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## Legislation, Gun Control & Rights

In the face of several high-profile mass shootings in 2013, legislators both at the state and federal level have opened debates on forms of gun control.

In several states, including Colorado and Connecticut; laws were passed that place substantial restrictions on the ownership of certain types of firearms as well as restricting magazine capacity. In some areas, "assault rifles" can be legally owned—but only if the owners register the weapon with their local police department.

Minnesota was

no stranger to similar legislation; however, much of that legislation has not passed beyond the committee level and will *not likely* become law in 2013.

At the federal level, the Senate has so far defeated legislation that could be utilized to restrict the ownership of what are referred to in some circles as "assault weapons" and in others as, "modern

sporting rifles".

So, what does this have to do with a sportsmen's club? Actually, just about everything.

Many of our members own and shoot rifles or shotguns that have had synthetic stock and forends, and magazines that may hold more than 8 or 10 rounds. These firearms are used for target shooting, hunting and personal defense. The risk of losing entire categories of weapons based merely on their appearance is ineffective at best; at worst, it represents government overreach. (Page 5)



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### Attention All Bowhunters!

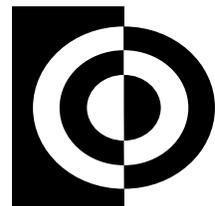
There will be a Bowhunter Safety Course on Saturday April 27, from 7:00am to 5:00pm at the Delano Sportsmen's Club Clubhouse.

This course is limited to 25 attendees, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

The cost for this excellent class is only \$5.00—due at the beginning of class.



If you would like more information on this course...or register, please contact Mike Speckel at 763-442-6851 or 763-477-3619.



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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

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- Newsletter Editor: Bob Ball 612-363-3936  
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### 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
- 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

## 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 Bob Ball at 612-363-3936 or [editor.dsc@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:editor.dsc@comcast.net)

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

**The Next Club Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 30th, 2013**

## 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!

Donald L. Carlson, Lonny Feldt, Hunter Feldt, David Weinstein, Richard Paskach, Mitchell Brufloft, Gary Ytrie, David Swenson, Jason Walters, Mike Cox, Andrew Bittell, Don Nelson, Joel Husby, Russ O'Fallon, Curtiss Burnette, Ted Weidmav, Jay Trombley, Scott Donahue & Clitt Rasschaert

### *From The Editor*

*As I'm writing this, it's the third week in April (I'm running crazy to meet deadline...ugh). The ice isn't out yet—I have a friend who was still leaping to "good ice" to walk out and fish last week! I just finished shoveling 5 inches of "April Showers" off the driveway.*

*So far, many gun control bills were either reduced to something closer to reasonable, or defeated. However, this doesn't mean those ignorant of responsible firearm ownership and 2nd Amendment rights won't be out trying again. We must keep our eyes open and be good citizens; paying attention to what our elected officials (not "leaders"...they work for US) are up to.*

*Hopfully spring will arrive in time for fishing opener.*

*Bob*

## Minutes of the March 26th, 2013 Meeting

28 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:04 PM

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting were approved

### Treasurers Report -

Opening balance \$35,862.02;

Debits \$2381.64;

Credits \$8110.40;

Checking balance \$41,590.78;

Balance in all accounts \$105,286.67.

### Committee Reports

After 14 years as head of the Building and Grounds Committee Mike Speckle is stepping down. Tom Delaney is the new head of the Building and Grounds Committee. Thank you to Mike Speckle for your years of service to the committee.

### Old Business

There was a big crowd for the bird house building day held on March 23. They ran out of pieces for the houses. Many participants took houses home with them, the unclaimed houses will be given away at the Delano Expo.

Tom Delaney reported that volunteers are still needed for lunches for the May, July, August and September meetings.

Jim Klatt commented that the controversy to take our gun rights away is getting worse. After further discussion by many members it was encouraged that everyone get involved to help protect our rights. A good source to check

with to be informed on the gun issues is the Gun Owners Civil Rights Alliance.

### New Business

Jim Klatt is getting complaints that there is not enough parking up by the clubhouse. He suggested we take away the picnic shelter that is no longer used and put gravel there to add more parking. This suggestion will be discussed at the next building and grounds committee meeting.

Tom Motzko suggested we get crushed granite from Delano, instead of red rock, for the clubs driveways and parking lots. Hennepin County owes the club some gravel as a result of the work done on the road last year. After we find out how much we will be getting from them we can consider the granite.

