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Electronic Newsletter Goes Live

This is the launch of both the printed newsletter as well as the new, emailed electronic version of the newsletter!

For those that requested continued printed versions of the newsletter, this shouldn't look much different than previous issues.

On the other hand, if you're trying this by email; you'll see a few changes.

First of all, you'll see more color as we move forward in the electronic version.

Why? Because the e-newsletter is not limited to black & white printing. You'll also see that the photographs that are printed will be much easier to see.

All that said, this is a new effort, and we're excited to hear your feedback.

What do you like about the newsletter (in either form)? What doesn't work as well?

Feedback can be sent to the editor (Bob Ball) at [edi-tor.dsc@comcast.net](mailto:editor.dsc@comcast.net)

If you need to update your email address to receive electronic newsletters, please send your updated email address to Donna at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.



Remember, the other benefit of the electronic newsletter is that we will save a substantial amount of money over printed newsletters, as it reduces printing and postage costs. This means more money available to the club for other projects.

Our Sympathies

Our condolences to the family of Richard Bowyer.

Richard, 74, of Watertown passed away on Wednesday, December 18th, 2013 at the Belle Plaine Lutheran Home. He was born December 23rd, 1938 to Henry and Mabel (Brown) Bowyer in Southampton, England.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Virginia

(Shoholm) and two sisters: Jackie Ballard and Brenda Bowyer.

He is survived by his children James (Becky) Bowyer and Andrew (Lisa) Bowyer; and grandchildren Jennifer, Matthew and Abigale.

A memorial gathering took place on Sunday, December 22nd, 2013 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fireside Room.



Sympathy

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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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.

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 January 28th, 2014.

Welcome New Members!

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

Henry Wuollet, Keith McDonald, Thomas Pink, Joe Tackaberry, Taylor Smith, Shane Johnson, Donna Stundahl, Mitch Kezar, Richard Evans, Michael Kelly, Dale Kenknight.

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Minutes of the November 26th, 2013 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Pres. Jim Klatt

There was a motion to approve minutes for Oct meeting as printed in the Club's newsletter, motion received a second and was passed.

Treasures report was read and accepted as read.

Balance in all accounts **\$13,190.88**

The report from the Buildings and Grounds committee updated members on clean-up on farm property. The progress is going well and area is much improved.

Members were reminded on the upcoming release of the Newsletter via Email. Check your Nov newsletter for details.

We have received \$1,700 in to date on the membership raffle. As of this week, 31% of our members have renewed their memberships for 2014.

John Tackaberry indicated he would be interested in the possibility of financing the farm property at 5% interest; that is compared to the 6% we are now paying. A considerable savings over the 30 year contract.

The Minn Deer Hunters Assoc. has a hide drop box on property for anyone wishing to donate their hide.

Requests for building and range reservations were approved.

Pres. Klatt welcomed new members and had them introduce themselves. He also thanked all committee members, lunch preparers, and volunteers for their involvement. Jim has

sold his home and moved to the Hinckley area.

We would like to thank Jim for his leadership for the past 2 years and we hope he will visit us in the future.

John Tackaberry served another of his fantastic lunches following the meeting. There were 27 members attending.

Our next meeting will be on January 28th, 2014

The Hatchet Jack black powder shoot will be on Sunday Jan 26th. Shooting from 10 until 4

Our club secretary was basking on the beach in the Florida Keys so minutes were supplied by Dick Nordling.

Wright County Federation Meeting Minutes: October 2013

DATE: 14 OCT 2013
LOCATION: "V"s CAFÉ IN MAPLE LAKE
PRESIDING: PRES MARK KAMINSKI
ROLL CALL: 9 DELEGATES FROM 8 CLUBS

Conservation Pledge lead by Pres Kaminski

Secretary's report read and accepted as read

Treasures report read and accepted as read. Bal \$33,700.86

Banquet report: Income \$64,865.24

Expenses

\$35,700.73

Profit \$29,164.

59

Paid for 200 meals@\$14.52 Hall rental \$150.00

There was discussion about moving to an earlier date in 2014. Also we need to get all merchandise to hall

earlier for set up.

Grants WILL NOT be approved for wages or travel expenses. Clubs are urged to get grant requests to a Club officer ASAP. Grants are for new and existing programs with youth and womens activities taking priority. Be realistic on amount of grant request. We will try to have grant request applications available in Dec.

