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A Successful Turkey Shoot!

September 21st saw a picture-perfect fall day for the annual Members Only Turkey Shoot. Sun in the sky, and temperatures in the 60s. Not bad for a place and season where we could have a heat wave...or near-freezing temperatures and rain!

Nearly 30 families participated, including 26 shooters; hitting targets and winning turkeys! It was also a great time for people to get to know each other.

The shooters this year were:

Don Becchetti
Jay Gallentine
Tom Becchetti

Dick Walker
Ricky Ravenholdt
Douglas Ravenholdt
Jim Ahlschlager
Jake Kittok
Ken Bigelow
Lance Scott
Bob Peterson
Joe Baker
Dick Nordling
Garret Sarkinen
Fred Wiatrowski
Denny Bartos
Larry Lindborg

Jamie LaFave
Jason Eby
Matt Baker
Jim Klatt
Jordan Eby, and
Olivia Eby.

After an enjoyable shoot, everyone retired to the clubhouse for some of Bill Horsch & his crew's famous chicken barbecue.

As always, the food was fantastic, and it's rumored that "some" of us ate too much!

Let's see how many people come out next year for this wonderful get-together!

And the Winners are...

The 2013 Summer Raffle was held at the September Meeting.

The 1st Prize—a \$500 Holiday Station Gift Card was won by Mike Bauer of Maple Plain.

The 2nd Prize—\$250 Gift Card to Coborns was won by Roger Froeming of Parkers Prairie, MN.

The 3rd Prize—a \$100 cash card was won by Kathy O'Reilly of Rockford.

They weren't the only winners! The club wins, because the raffle raises funds.

Dale Vander Linden wrote a story published in the [Delano Herald Journal](#) on October 7th, highlighting the Turkey Shoot, the raffle...and another win. Thanks from youth.

49 letters of thanks were presented to the club by 3 Rivers Park District, who uses our range for some of their activities.

Our Sympathy:

Willard Graunke passed away on October 4th, at age 89. He is a former member of the club and helped start our youth firearm safety program.

His funeral was held on October 11th at St. Peter Catholic Church in Delano. Inurnment will be at Calvary Cemetery with military honors performed by Delano American Legion Post #377.

Full obituary at:

<http://tinyurl.com/graunke-13>

The Delano Sportsmen's Club

Club Officers:

- President: Jim Klatt 763-479-2743
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- Trap Shooting: Dan Thienes 763-682-4980
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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
- 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.

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

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 October 29th, 2013

Welcome New Members!

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

Joe Baker, Jeffrey Harris, Glen Pfister, Tim Jung, Kenneth Finley, Charly Kainz

From The Editor

I just got back from the lake; getting most of the pre-winter chores done...boats and docks out and winterized, etc.

Leaves are peaking up that way now, and folks are starting to think of birds and deer. Pheasant season starts this week and Firearms Opener for deer isn't that far away!

Lots of information in this issue, including some important business. If you have an opinion regarding the use of Silhouette targets, you'll want to get to the meeting this month as that is a point to be discussed.

Volunteer time is drawing to a close for the season...get your hours in where you can and save \$100 in next year's dues. Oh, and don't forget to buy a raffle ticket or two for an awesome Remington 1911 or Muzzleloader to be drawn in January.

Time to catch some shut-eye in some great sleeping weather. Stay safe and enjoy the outdoors!

Minutes of the September 24th, 2013 Meeting

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

Secretary's Report - minutes of the August 27, 2013 meeting were approved

Treasurers Report -

Opening balance \$3712.31;

Debits \$7605.64;

Credits \$4794.83;

Checking balance \$901.50

Committee Reports

Building and grounds - Tom Delaney updated the club on the clean up at the farm. A lot has been getting done and there are good ideas for the future. Thank you to Joe Kittok for all his hard work.

Old Business

The members only turkey shoot was held on September 21st. Around 44 people attended, the weather was beautiful, a good time was had by all.

The club received a stack of thank you letters from the kids we sponsored to Three Rivers Forkhorn Camp this past summer.

