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An armrest was found on the range. Call Jan Kittok to identify and claim it.

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## Coming Soon: Electronic Newsletter Option!

Starting with the January 2014 newsletter will be sending all newsletters out via E-Mail, unless specifically requested the mailed version. We are planning to send out a trial email prior to January to attempt to see how many emails are out of date. If you get this email you need to do nothing. If you do not receive an email from the club by the end of December; please send your updated email address to Donna at [delano-sportsmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:delano-sportsmensclub@gmail.com).

If you are not computer savvy or just prefer the mailed newsletter, please call Jan Kittok and be placed on a list.

There are multiple benefits to this change. We can provide as good or better-quality newsletters faster, as well as saving a substantial amount of money for the club.

The use of emailed newsletters means that as soon as they're written, they can be sent...and received within as little as a few hours. This means you get

your news sooner. The use of electronic publishing allows us to publish the newsletter in color, including photographs. While our printing capabilities improved in 2012, allowing photographs to be published...they had to be converted to black and white. Those who have downloaded copies of the newsletter from the web also notice that when there is a web site recommended, all you have to do is click on it, and you're there. This is far easier than having to look at the address and type it in manually.

increases as long as possible.

With the advent of smart phones, your emailed newsletter will be where you want it, when you want it. Tests have already shown that the newsletter is readable from smart phones, tablets (like the iPad) and other mobile devices, as well as your computer.

We do understand that there may be a few hiccups as we start, and that some members may still want the paper copy.

Again, notify Jan Kittok if you wish to keep receiving the paper published copy. If you are on the email list and don't receive your January newsletter, you can download it from the web site (all of our past 2012-

2013 issues are there). You can contact Jan to have a copy mailed out or you can email Donna with your updated/correct email address to have future copies emailed to you.

Ultimately, offering electronic publishing of the newsletter will benefit you, the member, as well as the club.



## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

- President: Jim Klatt 763-479-2743
- Secretary: Dan Kittok 763-479-2429
- Treasurer: Joe Kittok 763-972-2989
- 1st Vice President: Dale Vanderlinden 763-972-6726
- 2nd Vice President: Larry Lindborg 763-972-6049
- 3rd Vice President: Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Membership & Rental: Joe & Jan Kittok 763-972-2989
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- Executive Board: Rick Dobbelaire 763-684-0709
- Executive Board: Jake Kittok 612-282-7975

### 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
- 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
- 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 November 26th, 2013. There is NO December Meeting**

## Welcome New Members!

We hope they will enjoy many hours of safe shooting activities on our range!

Lyle Katrovich, Travis Basseur, Michael Larison, David Schmidt, Michael Tormanen, Steven Skillen, Ron Karon, Joe Jenniges, Joe Giesecking, Chris Sankey, Jeff Hedberg, Steven Moe, Daniel Dick.

## From The Editor

...And we've come to the end of another year (almost).

The state says the deer harvest for firearms is down this year. I guess I'd agree, since my son and I were skunked...as were many of my friends (except one...who happens to be a club member too).

Minnesota has had it's first critical ice fishing injury. Remember...this ice is not thick enough!

We're excited to begin online/emailed newsletters as an option after our December hiatus. Be sure to check out the page one story!

Enjoy the upcoming holidays, and enjoy the rest of this season's hunt!

## Minutes of the October 29th, 2013 Meeting

35 members present - the meeting called to order by First Vice President Dale Vanderlinden at 6:58 PM

The meeting started out with DNR Conservation Officer Brent Grewe presenting Gary McClay with an award for his 40+ years as a firearms safety instructor.

**Secretary's Report** - minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report -

**Opening balance** \$901.50;

**debits** \$8567.09;

**credits** \$15318.67;

**checking balance** \$7653.08.

Treasurers report filed for audit.

