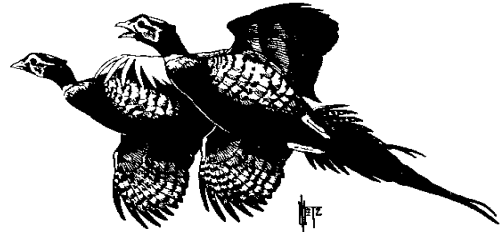


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## Gun Rights and You

Last month, we ran a front-page article about gun rights and concerns regarding proposed legislation.

This month, we want to be sure that you, as a member, have some resources to use so you can maintain your awareness of proposed state and federal gun legislation, and offer your opinion supporting or opposing legislation to your elected representatives. Remember—they work for you. Here are some resources to help you out:

- Gun Owners Civil Rights Association. You can find them on the web at <http://www.mnccrn.org>.

They're local (based in St. Paul), so they're especially sensitive to local issues.

- The Second Amendment Foundation: <http://www.saf.org/>. This is a group that has successfully fought gun restrictions in court cases in D.C. and Chicago.
- Gun Owners of America: <http://gunowners.org/>.
- The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA): <http://home.nra.org/nraila>.
- Ruger Firearms also does firearm rights advocacy: <http://www.ruger.com/micros/advocacy/>.

All of these are fine organizations. You can join them, donate to them and participate in programs contacting legislators.

In most cases, an old fashioned letter works better than email...but both *do work*.

If you need to know who you're writing to, the State of Minnesota can help: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>

Constitutional rights belong to the people. It is our responsibility to keep them.

Thanks to Dan MacDonald for the research!

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## Members-Only Fishing Tourney

The 2013 Members-Only Fishing Tourney will be held on Saturday, July 27th from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

Once again this year, the tournament will be held on Lake Independence. The lake is located between Maple Plain and Loretto on County Road 19. The access is through Baker Park Reserve. There is a daily launch fee of \$5.00



This will be the second year on this lake. Those who fished last year will remember the great catch that all the participants enjoyed.

This is a great opportunity for kids and adults to come out, fish and have fun! There are always plenty of prizes.

If you have questions, call Bill Horsch at 763-972-3215.

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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

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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](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 May 28th, 2013**

### 2013 Fishing Opener: From [www.wattsupwiththat.com](http://www.wattsupwiththat.com)



### From The Editor

*I was wrong...Ice wasn't out yet on many lakes for opener, and Mille Lacs got their wish the hard way as high winds not only caused ice-out...but pushed the ice into cabins causing damage.*

*Spring's finally here though. That means there's things to do around our own homestead...and the club. In addition, the big summer activities are right around the corner. Check out the volunteer page and see what works for you.*

*The gun legislation at the state level is dead for this year—but it'll be back. The feds are still toying with legislation. As such, we've included information to help you stay up on this and make your wishes known to the elected representatives.*

## Minutes of the April 30th, 2013 Meeting

26 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:00 PM

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting were approved

### **Treasurers Report** -

Opening balance \$41,590.78;  
Debits \$9909.75;  
Credits \$1944.25;  
Checking balance \$33,625.28;  
Balance in all accounts \$97,321.17.

### **Old Business**

Larry Lindborg updated the club on the wood duck and bluebird house building day that took place in March. Turn out was good, 31 bluebird houses and 44 wood ducks houses were built. Participants took some houses home, the others were given away at the Delano Expo.

Delano Expo - Joe Kittok said they had good traffic at the booth at the Delano Expo. Club information was passed out, raffle tickets and some hats were sold. This event is good for public relations for the club. Over 1000 people visited the expo that day.

Tom Delaney reported lunches for the meetings are filled through March 2014.

An article has been written in the last two additions of the Delano Herald about the Delano High School trap shooting league that shoots at the club. This is good advertisement for the club.

## **Welcome New Members!**

Our membership has been growing tremendously! So much so, that this month, we've moved the New Members section to a larger space.

We would like to welcome our newest members this month. We hope they will enjoy many hours of safe shooting activities on our range!

Jan Kittok has more raffle tickets for those who need more to sell - \$1100 has been sold so far.

Jan Kittok has the sign up sheets for those who want to volunteer for the bingo stand and the milk shake stand at the Delano Fourth of July celebration.

### **New Business**

Due to the gun control issues we are currently facing, Jim Klatt would like to see the club form a legislative committee that would keep the club informed on these issues. After further discussion it was decided to encourage club members to get involved with organizations that are already in place like the NRA and Gun Owners of America. Links to these organizations and others will be published in upcoming newsletters.

