

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450
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March 2024 Newsletter

The March Board meeting came to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2024. A quorum was present with 2 members absent.

President John Semprini announced the recent passing of Past President Dean Kerhulas, we observed a moment of silence.

Keith Uffleman proposed we dedicate a tree to Dean's memory to be planted along the driveway. Donations can be given to Ken, John, or Jud. \$470 has been collected to date our goal is \$1000. for the tree and plaque. We will offer the Kerhulas family several options, as to the type or species.

Budget Review was amended, reviewed, and passed. **Motion by Jud Man, 2nd by Don Cox.**

Membership

Renewals are 91.13% successful, with 8 Senior Members and 43 shooting members yet to renew. Those memberships have been "suspended pending payment". In the future Association Sphere will handle 2025 renewals

The April Board and General membership meetings have been rescheduled to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2024. This will accommodate the scheduled Sporting Clays "Open House" planned for Sunday, May 5.

The following individuals were approved for Shooting Memberships:

Joe Troha, David Teska, Kris Gori, Don Wolsfeld. Please welcome them to DGSC.

The Senior Membership Committee met on Saturday, March 9th and approved the following Senior Member applications: Don Davis, Josh Nash, William Gurl. All were approved by the membership.

Five probationary members have completed their service hours. Jason Sole, Dave Giacomi, * Fred Moffit*, Mike Petrizzi*, and Mike Crowley. Renewals submitted by March 10, 2024, have been processed. New badges are available at the counter. All members are reminded to "update" NRA & FOID information and expiration dates.

Secretary

The Board is reminded to ask another Board member to review all informative documents for accuracy (dates prices, spelling), prior to printing and distribution. I.e... Programs, newsletters, email broadcasts, and posters.

Treasurer

Jud Mann reported an increase in gross revenues, due to cost savings achieved by reducing "hours of operation" (Thursdays) in January and February. We have resumed shooting on Thursdays.

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Entertainment

Corned Beef Dinner and Club Shoot Sunday April 7, 2024. We need volunteers to run trap/skeet event and help in the kitchen.

Pre-registration:

\$25.00 includes 50 targets, & corned beef dinner, \$12.00 dinner only, "at the door" if available

\$30.00 includes 50 targets, & corned beef dinner, \$15.00 dinner only.

Sporting Clays Open House for spring 2024 scheduled for May 5. Members & guests. Are invited. The event will include lunch, sporting clays and 5-stand, with reduced shooting fees.

Grounds

We remind everyone that only trained and authorized personnel are allowed to operate the tractor, mowers, or similar equipment. Unauthorized personnel are not insured and present a liability to the club.

Estimates and bids are being sought to relieve the flooding on fields 4 thru 7. Feasibility of drain tiles, "mud jacking" or grading.

Hunting

The last Senior Member bird release is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. 65 birds will be released again. A hot lunch of beef sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, and soda, will be served after the hunt. To date, 335 pheasants have been released, 243 have been harvested.

In the interest of ecology and conservation of our natural resources DGSC has entered into an agreement with a local Beekeeper. Two hives will be placed in an unutilized area and will be posted. A limited amount "Locally Grown" honey will be available for purchase at the club in the future.

NRA

Grundy County Friends of the NRA Dinner is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, 4:00pm at the Morris VFW.

Tickets: Gold table \$1300. Includes a \$500.00 table gun to be raffled at the picnic and eight (8) \$100.00 dinner tickets with raffle tickets packages. See Ken or Keith for tickets Additional tickets are available through the Grundy County FRNA website.

Shotgun Sports

Larry suggested reducing 5-stand pricing to match Sporting Clays pricing to optimize use of that discipline. Motion passed!

Youth & Community

We are still trying to locate the Garmin "shot cam" DGSC purchased by Mark Matteson for the Youth committee. We have contacted youth teams at, Coal City, Gardner, Diamond, and Minooka to offer our facilities for Sporting Clays, 5-stand, skeet, or trap. WE plan to schedule a "Hunter Safety"

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Classes & Ladies Nites, for 2024. We have been encouraged to offer Hunter Safety, NRA Shotgun Instructor, and NRA Range Officer, training classes for our members.

ATA

We have 2 ATA events being held in April. April 18; Big 50 and April 28; regular shoot (100, 100, 100). We will be looking for club volunteers 2 weeks prior to the event. The more volunteers that we can secure, the lower our cost will be for holding an event. We will need score keepers for the Big 50 as well as our regular shoot and we'll look for volunteers for all events with the idea of controlling our expenses.

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

You may register on Pre-Squad 2 weeks prior to the shoot. The program for each event will be added to Pre-Squad 4 weeks prior to the scheduled shoot date.

Big 50's "are scheduled for 3rd Thursday, April, May, June, & July.

Register on Pre-Squad 2 weeks prior to the shoot. The program for each event will be added.

A Spring ATA Trap League will be considered.

NSSA:

Grand Prairie Tournament 7 - 9 June 2024

The Fall Tournament 7 - 8 Sept 2024

Both events have been posted to MySkeet. This means that the events are open for registration.

Sporting Clays & 5 Stand:

The Sporting Clays Open House for spring 2024 is scheduled for May 5th.

Can't give Dan Howell enough praise for a job well done!!!! His proactive approach to SC and 5 stand is recognized and much appreciated. Please take a moment to shake Dan's hand and give him a hearty Thank You.

Other news

Larry Novak has offered to continue the responsibilities of the "DGSC Hall of Fame". He is preparing a list of criteria for future nominees.

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The Presentation of Past Awards (pandemic year): Frank Bentley Sr., Tony D'Angelis was tabled as neither were able to attend the meeting today.

Suggested Project for 2024:

Upgrade DGSC Signs on Rte. 6 "14 station Sporting Clays, 5 stand, carts available"?

Replace Trap House Stairs

Painting of Trap Houses

Establish regularly scheduled "Work Parties"

Bench tops along trap/skeet fields

Water control on trap/skeet field.

If you can assist in any of these projects or have resources to help defray our costs, please contact any of our Board Members.

DGSC CALENDAR

March

17 Sunday Polish Hunting & Fishing Club Sporting Clays

24 **ISSA Spring Meeting at DGSC**

31 **Sunday Easter**

April

7 **Sunday DGSC Corned Beef Dinner and Club Shoot**

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

4 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting

5 Sporting Clays Open House TBD

11 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event

12 **Sunday Mother's Day**

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

31 **Friday Illinois State HS Clay Target League Skeet tournament (Decatur)**

June

TBD DGSC Board Meeting (possibly electronic)

1 **Saturday Illinois State HS Clay Target League 1A Trap Tournament (Britany Shooting Park)**

2 **Sunday Illinois State HS Clay Target League 2A Trap Tournament (Bunker Hill)**

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)???**

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

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

23 Sunday ATA "ILINI Indian" Registered Trap Event

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July

4 Thursday Independence Day

14 Sunday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting

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

21 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting

October

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)