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Of Note...

- April's Bow Hunter Safety Class has been canceled for 2012.
- Club Fundraiser: Tickets available for sale!
- Bird House Construction at the Club House March 17th, 9:00 am—Noon
- Firearm Safety Registration, April 9th at 7pm!

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Fund Raising Opportunity!

This month's newsletter came in an envelope, complete with a book of raffle tickets. Why? Because Delano Sportsmen's Club is holding a raffle on September 22nd. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and the funds benefit our club's youth sports.

We hope each member can sell at least one book of tickets. Given the terrific prizes, that shouldn't be too hard!

The **Delano Coborns** has donated a blue child-sized motorized 4-wheeler!
Friends of the NRA has donated a 6" Buck® NRA Hunting knife with leather sheath (it's Buck Model 498). Finally, one winner will have the choice between a bolt-action Savage 30-06 rifle or \$350.00 cash!

Proceeds and unsold tickets can be returned at any

meeting or in the envelope that came with this newsletter. Please return your unsold tickets so someone else can sell them!

If you sell all your tickets, you can get more by contacting Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 and she'll send you more. If you sell 10 books or more, you'll meet your annual volunteer requirement.

Bow Hunter Education Canceled for 2012

Mike Speckel reported that this year's bow hunter education class will be cancelled due to low student enrollment. "I think we need to look at changing the course to every-other year", Mike said.

While the program has been popular in the past,

it does take effort for Mike and other volunteer instructors to carry out. To be successful, the program needs both enough instructors and enough students.

For those who were planning to attend, other courses are offered through the DNR. For a list of available classes, check out

their web site at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/bowhunter/index.html>. From here, you can find both regular classes or the new Online Safety class.

The club will plan on offering this course again in 2013.

Corrections

Blame it on me being the "new guy", but there are some corrections to the February Newsletter

For membership and rental information, Joe and Jan Kittok are the right people to call...unfortunately, last month, I had Dan's num-

ber listed next to them. It's fixed in this issue.

Unfortunately, I mis-reported Jane Speckel being the contact person for the Miss Delano program. Currently, she is not involved in that program. If you have a candidate, you can contact:

<http://www.orgsites.com/mn/delanoroyalty/index.html>.

Finally, I corrected the range hours...

I'm sorry for any confusion.

Ed.

The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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- Portable Targets: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- 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
- 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

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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 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 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 March 27,
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!

Jasson Schneider

Shawn Kulla

James Berg

Ryan Hall

Bill Hillyer

Patrick Cole

From The Editor...

Wow...already time for the next issue!

Winter apparently is making an early departure this year. People are certainly getting ready for spring! I've seen some of the fields plowed, and I've heard bee-season is right around the corner...

I'm told we have a new printer that does a great job...so great that pictures might even work! So, I'm giving it a try. I included the photo of my lovely Mrs. on page 5 not just to show that a membership is for the *family*, but to see how it turns out on the printer and on the web site. If it works well, I'll be looking to all of you to submit photos as well as story ideas, and we'll include them when we can.

Until next month...*Bob Ball, Editor*

Minutes of the February 28th, 2012 Meeting

19 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:08 PM

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the January 31, 2012 meeting were approved

Treasurers Report - Opening balance \$27,468.11; debits \$4063.10; credits \$5710.50; checking balance \$29,115.51; balance in all accounts \$92,811.40

Old Business

Land purchase update - The club has made an offer of \$276,000 for the 76 acres for sale just west of the club, the asking price is around \$440,000. Joe Kittok has been working with the bank on financing if the sales goes through. The bank said they would preliminary loan us the money, a 30 year note at 4%, with \$20,000 down, Joe is getting together additional club financial information for the bank.

There was an error in the newsletter on the open hours of the range, it read it was open until dark, when it should read that it is open until 6:00 PM.

Joe Kittok has found a volunteer that will set up a list of club member e-mail addresses so that the newsletter can be delivered electronically. The newsletter costs over \$1 per member per month to send out. The ability to send it out electronically will save the club money. Members will have the option of getting it via e-mail or mailed.

Joe Kittok and Mike Speckle have been attending the Delano Fourth of July Committee meetings. The celebration will be split this year running June 30th, July 1st, July 3rd and July 4th. The Sportsmen's Club will be in charge of the bingo stand and the milk shake booth, Jan Kittok has the sign up sheets for anyone interested in volunteering.

Three kids are currently signed up for the Three Rivers Park District

Forkhorn camp. No one has signed up yet for Long Lake Conservation Camp. Children, grandchildren, etc. of any club member are eligible.

The Delano Business Expo will be on March 31 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help set up the booth the day before and man the booth the day of. Two to three people are needed to man the booth. Contact Tom Delaney or Jan Kittok to volunteer.

Assembly day for wood duck and bluebird house building will be March 17th. Contact Larry Lindborg at 763-972-6049 for more information. Larry still needs volunteers to help cut out the pieces.

Dick Nordling reported that the Delano City Council approved the clubs upcoming raffle and that the paperwork has been sent into the state. Once the state gets back to us we can then get the tickets printed.

Tom Delaney replaced one post and some cross members on the range that were damaged. He will be posting signs on the range addressing damage taking place.

New Business

Joe Kittok mentioned that a membership committee meeting needs to take place to discuss, membership fees, volunteer fees and initiation fees. A meeting will be set up soon.

Thank you to Tim Robbins for his service as President the past two years.

Range Reservations - West Hennepin Public Safety and Bill Rosati - August 10th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM for Firearms Safety Field Day. Three Rivers Park Police - May 25th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Three Rivers Park District Forkhorn Camp - June 13, 14, 19, July 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, August 1, 14 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. All reservations were approved.