Tom Delaney reported that the rear gutter and a plumbing vent on the clubhouse have been damaged and are in need of repair. The damage to the gutters was caused by snow sliding too fast off of the steel roof. Joe Kittok has some aluminum angle iron that could be placed on the roof to slow the snow down. The club is looking for a volunteer that would be able to fix these gutters. Contact Tom Delaney if you are interested in volunteering.

Fishing Clinic For Kids - the club received a thank you letter for last years contribution. Between 875 - 1000 kids participated last year. About 16,000 kids have participated since the start. The Fishing Clinic For Kids was asking for the club to

donate \$250 again this year. Motion was made and passed to donate \$250.

Range Reservation for West Hennepin Public Safety for Tuesday May 21st - all day was approved.

Nick Shreim has permission from the city of Delano and is going to set up a 3D archery range behind the dike. He is looking for help to run it. Nick was to have addressed the club on this at the meeting but was unable to attend. He will be at a future meeting.

The rest room and the bank building at the Delano Park has been torn down and will be replaced with a new structure. They had hoped to have it completed in mid may, for sure it will be completed by July 4th. The City of Delano and the Lions are contributing to this project.

The members only turkey shoot is set for Saturday, September 21, 2013.

The non member sight in day is set for Saturday, October 12, 2013.

Three new members introduced themselves.

Jim Klatt thanked all volunteers and workers.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Rick Ragan, Zachary Carlson,

Judd Morgan, Chris Noble,

David Skolte, Tim Ellis,

Dan Daly, Jay Gallentine,

Brad Cregan, Peter Hanssen,

John Lund, Ryan Spsychalla,

Jeremy Christianson, Daron Topel,

Chelsie Trapp, Mark Shaleen,

Mike Barker, Nick Schweim,

Jesse Richardson, Bill West

# We Need YOU for 4th of July Celebration!

The Fourth of July Celebration in Delano is an excellent way for members to complete their volunteer requirement and have fun doing it!

Once again this year, we will have a float in the 4th of July Parade; pulled by Chad Kulzer's F20 1936 Farmall Tractor! We need volunteers to decorate the float on July 3rd at 9:00 am and members to ride the float and pass out mementos in the Parade!

All shifts are still open for Milkshake and Bingo stands the club sponsors. These are a great way to volunteer, meet people and show that Delano Sportsmen's Club is a great neighbor to have!

Open shifts are:

Wednesday July 3rd:

- 8pm-midnight— **Milkshake & Bingo**

Thursday July 4th:

- Noon-4pm—**Bingo**
- 4pm-8pm—**Milkshake & Bingo**
- 8pm-midnight—**Milkshake & Bingo**

Friday July 5th:

- Noon-4pm—**Bingo**
- 4pm-8pm—**Bingo**
- 8pm-midnight—**Bingo**

Saturday July 6th:

- Noon-4pm—**Milkshake & Bingo**
- 4pm-8pm—**Milkshake & Bingo**
- 8pm-midnight—**Milkshake & Bingo**

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our July 4th activities, please call Jan Kittok at 763-972-2989.



# WE WANT YOU!

# Father's Day Muzzleloader Shoot Volunteers Needed

Every Father's Day weekend, the club hosts a Muzzleloader shoot. If you'd like to meet your volunteer requirement and get a chance to see some of these "original assault rifles" (and their modern offspring) in action, contact Dick Nordling. This year the shoot is June 15 & 16.

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Are you a handyman (or woman) of sorts? The heavy snowfall and melt have caused damage to the gutters at the club. We're looking for folks to help repair them. If you're interested, contact Tom Delaney.
- July 31-August 4: Volunteers will be needed at the Wright County Fair to help with the youth air gun booth. Contact Dick Nordling.
- August (TBD): Highway 12 cleanup with the Minnesota Concealed Carry folks. Contact Dan MacDonald for details: 952-473-2201.
- The annual members-only Turkey Shoot will be September 21st. We'll need volunteers to help set up targets. Contact Jim Klatt.
- Also at the Turkey Shoot, we'll need people to help prepare the meal that goes with it. Call Bill Horsch at 763-972-3215 if you would like to help.
- October 12: Non-Member Sight in. We'll need members to be on site to take money, answer questions and assist people with sight-in. Call Tim Hainlin at 763-479-6846 if you're interested in helping.

