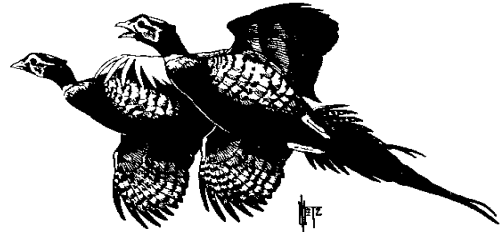


# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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**Of note:**

- **3 Rivers Forkhorn and Long Lake Conservation Center programs are full.**
- **Raffle Sales to begin**
- **Volunteers needed for Business Expo!**

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## Public Raffle to Begin

Enclosed in this edition of the newsletter is a book of raffle tickets.

Again this year, the club is holding a public raffle; to be held on September 24th, 2013. Each member will be mailed a book of tickets to start with.

This year, the three prizes for the raffle are:

- **First Prize: a \$500 Holiday Gas Gift Card**
- **Second Prize: a \$250 Coborns Grocery Gift Card**
- **Third Prize: a \$100 Cabelas Gift Card.**

With the prices of gasoline, groceries and ammunition (or other sporting goods) what they are these days, these are wonderful prizes to help out the lucky winner!



The price per raffle ticket is \$2.00 each.

This has become a great fundraiser to support our club's operations, but it only

works if we sell! Can we set a record for raffle ticket sales this year?

Remember, if you sell 10 books, you've made your volunteer requirement...a \$50 savings on next year's dues! For the person who sells the most...in addition to completing your volunteer requirement, you'll receive a check from the club for **\$75.00!**

Everyone is receiving a book in the mail with this newsletter. If you would like additional books, please contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.

## Attention All Bowhunters!

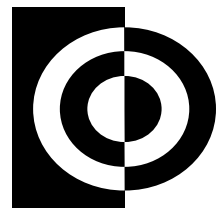
There will be a Bowhunter Safety Course on Saturday April 27, from 7:00am to 5:00pm at the Delano Sportsmen's Club Clubhouse.

This course is limited to 25 attendees, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

The cost for this excellent class is only \$5.00—due at the beginning of class.



If you would like more information on this course...or register, please contact Mike Speckel at 763-442-6851 or 763-477-3619.



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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

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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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 March 26th, 2013**

## 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!

Mikeal Bystrom, Brenton Hayden, Mike Kennedy, Ryan Sarkinen

### *From The Editor*

*Supposedly spring will be here soon...of course we do have to endure the traditional State Tournament Blizzards first!*

*We've got a lot of things coming up this spring and summer; plenty of opportunities to volunteer!*

*You'll see that this month is a little light...I'm happy to take story ideas, pictures from your day at the range, etc. Just drop me an email, or give me a call, and I'll help you put your idea in print!*

*Until next month...*

*Bob*

## Minutes of the February 26th, 2013 Meeting

24 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:01 PM

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the January 29, 2013 meeting were approved

### Treasurer's Report -

Opening balance \$30,767.35;

Debits \$3990.33;

Credits \$9075.00;

Checking balance \$35,862.02;

Balance in all accounts \$99,557.91

### Old Business

All 10 summer camp spots are filled for this year. All students chose to go to Three Rivers Park District Fork-horn Camp.

100% of the members have paid their dues for 2013

### New Business

Club member Richard Maas has donated a 50 caliber muzzleloader to the club to be used for a future raffle. It is a stainless steel Battlepoint Muzzleloader that comes with a scope. Thank you Richard Maas.

Jan Kittok has volunteered to be in charge of the upcoming fall raffle. Suggested prizes are gift cards to Holiday, Coborns and Cabela's, and the drawing will be held at the September meeting. After some discussion a motion was made and passed to have a general public raffle with gift cards for prizes and to use the recently donated muzzleloader for the next members only raffle.

Tom Motzko said that the club is out of metal plates needed for the wood duck houses that will be built in March. Dick Stuckmayer volunteered to make more.

Jim Klatt was interviewed by Kare 11 regarding the Delano Sportsmen's Club and his views on the current gun issues. He enlightened the club

on what was discussed and his experience.

John McClay updated the club on the high school trap shooting league that is forming. He had 45 interested students and ended up with 30 participants. 15 kids were not able to participate due to being in multiple spring sports. They will shoot on Monday nights this year. If it catches on and more kids get involved he may shoot two nights next year. John reported that he has students from 6th grade on up to seniors, both boys and girls.