Wally Johnson presented to the club a lake improvement proposal for

Camp Lake north of Howard Lake. The lake association would like to install a carp barrier similar to the one the Sportsmen's Club installed on Dean Lake. The lake association consisting of only 35 members is looking for financial help in this project and asked if the club would be willing to sponsor half the cost of the \$960 needed. It was suggested that the lake association also contact the Wright County Federation of gun clubs for help and other gun clubs in the area. Motion was made and approved to donate \$300.

Minnesota Sulfide Mining controversy - There is a proposed sulfide mining operation to take place near the boundary waters. Information and a DVD on this is available at the club or go to www.preciouswaters.org for more information.

Lunch volunteers are needed for July, August, September and October. Contact Tom Delaney to volunteer.

One new member introduced himself.

Thank you to Corborns Deli for providing lunch this month.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.



*Thanks to Joe Tipka and
Coborns for the delicious pork
chop and mashed potatoes meal
served at the February Meeting!*

Volunteer Opportunities Abound!

If you are looking for a way to volunteer, here are some upcoming events. Members who are active in the club can reduce the amount of their yearly dues. Don't wait until fall to look for something to do!

- **March 30, 31:** 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..
- **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. **See the article on Page 5!**
- **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 Kittock.
- **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
- **July-October!** 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!

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Volunteers Still Needed for Business Expo

The Delano Business Expo is right around the corner. We still need volunteers to help set up and staff the booth.

Set up will be Friday evening, March 30th, and the booth needs staffing on Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Business Expo is located at the Tiger Activity Center at Delano High School (700 Elm Ave.

E., Delano).

This is a great opportunity for our club to tell the public about ourselves. It's also a great way for some members to exercise some volunteer hours.

If you can help at all, please contact Joe Kittok at 763-972-2989

Did You Know????

The Delano Sportsmen's Club began over a century ago!

Since then, they've been a leader (locally and in the state) in showing that the sportsmen that hunt and fish in Minnesota understand the need to care for and protect the land, in order to provide for our future well being!

For more on our roots and our future, be sure to check out our web site!

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

DNR Firearms Safety Course Begins in April

Delano Sportsmen's Club is holding their spring Firearms Safety course beginning April 9th.

Students must be at least 11 years old by the registration date in order to take the course; but adults are welcome to attend as well! The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requires completion of an approved Firearm Safety course for all hunters born after 1979; except those hunters under age 12 who are hunting with a parent.

Registration is at the clubhouse from **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on**



April 9th. A parent must register any youth student!

Classes will be held at the clubhouse on **April 10, 12, 17, 19, 23 and 26, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Parents of youth hunters should plan on attending the April 10th class.

Field Day will be Saturday, May 5th, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Field day is held rain or shine...so be ready to dress for the weather.

Do not bring firearms or air rifles to class! On field day, you may bring a rifle, shotgun or air rifle (do not bring ammunition); but if you don't have one available, a firearm will be available for you to use.

For those of us that are budget-minded, one of the best parts of this class is that it is **free!**

If you have any more questions about this course, please call John McClay after 6:00 p.m., at 763-675-2397.



Bingo Stand and Milkshake Stand Hours Available

We need plenty of volunteers to make our Bingo and Milkshake Stand at the July 4th celebration a success! This is a great family activity that can quickly meet your volunteer requirement.

Each Milkshake Stand shift needs three people, and each Bingo Stand shift needs six, so there are plenty of opportunities.

Open dates and times are:

Sat, June 30: Noon-4pm

Sat, June 30: 4pm-8pm

Sat, June 30: 8pm-Close

Sun, July 1: Noon-4pm

Sun, July 1: 4pm-8pm

Sun, July 1: 8pm-Close

Tue, July 3: 4pm-8pm

Tue, July 3: 8pm-Close

Wed, July 4: Noon-4pm

Wed, July 4: 4pm-8pm

Wed, July 4: 8pm-Close

If you can help with a shift, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

Range Time...



The editor's wife trying shooting for the first time! Hit within the 7 ring each shot and hit the post— **zero!** Way to go, Kristi!

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Range Safety Rules

- Paper Targets only...No plinking (cans, glass, etc.)!
- Don't mount targets on the posts
- No Trap Shooting—except organized events
- Be sure bullets are hitting the backstops
- Don't dig in the backstops
- Only fire from the firing lines (25, 50 and 100 yd).
- No human silhouette targets (except official police events)
- Members only, no non-members unless accompanied by a member
 - Check Membership card if uncertain
- DO A SAFETY CHECK BEFORE GOING DOWNRANGE
- Anyone Abusing Range Rules will lose their membership

Remember, the range rules and shooting hours are designed to keep everyone safe, protect club property and allow us to be respectful neighbors!

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:
5:45pm-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...

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:

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

28 - (Sat) Rockford (Czanstowski) Firearm Safety Field Day—9:00am-1:00pm

May

5—(Sat) Delano Sportsmen's Club Firearm Safety Field Day—9:00am-1:00pm

9—(Wed) 3 Rivers Police: 1:00pm-4:00pm

15—(Tues) 3 Rivers Police: 6:00pm-9:00pm

25—(Fri) Three Rivers Police—6:00pm-9:00pm

30—(Wed) Three Rivers Police—1:00pm-4:00pm

Clubhouse:

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-(Mon) Firearms Safety Registration, 7:00pm-8pm

10, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26— **7pm-9pm** - Firearms Safety Class

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**

May

5—(Sat) Delano Sportsmen's Club Firearm Safety