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Election 2016

We will be electing officers at the January 2016 meeting.

Larry Lindborg will not be running for reelection; so First Vice President Tom Delaney will become our new president in January.

Tim Robbins will become First Vice President, and John Tackaberry will become Second Vice President.

We will need to elect a new Third Vice Presi-

dent (it's a role that will eventually move you to the presidency—without the nastiness of assassinations or impeachments). We will also be electing a Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact Larry Lindborg to inform him.

The main requirement is that you're a member who regularly attends the meetings. This way you become familiar with the

members and issues that the club faces.



Hatchet Jack Muzzle Loader Shoot

The 2016 Hatchet Jack Muzzle-Loader Shoot will be held on Sunday, January 31st from 11:00am-6:00pm.

This is a great opportunity to get out and shoot & compete with other muzzle-loader types. There are fun targets to shoot, and you can show your true mountain man (or woman) spirit by shooting like they did...in the dead of winter.

Besides, there's no football, so what else are you going to do? Call Dick Nordling if you have questions.



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The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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- Firearm Training: John McClay 763-675-2397
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- Portable Targets: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Gate Fobs: Tim Hainlin 612-702-7016

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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

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

Story Ideas:

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Just contact editor Bob Ball 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 26th, 2016

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest members to the Delano Sportsmen's club. We hope they have many enjoyable and safe hours out on the range!

Timothy Arnold, Stephen Pool, Terry Ewert, Ken Rostis, Greg Reed, Eric Olson, Loran Georges, Shad Hamilton, Grady Stephens, Stephen Karvala Jr., Ryan Boyko.



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Minutes of the November 24, 2015 Meeting

28 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Larry Lindborg

Secretary's Report - minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers report - opening balance in checking account \$11,173.92; debits \$6476.26; credits \$4942.00; checking balance \$9639.66.

Building and Grounds - Plastic was put up on the 25 yard range to break the wind, the feedback has been positive. Some items need to be burned on the farm, a burning permit will be needed for this.

One new member introduced himself.

Dan MacDonald updated the club on GOCRA and MNGOPAC. Things are pretty quiet now but both organizations are watching what state agencies are reporting and keeping an eye on the Protect MN organization, who wants to restrict gun rights.

Archery range Eagle Scout project - Alex will be drawing up his ideas to present to the club.

Fourth of July - the club received a check for \$10,000 for our part in the celebration. The last meeting was a wish session for what people wanted in the new hamburger stand building. There was a recommendation to keep the bingo stand as it is.

Joe Kittok and the Delano Legion will be putting on a Thanksgiving dinner. It is free and open to the public. It starts at 11:30 AM on Thanksgiving day.

The hearing to rezone the farm land will take place on 12/10/15 at 7:30 PM at the Wright County Courthouse.

Dues are due, 25% of the members have paid up so far.

\$1430 has been collected for the members only raffle of the Glock pistol.

Andy Fondrick from the Minnesota Waterfowl Association spoke to the club about the organization. They are having a gun calendar fundraiser. Calendars are \$40, there are 128 guns to be given away, each calendar has three

chances to win. They will start drawing for guns in April 2016. They are offering group sales to organizations like the Delano Sportsmen's Club. For every calendar we sell the club gets \$10 back from the Minnesota Waterfowl Association. A motion was made and passed to try and sell 50 calendars. Joe Kittok will handle the sales.

The Sno Stormers are having their silent auction on December 5th and are looking for donations. A motion was made and passed to donate a one year membership to the club.

The Executive Committee met before the regular club meeting and passed a proposal to offer Franklin Township 10 acres at \$5500 per acre for their proposed park. Franklin township had an appraisal done on 15 acres that came in at \$4200 per acre. After some discussion a motion was made by Tom Delaney and seconded by Tim Robbins to present this offer to Franklin Township. The motion was passed by the club.

An observation was made by Wally Johnson that there are fully automatic assault rifles being used on the range and that we should put a note in the newsletter that this is against range rules.

The gate to the range is fixed.

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association is having a gun raffle. 40 guns are to be raffled off. Tickets cost 20\$ each. Contact Rick Dobbelaire or Dick Nordling if you would like a ticket.

Thank you to John Tackaberry and Brian Rodgers for providing the lunch.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

*For more information on
GOCRA and MNGOPAC, please
contact Dan MacDonald*



Reminder:

Automatic weapons are not permitted at the club.

Refer to the range rules for specifics. If you have questions, please contact a board member.

Thank you for a wonderful November meal, John Tackaberry!

The Lucky 5 Trap Team will be providing lunch for the January Meeting. With a name like that, it's bound to be great!

We need volunteers to bring lunches for March-October 2016. Contact Tom Delaney if you can help (grocery costs are reimbursed).



