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Report all Range Damage

**Buildings and
Grounds Meeting
March 31st at
6:30pm**

Delano Sportsmen's Club

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P.O. Box 394

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Delano, MN 55328

Send a Kid to Camp...on Us!

Once again this year, the club has voted to send 10 kids to summer camp.

The summer camp program is a first-come, first-serve opportunity for children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews of club members to attend a conservation sum-

mer camp. The camp options are the Three Rivers Park District Forkhorn camps (www.threeriversparks.org— Search “forkhorn”), or the Long Lake Conservation Camp (LLCC) in Palisade, MN (<http://www.longlakecc.org/>)

We already have six lucky kids signed up.

If you are interested in sending a child to camp, contact Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989 for an application.



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Club Raffle time is Coming...

We will be mailing out raffle tickets to all members during the month of March. Like last year, you can buy the tickets yourself or sell them to others.

What's at stake? Well, this year, the winners will receive:

- First Prize: \$500 cash
- Second Prize: \$250 gift card to Co-borns
- Third Prize: \$100 gift certificate to All Seasons Sports.

Once again this year, tickets will be \$2 each. Also returning from last year...if you sell 10 books, you have met your volunteer requirement (and reduce your membership

fee to only \$50!).

Once you sell the books you have, contact the club for more, or pick up more at a monthly meeting.



The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

• President:	Larry Lindborg	763-972-6049
• Secretary:	Dan Kittok	763-479-2429
• Treasurer:	Joe Kittok	763-972-2989
• 1st Vice President:	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
• 2nd Vice President:	Tim Robbins	612-710-6836; timrobbinS@embarqmail.com
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• Rental/Reservations:	John Tackaberry	612-849-2935; johnmtack@gmail.com
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• Volunteer Coordinator:	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944 mmraclubs@msn.com
• Executive Board:	John McClay	763-675-2397
• Executive Board:	Jake Kittok	612-282-7975
• Executive Board:	Dale Vanderlinden	763-972-6726

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
• Gate Fobs	Tim Hainlin	612-702-7016

(timhainlin@gmail.com)

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 March 31st, 2015

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!

Jeff Schultz, Charles Onan, Marty Kittok, Scott Radke, Ken Matsuda.

From the Editor

Bugs are out...at least figuratively...hopefully the rest of the newsletter year will go more smoothly!

Speaking of bugs...while it's still a mite cold out; I've already heard of a few tick reports...no, I'm not kidding. You may want to start the flea/tick stuff early for the furrrier outdoor companions.

There are a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up; pick some early and help out the club and your pocketbook!

Bob

Minutes of the February 24th, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Pres Larry Lindborg

21 members present

Minutes of Jan meeting were read, there was a motion to approve, second, and motion passed

Treasures report was read, Deposits of \$11,190.25 Debits were \$10,032.42 Balance \$33,783.58

Motion to approved treasures report, second, and approved.

Due to computer problems the Feb Newsletter was not mailed in time to receive it before meeting. Computer issues have been solved.

Long time member Ken Thomas of Delano has passed away. Flowers were sent by the Club

We currently have 458 paid members and 97 honorary members.

Joe Kittock gave report from 4th of July Committee meeting. The state deadline for payment of back taxes was 23 Feb. The group owes about \$32,000 in sales taxes from the last few years.

Preliminary plans are moving forward for relocation and expansion of trap ranges to the new property.

Thanks to John T and Brian R for all their work in the club house and trap shack. Much cleaning and repair work has been done.

There were no new requests for reservations.

There was discussion about the practice of trap shooters drink before shooting. Is this a safe practice and how does our insurance look at this issue.. A loud-speaker/pa system has been suggested for the trap range. This would help keep shooters advised on their shooting times.

A motion was made to increase the rental fee for the clubhouse to \$100 for members and \$200 for non-members. After discussion there was

a second and the motion passed on a voice vote

Dan McDonald gave an update on current state legislative action. GOCRA is very active in keeping an eye on our rights as gun owners. We received a letter from the Citizens Committee for Right to Keep and Bear Arms asking for our support.

The Delano Expo is scheduled for Apr 11 at the Delano High School. Hours are from 9-1 and volunteers are requested to help set-up and also man our display. Wood duck and bluebird houses will be given away to some luck quests.

Work day for the club will be on the second Sunday of every month, come help out if you have time.

The annual Fathers Day black powder shoot is come up in June, anyone wishing to get some hours in is asked to contact Dick Nordling

Does anyone have a great idea for a "mission statement" for our club? Think about it and send it to the club or bring it to a meeting. Bird house building will be on Mar 21 at 9AM This is a fun event for kids as well as adults. All pieces are pre-cut so assembly is required.

In the newsletter is information on ordering trees. Check it out and get your order in early. Joe Kittock has a 3 point hitch tree planter than is available to use for large plantings.

After discussion about the fall club raffle it was decided to use \$500 cash for 1st prize, A \$250 gift card to Coborns for 2nd., and third will be a \$100 gift card to All Seasons Sports.

A request from The Delano Snowstormers requesting a donation for their fundraiser was tabled until Mar meeting.

There will be a Franklin Township meeting at 7 PM on Mar 2. Any member interested in their decision on the possible purchase of a parcel of the

property we recently bought are encouraged to attend.

There was discussion on what we should do with farmhouse on the new property. An eviction notice was given to current renter to vacate by 28 Feb. Do we upgrade the house for rental or take other action. Condition of building will be looked at after it is empty.

Motion to adjourn, second, passed.

Great lunch provided by Joe Tipka from Coborns

Thank you to Joe Tipka, the manager at Coborns in Delano! He served up a wonderful pork chop meal for the February meeting!

Linda Lindstrom will be making lunch for the March meeting. We're looking forward to it!

Do you like to cook? Would you like to cook for the club on our dime? Contact Tom Delaney. We need people to serve up meals for May-October of 2015. The club reimburses you your grocery costs.



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!**

Delano Business Expo: Saturday, April 11th from 7am-1pm. We need people to help set up and man our booth at the Delano High School activity center. Your job? Talk to visitors about our club, and pass out free wood duck or bluebird houses to people who have a place to put them. Contact Joe Kittok at 763-972-2989 if interested.

Cleaning our own home! We are planning on having group cleanup-repair on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 8:00am to help keep our range and club area in good shape. There will be a clipboard by the clubhouse door with a the club's "honeydo list". This is a great way to get volunteer hours and help keep the club in good shape! Questions, call Tom Delaney at 612-408-8944

Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot: June 20th & 21st. We need volunteers to assist on both days. Saturday from 9am-6pm and Sunday from 10am-5pm. If you can help or you have questions, please contact Dick Nordling.

Wright County Fair: Wednesday, July 29th-Sunday, August 2nd; from 1pm-9pm. We need volunteers to man the air gun booth. The job? Supervise the shooters (mostly kids) to be sure they're following safe shooting rules. If you have questions or are interested, contact Dick Nordling

Instructors Needed

The club would benefit from additional Firearms Safety instructors. If you're interested; you can contact the DNR and take an instructor course. You can get more information at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/process.html>.

Once you've completed training, contact John McClay and he'll let you know how to volunteer for our classes at the club.



Please report all range damage. If you see something wrong; say something. If you're not comfortable approaching someone...or if you just found damage—contact a club officer.

Our Sympathy

Ken Thomas passed away on February 21st, 2015. He was a veteran, an outdoorsman and a long-time member of the club. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 26th at St. Peter Catholic Church in Delano. <http://www.herald-journal.com/obits/2015/thomas0221.html>

Rich Ditty passed away on March 6th at Ridgeview Hospital. Rich was also a veteran, a retired Delano firefighter, a retired Delano Baseball player and the 1995 Delano Citizen of the year. He was also an avid outdoorsman and a long-time member of the club. Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 11th at St. Peter Catholic Church in Delano. <http://www.herald-journal.com/obits/2015/ditty0306.html>

Shooting sports— Pretty darned safe...

Take a kid hunting. Why? Here's a little trivia for you...

