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Volunteering—it Makes us Grow

Even though there are piles of snow everywhere...we are heading toward the end of permanent ice houses (as early as this week on the MN/IA boarder, and 2 weeks for many of the inland lakes), and a time to think of Opening (baseball or fishing...).

If you're wise, it's also time to think about how you want to volunteer for the club.

There are many opportunities throughout the year (there are several listed on page 4 to pick from already). The problem is... many people wait until it's too late to & by that time,

there may be little left to do for the season.

Just like your home, boat or cabin...there are things to be done around the club almost year-round.

Volunteering provides benefits. Obviously to the club...but also to you and to the community.

When we volunteer it allows the club to continue its mission at a far lower cost than if they have to hire out work.

More importantly, it gives you a chance to meet other club members...people you have at least something in common with. Sometimes you wind up with new

friends or hunting/fishing partners.

Financially, while volunteering benefits the club...it also benefits you to the tune of a \$100 discount on dues. Who can't use an extra \$100?

Finally, our volunteer efforts benefit the club within the community. Whether part of the business expo, highway cleanup, or Fourth of July...our participation allows the community to see us as friendly and positive neighbors. In today's society of wariness around "gun clubs" and ranges...that's not a bad thing.

Meeting Notice!

**Buildings &
Grounds Committee
will meet at 6:30 on
Feb 25th— just be-
fore the main meet-
ing!**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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P.O. Box 394

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Delano, MN 55328

eNewsletter Reminder

Have you let us know how you want your newsletter delivered?

Remember, the newsletter can now be delivered in one of two ways, depending on your choice. You can receive a printed newsletter by US Mail. To do so, just call Jan Kittok, and make sure you're on the list. Her number is: 763-972-2989.

We've began publishing the newsletter electronically and sending it by email. This saves us a lot of money in printing costs and postage. It also usually will get to you faster than the printed version (because it gets sent to the printer at the same time it goes to the email person). To be added to the email newsletter, send an email to delano-sportsmensclub@gmail.com

and ask to be added to the list.

Finally, don't forget that past issues are available on our website:

www.delanosportsmensclub.com

Stay informed with your monthly newsletter!

The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Dale Vanderlinden 763-972-6726
- Secretary: Dan Kittok 763-479-2429
- Treasurer: Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
- 1st Vice President: Larry Lindborg 763-972-6049
- 2nd Vice President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- 3rd Vice President: Tim Robbins 612-710-6836;
timrobbinS@embarqmail.com
- Membership & Rental: Joe & Jan Kittok 763-972-2989
- Volunteer Coordinator: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
mmraclubs@msn.com
- Executive Board: Rick Dobbelaire 763-684-0709
- Executive Board: Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
- Executive Board: John McClay 763-675-2397

Range Information:

- 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
- 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.

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 Next Club Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 7:00pm on Tuesday February 25th, 2014.

Welcome New Members!

We hope they will enjoy many hours of safe shooting activities on our range!

Ziggy Holovnia, Tameer Mady, Gary Prinsen, Peter Winters

From the Editor



Minutes of the January 28th, 2014 Meeting

39 members present - the meeting called to order by First vice president Dale Vanderlinden at 7:03 PM

Three new members introduced themselves. There was one guest present - Duane Bauman with Franklin Township.

Dan MacDonald introduced to the club Andrew Rothman of the Gun Owners Civil rights Alliance (GOCRA). Andrew gave a presentation on GOCRA and what they are up against this year in protecting our gun rights.

Secretary's Report - minutes of the November 26, 2013 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report - Opening balance \$13,190.88; debits \$22,308.04; credits \$35,654.86; checking balance \$26,537.70. The club opened up a CD for \$5000. Balance in all accounts \$31,537.70.

Committee Reports

Joe Kittok gave a farm update - the renter is paid up to date and is paying the electric bill. The club still needs to put a boiler in the basement - the renter is heating with wood. If anyone knows of a used boiler that is available let Joe Kittok know.

The re-finance offer from John Tackaberry is still in process. John is consulting his lawyer.

Joe Kittok updated the club on the most recent Fourth of July Committee meeting. The fourth of July Committee found out that they cannot avoid paying sales tax on alcohol sales. They were audited back three years and as a result they will have a tax burden that they didn't expect.

Tom Delaney reported that the first attempt at the newsletter being sent out via e-mail encountered some glitches that they are in the process of working out, but for the most part went well. Thank you to Donna Stundahl and Jan Kittok for the work they have done on it.

Tom Delaney said that they 25 yard range has some work that needs to be done on it. There will be a Building and

Grounds meeting before the February general meeting. The silhouette target issue will be discussed then.

Dick Nordling held the Hatchet Jack shoot on Sunday January 26th. It was slow, only 7 shooters, and very cold.

Larry Lindborg will coordinate the tree sales again this year. The order forms are not available from Wright County yet. Larry suggested that due to the land purchase financial situation that anyone ordering pay full price this year.