2016
FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING
COURSE

Registration date is March 7th 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 2th** is the Field/Range Day from 7:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. **A parent or guardian is requested to attend the March 8th class from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Class dates are as follows:

March 8, 10	March 28, 31
March 15, 17	April 2 Field Day
March 22, 24	

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.



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A Big Thanks to All of You Gun Safety Training Instructors & Volunteers

By *Harold Menk, PE*

Our family had one of those special moments last fall as my oldest daughter shot her first ruffed grouse, hunting near the Canadian border. I am not sure who was more excited about it, her older brother, who witnessed the event, or her. She was using a 20 gauge Browning BPS Youth Model and had commented a number of times that she really liked the gun. It is lightweight, nicely balanced, and has easy sighting with a ventilated rib. As an added bonus, it is ambidextrous with the tang safety on the top of the receiver and loading and ejection from the bottom. This is a wonderful feature for a family like ours that has left and right-handed shooters.

The reason that point is important to this article is that I didn't know that our family had left-handed shooters until I got my kids into Gun Safety Training Class. You see, not only one of my daughters, but also my son, are both the relatively rare case of a right-handed person with a dominant left eye. It makes sense to me now, knowing that my Dad was a southpaw, but I had never heard of such a thing back then. Fortunately for both of them; their instructors mad that determination in one of the first classes and they were able to start shooting left handed from the get-go, instead of having to switch sides after the fact. I am a big believer in getting the right start on such a thing. My son was one of just a very few who shot his way to a "Marksman" medal in Army Basic Training. This helped him earn an invitation to advance to Airborne and Air Assault training; and my daughter is a real tack driver at the range and already has a couple of deer under her belt.

So on behalf of my family to all of you Gun Safety Training Instructors and Volunteers out there..."For all that you do, our thanks goes to you". By the way, for all of you guys with back problems like me; I have been known to grab that lightweight youth BPS and use it myself when none of the kids are around. It's a little short, but anything that helps keep me on the trails. Happy hunting and hope to see you at the range...it's one of my favorite places.

Youth Camp Opportunities

Each year, the club provides scholarships for a number of children to attend either the Long Lake Conservation Camp (<http://llcc.org>) or to the Three Rivers Park District Fork-horn Camp.

We currently have 4 students registered. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc., that you'd like to register; or if you have questions, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989

Raffle Calendars Available

The club has a supply of gun raffle calendars available. The calendars are sponsored by the Minnesota Waterfowl Heritage Fund, with 128 firearms raffled throughout the year. The price is \$40 and drawings are held every Tuesday & Thursday.

If you'd like to purchase one, you can pick one up at the meeting, or contact Joe Kittok at 763-221-6658 or joekittok@outlook.com. Calendars will be available through March 27th, 2016.

Volunteer Expertise?

We get a number of requests by members who need help with some aspects of firearm maintenance/use; such as newly installed red dot sights (how to zero them in, etc.).

If you have experience with basic maintenance/upgrades (optics, etc.), contact Tom Delaney. If you're helping another member with these tasks, it will count toward your volunteer hours—and it's a great way to meet other members!

Our Sympathies

Long time club member Tom Motzko passed away on December 21st. His funeral was on December 26th in Watertown, MN. Tom "was a lover of all things outdoors, and often reminisced about his days hunting and fishing". He was survived by his love of 47 years, and seven children.



**NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF CLUBHOUSE, RANGE,
TRAPHOUSE**

**PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN PLACE
CLEAN ALL AREAS UTILIZED
LEAVE NOTHING IN THE REFRIGERATORS
WIPE UP, CLEAN UP, SWEEP UP, VACUUM
TAKE OUT/TAKE WITH ALL TRASH. THANK YOU!!!!**

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:

No Hand or portable throwers allowed.

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

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 2016

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

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

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

24 - (Sun) - Hatchet Jack Muzzleload-
ers Shoot - All Day

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

February

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

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

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

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

Clubhouse:

January 2016

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

February

7 - (Sun) Club Clean-up & Repair - Volun-
teers check the list at the clubhouse
door! 8:00am

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

Range Rules:

1. You must wear your ID card when on the range.
2. Maximum of 3 guests per member are allowed.
3. Use paper targets only (no cans, glass, plinking).
4. No Paintball guns
5. Do not attach targets to the back-stop posts.
6. No trap shooting; except organized events.
7. Be sure bullets are hitting the back-stops.
8. No digging in the backstops.
9. All firing must be done from the firing lines at 25, 50 & 100 yards. **Move the 50-yard target off range when not in use.**
10. No intermediate targets between established firing lines.
11. Do not shoot anything on the ground.
12. Pick up your trash, remove targets from backstops, & pick up casings. Leave the area clean & ready for the next member.
13. No human silhouette targets, except official **police events**.
14. Check unknown people for membership cards.
15. Do a **Safety Check** before firing
16. Fully automatic weapons are forbidden
17. The gate is to be kept locked at all times.