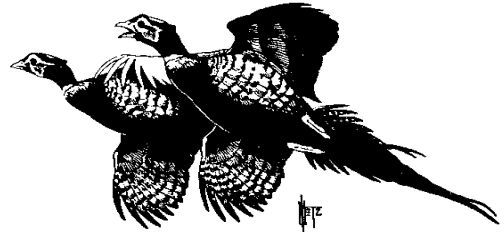


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### Thank You!

*Thanks to everyone for a wonderful first year as editor of the newsletter!*

*Enjoy the holidays, hunt well (and safe) and we'll see you in January!*

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## Rules are Rules

How often do we look at the range rules? They're posted at the range and a brief summary (well, ID and range hours) are on the back of every newsletter. Still, I think it's a good idea to have a little refresher reading once a year...just to be sure everyone is on the same page:

1) **ID:** You should wear your ID card any time you're on the range. See someone without an ID? Be sure to ask. It's polite, and it ensures that only members and appropriate guests are using our range. Forget to wear yours and someone asks? They're just doing right by the

rules...be gracious and take the reminder.

2) Only 3 guests on the range per member...again, this isn't a public range. While it's often quiet, we should never be in a position where folks are waiting to use the range.

3) Paper targets only: No plinking or explosives.

4) No paintball guns...this is a firearm range.

5) Do not attach targets to the backstop posts. If you do, you increase the damage to the posts and increase the cost of maintaining the range.

6) No trap shooting, except

as part of organized events.

7) Be sure your rounds are hitting the backstops...if your sights are off a little, it's one thing...but you shouldn't be 1, 2 or more feet high (or low).

8) Please don't dig in the backstops.

9) Please fire only from the firing lines. Please move the 50-yard target out of the way when not in use.

10) Please don't place targets in intermediate areas between the approved firing lines.

*See "Rules" on Page 4*

## Election 2013!

The excitement and stress of the election season is only mostly gone!

For those of you that are interested, it's time to elect two new officers for the Delano Sportsmen's Club!

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are up for election this year. The good news is it's a short election and campaign season!

If you are interested in running for the position of Secretary or Treasurer, please call President Jim Klatt and let him know. Elections will be held at the January meeting...so there's not even enough time to make lawn signs or kiss any more babies than you normally see around the holidays!

Seriously, this is a great way to volunteer for the

club, so give it a try if you're at all interested!



## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Jim Klatt 763-479-2743
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- Treasurer: Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-682-4980
- Firearm Training: John McClay 763-675-2397
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- Portable Targets: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Newsletter Editor: Bob Ball 612-363-3936  
editor.dsc@comcast.net

### 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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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.**

**There is no December Club Meeting! The Next Club Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 7:00pm on Tuesday January 29th, 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!

Scott Olson, Kenneth Kamm, Chad Kulzer, Alex Suess, Matthew Erickson, Ethan Mork, Rob Dahlin, Jennifer Andreae, Erik Barrett, Josh Lobeck, Richard Woddruff, Art Tyszka, Ryan Quade, Tim Heun, Michael Minicucci

### *From the Editor*

*First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for the kind words over my first year as editor of this newsletter. I'm also glad to hear from everyone who had suggestions, ideas or corrections that needed to be made.*

*I'm looking forward to another excellent year at the club, but I can always use your input! Be sure to drop me a note, email or message if you have a story idea or pictures of club events to publish.*

*Until January, enjoy the outdoors...at the range, in the field; wherever you happen to be!*

Bob

*P.S. This issue is your last warning that it's time to renew your membership so you can have a chance at winning one of the wonderful members-only raffle prizes! Good luck!*

## Minutes of the October 30th, 2012 Meeting

30 members present - the meeting called to order by President Jim Klatt at 7:02 PM.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting were approved.

### Treasurers Report -

Opening balance: \$18,465.85;

Debits: \$2996.13;

Credits: \$7919.00;

Checking balance: \$23,388.72;

Balance in all accounts: \$87,084.61.

### Old business

There is a prospective buyer that out bid us for the property next door. Closing is supposed to take place soon.

Fourth of July proceeds were not as good as previous years. Income was lower and expenses were higher leading to a split for the club of \$3500. Last year it was \$7000. The milk shake booth profit was about the same as last year. The Bingo stand profit was down from last year \$5000 compared to \$8000 in 2011.

Jan Kittok has members only raffle tickets for those paying their dues.

The surveillance system on the range has been repaired and upgraded. We may invest in some better camera's

in the future.

### New Business

Dick Nordling would like to remind anyone who has a certificate for a turkey from the turkey shoot, that they have until October 31, 2012 to redeem it.