Ryan Andreae - club member who also helps run the Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports asked the club for help in paying for insurance that is needed for them to hold a BB gun tournament. Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports is made up of 8-15 year olds that participate in BB gun shooting and competitions. Kids compete throughout the summer to go to the national event sponsored by Daisy that is held in Arkansas. Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports used to be run by the Jaycees but now is a parent run organization. Under the Jaycees they had insurance through the Jaycees, now as a parent run organization they must buy their own. Total cost of the insurance is \$750, a proposal was made and passed to donate \$300. If anyone has kids interested in joining Buffalo Youth Shooting sports for BB

gun shooting, contact Ryan at 763-234-8967 or go to their website [buffalobbgun.webs.com](http://buffalobbgun.webs.com)

Shifts are still open for the bingo and milk shake stand for the Fourth of July celebration. Contact Jan Kittok if you are interested in signing up.

Raffle tickets have started to come in - one club member asked for 25 more books, another asked for 30 more books.

The concrete barriers by the clubhouse should be removed soon and a guard rail put in once it warms up.

Range and Clubhouse Reservation - Elaine Vomhof, the clubhouse for a graduation June 22, all day. Medina Police for the range, April 11 from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, August 20 all day, and November 21 from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. All reservations were approved.

Firearms Safety registration will be held on April 8th with classes starting on April 9th.

Ryan Andreae reported that the youth trap shooting league held their safety meeting and that shooting will start next week.

Three new members introduced themselves.

Jim Klatt thanked all volunteers and workers.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok,  
Secretary

## Minutes; Wright County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

DATE: 11 MAR 2013

LOCATION: "V"s Café

PRESIDING: PRES MARK KAMINSKI

ROLL CALL : 6 DELEGATES FROM 6

CLUBS

Conservation Pledge lead by Pres Kaminski

Secretary's report read and accepted as read

Treasures report read and accepted as read. Balance of \$5,313.20. This amount is after transfer of account to Wells Fargo Bank in Buffalo.

The checking account has been transferred to Jerry Veches and moved to Buffalo as noted

There was a motion to sponsor Pheasants Forever for the Buffalo banquet at \$450.00. Motion received a second and passed.

The "Friends of The NRA" local committee has cut ties with the program. This was due to conflicts with the committee asked about our two groups combining for a single fundraiser. Funds raised would be used as before, with the proceeds being used in the county. A meeting of the two groups will be scheduled.

Plans are to participate at the Wright County Fair with the pellet gun range. Pellets will be ordered by Jerry Veches. A count will be made to see if targets are also needed.

Minn Weapons Collectors gun show will be at Buffalo Civic Center on Aug 17 & 18

Respectfully submitted  
Dick Nordling, Sec  
NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APR 8, 2013, 7:30pm AT 'V's Café in Maple Lake

## We Need YOU for 4th of July Celebration!

The Fourth of July Celebration in Delano is an excellent way for members to complete their volunteer requirement and have fun doing it!

Once again this year, we will have a float in the 4th of July Parade; pulled by Chad Kulzer's F20 1936 Farmall Tractor! We need volunteers to decorate the float on July 3rd at 9:00 am and members to ride the float and pass out mementos in the Parade!

All shifts are still open for Milkshake and Bingo stands the club sponsors. These are a great way to volunteer, meet people and show that Delano Sportsmen's Club is a great neighbor to have!

Open shifts are:

Wednesday July 3rd:

- 4pm-8pm
- 8pm-midnight

Thursday July 4th:

- Noon-4pm
- 4pm-8pm
- 8pm-midnight

Friday July 5th:

- Noon-4pm
- 4pm-8pm
- 8pm-midnight

Saturday July 6th:

- Noon-4pm
- 4pm-8pm
- 8pm-midnight

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our July 4th activities, please call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.



# WE WANT YOU!

## Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot Volunteers Needed

Every Father's Day weekend, the club hosts a Muzzleloader shoot. If you'd like to meet your volunteer requirement and get a chance to see some of these "original assault rifles" (and their modern offspring) in action, contact Dick Nordling. This year the shoot is June 15 & 16.

## Raffle Sales are off and Running!

The raffle sales are off and running...Some folks have already ordered 25-30 **extra books!**

This year, the three prizes for the raffle are:

- First Prize: a **\$500** Holiday Gas Gift Card
- Second Prize: a **\$250** Coborns Grocery Gift Card
- Third Prize: a **\$100** Cabelas Gift Card.

The price per raffle ticket is \$2.00 each. It's a great fundraiser for the club!

Remember, if you sell 10 books, you've made your volunteer requirement...a \$50 savings on next year's dues! For the person who sells the most...in addition to completing your volunteer requirement, you'll receive a check from the club for **\$75.00!**

If you would like additional books, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989. Contact Jan to turn in money, or turn it in at the monthly meetings.



