

# DGSC News February 2025

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2024 DGSC Memberships expired on February 1, 2025. Senior Memberships and Shooting Memberships were due on February 1, 2025. Renewal forms were sent out by email in December. If you have not received a form or have difficulty printing one, contact Ken Cechura, or John Semprini: [dgsc@downersgrovesc.com](mailto:dgsc@downersgrovesc.com). Blank renewal forms are also available at the club.

2025 Badges are currently available for “pick-up” for those members already renewed.

**Effective March 1, 2025, DGSC Badges will be required to shoot any of the clay target venues at DGSC. Without “proof of membership”, shooters will be required to pay guest fees. All membership privileges and email notifications will be reinstated upon payment of renewal dues & fees.**

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*Effective January 2, 2025, DGSC initiated our “Winter Hours” schedule which meant we would be closed on Thursdays in January and February. We remain open on Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. 2025 has certainly given us our share of weather-related challenges of frigid temperatures and terrible winds causing us to be closed on Tuesdays. If the weather forecast predicted a “Nice” Thursday, we notified the membership that we would be open. Our goal was to reduce operating costs in the “slower” winter months. Labor is our greatest expense. We may have a reduced staff on Tuesday or Thursday. We currently are sending email notifications of weather-related closings. We will only send notifications for closing. You may also check the website for “Severe Weather” status. In the future, we are planning on also notifying the membership by text messages via cell phones*

March 1, 2025, we will return to Thursday hours 9:30 to 1:30. This will allow us to provide additional shooting opportunities before spring. We will continue to operate with limited staff. Please be patient. With good weather we will return to normal operations.

Currently the Officers and Board are reviewing our “hours of operation”. We would like to determine the most convenient, and opportune times for our members to enjoy the club. Would weekday afternoons or evenings be beneficial to our members?

**“Normal” Hours of operation (April thru November)**

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30 to 1:30		Current hours		Current hours		Current hours	Current Hours
1:00 to 5:00							
5:00 to 9:00		Youth practice	Youth practice		Current 6 to 10 Youth league 5 to 8		

As you can see from the table above, there are many opportunities to expand our hours or reorganize our resources. Manpower and labor are critical to all our efforts. We are fortunate to have coaches that volunteer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings to work with the DGSC youth program. We also have several Senior Members to host regular shooting & games on Friday, as well as some Saturdays and Sundays.

We are open to your suggestions, as to a change or modification of any hours that may better suit your schedule. Contact President, Ken Cechura, or any Board Member with your input; [dgsboard@downersgrovesc.com](mailto:dgsboard@downersgrovesc.com)

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Sunday, March 16, 2025, DGSC Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, includes potatoes, carrots and rye bread. [Senior Members, Shooting Members, friends, family, and Guests](#) are invited. Sign up at the club service counter to ensure a place. DGSC will be open for shooting from 9:30 to noon. We will serve Lunch at 1:00 pm. Several ladies have offered to bring desserts and there will be coffee. See the attached flyer.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

September of 2025 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Downers Grove Sportsmen’s Club. As always, we need your support. the Board is planning several events to commemorate 75 years of comradery in the shotgun sports. If you can help in any way, please contact me or any Board member to volunteer.

## **Winter Jackrabbit**

DGSC once again participated in the annual Winter Jack Rabbit League. It has been held for over 10 years, and it involves participants from DGSC, Maywood, McHenry and St. Charles Sportsmen's clubs. This program is made up of a 16-yard event and a handicap event based on the number of targets broken at the 16 yards, shooters will shoot from a minimum of 23 yards to a max of 25 yards. They will shoot at DGSC for the final event on March 2nd. You are invited to participate or come out to cheer on your DGSC shooters.

**During the Jackrabbit Carry Overshoot Off and Calcutta Sunday a lunch will be provided by the Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club.**

**The eligibility list and rules are posted on the Jackrabbit website:**

<https://winterjackrabbit.com/>

## **Hunters Safety Classes,**

IDNR Hunters Safety Class on January 18 & 19 was well attended. 26 students attended with 15 parents or guardians. Day one lunch was BBQ, Day 2 lunch was pizza. Due to extremely cold weather, students did not get to shoot but were promised a "rain date" once the weather breaks. Future safety class dates TBD.

## **Spring Trap League: open to all members**

April 8 to May 27, everyone is invited. ATA targets may be registered toward lifetime total, but not average. You do not need to be ATA Registered to participate. See John Mantsch for details.

## **Shooting Members,**

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club is now accepting applications for Senior Membership. The Board is constantly investigating additional benefits of Senior Membership. Apply now and upgrade your 2025 Membership, memberships will be presented for approval at the March meetings.

## **Senior Members, “Hall of Fame”**

Nominations for the DGSC “Hall of Fame” are now being accepted by Larry Novak.

Qualifications as follows:

1. Must be nominated by a Current “Hall of Fame” Member
2. Must have been a “member in good standing” for a minimum of ten (10) years.
3. Must have made significant contributions benefiting DGSC and its members.

## **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

(with potatoes, carrots, & bread)

Club Shoot Event (50 targets) - Trap & Skeet 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

“Magic birds” in each round, win shells!

Pre-register at the Counter

Dinner and Event \$25.00 (prepaid), at the door \$30.00 (maybe limited)

Dinner Only \$12.00 (prepaid), at the door \$15.00 (maybe limited)

(Children under 12, \$8.00)

All Members, Families, and Friends are invited

Reservations recommended, sign up at the counter

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