Dick Nordling hauled in another 35 garage doors to be used as backstops. If the backstops are shot up the garage doors are under a tarp by the shed - please put up a new one.

The Deer Hunters Association will have a Hides for Habitat box located at the club again this year.

There was a cell phone found in the grass behind the clubhouse - Contact Jan Kittok to claim it.

Dick Nordling would like to remind club members that you need to have your membership card with you when you are using the range. It was also brought up to make sure any guest that are brought in are aware of the range safety rules.

Range reservations for the Three Rivers Park Police for 2013 - Tuesday, April 30 - 6:00PM - 9:00 PM, Wednesday, May 1 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Wednesday, May 8 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Friday, May 10 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Tuesday, July 16 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Wednesday, July 17 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Friday, July 19 - 6:00

PM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday September 3 - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 4 - Noon - 4:30 PM, Friday, September 6 - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 20 - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM were approved.

Reservation for the clubhouse and range for May 4, 2013 for John McClay for Firearms Safety were approved.

Clubhouse reservations for John Ritter for a graduation Party on June 8, 2013 were approved.

There is an error in the newsletter for a range reservation for West Hennepin Police - it says November 7th but should read November 27th from 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM.

Two new members introduced themselves.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

**Thank you to Dave Scherer for the pulled-beef sandwiches, cole slaw & dessert—Great Job!**

**We look forward to November's lunch from John Tackaberry & Steve Pool!**

## Warm Weather and Cold Water = Dangerous Combination

### From the DNR

With unusually warm weather this month, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is warning boaters and waterfowl hunters to not to let their guard down.

So far this fall, four people have died during the late boating season.

"All boaters need to remember they should wear a personal floatation device," said DNR Conservation Officer Capt. Greg Salo. "Low water levels are exposing several hazards - rocks, low wing dams, stumps, etc. Operators and passengers

can be easily thrown overboard after coming into contact with one of these hazards."

While air temperatures are mild, the cold water can prove dangerous, or even deadly, especially if people don't consider the consequences of cold water shock and hypothermia that can result from falling into water at this time of year, Salo said.

Waterfowl hunters should wear a personal floating device (PFD). While some hunters find it uncomfortable to wear PFDs while hunting, Salo said, "camo float coats are a good option for hunters but they must be properly worn and

zipped to count as a PFD."

In addition to using a PFD, the DNR recommends these safety tips for late season boaters:

- Don't go out in any boat after drinking alcohol; .
- Don't go boating alone; boating safety increases with numbers.
- Don't overload the boat.
- Keep an eye on the weather
- Tell someone about trip plans and when to call 911 if not back at a certain time.
- If boat becomes swamped or capsizes, stay with it if possible and await rescue.

## We Still Need Volunteers

**Lunches:** Like to cook? Want to make lunch for your fellow members and not pay for it? Want to get credit for volunteering? Volunteer to make lunch for after a membership meeting! Buy and make a wonderful lunch, and turn in the receipts for reimbursement! Call Tom Delaney to volunteer for lunches in 2013.

**Annual Hatchet-Jack Muzzleloader shoot:** There's a need for volunteers to help with the annual Hatchet Jack shoot; held January 27th (the Sunday before the Superbowl—so there's no football that week). Contact Dick Nordling if you want to help out.

**Tree Parts:** There are dead pine trees and branches cut along the range parking lot and behind the clubhouse to be dealt with.

**Weed Removal:** We need the grass along the fence line in the parking lot to be weed-whipped. The area is from the mini-bif to the road to the South.

**Weeding:** The gardens (all 3) by the clubhouse need the bushes trimmed and the weeds pulled or sprayed. There's one garden on each side of the clubhouse and one by the wood fence.



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## Range Rules from Page 1

- 11) Do not shoot at anything on the ground.
- 12) Please pick up your trash, brass/casings and remove your used targets from the backstops when you're done. Just like the outdoors; try to leave the place a little nicer than you found it.
- 13) No Human Silhouette targets unless you are participating in an organized police activity.
- 14) Please check people unknown to you for their club ID. Remember, non-members cannot use the range without the member present.
- 15) Do a **Safety Check** down range before firing.
- 16) The use of fully-automatic weapons is forbidden on this range.
- 17) The gate should be closed and **locked** at all times you are on the range.