Joe Kittok updated the club on the farm - Hayes and Sons put the new sewer system in, we did not need a mound system so an in ground system was put in. As a result it was less expensive than originally thought and the club will be getting some money back that was set aside at closing to cover the cost. 15 yards of trash and 15 yards of metal have been taken away already with more to go. There is a farm fuel tank with stand available if anyone is interested. There is also sheetmetal and gates laying around that need to be cleaned up as well as more trash and trees to trim. The renter has been giving the club some money and will be paying the heating bill. The club had an offer from a person to buy the buildings and 10 acres. He is looking

into financing now. The asking price is \$200,000. Joe went to the last Franklin Township meeting. They do not seem all that enthusiastic about buying 5 acres for a park. They did schedule a tour of the parcel though. Asking price for the 5 acres is \$50,000. Joe did get permission from Franklin Township to separate the 5 acres and the 10 acres into separate parcels.

The raffle is being held tonight - \$3000 in tickets have been sold so far.

New Business

Range reservations for Three Rivers Park District Forkhorn Camp for 2014 - June 11, 12, 17, July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29 and August 13 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM each day - were approved.

Dale Vanderlinden asked about the question in the newsletter regarding picking up brass. Is it something to discuss and act on at the meeting or have the range committee discuss.

John McClay asked the club if it would be alright to shoot two nights - Monday and Tuesday - for the high school trap shooting team in 2014. He is anticipating more kids being interested in participating - perhaps 60 - 70 kids. The club approved that two nights a week could be used for shooting.

Paul Klesmit is selling tickets for the Pheasants Forever "gun a week" raffle and asked the club if we would like to buy a ticket for \$50. The club purchased one ticket. More tickets are available for anyone interested.

Four new members introduced themselves.

Tom Delaney brought up a proposal to pursue trying to get club members to receive the newsletter via e-mail. He could get volunteers to call club members to get their e-mail addresses. It could save the club \$300+ per month depending on how many members sign up for it. After discus-

sion it was decided to put the proposal in the newsletter, if any club member has suggestions and ideas regarding this please let Tom Delaney know.

Raffle winners - first prize of a \$500 Holiday gift certificate was Mike Bauer of Maple Plain, second prize of a \$250 Coborns gift certificate was Roger Freoming of Parkers Prairie, and third prize of a \$100 Cabela's gift certificate was Kathy O'Rielly of Rockford. Paul Klesmit sold the most books - 30 - there were 15 members that sold 10 or more books.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok,
Secretary

*Thank you Brian Bossert
for a very nice lunch at the
September Meeting!*

*I wonder what Dave
Scherer will be bringing to
October's meeting?*

Notice

In accordance with the club bylaws, this notice is being issued to all club members regarding the use of Human Silhouette targets:

We made a rule many years ago about not allowing human silhouettes on our range except for when police departments reserve the range for their officers to qualify. The reason is that our ranges are very visible to the road. People can see the targets we have put up.

Some anti-gun neighbors and community members have commented that kids see the human silhouettes and think we are promoting shooting people. Of course we aren't, but I guess the general consensus has been that we want to keep a gun-friendly, responsible image and not allow human silhouettes.

This rule was made many years ago. Since then, the laws regarding conceal and carry permits have changed, and more members say they must shoot at silhouettes in order to qualify for their permit.

Some members would like this subject discussed at the October meeting to be discussed and voted on.

If you wish to vote on this important matter, be sure to attend the Club Meeting on October 29th.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

- 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!

2014 Dues

Membership dues are due by 1/1/2014 to maintain your membership in the club. As you've seen in prior mailings, dues have increased this year.

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.

We are having another members-only firearm raffle this year. We have a Remington 1911 pistol in .45 ACP, and a .50 caliber Carlin Magnum muzzleloader that was donated by Richard Maas. Raffle tickets are \$10. One was included in your renewal mailing.

You can pay your dues and raffle in the same envelope. If you want extra raffle tickets, please mention that, and we will fill them out for you. **Raffle Deadline is 12/31/13**, so don't be late! First name drawn gets their choice.

From the "What's Old is New Again" File...

Bill Horsch sent me an editorial regarding gun control. I'm including a portion here:

"...Now the big subject is gun control...disarming of law-abiding citizens, leaving the gates open for the criminal to pursue his way. There is even talk about disarming the "brutal" policeman, silly to say the least. Any criminal out for robbery, assassination or murder is going to have a gun regardless of any legislation...

Far too much attention has been given to the rights and

protection of the criminal, while victims remain sadly neglected. This situation is largely the result of decisions by the Supreme Court. So far, the citizen is protected in his rights to own guns by the Constitution. This could change by court interpretation, but let's hope the court changes first. The question now is...what's next, after the gun control hysteria subsides, as it will.

This could've been published any time this year...but it wasn't. This came from *The Delano Eagle* in August 1968.

Bag Your Deer by Bow or Bullet...not Bumper

From the DNR:

Nearly one-third of car-deer collisions each year occur between now and November, said the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), citing a national report.

Minnesota is ranked eighth when it comes to car-deer crash totals, according to State Farm Insurance, which tracks the trends nationwide. Most states, the company reports, are seeing a decline in their numbers. There are two exceptions: Wyoming and Minnesota.

Though most people would expect these crashes to be more likely in rural areas, motorists in urban regions of the state also need to watch out for these dangerous — and sometimes deadly — accidents involving deer. Minnesota has 3 million drivers and 136,000

miles of roadway.

More than 20,000 deer-vehicle accidents are reported annually, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

While trying to predict when and where a deer and motorist will meet is an impossible task, drivers who understand how deer behave are more likely to avoid a crash. The DNR advises motorists to use these driving tips to help avoid collisions with deer:

- **See the signs.** Deer-crossing signs are posted in high-risk areas. Drive with caution, especially in the posted areas.
- **Deer don't roam alone.** Deer often run together. If one deer is near or crossing the road, expect that others will follow.

- **Danger from dusk to dawn.**

Watch for deer especially at dawn and after sunset. About 20 percent of these crashes occur in early morning, while more than half occur between 5 p.m. and midnight.

- **Safety begins behind the wheel.**

Always wear safety belts and drive at safe, sensible speeds for road conditions.

If a vehicle strikes a deer, motorists should report the crash by calling local law enforcement, the sheriff's department, or the Minnesota State Patrol. By following these tips and maximizing one's situational awareness, it becomes less likely to experience a deer-vehicle crash.

If the worst happens and you hit a deer, you can keep it for free if it's salvageable. A change in the law in 1987 allows for possession of vehicle killed deer at no cost. You do have to report it to law enforcement, and they provide the possession tag.

Drive safe!

For Sale by Member

- 22-250 Browning ABolt II Varmint, BOSS, 6-24 milldot BSA scope ¼" MOA \$750.
- 223 Browning ABolt II Eclipse Varmint, BOSS, 6-24 milldot BSA scope ¼" MOA \$450.
- 223 Ruger Mini 14 Rancher like new, base & rings, no scope \$550.
- 17 HRM Ruger 77/17, SpecTec trigger, free floated barrel, 6-24 milldot BSA scope \$450.
- 12 ga Beneli Super Black Eagle 24", recoil reducer, synthetic stock \$800.
- New 45-70 Marlin 1895 GS 18.5" walnut stock stainless barrel not ported \$600.
- 1000 rds 17 HRM Hornaday VMax 17 gr \$125.
- 300 rds 22-250 reloaded 55 gr Hornaday VMax \$170
- 510 rds 22-250 various reloaded \$255
- 650 rds 223 reloaded 55 gr Hornaday VMax \$250
- 600 rds 22-250 Win used brass \$120
- 12 ga Browning turkey choke tube \$20
- 2 leather rifle scabbards \$50 each
- 3 ATV saddle bags \$10 each
- Koplin scoped gun boot \$20.

If you're interested in any/all...call Mark Jares at:
763-442-0735



Jim Dzik, Taxidermist
(763) 498-8400

6975 Pioneer Trail
Greenfield, MN 55357

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<http://greenfieldstaxidermy.com>

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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:

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:

October

12 - (Sat) - Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am - 5:00pm.

November

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

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

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

December

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

January

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

Clubhouse:

September

October

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

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

80 Acres for Muzzleloader Hunt

Doug Kincaid, a long-time member and past president of the club wrote to offer 80 acres of land in Aitkin County for a limited number of Black Powder Shooters to hunt during Muzzleloader Season (11/30-12/15).

This is 80 acres of timbered area with access to miles of state and county land with very few openings. He saw 18 deer in the area last year; only one was taken.

If you're interested in being part of a limited number of hunters to access this land, contact Doug Kincaid at (218) 768-3302



**Report
all
Range
Damage**