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Of Note...

- Wood Duck House Project in March. Fun for the family!
- Spring Firearms Safety Training coming in April!
- Bow/Archery Safety also scheduled for April!
- New Club Officers Elected
- New newsletter editor selected

Hatchet Jack Muzzleloader Shoot

This year, the Hatchet Jack Muzzleloader Shoot was held on January 29th. 16 shooters participated and the event raised \$101 for the club.



While there are only two annually sched-

uled events for black powder enthusiast (the Hatchet Jack shoot in January and the Father's Day shoot in June), Delano Sportsmen's club remains a welcoming range for those using muzzleloader

rifles and pistols year-round.

As with other club events, there is always a need for both participants and volunteers. Contact Dick Nordling if you'd like more information or would like to volunteer for a muzzleloader event.

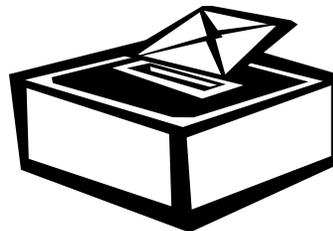
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New Officers Elected

A heartfelt 'thank you' to Tim Robbins who has completed his term as President. Tim will remain as a member of the Executive Board. The new President is Jim Klatt.

At the January meeting, Dan Kittok was nominated and reelected as Secretary. Joe Kittok was nominated and also re-



elected as Treasurer.

Tom Delaney was nominated and elected to serve as 3rd Vice President.

Robert Ball has volunteered to take on the role of Newsletter editor.

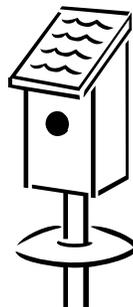
Thank you to Gerhardt Kottke for his service on the Board!

Congratulations to our new officers and editor, and thank you for volunteering your time to keep this club running well!

Bird House Construction March 17th

This year, Delano Sportsmen's club is planning to build 30 Wood Duck and 30 Bluebird houses.

Assembly of the houses is scheduled for March 17th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Club-house.



For those of you with more advanced

This is a great event for the entire family! Both children and adults can enjoy assembling these much-needed homes.

construction experience, contact Larry Lindborg if you'd like to help him cut out pieces for these homes in advance.

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Jim Klatt 763-479-2743
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- 2nd Vice President: Larry Lindborg 763-972-6049
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-682-4980
- 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
- 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

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

Story Ideas:

Do you have a story 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 Robert Ball. Stories 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 February
28th, 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!

Justin Hensley

Randy Stein

Kurt Schendel

James Schwier

Peder Anderson

Mark Claycomb

From The Editor...

"The only person who likes change is a wet baby"—*Mark Twain.*

While change is not something that many of us actively seek, it remains perhaps the only constant in the universe.

I'd like to add my thanks to Jane Speckel for her years of work on the newsletter. In my short time as a member, I have always looked forward to receiving it in the mail.

The look and feel of this publication may change a little, as often happens when the torch of "editor" is passed. However, this is *your newsletter*. Without you, the reader, I don't have a job (volunteer as it may be).

With that in mind, enjoy, and please let me know what you think!

Minutes of the January 31, 2012 Meeting

35 members present - the meeting called to order by President Tim Robbins at 7:03 PM

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report -

Opening balance: \$19,974.71

Debits: \$14,640.06;

Credits: \$22,134.00;

Checking balance: \$27,468.11;

Balance in all accounts: \$85,662.32

Executive Committee meeting - An Executive Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the 76 acres of land that is up for sale directly to the west of the club. Bob Weinzerl, club member and licensed realtor provided information on the property. After discussion, a contract was signed with Bob to explore our options with the property.

Old Business

The club has a new newsletter editor - Robert Ball - he has experience with writing several newsletters.

It was approved to send six students to Long Lake Conservation Camp and four students to Three Rivers Park District Forkhorn Camp this year.

The Minnesota Conservation Federation was considering raising their dues. They decided against it but expressed in a letter they need additional donations.

We will be sponsoring a queen candidate again this year for the Delano 4th of July celebration. If any club member has a potential candidate contact Jan Kittok.

It was approved to donate \$250 to the Buffalo Fishing Clinic For Kids.

Larry Lindborg will be managing the tree program again this year. Trees will be bought from Wright Soil and Water Conservation District. The club will pay half the cost up to 100 trees for each person, after 100 trees the individual pays the rest.

Larry Lindborg will be coordinating the wood duck and bluebird house building

again this year. March 17th will be the assembly day. If anyone is interested in helping cut out material contact Larry. It was approved to build 30 wood duck houses and 30 bluebird houses.

The club received a letter from the Crow River Youth Hockey Association asking for a donation for their upcoming Da Shiver ice fishing contest.

Dick Nordling has gotten the necessary paperwork together to apply for a permit with Wright County to hold a raffle. First prize will be a kids four-wheeler donated by Coborns in Delano, second prize will be a gun to be chosen by Dick and Jim Klatt, third prize will be a knife. The drawing will be held on September 22nd at 1:00 PM in the Coborns parking lot. Tickets will cost \$2 each.

The Hatchet Jack shoot had 16 shooters and raised \$101, everyone had a good time.

New business

Lunch for February is open, March lunch will be provided by Lance Scott, there are many open months after March. Contact Tom Delaney if you want to volunteer to provide lunch at a meeting.

Tom Delaney made two free standing gun racks that he will put down by the range to be used, they hold 32 guns.

Tom Delaney reported there has been more damage done on the range - some posts have been shot out recently. Tom is thinking of putting a notice down on the range with contact numbers for people to call and report damage when they see it happening.

Tom put up the wind breaks on the 25 yard range.

Someone left a propane tank and heater down on the range.

Jake Kittok has Delano Sportsmen's Club hats - three different styles, cost is \$15 a piece. Coats are also for sale with the Delano Sportsmen's Club logo on them. You can buy a coat from All Season Sports or bring your own coat to get stitched.

Range Reservations - Three Rivers Park District - April 4th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, May 9th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, May 15th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, May 30th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, September 11th 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM, September 14th 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM, November 28th 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Deephaven Police - February 16th 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, March 22 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, June 21st 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, September 13th 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, November 15th 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Medina Police - April 12th 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, August 23rd 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, November 29th 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM. West Hennepin Police - April 10th all day, June 18th all day, August 7th all day, November 27th 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Park Sportsmen's Club for firearms safety field day - March 31st 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All reservations were approved

Clubhouse Reservations - Mike Speckle for the bow hunting class April 25th and April 28th. Reservation approved.

Firearms Safety registration day will be April 9th from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Classes start on April 10th and run every Tuesday and Thursday until May 3rd. Field day is May 5th.

Election of Officers - Tim Robbins term was up, Tim will be replaced by Jim Klatt. Dan Kittok was nominated as secretary and re-elected. Joe Kittok was nominated as Treasurer and re-elected. Tom Delaney was nominated as 3rd Vice President and elected.

R.R. Benson won the gun raffle - 252 tickets were sold.

Three new members introduced themselves.

Thank you to Pete Kittok, Al Sullivan, and Jeff Graunke for providing lunch for the January meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Get Your Volunteer On!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer? Here are some ideas for members who want to be active in the club and get in some work hours to reduce the amount of your yearly dues. Don't wait until fall to look for something to do!

- **March 17:** 9am Build Wood Duck and Bluebird houses, bring the kids and bring the hammers! **Contact** Larry Lindborg.
- **April (TBA):** Business expo at the Delano High School Activity Center. The expo will be on a Saturday and we need people to set up on Friday evening and man the booth on Saturday. **Contact** Joe Kittok.
- **April 25, 6-9pm & April 28, All Day:** Advanced Hunter Safety for Archery. **Contact** Mike Speckel.
- **June 16 & 17:** Annual Father's Day Muzzleloading shoot. We usually need a lot of help for this event. **Contact** Dick Nordling.
- **July (TBA):** Members only fishing contest. **Contact** Bill Horsch
- **June 30th, July 1st, 3rd & 4th:** Bingo and Milkshake booth. **Contact** Joe and Jan Kittok.
- **July 4th (and before!):** Help decorate *and ride on* the Delano Sportsmen's Club 4th of July Parade Float! **Contact** Rod Minnich (763-242-0063)
- **July 4th :** Bingo and Milkshake booth. **Contact** Joe and Jan Kittok.
- **August 1,2,3,4 & 5:** Wright County Fair in Howard Lake. Airgun Booth. **Contact** Tom Delaney?
- **September 8th, 9am-Noon:** Members only Turkey Shoot. Help Design FUN targets, promote safety, and a good time for everyone! **Contact** Jim Klatt.
- **September 8th:** We need volunteers to help cook a grilled chicken dinner for the turkey shoot! Meal volunteers, please contact Bill Horsch at 763-972-3215.
- **October 13:** Non member sight in day 9-5 Supervise and assist, etc. **Contact** Tim Hainlin 763-479-6846
- **February & Summer months!** Feed club members after a meeting. *Food costs are reimbursed; just turn in the receipts!* **Contact** Tom Delaney.
- **DNR Firearm Safety Instructors Needed!** We need certified Firearms Safety Instructors. You can find out about how easy it is to become an instructor at the DNR Website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html>. Get certified and contact John McClay for details on teaching!



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!

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Club to Sponsor Queen Candidate

Do you have a family member or family friend you think should be more than just your family's princess or Queen? You may have a chance to share your own royalty with the public!

Once again this year, Delano's July 4th celebration will include royalty, and the Delano Sportsmen's Club will be sponsoring a Queen candidate for Miss Delano.

The important rules are quite simple: The candidate for Queen must live in the Delano School District or attend the Delano Public Schools.

For more information on entry rules, or if you have an candidate in mind, please contact Jane Speckel at 763-477-3619.

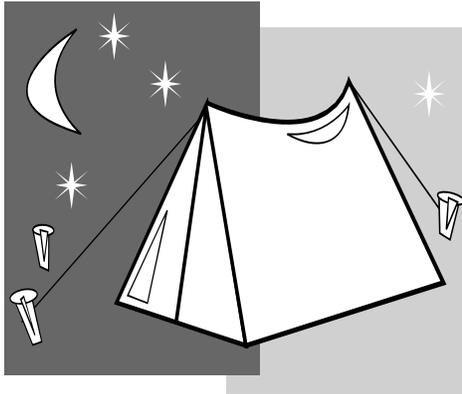


2012 Summer Camp Sponsorships Available!

Delano Sportsmen's Club will be sponsoring students to attend the Long Lake Conservation Camp (LLCC) and the Three Rivers Baker Park Forkhorn Camps again this year.

The club pays for all camp fees! The parents need only provide transportation to and from camp, and the campers themselves only need to attend and have fun. As a bonus, they'll be learning too (but they may not realize it at the time!).

Long Lake Conservation Camp is located in Aitkin County, Minnesota. In addition to many school-related programs, they have a variety of



summer programs available. For information on these programs, see their web site at <http://www.llcc.org>.

Three Rivers Park District also has

a number of Forkhorn camps available. Many of the camps provide Firearm Safety Certification; but those children already holding a certificate are also welcome to attend!

For information on Three Rivers camps, see their web site at: <http://threeriversparks.org>.

If you have more questions or wish to sign up a student for one of these camps, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

Hunter Safety 2012

This April, the club is sponsoring a DNR Firearms Safety course and a Minnesota Bowhunter Education class.

Registration for the firearms safety course is April 9th, from 7:00pm-8:00pm at the clubhouse. Students must be at least 11 years old by the registration date to take this course. Adults are also welcome to take the course! The cost...FREE!

Course dates are April 10, 12, 17, 19, 23 and 26, from 7-9pm. Range Day is May 5th from 7:00am to 1:00pm. A parent or guardian

should attend the April 10th class.

Do not bring firearms or air rifles to class. A rifle or air rifle will be needed for field day (no ammunition). If you don't have a firearm, one will be available for field day. Dress appropriately...Field Day is rain or shine!

Call John McClay after 6pm if you have questions (763-675-2397)

The Bowhunter Education Seminar is a 2-day course held each spring. This year it will be on April 25th from 6pm-9pm and on April 28th from 8am to 4:30pm.

This course covers techniques in bow hunting, safety, game recovery and many other important topics.

The course is required by many states for non-resident archery licenses.

The course is open to the first 25 registered students. Students must be at least 12 years old...and those 12-18 must have a valid DNR Firearms Safety Certificate. Cost is \$5. Lunch is available for an additional cost.

Contact Mike Speckel if you have questions (763-477-3619)

Range Damage...

There have been increasing episodes of damage at the range. Most recently, there have been more instances where the support poles are being shot out.

While the support poles on a firearm range will never last forever, they are built with the expectation that they will last for at least a few years. Construction of the support posts costs the club, in both money



for materials and time spent by volunteers to build (and rebuild) them.

Certainly there are shots that go wide and may hit the post, but we can do our part to avoid hitting them by:

- Not attaching targets to the posts and hitting them intentionally.
- If you are sighting in and shooting wide, move the target to a more central area so you don't hit the posts.
- Report damage that is occurring.

We all need to do our part to care for our facilities!

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<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

Range Hours:

Rifle & Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-Dark

Saturday: 9:00am-Dark

Sunday: 11:00am-Dark

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...

Found Item:

A propane tank and heater were left on the range. If you're missing yours, contact Secretary Dan Kitok or a Range officer to claim it.

Reservations:

Range:

February:

16 - (Thu) Deephaven Police Department - 9:00am - 11:30am

March:

3 - (Sat) Delano Boy Scouts 9:00am-1:00 pm

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

31 - (Sat) Park Sportsmens Club Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am- 1:00 pm

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

Clubhouse:

February:

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

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

March:

2-4 (Fri-Sun) - Delano Boy Scouts - All day

17 - (Sat) - Build bluebird and wood duck houses - 9:00 - noon

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

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

April

9, 10, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26- 6:30pm-9pm - Firearms Safety Classe

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

25 - (Wed) - Minnesota Bowhunter Education Class - 6pm - 9pm

28 - (Sat) - Minnesota Bowhunter Education Class - All Day

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.