Jim Klatt mentioned that Tom Delaney is looking for help teaching his firearms safety class. If anyone is interested please contact Tom Delaney. It is not necessary to be a certified instructor to help with this class.

New club member Chad Kulzer has an old tractor and an old truck that can be used to pull the float in the 4th of July parade if needed.

Range and Clubhouse Reservations- West Hennepin Firearm Safety, Bill Rosati, the range on August 9th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. West Hennepin Police, the range for, Monday, April 1 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, April 2 all day, Tuesday, April 9 all day, Tuesday, June 4 all day, Monday, September 9 all day, and Tuesday, December 3 from 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM. The Park Sportsmen's Club for the range for their firearms safety training field day, Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and Saturday September 7 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The youth trap league would like to change from using the clubhouse and range on March 25 to March 18. All reservations were approved.

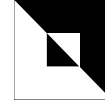
Two new members introduced themselves.

Jim Klatt thanked all volunteers and workers.

Thank you to Coborns for preparing the lunch for the meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary



*Thanks again to Joe Tipka for the wonderful lunch at this month's meeting!*

*The Pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables and dessert were delicious!*

*We are looking forward to lunch at the March meeting courtesy of Derek Schansberg.*

*If you would like to sign up to bring lunch for a meeting, there are still opportunities in the summer months. Please contact Tom Delaney and let him know.*

*Remember, if you keep the receipts, the food costs are reimbursed!*



## Muzzleloader For Sale

Black Powder Rifle for sale:

- Rolling Block Action
- 209 Shotgun Primer
- New

\$350.00

If you're interested, contact Richard Maas at 763-972-3205

## Melting snowpack won't help drought; spring floods predicted

(March 4th— From the DNR) Melting winter snowfall won't do much to alleviate the extremely dry soil conditions across Minnesota, even if some areas experience spring flooding, said Greg Spoden, the state climatologist.

Roughly 70 percent of Minnesota is in extreme drought or severe drought. "All of the snow that has fallen over the winter by and large remains on top of the landscape, a landscape that is largely frozen," he said. "Now the dust remains beneath the concrete."

Despite winter precipitation that's a little above average for much of the state and well above historic levels for parts of west-central and north-central Minnesota, soil moisture remains near all-time lows in much of the state.

Even flooding at this point won't alleviate a drought.

The National Weather Service, which produces flood outlooks, has called

## Spring Floods, from above

for a high risk of flooding in the southern reaches of the Red River Valley, including the communities of Fargo-Moorhead and Wahpeton-Breckenridge in the late winter and early spring.

As the spring melt comes, the sun's energy will be used to melt the snow first, rather than thaw out the ground. Water will flow over the land, leaving it drought-stricken once the waters subside. "First the snow has to leave before the soil unfreezes," Spoden said. "So we can't face a situation really where the soil will thaw and allow a significant infiltration of that snowpack."

Abundant spring rain is needed to recharge the soil. The average March through May rainfall in Minnesota ranges from six to eight inches. "If we get at least that, we'll be fine for the spring planting season," Spoden said. "But to replenish those desperately dry subsoils, we'll have to exceed that six- to eight-inch amount."

The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center, a branch of the National Weather Service, calls for above average precipitation from March through May for the eastern half of Minnesota and for equal chances of above or below normal precipitation for the western half.



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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:

##### March

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

18- (Mon) - Youth Trap League

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

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

##### April

1 - (Mon) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:30am - 5:00pm

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

2 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All Day

9 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All Day

14 - (Sun) - Rockford (Delaney) Firearm Safety Field Day - 10:00am - 2:00pm

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

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

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

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

30 - (Tue) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

##### May

1 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

4 - (Sat) - Delano Sportsmens Club Firearm safety field day - 9:00am-1:00pm

6, 13, 20, 27 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 5:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

8 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

10 - (Fri) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

18 - (Sat) - Rockford (Czankowski) Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 1:00pm

#### Clubhouse:

##### March

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

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

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

18- (Mon) - Youth Trap League Sign-up & meeting (McClay)

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

25 - (Mon) - Youth Trap League Sign-up & meeting (McClay)

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

##### April

**8,9,11,16,18,23,25, 29: Firearm Safety- 6:30pm-9pm**

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

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

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

27 - (Sat) - Minnesota Bowhunter Education Class - 7:00am-5:00pm

##### May

2 - (Thu) - Firearms Safety Class - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

4 - (Sat) - Delano Sportsmens Club Firearm safety field day - 9:00am-1:00pm

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