with questions or if you can volunteer.

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. Bingo 8:00 p.m.-midnight Milkshake
Sat July 1	noon-4:00p.m. Bingo & Milkshake 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Bingo & Milkshake 8:00p.m.-midnight Bingo & Milkshake
Sun July 2	noon-4:00p.m. Bingo 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Bingo & Milkshake
Mon July 3	4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Bingo 8:00p.m.-midnight Bingo & Milkshake
Tues July 4	9am-noon- Milkshake noon- 4:00 p.m. Bingo & Milkshake 4:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. Bingo & Milkshake 8:00p.m.-midnight Bingo & Milkshake

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:

May

17 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Three Rivers Park P.D. - 9:00am - 5:00pm (Groskreutz)
17 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
18 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
19 - (Fri) **Range Reserved** - FTF Officer Certification - 8:30pm - 4:30pm
24 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
24 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Medina Police dept. - 8:00am-5:00pm (Nelson)
25 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
30 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM
31 - (Wed) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

June

(Tuesdays & Thursdays into September) **Range Reserved** - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm
5 - (Mon) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
6 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
8 - (Thu) **Range Reserved** - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:00am - 4:00pm
11 - (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair - Volunteers check the list at the clubhouse door! 8:00am
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13 - (Tue) **Range Reserved** - Delano HS Trap Team 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)
14 - (Wed) **Range Reserved (25 yd range only)** - TRPD MDHA Forkhorn Camp 9:30am - 3:30pm
15 - (Thur) **Range Reserved (25 yd range**

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. 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.

See Reservations; Page 5