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Of Note...

- Club Fundraiser: Tickets available for sale!
- Volunteers still needed for 4th of July celebration!
- New DNR rules for boaters
- Delano Queen questions? Call Leslie Stoddard at 763-230-0390

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Delano Sportsmen's Club

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Birdhouse Building Success

On March 17th, members and their families turned out to the clubhouse to help assemble bluebird and wood duck houses...almost 30 of each!

Larry Lindborg and his volunteers spent the preceding weeks cutting all of the pieces so that construction on the 17th would go smoothly.

On Saturday, the clubhouse filled with roughly two-dozen people, ready to assemble dozens of houses. It was a fun project for kids and adults!

The houses are usually



Families joined in to assemble dozens of bluebird and wood duck houses on March 17th. Photo by Brad Spencer

distributed to those that helped build them, or are given out at the Delano Expo.

No one is really sure when this tradition began, but it has been going on for many years and continues to be a great event for all involved!

Watch the newsletter and website for next year's opportunity!

To see more pictures from the event, go to the club website at: <http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com/node/15>

Volunteer Update: Milkshake Booth and Bingo!

Thanks to everyone who has called Jan Kittok to volunteer for the Bingo Stand or the Milkshake Booth for this summer!

While we are getting volunteers, there is still room on every shift for both Bingo and the Milkshake booth! Again, the dates and times we need to cover this year are:

Sat, June 30: Noon-4pm

Sat, June 30: 4pm-8pm

Sat, June 30: 8pm-Close

Sun, July 1: Noon-4pm

Sun, July 1: 4pm-8pm

Sun, July 1: 8pm-Close

Tue, July 3: 4pm-8pm

Tue, July 3: 8pm-Close

Wed, July 4: Noon-4pm

Wed, July 4: 4pm-8pm

Wed, July 4: 8pm-Close

If you can help with a shift, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.



Remember, you save \$50 per year in dues simply by volunteering at least 4 hours toward club operations!

It's easy to do, and fun!

The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Jim Klatt 612-986-3182
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- Treasurer: Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-682-4980
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- Portable Targets: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Newsletter Editor: Bob Ball 612-363-3936
editor.dsc@comcast.net

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
- 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
- Range & 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: Mike Speckel; 763-477-3619

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

Story Ideas:

Do you have a story or photos about an event involving the Delano Sportsmen's Club? Do you have an idea for an article that would be of benefit to the membership? Please contact Bob Ball. Stories and photos can be submitted by email at:

editor.dsc@comcast.net

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

The Club Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 24th, 2012

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members this month. We hope they will enjoy many hours of safe shooting activities on our range!

W. Nathaniel Jones, David Potter, Christopher Doyle, Derek Schansberg, Peter Parisi, Jack Kirley, Steve Jacobson, Shawn Steinmetz, Stan Wozny, Jeffrey Hetzler, Curtis Nagel, David Van Dongen, Alex J. Haigh and Tom Rowbotham

From The Editor...

Thanks to all of the readers who have sent positive comments about the newsletter my way! Remember; if anyone has a story idea or wants to write a story, let me know!

Spring is definitely in full swing...even if we do still get flurries from time to time (it is Minnesota, after all). So, besides more time at the range, many of us are getting the boats, bikes and other summer gear ready to go.

I've included a blog report from the NRA's 2012 Convention, written by a great friend and colleague Kelly Grayson. If you're so inclined, you can read his blog (the address is on the article). He writes about guns and shooting sports almost as much as medicine. He's funny and wise...go ahead and give him a read. **Bob Ball, Editor**

Minutes of the March 27, 2012 Meeting

35 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:00 PM

Secretary's Report- Minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report - Opening balance \$29,115.51; debits \$3,211.27; credits \$1,279.35; checking balance \$27,183.59; balance in all accounts \$90,879.48

Committee meetings - Membership committee has not met yet but they will soon.