**Thank you to Derek Shansberg for bringing a great lunch for the March meeting. The pulled pork sandwiches coleslaw and baked beans were wonderful! Lance Scott is bringing lunch in April!**

**If you want to volunteer to cook lunch, your grocery expenses are reimbursed!**

**We still need volunteers for May, July, August and September. Contact Tom Delaney to see what's still available!**

## Gun Control from Page 1

In order to combat this potential encroachment on our constitutional rights, it's important to stay on top of the legislation and make your wishes known to your elected representatives. Remember, they work for we, the people.

There are several ways to keep up to speed on the issues, and express your thoughts.

Dan MacDonald mentioned the group "Gun Owner's Civil Rights Alliance". They have a web site: <http://gocra-mn.org>. They can provide information on where the appropriate bills are at, and what concerns there may be.

As I said, it's important to make

your wishes known to your elected representatives; both at the state and federal level.

If you need help figuring out who that is, or you're not sure exactly what to say to them, consider checking out one of Ruger's pages, devoted to this very issue. Here, you can find your Senator or Representative and send them a pre-written letter. The internet address for that is: <http://www.ruger.com/micros/advocacy/>.

Keeping and bearing arms is our right. However, it's our responsibility to protect that right.

## Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports

Member Ryan Andreae spoke at the monthly meeting about the Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports organization.

This is a group of 8-15 year-olds that shoot targets with air rifles (BB guns) at the Rockford Township Hall on County Road 14.

If you have kids that would be interested in participating, you can get more information by calling 763-234-8967 or going to their web site at <http://www.buffalobbgun.com/>.

## A Different Type of Gun Control

What is the fastest-growing high-school sport in Minnesota? Lacrosse? Soccer? Not by a long shot (pun intended). The fastest growing high school sport is Trap Shooting.

Despite the headlines and almost universal paranoia about firearms and people who shoot; Minnesota is seeing a resurgence of popularity in Trap League at the High School level.

Last year, it was the fastest-growing sport and had almost 1600 shooters from high schools throughout Minnesota. This year that number has nearly doubled to **3400** registered high school trap shooters. Delano High School added a team this year and practices and performs their meets at our Trap range on Monday nights.

### High Tech meets High School Shooters:

Many sports require their players to travel within their conference (and sometimes farther) in order to compete. This would make Trap nearly impossible to perform competitively as firearms are not allowed at schools or on school buses. However, modern technology solves that issue.

Teams shoot at their "home" range. The scores are then sent to the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (to be absorbed by the State High School League in 2014 as a full-sport). In this man-



ner, players, teams and spectators can see how everyone is doing in their conference and the state.

The season runs from April 22-June 3, and State Tournament is held in Alexandria on June 7-8.

To follow standings online, you can go to: <http://www.mnclaytarget.com/>. But you don't have to limit it to online box scores. Spectators are welcome to come out to the club and watch the home team shoot.

As in other sports, letters are awarded for those who qualify. Scores of 19-25 are Varsity, 15-18.9 is Junior Varsity and 0-14.9 is novice.

One other thing that makes Trap unique in high school...unlike other sports, trap league is fully co-ed. Both boys and girls compete on the same team for Top Gun!

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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<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:**  
5:00pm-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:

#### Range:

##### April

1 - (Mon) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:30am - 5:00pm

1 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

2 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All Day

9 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All Day

14 - (Sun) - Rockford (Delaney) Firearm Safety Field Day - 10:00am - 2:00pm

15 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm

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

22 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

29 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

30 - (Tue) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

##### May

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

4 - (Sat) - Delano Sportsmens Club Firearm safety field day - 9:00am-1:00pm

6, 13, 20, 27 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

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

10 - (Fri) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

18 - (Sat) - Rockford (Czanstkowski) Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 1:00pm

##### June

4 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All

Day

11 - (Tues) - Medina Police 9:30am - 5:30pm

12 - (Wed) (**25 yd range only**) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

13 - (Thur) (**25 yd range only**) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

15 - (Sat) - Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

16 - (Sun) - Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

18 - (Tue) (**25 yd range only**) - TRPD Pheasant Hunting Camp . PF 9:30am - 3:30pm

20 - (Thu) - Deephaven Police Department - 8:30am - 1:00pm

#### Clubhouse:

##### April

**8,9,11,16,18,23,25, 29:** Firearm Safety- 6:30pm-9pm

19 - (Fri) - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day

20 - (Sat) - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day

21 - (Sun) - Plymouth Boy Scouts - All Day

27 - (Sat) - Minnesota Bowhunter Education Class - 7:00am-5:00pm

**30 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM**

##### May

2 - (Thu) - Firearms Safety Class - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

4 - (Sat) - Delano Sportsmens Club Firearm safety field day - 9:00am-1:00pm

**28 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM**

##### June

8 - (Tue) Private Party- Ritter-All Day

22 - (Sat) Private Party-Vomhoff-All Day

**25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM**