

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

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

The May 4 Board & GM meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. 10 Board members were present for a quorum; the Treasurer and Grounds Chairmen were absent.

President Semprini stated, there is currently a "project list" posted in the office, a volunteer project "leader" is needed to schedule workdays and enlist volunteers. With several "Group Outings" on the calendar. John asked Larry Chambers if he can help enlist volunteers.

John also expressed a concern about the presentation and setting of both the trap & skeet targets for upcoming competitions. We need to throw the best "legal" targets possible consistently!

Bylaw review is to be continued at June Board Meeting. Starting with Senior Membership requirements.

Membership:

GM approved two New Probationary Senior Members. Please welcome:

Tim Moritz

Sponsored by Brian Pohlis

Dan Read

Sponsored by Mark Matteson

We are currently at 93.81% of our 2023 membership, down 7 Sr. Members & 24 shooting members. All renewals submitted by April 30, 2024, have been processed. New badges are available at the counter. All members are reminded to "update" NRA & FOID information and expiration dates.

Secretary's Report:

Board & Committee Chairs, please submit your planned Event Dates to be included in the Club Calendar. Several events "Open House", Vintage Gun Shoot, Ladies Night? Swap Meet, are yet to be determined? There is a new "checklist" available in the office, to assist in planning "Special Events" that may be helpful?

Two Club usage forms were submitted and approved:

German Shorthair Pointer Club of Illinois Trap w/pavilion Sunday, July 28, 2024

LaSalle County Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024

Treasurer's Report:

Net revenues YTD as of April 30, 2024 \$28,608.96

Jud has proposed the purchase of a used 4 seat Yamaha golf cart in "like new" condition and received Board approval.

Buildings:

We continue to incur expenses regarding the maintenance of our buildings. They include but are not limited to cleaning, security (alarm), HVAC, lighting, trash, fire suppression, and Health Department

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Inspections. It is appropriate that we establish a policy of “user fees” relative to the various facilities i.e. Clubhouse, kitchen, Welch Pavilion, etc.

As always, groups using the facilities are responsible for setup, take down, clean up, all supplies, trash removal, cooking and serving utensils, plates, and cups. Those groups must agree to leave the facility in satisfactory condition.

Rates quoted are minimum fees during regular hours of operation. Additional charges may be increased for extended hours or cleaning. The Board reserves the power to discount or “forgive” the minimum rates prior to approving each request. Effective June 1, 2024 fees may be adjusted at the discretion of the board.

Group	Facility	DiningRoom	Kitchen	Deposit	Welch Pavillion	West Pavillion
DGSC Affiliate	ISRA, NRA, ISSA,	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	N/C
Non- Affiliate:	(corp. groups)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	N/C
Not for pRofit:	BSA, VFW,	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	N/C
Non Member Party		\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	N/C
DGSC Senior Member Party		N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
<u>DGSC Sponsored Event</u>		N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C

We will upgrade DGSC Signs on Rte. 6, to include, “14 station Sporting Clays, 5 stand, carts available”.

Entertainment:

Sporting Clays Open House for spring 2024 scheduled for May 5th has been canceled and will be rescheduled! The committee must determine the goal and targets for this event including fees.

Paul asked for input and volunteers for the Annual DGSC 2024 Picnic. Guns have been purchased and tickets have been printed. If you are able to sell tickets, see Paul Burlington.

Grounds:

Kevin reminds 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 through 8. Feasibility of drain tiles, “mud jacking” or grading

Trap/skeet fields need edging.

Trap house Stairs are in need of repairs immediately

Legal / Insurance:

Beekeeper agreement signed; area will be posted. Certificate of insurance on file. Hives have been installed. Officers & Volunteer insurance invoice received and paid.

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Maintenance:

President Semprini has requested that the Skeet machines be serviced prior to the first registered shoot. It's been shown our skeet targets are not being thrown at the proper speed as required for registered skeet. Larry Chambers has committed to do maintenance on all skeet machines prior to the June event.

NRA:

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. See Ken or Keith for tickets

\$44.00 in NRA commissions received this month.

Shotgun Sports:

YTD Shotgun Sports Revenue as of April 30 was \$48,546.50

Youth & Community:

IDNR Hunters Safety Class to be scheduled for August 24 & 25, 2024 see "Shorty" Fatlan for details (See "new business") We are still trying to locate the Garmin "shot cam" DGSC purchased by Mark Matteson for the Youth committee. Earl Fatlan is contacting youth teams at, Coal City, Gardner, Diamond, and Minooka to offer our facilities for Sporting Clays, 5-stand, skeet, or trap. Earl will research "Hunter Safety" 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. Earl Fatlan is currently completing his "Hunter Safety" instructor certification,

ATA:

We will track participation in this year's events to see how best we can increase our attendance levels. We are hopeful that issuing timely and frequent notices will raise both awareness of our sporting events as well as increasing attendances. I'll monitor our turnout to see if these tactics are working or if other changes would be more beneficial to increasing attendance.

I'll track our attendance levels during the year, tweak the process during the year and then submit our findings at the end of the trap season. I realize that the weather is major contributor to attendance as well as how shoots at other clubs impact our attendance and I'll take those constraints into consideration when writing up my report.

Downers Grove SC ATA 2024 Events

23-Jun	Sunday	100-100-100 Indian Shoot
27-Jul	Saturday	TARGET ONLY



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14-Sep	Saturday	Northern Zone
15-Sep	Sunday	Northern Zone
13-Oct	Sunday	100 Hdcp - 100 Hdcp

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

Just wanted to say thanks to Ken & Don for running the kitchen at the April shoot and especially a big thanks to Don's wife, Janet, for her hard work. We had a full house for the event, and you were up to the task. Great sandwiches which received great reviews and no complaints, now that really helps with the club image. Great Job!

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. We will need to updated pricing from DGSC and other venders.

Paul Giambrone Clinics have been cancelled

Following the meeting, a 2 1/2" caliber Princeton Elm & 2 1/2" Celebration Maple disease resistant varieties will complement the Blaze Maple. Paid for with donations from several Senior Members.

At noon, the trees will be dedicated to Mark Matteson and Dean Kerhulas. Plaques will be installed in the near future when ready.

- The Board requested Employee evaluations from Shotgun Sports Director.
Trap labor Job Description implementation. follow-up, review, and report.

Other projects:

Establish regularly scheduled "Work Parties"

- Replace Trap House Stairs
- Painting of Trap Houses
- Bench tops along trap/skeet fields
- Completion of fence painting
- Weed Control
- Removal of fans inside pavilion
- Edging of property
- Water control on trap/skeet fields
- Website Changes

DGSC CALENDAR

May

30 Thursday Richie Bros. Sporting Clays 8:00 a.m.

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

June

7 Friday DGSC Grand Prairie Skeet Doubles

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- 7 Parkview youth league "Games Nite"
- 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)???**
- 15 Saturday ISHCTL 5-Stand Final Shoot
- 20 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)
- 21-23 **ISSA State Skeet Shoot Peoria**
- 22 Saturday DGSC Board meeting
- 23 Sunday ATA "ILINI Indian" Registered Trap Event
- 28 Tuesday AIM Practice ends
- 29 Wednesday AIM Practice Ends

July

- 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
- 28 **Sunday German Shorthair Pointer Club of Illinois Sporting Clays**
- 31 **Wednesday Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois**

August

- 1-10 Thursday-Saturday. Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois
- 9,10,11 **Fri-Sun N Zone Skeet Shoot Peoria**
- 18 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon to ?
- 24 & 25 DGSC IDNR Hunter Safety Class

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

- 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.

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

Adjournment: 11:30 am Keith 2nd Rich Passed