Old Business

The land purchase is proceeding slowly; they have not answered our offer. The Franklin Township committee has approached Joe to offer to buy a part of the farm should our purchase be successful. They have park dedication fee money that they would like to spend. No dollar amount was mentioned but they gave Joe a letter of intent to give to the bank.

Raffle - 30 books of tickets have been sold so far. Jan Kittok has more books for those interested.

Three students are signed up for Three Rivers Forkhorn Camp with one spot available. No one has signed up for Long Lake Conservation Camp yet. John McClay reported that Long Lake Conservation camp has a new director and the activities they provide are different from years ago.

Camp Lake Barrier project - Stemming from Tom Delaney's suggestion to approach the Wright County Federation of Sportsmen for possible support on the project, Wally Johnson did ask the Federation for support and they agreed to pay 1/3 the cost of the project as well.

New Business

Fourth of July Float - Rod Minnich asked if trinkets should be given out again this year during the parade

and if Dick Nordling will be getting the flags to give out again. A discussion took place on how much to spend this year on flags and trinkets. Opinion was that the dollar amount should be increased but it was tabled until next month when treasurer Joe Kittok will be back so that we can get an accurate idea of what was spent last year.

Volunteers are still needed for the Bingo stand and Milk Shake booth contact Jan Kittok to volunteer.

Dick Nordling heard that the Bingo stand shelter will be torn down after this year's Fourth of July celebration. Dale Vanderlinden reported that the long term plan is to replace all buildings in the park with one larger shelter. This year a new concession stand will be built for the baseball field and by 2013 there will be a new restroom. Dale will look into what will happen with the bingo stand.

The Delano Expo is this Saturday March 31 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Three to four volunteers are still need to man the booth on Saturday. Volunteers are also needed to set up. They will have the ATV we are raffling off in the booth and raffle tickets will be for sale there.

John McClay reported that Firearms Safety registration will be on April 9th. John has also been contacted by the Minnesota DNR to provide range days throughout the year for people taking the on-line firearms safety training course. John and his instructors are not in favor of providing this service. John said the fee structure for firearms safety is different this year. After the students complete the course, they then must register on line and pay their fee in order to get their certificate. John thinks enrollment will be down this year.

Dick Nordling asked the club for their 2012 dues of \$20 to the Wright County Federation of Sportsmen.

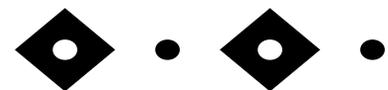
Thank you to all committee workers, project workers, new members, lunch preparers and volunteers.

John McClay reported there was a good turnout for bluebird and wood duck house building on March 16th. All houses were completed in one hour, normally it takes three hours.

Thank you to Mike Rydberg and Lance Scott for providing lunch for the March meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok ,
Secretary



Thank you Lance Scott and Mike Rydberg for a great Beef Stew dinner for the March meeting!

If you want to help feed the membership, please contact Tom Delaney and volunteer. All food costs are reimbursed . We still need volunteers for July-October

New Rules to Reduce Spread of Invasive Species

Invasive species...we've seen news reports about aquatic invasive species, from Milfoil to "Flying" Asian Carp in the news for years. Unfortunately, stopping such species is difficult, as they have no natural predator. They all have a tendency to take away food or nutrients from our local species. This can mean losing game fish and birds and the plant life they need to thrive.

Many of the lakes we will travel to and use this season are already on the state's Infested Waters List. In order to make a stronger stand against these plants and animals, Minnesota has taken a stronger stance on preventing "hitchhikers" from moving between waters.

The rules include:

- Cleaning all plant and animal matter from your boat before leaving the landing.
- Drain all water from the boat...this includes removing drain plugs and draining all live wells and bait wells. Transport the boat with all drains open.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- **New this year:** Display the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Decal (available by the DNR) on your watercraft before entering any body of water in Minnesota. This rule applies to all watercraft, including those that aren't normally registered as boats (such as seaplanes and duck boats).

