

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

July 2024 Newsletter

At the July 14 General Membership meeting President Semprini announced the transition to Association Sphere, as our new method of communication with our membership. Future renewal forms, invoices, and newsletters will be sent utilizing the Association Sphere database.

Three new Shooting Members were approved. Wayne Daughtery, Brian Schmid, and Viorel Smerica. Please welcome these new members. As of July 8, we are at 96.5% of our 2023 membership and growing.

John also reminded us of our 75th Anniversary in 2025. We need to plan now for next year's celebration. If you have an interest in assisting in the planning of any part of event, contact any one of the Officers or Board Members.

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club was founded **as a volunteer** organization. Many of our dedicated volunteers are no longer able to devote the time and energy they once did. We need more Senior Members to "step up" and help. There is a list of "projects" we need to accomplish, we need help on the Trap Counter, and we will most likely have Board positions to be filled this fall. Be a member, not just a "customer" volunteer for a work party, committee, or consider running for the Board. Be a part of the management of the finest Clay Target facility in Northern Illinois. **We need your participation!**

Without our volunteers, we will be forced to hire additional staff. An increased payroll means increases in dues or shooting fees. This was repeated several times during the meeting

The proposed Bylaw revisions were presented to the general membership. After receiving several comments from the membership, a revised version will be prepared, published, and presented for a vote in September at the General Membership Meeting.

Save the Date! Sunday, August 18, 2024, DGSC Annual Picnic

Food, fun, family, and friends, Senior Members, Shooting Members, families and guests are invited. There will be food and beverages for all after shooting ends at noon. Don't miss the "bucket raffle" for a variety of treasures as well as the annual Gun Raffle. Tickets for the Gun Raffle are now available at the Club or from several Senior members at \$10.00 each. 3 chances to win, a Barretta A300 12 ga Sporting Clays Shotgun, a Smith & Wesson M&P 45 Shield with 2 magazines, or \$500.00 in cash. A limited number of tickets will be sold! Last year we ran out before the picnic.

Paul Burlington has asked for input and volunteers for the Annual DGSC 2024 Picnic. If you are able to sell tickets, contact Paul Burlington:

entertainment@downersgrovesc.com.

Hunting & Fishing: (Senior Members only)

Bird release dates and schedule are being worked on. Our vendor has notified us of a price increase on our pheasants for release this season. We anticipate charging \$20.00 per bird this year. There will be a two (2) bird minimum on bird release dates. All previous terms will remain the same.

A special thanks to the Feullain family for the deer stands that were delivered to the club. They will be put to good use.

Anyone needing more information for this year's season, feel free to contact Charlie Zib.

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NRA news

Grundy County Friends of the NRA Dinner is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, 4:00pm at the Morris VFW. Tickets for a gold table is \$1300. Includes a table gun and 8 dinner tickets & 8 raffle tickets packages. 8 tickets per table \$100.00 each. In the past, the club paid the other \$500.00, and the table gun was used for the picnic raffle. This is a great way to support the NRA and DGSC! See Ken or Keith for tickets

Youth & Community:

August 24 &25. Illinois DNR Hunter Safety Class at the DGSC

Clubhouse. The class time for both days of August 24th and the 25th (Saturday and Sunday) is from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. We will serve lunch on both days. Saturday: BBQ-hot dogs-chips and soda/water. Sunday: Pizza-chips and soda/water. A partition in the dining area will allow shooters access to the coffee and gun racks and will isolate the students from our normal activities

On Sunday after the test is completed by all, we will allow any of the students who wish to the opportunity to shoot at 5 clay targets. We will furnish everything needed for that. To date we have 4 other instructors to assist in this class, but anyone who wishes to help is free to do so and will be greatly appreciated. All funding for this class will be from DGSC. For more information contact: Earl "Shorty" Fatlan or sign up at the counter. There is limited number of openings.

ATA News

Congratulations to Larry White. Larry received his "50 year" award at the Illinois State Shoot. Larry also celebrated 100,00 singles targets at the shoot.

Our next big event is Sept. 14 & 15 but please let me know if you have any suggestions before then on how we can improve our shoot.

The Downers Grove SC ATA 2024 Events

14-Sep Saturday Northern Zone (200 singles only)

15-Sep Sunday Northern Zone (doubles & handicap)

13-Oct Sunday 100 Handicap - 100 Handicap

Sporting Clays & 5 Stand:

Vintage gun (SxS or pump) shoot planned for October 5 will include trap, skeet, and sporting clays details to follow. Contact Paul Burlington for information.

Friday Night Lights

Currently the facility is "under used" on Friday evenings. We have open fields on Friday nights. Currently we shoot "Games" (Annies) on field 6. We have 5 additional light fields available from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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Deepest sympathy and condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to members of our DGSC families:

John "Jack" Aichele, long time Senior Member, passed July 7, 2024

Shirley Weaver, wife of Honorary Member William "Bill" Weaver, passed July 6, 2024

DGSC CALENDAR

July

27 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event

28 Sunday German Shorthair Pointer Club of Illinois Sporting Clay

August

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

18 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon until?

24 Saturday IDNR Hunters Safety Class at DGSC (2day class)

25 Sunday IDNR Hunters Safety Class at DGSC (2nd day)

September

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)

18 Thursday TRMA Sporting Clays Shoot 9:00 a.m.

21 Saturday BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot

21 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting

22 Sunday LaSalle County Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays

October

5 Saturday Vintage Gun Shoot

12 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting

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

27 Sunday ISSA Fall Meeting

November

10 Sunday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting

16 DGSC Annual Turkey Shoot (usage form to follow)???

December

15 Sunday Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

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