### Committee Reports

#### **Building and Grounds**

Joe Kittok provided the club with an update on the farm property. There is a renter in the house paying \$500 per month. There has been wonderful help from club members in cleaning up the property, Joe is pleased with the progress but there is still more to do. Tom Delaney has been selling some material from the farm on Craig's list - barn wood and tractor tires. The well went out, a new well has been drilled and will be hooked up soon. Estimated cost is around \$6000. The club will be receiving a rebate of some of the money set aside for the sewer system that was put in.

Joe Kittok updated the club on the guard rail along the river bank. It has been installed, they brought in four more inches of red rock so the rain water flows away from the bank.

Fourth of July - Mike Speckle attended the last 4th of July meeting. 2013 turned out to be a good year but not a great year. The payout to the club this year is \$7000, last year it was \$3500. The celebration in 2014

will be July 2, 3, 4, and 5 with the fireworks being held on the 5th. The bingo stand and malt stand did as well as they ever have.

Tom Delaney updated the club on his progress on investigating the possibility of having the newsletter e-mailed to members. Tom has spoke with Bob Ball, Brad Spencer, Jan Kittok and Donna to discuss implementation. His proposal is to write a letter to be put in the November newsletter explaining the program. For those who want to continue to receive the newsletter via mail they can. Receiving via e-mail will be a cost savings to the club, it will be higher quality and will allow the club to provide faster notifications to the membership. After further discussion a motion was made by Greg Bernard and seconded by Gary McClay that we implement getting the newsletter sent out via e-mail. The motion passed.

**The membership committee** met last month and as a result of the meeting there is an amended volunteering form in the newsletter this month. The form lists many volunteer opportunities that occur at the club each year. We encourage members to think of the club first when volunteering.

### Old Business

A discussion took place on the use of human silhouette targets on the range. The club banned the use of them (with the exception of the police forces) years ago due to the visibility of the club from the road. After discussion both for and against their use it was decided to bring this topic up at the next building and grounds meeting. A motion will be decided upon then and published in the newsletter for a future vote.

The members only gun raffle has brought in \$1200 so far.

Jan Kittok reported that 25% of 2014 dues have been paid so far.

The non member sight in day was lightly attended. Ten people showed up, but of the ten, five later signed up to be club members. There are ideas for next year to promote the event better - adding it to the DNR website as well as other websites and making a better effort to post the flyers around the area.

### New Business

The club received a thank you note from the family of Lee Petersen.

Dale Vanderlinden thanked all volunteers and workers.

Thank you to Dave Scherer for providing lunch.

Tom Delaney mentioned he could use more volunteers for work needing to be done out on the farm.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary

*Thank you Dave Scherer  
for a terrific lunch at the  
October Meeting!*

*We're looking forward to  
John Tackaberry & Steve  
Pool's lunch at the  
November Meeting!*

*If you want to volunteer to  
serve lunch (food is  
reimbursed...all it costs is  
your labor!) in 2014;  
contact Tom Delaney*

## 2014 Dues are Due!

The end of the year is a busy season. Many of our members are out in the field hunting. On top of that, the holiday season is soon upon us, with all of the activities that come up with that.

In this busy season, don't forget that membership dues are due by January 1st 2014, to maintain your membership in the club. Dues were increased for 2014.

**If you have volunteered 4 hours or more:** Dues are \$50.

**If you did not volunteer at least 4 hours in 2013:** Dues are \$150.

Subscriptions to the MOOD magazine are an extra \$5.

Don't wait to the last minute to keep your membership current!

As a bonus, those who submit their dues prior to December 31st, 2013 are eligible to enter a raffle (also due December 31st). Raffle tickets are \$10 each, and can be included with your renewal.

The prizes this year are:

**.50 caliber Carlin Magnum muzzlerloader**, donated by Richard Maas;

**.45 caliber Remington 1911 pistol**.

First name drawn gets their choice of firearm from the prizes.

Be a winner, renew your club membership...and be eligible to win again with the raffle!

## Target Troubles

What's wrong with this picture? Actually, there are several problems with this target arrangement...recently found on the 25-yard range. This type of target setup is unacceptable.

First of all, given its location, there are very few ways rounds fired at this target were hitting the backstop.

Second, and more important; range rules do not allow the use of intermediate distance targets on the range. That said, there are two pistol lanes that do allow for intermediate distances...use them if you need to.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- We need volunteers to help with the annual Hatchet Jack Muzzleloader shoot; scheduled for January 26th, 2014...the Sunday before the Superbowl (so you have nothing better to do anyway). If you can volunteer or have questions, please contact Dick Nordling.
- Farm Cleanup: Contact Tom Delaney or Joe Kittok.
- We are looking for people to serve lunches at the monthly meetings for 2014. If you like to cook, this is a great volunteer opportunity. All food expenses are reimbursed by the club; all you need to do is provide the recipe and skill! Contact Tom Delaney to sign up.

Remember, volunteering for the club doesn't just give you a warm, fuzzy feeling; you're essentially being paid \$25.00 per hour tax-free for your first four hours. Why? Because that 4 hours of volunteer work saves you \$100 on your annual dues!

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



This is using a cone as a backup. This is not a safe or approved method setting up any target, even if it were allowed.

Finally, this unauthorized target was left at the range...clean up is each shooter's responsibility.

Use the facilities that are provided, follow the range rules, and be safe. If there's something you'd like to see, that we don't have, contact a member of the Grounds Committee. Maybe it's something we could add.

# Elections

There will be an election of officers held at the January 2014 meeting.

The positions open for election are:

- 3rd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

move from 3rd Vice President to 2nd Vice President.

If you are interested in running for one of those positions, please contact Dale Vanderlinden and let him know.



We would like to take a moment to thank President Jim Klatt for his service as a member and President of the club. Like many who volunteer their time here, he's put in a lot of effort to help keep the club running smoothly.

In January, Dale Vanderlinden will move from 1st Vice President to President, Larry Lindborg will move from 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President and Tom Delaney will



## Happy Holidays (all of them) from Delano Sportsmen's Club!



# More Walleyes Move to Lake Sarah! Brad Spencer

The Lake Sarah Association completed the 2013 stocking of walleye on November 1, 2013. Brent Foster, Brayton Foster and Brent Lau met Ron Rademacher to stock the 1000+ walleye fingerlings in two different spots within the lake.

As we have seen some of these walleyes mature over the past few years, it's exciting to have a new batch out there. Thank you to the volunteers who put this stocking effort together again in 2013!

Lake Sarah's walleye stocking program began in the spring of 2007 with 200,000 fry, followed by fall stockings of 1000 fingerlings in 2008, 2010, 2011, and now 2013. This stocking effort is supported solely through private donations; no funds are received from the MNDNR. Without the help of all the contributors this project would not be possible. Thank you to all of the Walleye fund donors!

If you catch a walleye in Sarah send a photo to [b.spencer@lakesarah.com](mailto:b.spencer@lakesarah.com) and include the date, and size of the fish caught as we are tracking the progress

of the walleyes on the Walleyes Caught page of the [www.lakesarah.com](http://www.lakesarah.com) website website.

If you like to donate towards future walleye stocking efforts send your check payable to LSIA, P.O. Box 25, Loretto, MN 55357-0025.



## DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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:

#### **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:

#### November

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

**21** - (Thu) - Medina Police Department - 3:00pm - 8:00pm

#### December

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

**4** - (Wed) - Deephaven Police Department - 4:30pm - 10:00pm

**5** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**12** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**19** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

#### January

**2** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**9** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**16** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**23** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**26** - (Sun) - Hatchet Jack Muzzleloaders Shoot - All Day

**30** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

#### February

**6** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-

10:00pm

**13** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**20** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

**27** - (Thu) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

#### Clubhouse:

#### September

#### November

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

#### December

No meetings/reservations in December

#### January

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

#### February

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

