

# DELANO SPORTSMAN

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## Grouse Hunting Now Open

From the DNR: Fall color begins to show, an occasional crisp morning arrives – both are telltale signs that the hunting season opener for grouse, Minnesota's most popular game bird, is right around the corner.

"Here in Minnesota we have some of the best grouse hunting opportunities in the nation," said Ted Dick, forest game bird coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "Our state has an extensive system of nonmotorized hunter walking trails, and

much of our 17 million acres of forest land is open to public hunting."

The season for ruffed and spruce grouse runs from Saturday, Sept. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2015; and for sharp-tailed grouse from Sept. 19 through Sunday, Nov. 30.

"Visibility will improve for grouse hunters as leaves drop, and enjoying the fall colors is part of the experience – even if the vegetation makes shooting more difficult," Dick said. "Grouse

season is really best during September and October, so many hunters like to get out as early and as often as they can in those months. Many hunters can't wait to get out on the opener."

The grouse season looks promising this year. Weather was favorable for grouse reproduction and chick survival in spring and summer, and there are stable numbers of adult grouse that survived the winter.

## Any Day can be Flag Day

The United States Code lists 18 different sections regarding patriotic customs. Six of those have to do with the flying of the United States flag—Old Glory.

We all know most of the customs—the US Flag is never dipped in respect (though regimental, state and other flags may be). It flies to its own right, never touches the ground, is not flown at night without illumination...and when it is worn; it is to be destroyed in a dignified way and replaced.

The flags flying over the club were showing their age. Dale Vanderlinden took the initiative to strike the colors and replace them at his own cost.

We'd like to thank Dale for taking time and cost to make sure we continue to show respect to our Old Glory, as she flies over our club.



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## The Delano Sportsmen's Club

### Club Officers:

• President:	Larry Lindborg	763-972-6049
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• 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
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• Bow Safety:	Mike Speckel	763-477-3619
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• Portable Targets	Tom Delaney	612-408-8944
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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 Editor Bob Ball at 612-363-3936 or [editor.dsc@comcast.net](mailto: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](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 September 29th, 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!

Scott Gunerson  
Mark Bauman  
Charles Sorensen  
Tim Harris

### From the Editor

*Sigh...time to pull the dock out, winterize the speedboat, and take the 'toon out a couple more times before we button up the cabin.*

*On the other hand...hot weather will soon be gone, the DNR promises a "spectacular" fall color season, and it's time to turn to hunting—small game, birds, deer (archery anyway) and bear. And there's still plenty of fishing to be had before it gets too cold!*

*Get out and enjoy the fall!*

## Minutes of the August 25th, 2015 Meeting

29 Members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by 1st Vice President Tom Delaney.

Secretary's report— Minutes of the July 28th 2015 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report— Opening balance in the checking account: \$8235.83; credits \$3492.50; checking balance \$6972.30. Treasurer's report was approved.

Buildings and grounds: Tom Delaney found a guy in Buffalo that accepts old TVs and electronics. Tom took all of the TVs from the farm over to him. A post on the 25-yard pistol range needs to be replaced.

Fourth of July— the round-up meeting took place last month. It was a very successful celebration.

Membership— Jan will be sending a notice out in September regarding the members-only raffle coming up.

Club Raffle: \$2663 in raffle tickets have been sold so far. Jan Kittok has more tickets available.

Does anyone know where the black wooden box used for bingo is? It has the club's name written on it.

Thank you to Dave who cleaned the clubhouse.

One new member introduced himself.

Dan MacDonald updated the club on GOCRA and MNGOPAC. Things are pretty quiet right now. There are 201,000 permits to carry in the state now. 19% are women.

New Business:

There was a discussion about a request to start shooting times earlier than 9:00 AM for special shooting events like firearms safety. It was agreed to keep the hours as they are.

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association will be having a banquet on September 13th. The money raised goes to sending kids to Forkhorn Camp. There is also a raffle for two Henry guns; \$10 per ticket and only 600 tickets will be sold. Contact Rick Dobleaire for more information.

Hanna got up and thanked the club for sending her and her sister to Forkhorn Camp.

Alex Moe of Boy Scout Troop 273 would like to do an Eagle Scout Project on the club's new property. He asked the club if they would be interested in him putting up an archery range. The club is interested and the project will be discussed with Alex at

the next Buildings and Grounds committee meeting. Alex would like to get it done in a year's timeframe.

Thank you to Derek Shansberg who provided lunch for the meeting.

There being no additional business; the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Kittok, Secretary

*Thanks to Derik Schansberg  
for the wonderful lunch in  
August!*

*We're looking forward to  
what Dave Wilde will be  
bringing in September!*

*Do you like to cook? Would  
you like to cook for the club  
on our dime? Contact Tom  
Delaney. 2015 is now  
covered; but there's all of  
2016 to volunteer for!*

*The club reimburses you  
your grocery costs.*



# **DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

## **SIGHT IN YOUR RIFLE**

**Non-Member Sight-in Day – Saturday October 10th, 2015,  
9am - 5pm.**

Persons not members of the Delano Sportsmen's Club will be allowed to use the range to sight in their guns for the upcoming hunting season. \$15 per gun, targets will be provided. This will be the only opportunity this fall for non-members to use the range.

**A reasonable time will be allowed per gun to sight in.**

**ALL GUNS MUST BE CASED AND UNLOADED WITH ACTIONS OPEN AND  
MAGAZINES EMPTY TILL READY TO SIGHT IN.**

**ALL POSTED RANGE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED**

**Follow the Club Members instructions that are on site.**

**NO Alcohol or Persons Under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs permitted on site.**

**No full automatic or firearms classified as illegal.**

**Bring your own hearing and Eye protection.**

**Members of the club will be on site to assist.**

For Directions go to the website  
<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com/>

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The Delano Sportsmen's Club is located north of the city of Delano and just North of the intersection of County Road 17 (65th St. SE), County Road 139 (County Line Road), and County Road 50 (Rebecca Park Trail).

The Club is located on the West side of County Road 50



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We're on the web!

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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:

*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:

#### September

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

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

#### October

7 - (Wed) - West Hennepin Public Safety  
- 8:30am - 5:00pm

10 - (Sat) - Non-Member sight-in Day  
9:00am - 5:00pm. [click here to view flyer](#)

#### November

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

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

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

20 - (Fri) **Clubhouse Reserved & Range Reserved** - Medina Police Dept - 4:00pm-8:00pm

#### December

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

2 - (Wed) - Trapshooting league - 5:00pm-10:00pm

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

8 - (Wed) - Trapshooting league -

### 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 backstops.
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.

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