- A person is **12 times** more likely to be injured cheerleading than hunting.
 - A person is **22/27 times** more likely to be injured playing softball/baseball than hunting.
 - A person is **33 times** more likely to be injured bicycle riding than hunting.
 - A person is **40 times** more likely to be injured playing soccer than hunting.
 - A person is **50 times** more likely to be injured playing basketball than hunting.
 - A person is **54 times** more likely to be injured skateboarding than hunting.
- A person is **125 times** more likely to be injured playing tackle football than hunting.

Source:

<http://mnclaytarget.com/files/2014/12/NSSF2014InjuryReport.pdf>

Minutes of the Wright County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

DATE: 12 JAN, 2015

LOCATION: "V" S CAFÉ IN MAPLE LAKE
 PRESIDING: TREASURER JERRY VECHES
 ROLL CALL: DELEGATES FROM 6 CLUBS

Conservation Pledge lead by Jerry Veches
 Secretary's report read and accepted as read
 Treasures report read and accepted as read. Bal-
 ance \$31,009.60 Expenses \$150.00

We now have 5 guns on hand for fundraiser. A
 Kimber sapphire, Remington 11/87, Thompson
 "tommy gun" 45acp, Colt AR!5 in 223, and a Ruger
 American 22cal LR

Raffle tickets were handed out for Kimber and Rem-
 ington for those wishing them. Tickets are \$20.00
 each and about 75 are left.

We received a letter from Annandale youth trap team
 and their need for funding.

Grant applications were discussed and modified. Grant
 amounts were discussed and a flat rate per student was
 accepted.

Election of officers for 2015. President Al Moy, Treas-
 urer Jerry Veches, Sec Dick Nordling

Duane Sprague will be new delegate from Hasty-Silver
 Creek

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Reservations from page 6

17 - (Wed) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am -
 4:00pm

18 - (Thur) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am -
 4:00pm

20 - (Sat) - Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

21 - (Sun) - Father's Day Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

24 - (Wed) - Deephaven Police Department - 8:00am - 1:00pm

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

Clubhouse:

March

9 - (Mon) Firearms Safety Sign-up- 7pm-8pm

10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 30, and April 2nd from 7pm-9pm Firearms
 Safety

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

April

4 - (Sat) - **DSC Firearms Safety Field Day** - 7:00am-1:00pm

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

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

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

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

May

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

June

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

The Eagle is on the Move

From the DNR:

Bald eagles are migrating back to Minnesota and
 may be seen in large numbers across parts of the
 state over the next few weeks, according to the
 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Ice is breaking up along the rivers, so it's defi-
 nitely time for folks to keep their eyes out," said
 Lisa Gelvin-Innvaer, DNR regional nongame wildlife
 specialist. "It all depends on the weather. It's typi-
 cal to see eagles coming through our area in mid-to
 -late March, as waters begin to open up and snow
 melts."

Only two states, Florida and Alaska, have greater
 nesting populations of bald eagles than Minnesota.
 In 2005, researchers estimated there were more
 than 1,300 active nests in Minnesota and that num-
 ber likely has increased since.

Fall migration typically occurs as lakes and rivers
 freeze over, since most eagles prefer a diet of fish.
 Bald eagle wintering grounds ideally contain open
 water, ample food, limited human disturbance and
 protective roosting sites.

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:

April

Wed & Thurs, Trap League from 5:00pm-10pm
Mon & Tues, High School Trap 4:30pm-9:30pm

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

4 - (Sat) - DSC Firearms Safety Field Day - 7:00am-1:00pm

11 - (Sat) - (Fust) Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

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

24 - (Fri) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:30am - 5:00pm

25 - (Sat) - Rockford (Czanstkowski) Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 1:30pm

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

May

Mon & Tues: 4:30pm-9pm: High School Trap

Wed & Thurs: 5pm-10pm: Trap League

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

13 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Dept - noon - 5:00pm

20 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Dept - noon - 5:00pm

June

1 - (Mon) - Delano Youth Trap League 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

2 - (Tue) - Delano Youth Trap League 4:30pm - 9:00pm (McClay)

9 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 8:30am - 5:00pm

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

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.