Larry Lindborg will also coordinate the bluebird and woodduck house building again this year. Thirty of each type will be built. Larry will talk to Hamel Lumber for supplies. Saturday March 22nd is the day chosen to build.

Jan Kittok updated the club on the membership renewals. 77% have renewed - there are about 127 that have not paid yet, with a few days left before the due date of the end of the month.

New Business

Last year the club sent 10 students to Forkhorn or Long Lake Conservation Camp. Joe Kittok motioned that this year due to the land purchase financial situation that we send 6 students. Tim Robbins second, the motion passed. There are six students that are already signed up, some are second year students. The club puts priority on first year students so if a first year student wants to attend there would be an opening.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Larry Lindborg and was passed to move up the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents. Dale Vanderlinden becomes President, Larry Lindborg becomes 1st Vice President, and Tom Delaney becomes 2nd Vice President. Nominations for 3rd Vice President were Tim Robbins and Jake Kittok, ballots were cast and Tim Robbins was elected 3rd Vice President. Dan Kittok was nominated for Secretary, there being no other nominations the ballot was cast for Dan Kittok. Joe Kittok was nominated for Treasurer, there being no other nominations the ballot was cast for Joe Kittok.

The members only raffle was held - Mark Hedding won the pistol, Tony Funk won the muzzleloader. There were also some door prizes raffled off to those in attendance.

John McClay asked if he could open the trap range for the boy scouts when they use the club and range in March, and if he could have two practice nights - March 23 and 24 - for the Delano Trap Team. Both requests were approved.

Thank you to Dave Quammen for re-working the club's membership forms.

Mark Hedding has an AR15 for sale if anyone is interested.

Thank you notes were received from Mill Pond and the Patrick Benalke family.

Dale thanked the officers and all volunteers who supported the clubs events and projects over the past year.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

Lunches:

Thank you to the Lucky 5 trap team for a great lunch at the January meeting! They had some of the best chili we've ever eaten!

Jeff Graunke, Pete Kittok, Dan Kittok, Dan Kittok & Al Sullivan have been making the January Lunch for years! Thanks guys!

In February, Joe Tipka; who also is the manager of Coborns in Delano will be supplying the meal. Last year it was a wonderful Pork Chop dinner. What will he come up with for this year? Come to the meeting and find out!

2014 Volunteer Needs

The need for volunteers is growing already! Here are some opportunities you can choose from to help the club and **discount your membership fee to only \$50!**

Lunches: We need volunteers to provide lunches for:

- **March**
- **May**
- **June**
- **July**
- **August**
- **October**

You choose the meal. You get reimbursed for the cost of the food (just turn in the receipts). All you have to do is come up with a meal idea and make it. Don't worry, we'll eat it! If you're interested, contact Tom Delaney.

Birdhouse Construction: We'll need volunteers to help build wood-duck and bluebird houses again this year. The construction date is **March 22nd!** The place is the club house. Contact Larry Lindborg if you want to help. He can use some help beforehand cutting parts as well. When you're planning your volunteer activity, remember that this is a great family event for spouses and kids to participate as well!

Delano Business Expo: April 12th. We need help with set-up (7:00 am), to visit with attendees and give out birdhouses & club information, and tear-down. Contact Joe or Jan Kittok if you can help with any of those items!

Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot: June 14 & 15. Contact Dick Nordling for more information.

Fourth of July Events! July 2-5

- Milkshake booth
- Bingo stand
- Parade (Decorate, drive, or ride on float).

More information in the March Newsletter...but Contact Joe Kittok for more information if you're eager to sign up now!

Wright County Fair: July 30-Aug 3: Airgun booth. Contact Dick Nordling.

2014 Firearms Safety Training Course

Registration date is March 10th 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 5th** is the Field/Range Day from 7:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. **(Students must attend all classes.) A parent or guardian is requested to attend the March 11th class from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Class dates are as follows:

March 11, 13	April 1, 3
March 18, 20	April 5 Field Day
March 24, 27	

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 (763) 675-2397, after 6:00 p.m.

For Sale:

Marlin 1895 Guide Gun, Model GBL 45-70. With Leather sling and Redfield 2-7 Scope. Includes Hornady dies, 100 Remington nickel cases, 60 brass cases, approx. 150 300-grain and 150 405-grain bullets. Also Lee Auto Prime with shell holder and case. \$600 for everything.

Traditions Pursuit .50 cal muzzleloader. With sling, scope mount, extra breech plug, ramrod extension, 50 350-grain maxi-hunter bullets and 15 power-belt bullets. Also powder measure, quick reload tubes and misc. accessories. \$200 for everything. Call **Jim-763-477-6946**



Ed. Note: These images are examples...not the actual items for sale

Reservations— Continued from Page 6

6:30pm - 9:00pm

20 - (Thu) - **DSC Firearms Safety**

Class - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

24 - (Mon) - **DSC Firearms Safety**

Class - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

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

27 - (Thu) - **DSC Firearms Safety**

Class - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

April

1 - (Tue) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** -

6:30pm - 9:00pm

3 - (Thu) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** -

6:30pm - 9:00pm

5 - (Sat) - **DSC Firearms Safety Field**

Day - 9:00am-1:00pm

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

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

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

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

A reminder that beginning in April, the Club's Trap League will begin again on Wednesday and Thursday nights...in addition to the High School league on Mondays

and Tuesdays. If you've got a scattergun and haven't tried trap before, stop on out on a Wednesday or Thursday. They'll let you squeeze in a practice round as well. It's an enjoyable sport to take up!



2014-2015 Camp Opportunitites

Each year, Delano Sportsmen's club sets aside funds to provide scholarships to send children to conservation-based camps. These camps are sponsored by the Three Rivers Park District, and the Long Lake Conservation Center in Palisade, MN.

For 2014, the club has voted to send 6 students to area camps. While we have a full list of students for 2014 already, if you have a child or grandchild, niece or

nephew that you'd like to nominate for a 2015 camp, contact Jan Kittok.

Examples of the available camps can be found at:

<http://www.llcc.org/PDF-Files/2014%20SummerCampposter.pdf>

<http://www.threeriversparks.org/events/Groups/summer-camps.aspx> (The forkhorn and hunting camps are the one's the club normally sponsors).

For Sale: Bushmaster Carbon 15— 5.56 or .223 Rem. package with the following items:

- Bushmaster Carbon15 AR for 5.56 and .223 Remington
- Hard Case
- Owners Manual
- 2 Bushmaster 30 round magazines
- 1 Bushmaster 5 round magazine
- 2 Pmag 30 round magazines with dust cover
- Bushnell 1x28 red dot scope (with bow and polarizing filter)
- Extra set of rings for higher mount
- Shell catcher bag
- Bore snake
- Chamber brush
- Gas tube cleaners
- 907 rounds Lake City 5.56 55-gr in 100 round plastic containers
- 20 rounds American Eagle tracer rounds

Rifle not used much. Bought in 2011. Less than 300 rounds through. I am the first and only owner. I thought I'd like the light AR platform, but am going back to bolt-action.

Mark Hedling: 952-955-1749



A student practicing archery at Three Rivers Forkhorn Camp

**Please...let's not have a repeat of Opener
2013!**



Delano Sportsmen's Club Member Volunteer Notification to Membership Committee

Please be advised that on (date) _____, I completed 8 or more hours of volunteer work for the Delano Sportsmen's Club. The work performed falls under the volunteer work category code number _____, listed below. What I specifically did was:

Date: _____ Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Volunteer work category codes:

1. Administration/committee activity
2. Training/supervisory activity
3. Building, repairs and maintenance
4. Grounds keeping repairs and maintenance
5. 4th of July activities
6. Rummage sale
7. Raffle activities
8. Other special events
9. Other activities

Please mail this completed notification form to: Membership Administrator, Delano Sportsmen's Club; PO Box 394, Delano, MN 55328; or bring to any monthly meeting.

Forms must be received no later than 12/31 of the current year. Members who paid the volunteer fee for the current year, but failed to perform or report their volunteer service by 12/31 will be charged the non-volunteer membership fee.

This form will be sent out periodically with the newsletter throughout the year. You can also obtain a form at a monthly meeting.

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 394
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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:
5:00pm-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:

February

20 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-

10:00pm

27 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-

10:00pm

March

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

23 - (Sun) - Delano Youth Trap League practice
6:00pm - 9:00pm

24 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League practice
6:00pm - 9:00pm

- (Sat) Park Sportsman's Club - Firearm
Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 1:00pm

April

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

2 - (Wed) - Deephaven Police Dept - 8:00am -
1:00pm

5 - (Sat) - **DSC Firearms Safety Field Day** -
9:00am-1:00pm

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

8 - (Tue) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm -
9:00pm

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

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

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

21 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm

- 9:00pm

22 - (Tue) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm

- 9:00pm

23 - (Wed) - West Hennepin Public Safety -
8:30am - 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

Clubhouse:

February

25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Club-
house, 7:00 PM

March

7 - (Fri) - Delano Boy Scouts - All day

8 - (Sat) - Delano Boy Scouts - All day

9 - (Sun) - Delano Boy Scouts - overnight until
10:00 am

10 - (Mon) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class sign-
up** 7:00pm-8:00pm

11 - (Tue) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** -
6:30pm - 9:00pm

12 - (Wed) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** -
6:30pm - 9:00pm

22 - (Sat) - Build bluebird and wood duck
houses - 9:00am - 1:00pm

18 - (Tue) - **DSC Firearms Safety Class** -

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