### Trap Shooting:

Trap shooting is only allowed during organized events:

*League and Practice Wed. & Thurs. 5pm-10pm. Hand and portable throwers are not allowed.*

Shooting hours allow us to be neighborly. Remember, in the evening, shooting hours end at the specified time or *at dark whichever is first.*

- Monday-Fri: 8:30am-8:30pm (or Dark)**
- Saturday: 9:00am-6pm (or Dark)**
- Sunday: 11:am-6pm (or Dark)**

**Rifle and Pistol range are closed during trap & reserved times.**



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## Cold Weather Hunting; Where the Rubber Meets the Road

Harold Menk, PE

We all pretty much know the basics of dressing for cold weather by now: sandwiching an insulating layer(s) between a wicking layer and a waterproof shell. The same basic strategy applies to the feet, but with a few subtle differences if you hunt on stand.

When buying an insulated, waterproof boot, it is a good idea to plan on spending at least 15 minutes with the boot on in the store, alternating between walking and sitting. Bring your favorite thermal insole, wicking sock and hiking over-sock to make sure the boot is plenty big. There should be no pressure points on any part of the foot. Pressure points restrict circulation, which

means your feet are going to get cold sooner.

Polypropylene works fine as a wicking sock and heavy smart wool is a good over-sock. There are some great arctic expedition class thermal insoles available on the internet, which are a great addition to even the best insulated hunting boot. Six hundred to 800 grams of boot insulation is a nice compromise between weight and warmth. You can always add more insulation with an oversized pair of zippered over-boot insulators. Cabela's has a great boot insulator called Arctic-Shield that are extremely light and fit nicely in your vest or pack. If it is really cold, use two, one inside the other. I also add a quarter inch thick felt into the bottom of the over-boot insulator to put even more distance

between the bottom of the foot and the cold ground.

If you have a ground blind, place an old rug or mat on the ground for another thermal break. I understand that the old -timers used to use pine boughs. Upon reaching your stand or blind, it doesn't hurt to loosen your boot laces to facilitate maximum circulation.

My youngest daughter shot her first deer near the Canadian Border in the final moments of legal shooting light this opener. It was a special moment, but made possible only because she was able to stay in the hunt in spite of the cold. Have a safe, enjoyable hunt and stay warm.



### Dues and Members-Only Raffle Time!

Remember, time is running out to turn in Dues and your members-only raffle entry!

Remember, you have to be a current member of the club when the drawing happens in January '13. So...you have to renew your membership and have your raffle entry postmarked before December 31, 2012. Also, it is a raffle, so chances are \$10 each. You can enter as often as you like.

With these added prizes, the members-only raffle now looks like this:

1st Place: Remington 1911, valued at \$850. I didn't know much about it, and did a little research...it is built very similarly to Remington's WWII 1911, except where they were able to improve it (better sights, etc.). It's considered by a lot of the experts to be the best under-\$1000 1911 on the market.

2nd Place: 3-night fishing trip to Ballards, valued at \$425.

3rd Place: \$100 Gift Card to Gander Mountain.

So...if you're one of those guys or gals who always seems to come in 2nd or 3rd...this is your lucky day, because 2nd and 3rd are pretty sweet deals as well!

So, get your membership renewed and toss in an extra \$10 or so toward a chance at some fine raffle prizes!

### Bowhunters: Save the Date!

The 2013 Minnesota Advanced Bowhunter Education Seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 24th from 6pm-9pm and Saturday, April 27th from 8am-4:30pm.

Participants must be 12 years or older and those who are 12-18 must have their Firearms Safety Certificate.

The course will cover a variety of topics including Bowhunter responsibilities, Proper equipment, safety, and game laws, Bow hunting techniques, Game recovery & care of game, Wildlife conservation, Survival & first aid.

Participants receive an ID card, arm badge, and informative reference materials. Cost \$5.00 (includes all class material). Lunch will be available at additional cost.

Register by calling Mike Speckel 763.477.3619. Class limited to the first 25 registered.



## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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:

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

#### November

15 - (Thu) - Deephaven Police Department - 5:00pm - 10:00pm

20 - (Wed) - Three Rivers Park Police Department - 9:00am - 7:00pm

27 - (Tue) - West Hennepin Public Safety - 3:00pm - 10:00pm

29 - (Thu) - Medina Police Department - 3:00pm - 9:00pm

#### December

NO CURRENT RANGE RESERVATIONS

#### January 2013

27 - (Sun) - Hatchet Jack Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

#### February 2013

#### Clubhouse:

#### November

27 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM

#### December

No meeting in December... Enjoy your holiday, whichever one you celebrate!

#### January 2013

29 - (Tue) Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM

#### February 2013

**Questions about Range Rules? Please see a club officer!**

**Please Report all Range Damage**