The DNR is also recommending performing at least one of the following actions when leaving a lake that is infested with Zebra Mussel (which includes Lake Minnetonka) or Spiny Water Flea:

- Rinse the boat with hot tap water

- Rinse the boat with a power-washer
- Let the boat dry for 5 days before entering another body of water.

The lake associations of those lakes that are not yet infested have often voiced intention of watching their public access carefully and reporting boaters who are not compliant with these rules. We should also expect the DNR to be making more frequent spot checks at public landings.

Be safe boating, and don't take hitchhikers!

For more information, see the following web sites:

- <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf> (You'll need free Adobe Reader)
- http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquatic_qa.html
- http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infested_waters.pdf



Minnesota Carry Permit Holders-West Highway Cleanup

Several members here also belong to the Minnesota Carry Permit Holders. From member Dan MacDonald:

They are holding a clean up Saturday, April 28, 2012, at 8:30am. Some will be meeting early for breakfast (not free) at Monie's at the western end of the segment starting at 7:30am (NW corner of US12 and Baker Park Road, near mile post 147).

All are invited and welcome. We had a great time last year at both of the first two clean-ups.

Parking for the pickup is Monie's lot, toward the highway, away from the building so as not to interfere with other restaurant customers, there is plenty of room.

Please RSVP with Dan MacDonald by sending him a message at yellowdogrescue@gmail.com. He will



need a head count for supplies and to get things organized.

While this is not part of the Delano Sportsmen's Club volunteer programs, it's a great way to help another group and meet some new people while helping out!

For more information: <http://mncarrypermitholders.com/>

Raffle Tickets Still Available for Sale!

Raffle Ticket Sales started with the delivery of a book of Raffle Tickets to each member with the last newsletter.

This is an excellent way to raise funds for the Delano Sportsmen's Club's youth programs and gives people (including us) a chance at winning a great prize (*actual prizes not shown here; pictures are for illustration only*).

First Prize is a blue child-size ATV, donated by Coborns:



Second Prize is a

Savage Arms 30.06 or **\$350** cash!



Third Prize is a Buck® Model 498 knife from **Friends of the NRA**.



Remember to bring your proceeds to the meeting or send them to Jan Kit-

tok. She's also happy to send you more books of tickets to sell...so if you bought the whole first book yourself, you can get more to sell to friends.

This is an area where you can also get volunteer credit. Sell 10 books and you will have your volunteer hours covered for the year!

The raffle will be held September 22nd, and winners need not be present to win.

For more information, call Jan Kit-tok at 763-972-2989

The 2012 NRA Convention in St. Louis—Kelly Grayson via Blog

73,740 Rabid Gun Nuts Descend Upon St. Louis...

... and nobody gets shot.

No fisticuffs ensue.

Nobody craps on a cop car.

Nobody gets arrested.

Nobody calls for overthrow of the government, other than at the ballot box.

There are no drunken brawls, no ambulances called, no... *nothing*.

Nothing, that is, except close to 74,000 men, women and children gathered to celebrate the amendment that guarantees their personal freedom.

Anti-gun groups want America to believe that women are not involved in the shooting sports in large numbers. At the America's Center, amid the horde of people winding their way through the exhibit hall, I saw enough women to populate a large shopping mall on the day after Thanksgiving.

I mean, there wasn't a direction you could look *without* seeing women. Young, old, single or accompanying male companions, pushing strollers – some filled with children, and many filled with gear purchases – women stylishly dressed, women frumpily dressed, women clucking in disapproval at the attire of some of the booth babes, and women dressed scantily enough they could *be* booth babes...

The media wants America to believe that Second Amendment advocates are a bunch of religious right wing, older white males, and many of them probably racist. And while the faces in the crowd *were* predominately white, there were black faces as well. I had the pleasure of having dinner a couple of times with Rick Ector, of Legally Armed in Detroit.

Rick is as passionate a Second Amendment advocate as you'll find, and he lives in one of the most violent cities in America. He makes his living by teaching people to be responsible for their own personal safety. He empowers women by giving them the tools and training to face a male attacker on more equal

terms. He organizes open carry rallies. He walks the walk.

He also happens to be black., and this white, southern redneck got along with him just fine.

Among the white faces at the hotel bar, there were black faces, wearing ball caps proudly proclaiming their status as veterans – Special Forces, this ship or that battalion – all warmly sharing fellowship with their white counterparts.

Funny, they didn't look ostracized to me. They looked like... *us*.

There were children galore, most of them accompanying their parents, yet plenty of the older ones roaming the exhibit hall on their own, politely examining the wares of the various vendors. There were cute little girls in Glock caps, clutching their autographed poster of Tori Nonaka every bit as proudly as if it were signed by Hannah Montana or the professional athlete of their choice, and come to think of it, it was. *Tori is* an elite athlete at the tender age of fifteen.

There was Leadchucker's kid, grinning from ear to ear, holding a Thompson submachine gun. Those of you who fear and do not understand guns may shudder in revulsion, but I see a boy holding a tool, and obviously taught to do so safely.

There was Danno's son, of Sandcastle Scrolls, proudly showing off the challenge coin he got from R. Lee Ermey. He was covering the event as media, even though he's still in junior high school.

I spoke to St. Louis police officers, medics at the hospital where I was filming video yesterday, pub managers, security guards at the America's Center, street vendors and janitors, and the words they used to describe the convention crowd were *polite... pleasant... good tippers... easygoing... well-behaved*, and well... *boring*.

And *boring*, I think, is the highest compliment we can be paid. I'm not sure you realize just how unusual that is. I've done some large event medicine here and there, and to gather so large a group of people in one location is a *massive* undertaking. Something *always* happens, even at EMS conventions 1/10 the size of this one.

Yet, at the 2012 NRA Annual Meeting, nothing did.

I think that speaks well of us.

Kelly's blog can be followed at: <http://ambulancedriverfiles.com>

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:

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...

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:

Range:

April:

4 - (Wed) Three Rivers Park Police Department - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

10 - (Tue) West Hennepin Police - All Day

12 - (Thu) Medina Police - 10:00am-5:00pm

21 - (Sat) Plymouth Boy Scouts - 9am - 1pm

22 - (Sun) Rockford (Delaney) Firearm Safety Field Day - 11:00am - 2:00pm

28 - (Sat) Rockford (Czanstowski) Firearm Safety Field Day—9:00am-1:00pm

May

5—(Sat) Delano Sportsmen's Club Firearm Safety Field Day—9:00am-1:00pm

9—(Wed) 3 Rivers Police: 1:00pm-4:00pm

15—(Tues) 3 Rivers Police: 6:00pm-9:00pm

25—(Fri) Three Rivers Police—6:00pm-9:00pm

28-(Mon) Hennepin Sharpshooters 4H—6:00pm-9:30pm

30—(Wed) Three Rivers Police—1:00pm-4:00pm

June

13 & 14- (Wed & Thurs) Three Rivers Forkhorn I—9:30 am– 3:30 pm

16 & 17-(Sat & Sun) Father's Day Muzzle-loader Shoot—All Day

18- (Mon) West Hennepin Public Safety—All Day

19- (Tues) Three Rivers Pheasant Camp—9:30 am– 3:30 pm

21- (Thurs) Deephaven Police—8:30 am– 1:00 pm

28- (Thurs) Hennepin Sharpshooters 4H—6:00pm-9:00pm

Clubhouse:

27 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM

April

9-(Mon) Firearms Safety Registration, 7:00pm-8pm

10, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26– 7pm-9pm - Firearms Safety Class

20-22 (Fri-Sun)- Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day

23 - (Mon) - Hennepin Sharpshooters 4-H Club 6:30pm - 9:30pm

24 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM

May

1&3 (Tue & Thurs) Delano Sportsmen's Club Firearm Safety

5—(Sat) Delano Sportsmen's Club Firearm Safety

28-(Mon) Hennepin Sharpshooters 4H—6:00pm-9:30pm

29—(Tue) Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM

June

26—(Tue) Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM