

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

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February 2024 Newsletter

Despite extreme weather, the DGSC Board met on January 20, 2024. Twelve of the thirteen Board members and two Committee Chairman were able to attend.

President Semprini welcomed New Board Members, Rich Kelly (Legal/Insurance) & Earl "Shorty" Fatlan (Youth & Community) as well as those returning to the Board. A new meeting schedule was set for 2024 and will be added to the club calendar. John reminded each Director and Committee Chair to begin to prepare their 2025 budget requests using the information furnished by the Treasurer. The budget will be discussed at the February Board meeting and presented at the March general membership meeting.

The Board will continue to monitor Tuesday and Thursday target and labor costs. Thursday's cost far exceeds Tuesday's, mainly due to fewer shooters. The Board continues to seek solutions to the situation. Senior Member volunteers would certainly help.

Vice President: Currently John Semprini and Ken Cechura, have assumed the Vice President duties, with help from Colleen, at the counter. To date, 2024 Badges are available at trap counter for everyone that renewed by January 31st. 86% of our 2023 members have already renewed, Senior Members that have not yet renewed, are subject to a \$25.00 late fee. **All 2023 memberships have now expired. Please wear your 2024 badge while at the club. Those members not renewed for the new year (2024), will have "shooting privileges" suspended pending 2024 dues payment.**

Shooting Members may apply for Senior Member status until March 1, 2024. If you or a Shooting Member you know, would like to become a Senior Member, applications are available at the trap counter. Feel free to contact a Board Member or Director for details and benefits.

Treasurer's Report: All bills are currently paid. Director's annual stipend distributed, as per the bylaws. Several Directors have donated the stipend to a fund to purchase a Memorial Tree to be dedicated to past Board Member, Mark Matteson.

Entertainment: The "Happy Hangover" Fun Shoot & "Potluck" was a successful event, with 40 members, families, and friends attending. Several similar events will be planned. More details will follow.

A Sporting Clays "Open House" is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Members, Families, and Guests will be invited to participate. We will need volunteers to assist in set-up instruction, safety, and administration, during this event. See Paul Burlington or George Adelman .

The 2024 DGSC annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2024

Hunting & Fishing: Next bird release is scheduled for February 17. The 2023-24 hunting season has been successful, thanks to our volunteers and hunters! 270 birds were released prior to January 20.

Shotgun Sports: Severe weather is responsible for the club being closed on several days in January. In an attempt to reduce costs, we will continue to remain closed on Thursday in the month of February. The "Ground Hog" predicts an early spring, so March we can return to "regular" hours. Please be aware, there is a 10 minute "time out" on the target management system. Any unused targets on the field go away after the field has been idle for 10 minutes. You will need to reinsert your card for additional target

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ATA: Next up is the Winter Jackrabbit. This activity is hosted by 4 clubs (DGSC, Maywood, McHenry. DGSC will host on February 18.

The Downers Grove SC ATA 2024 Events

28-Apr Sunday	100-100-100
11-May Saturday	TARGET ONLY
23-Jun Sunday	100-100-100 Indian Shoot
27-Jul Saturday	TARGET ONLY
14-Sep Saturday	Northern Zone
15-Sep Sunday	Northern Zone
13-Oct Sunday	100 Hdcp - 100 Hdcp

Grants: A 2024 NRA Grant application has been submitted with a focus on our Youth Program, Community education in the safe use of firearms, and introduction to clay target sports. Grants are generally awarded in January. Grants from ISSA, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) are under consideration, in planning for the 2024, 2025 Target years.

CONGRATULATIONS - Dean Kerhulas presented the 2023 DGSC "Hall of Fame" awards to George Adlemann & Keith Ufflemann

Our condolences to the friends and families on the recent passing of DGSC Members:
Terry Vejvoda, Feb. 2, 2024, Merrill Vallender, Jan. 24, 2024, and James Matteson, Jan. 26, 2024

2024 CALENDAR (updated February 4, 2024)

February	10 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting 18 Sunday Winter Jack Rabbit (DGSC Host Club) Trap 25 16 yd, 25 Hdcp 23-25 yd)
March	10 Sunday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting 24 Sunday ISSA Spring Meeting at DGSC 29 Friday Nite "Games" begin 31 Sunday Easter
April	13 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting 18 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed) 28 Sunday ATA "Spring Opener" Registered Trap Event
May	5 Sunday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting 11 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event 12 Sunday Mother's Day 16 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed) 28 Sunday ATA "Spring Opener" Registered Trap Event
June	7 Friday DGSC Grand Prairie Skeet Doubles 8 Saturday DGSC Grand Prairie Skeet 12 & 20 ga 9 Sunday DGSC Grand Prairie Skeet 10-16 Mon-Sun Illinois State Trap Shoot (Britany Shooting Park)???

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20 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)

21-23 **ISSA State Skeet Shoot Peoria**

23 Sunday DGSC ATA "ILINI Indian" Registered Trap Event

July

4 **Thursday Independence Day**

18 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)

27 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event

31 **Wednesday Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois**

August

1-10 **Thur-Sat. Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois**

9,10,11 **Fri-Sun N Zone Skeet Shoot Peoria**

18 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon to ?

September

2 Monday **Labor Day**

7 Saturday DGSC Fall Skeet Tournament

8 Sunday DGSC Fall Skeet Tournament

14 Saturday ATA "Northern Zone" ATA Registered Trap Event (200 singles)

15 Sunday ATA "Northern Zone" ATA Registered Trap Event (50 pr Doubles, 100 Hdcp)

20 Friday TRMA Sporting Clays Shoot 9:00 a.m.

21 Saturday BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot

October

13 Sunday ATA Grundy County Handicap Registered Trap Events (100 Hdcp & 100 Hdcp)

27 Sunday ISSA Fall Meeting

November

16 DGSC Annual Turkey Shoot

December

14 Sunday Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

14 Sunday General Membership Meeting 9:00 a.m. (Election of Officers & Board)

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