The membership renewal for The Minnesota Conservation Federation is due, amount is \$23.00. Motion made, seconded, and carried to pay. There was a motion made to pay "V"s Café \$200 for the use of the space for our meetings, second and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Nordling, sec

NEXT MEETING WILL BE
ON MON, DEC 9 AT 7PM CAFÉ IN
MAPLE LAKE

*Thank you to John
Tackaberry for the full-spread
meal prepared for the
November Meeting. Wow! It
was wonderful!*

*The Lucky Five Trap Team
will be serving up lunch at
January's meeting. Don't miss
it!*

Wright County Federation Meeting Minutes; December 2013

DATE: DEC 9, 2013

LOCATION: "V"'s CAFÉ IN MAPLE LAKE

PRESIDING: PRES MARK KAMINSKI

ROLL CALL: 8 DELEGATES FROM 7 CLUBS

Conservation Pledge lead by Pres Kaminski
Secretarys report was read and accepted as read
Treasures report was read and accepted as read. Balance is \$31,910.89

There was discussion over the process for grants requests and the criteria to be used. Pres Kaminski will work up a grant request form.

There will be a Weapons Collectors gun show at the River Center in St. Paul next weekend.

A motion was made to purchase two calendars from Midwest Outdoors Unlimited for \$40.00 each. They raffled off 2 guns per week for a year. Motion received a second and passed on a voice vote.

Members discussed the current Minn DNR firearms safety program and their use of online training field trips.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Dick Nordling, Sec

NEXT MEETING ON MON, JAN 13, 2014 7PM AT 'V's
CAFÉ IN MAPLE LAKE



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Raffle Update

For those of us who entered the members-only raffle during membership renewal; the drawing for the Remington R1 Enhanced pistol and the muzzleloader will be held at the January meeting. Winners need not attend to win...but hey, a great lunch is planned, and it's a good time to learn more about what's happening in the club!

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.

Found at the Range

A rifle rest was found at the range during the fall. It hasn't been claimed yet. If yours is missing, please call Jan Kittok and identify it so you can claim it.

Elections

There will be an election of officers held at the January 2014 meeting.

The positions open for election are:

- 3rd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

We would like to take a moment to thank President Jim Klatt for his service as a member and President of the club. Like many

who volunteer their time here, he's put in a lot of effort to help keep the club running smoothly.



In January, Dale Vanderlinden will move from 1st Vice President to President, Larry Lindborg will move from 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President and Tom Delaney will move from 3rd Vice President to 2nd Vice President.

If you are interested in running for one of those positions, please contact Dale Vanderlinden and let him know.



Cat Attack Harold Menk, PE

It was a cold and snowy December morning in northern Minnesota. I was hunting a remote trail; stopping periodically to blow my Lohman snort call. Around lunch time, I blew one last snort, and then sat on a downed log facing the trail.

With a lot of fresh snow everywhere, I cradled my .50 caliber Knight muzzleloader on my lap across my legs. I started to dig out my lunch and I froze as I noticed a large bobcat cross the trail about 30 yards back. I watched as it continued on its way into the woods until it was out of sight. I sat there for a while, processing what I had seen, and then started in on my lunch.

As I sat there enjoying the moment, I started to hear footsteps...fairly close behind me. Alarmed, I quickly turned my head around to see that bobcat had come back for me and was approaching fast in attack mode—about 15 yards away. In an instant, I had gone from being the “hunter” to the “hunted”, and I was not sure if there would be enough time to stand, turn around and fire before the cat was on me.

It was good that my muzzleloader was handy on my lap but as I grabbed a hold of it and started to stand and turn; there was a loud crash in the woods on the opposite side of the trail. As much as I wanted to get at least a quick look at the source of the commotion; there just wasn't time and I continued to turn and face the attack.

I do remember one thought during that process: with only a single shot, I was sure wishing I had a full tang



fixed blade hunting knife on me instead of my old Buck 110 folder.

As I finished standing up to near full height, I turned and shouldered my rifle in one seamless motion. In its full winter coat, the cat looked like a flying fuzz ball with no torso, and I was hoping I could time my shot as the cat hit the end of the barrel. Maybe I would get at least a piece of it. The bobcat was close, and as our eyes locked, it must have re-

alized that I was not a bird or other critter perched on the log; that it had made a terrible mistake.

With a shocked look on its face, it did what seemed like a 180-degree turn in mid-air and fled off, running flat out into the woods.

With the cat in full retreat, I spun around to see what had made the crash; only to see that there was nothing else on the trail but falling snowflakes and me. Although I didn't confirm the tracks, I think the crash was probably an approaching deer; surprised when I stood up from the downed log. I sat back down on the log, but it was awhile before I could eat.

I did hunt the rest of the afternoon, but my neck got sore from looking over my shoulder. The ordeal also cost me an opportunity later in the day when an approaching deer spooked when I turned my head to confirm that it wasn't that dang cat sneaking up on me again. Anybody in the market for a Buck 110 Folder? Happy hunting...but keep one hand on your knife!

DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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:

January

2 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

8 - (Wed) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 5:00pm - 9:00pm

9 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

16 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

18 - (Sat) - Sean Casey - C & C Field Session 2:00pm - 4:00pm

23 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

26 - (Sun) - Hatchet Jack Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

30 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

February

6 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

13 - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

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

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

Clubhouse:

January

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

February

25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 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

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

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

**Report all
Range Damage**