Remember, volunteering for the club doesn't just give you a warm, fuzzy feeling; you're essentially being paid \$12.50 per hour tax-free for your first four hours. Why? Because that 4 hours of volunteer work saves you \$50 on your annual dues!

*So, help yourself, help your club and help your wallet...get out and volunteer!*



**Thanks to Lance Scott & Mike Rydberg for the great lunch for April's meeting! We had pulled -pork sandwiches, chips and cookies!**

## Raffle Update: How many have YOU sold?

The Raffle Ticket Sales have become a major way the club raises funds for the things we need and the outreach we provide.

Without fundraising, there are a lot of things we as a club would be unable to help with...from firearm safety classes to scholarships to Forkhorn and other camps. In addition, fundraising keeps membership fees low.

So, have you done your part? Certainly, not everyone has the desire or salesmanship to sell multiple books of raffle tickets. Still, our fundraising would be even more

successful if 100% of the membership managed to sell the one book they were sent. Those that have a talent for this will certainly always pick up the slack and vie for the most sold and the \$75 prize...but we all need to do our part.

Besides, the prizes are terrific!

- **\$500 Holiday Gas Card**
- **\$250 Coborns Card**
- **\$100 Cabelas Card**

Go out and do your part...even if you just sell to yourself!

## Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports

Member Ryan Andreae spoke at the monthly meeting about the Buffalo Youth Shooting Sports organization.

This is a group of 8-15 year-olds that shoot targets with air rifles (BB guns) at the Rockford Township Hall on County Road 14.

If you have kids that would be interested in participating, you can get more information by calling 763-234-8967 or going to their web site at <http://www.buffalobbgun.com/>.

## Wear that Life Jacket! (From the DNR)

As thousands of anglers plan to hit the water for this weekend's fishing opener, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds everyone to be safe and responsible every time they step into a boat.

Lack of life jacket use is the number one contributing factor to boating deaths in Minnesota. Since 2010, 43 people have died in boating accidents, 35 of those victims were not wearing life jackets.

"The message is simple – life jackets save lives," said Kara Owens, DNR boat and water safety specialist.

Life jackets today with inflatable, belt-pack inflatable and inflatable fishing vest options are comfortable, lightweight and don't get in the way while an angler casts a line.

"The walleye opener typically falls on Mother's Day weekend," Owens said. "Give your mom, sister, wife, kids, dad, or brother – anyone – a gift every day by wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket while boating.

With the late thaw, ice or ice chunks could also be an issue on several lakes. Water temperatures are dangerous this time of year, Owens added. Falling into cold water can cause an immediate involuntary gasp for air and the shock of the icy water can also cause cardiac arrest, even for people in good health.

The DNR has a few tips for safe and responsible boat-



ing:

- State law requires a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board all watercraft.
- All children under 10-years-old are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket while a boat is underway.
- Alcohol and boating don't mix.
- Keep an eye on the weather.
- If a watercraft becomes swamped or capsized, try to re-board or stay with the craft.
- Take a boater course and receive a boat education certificate.

For information on boating courses and other boating safety information visit, [www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater).

## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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<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:

#### **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:

##### 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 (Czanstkowski) Firearm Safety Field Day - 9:00am - 1:00pm

21 - (Tues) - West Hennepin Public Safety - All Day

##### June

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

11 - (Tues) - Medina Police 9:30am - 5:30pm

12 - (Wed) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

13 - (Thur) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

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

18 - (Tue) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Pheasant Hunting Camp . PF 9:30am - 3:30pm

20 - (Thu) - Deephaven Police Department - 8:30am - 1:00pm

##### July

10 - (Wed) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Turkey Hunting Camp / NWTF. 9:30am - 3:30pm

11 - (Thu) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Turkey Hunting Camp / NWTF. 9:30am - 3:30pm

16 - (Wed) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

16 - (Tue) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

17 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 9:00am - 2:00pm

18 - (Thur) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Forkhorn I / MDA 9:30am - 3:30pm

19 - (Fri) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

24 - (Wed) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Waterfowl Hunting Camp / MWA. 9:30am - 3:30pm

25 - (Thu) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Waterfowl Hunting Camp / MWA. 9:30am - 3:30pm

30 - (Tue) (25 yd range only) - TRPD Pheasant Hunting Camp . PF 9:30am - 3:30pm

#### Clubhouse:

##### 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 , 7:00 PM**

##### June

8 - (Tue) Private Party - Ritter-All Day

22 - (Sat) Private Party - Vomhoff-All Day

**25 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM**

##### July

**30 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM**