

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

June Newsletter

June 18, 2025

Let's begin with the DGSC Summer Calendar!

July 4th DGSC will be closed for shooting. This will allow our staff and membership to enjoy the holiday with their families.

DGSC will be open July 3rd and 5th for shooting from 9:00 am to 2 pm.

July 12th Saturday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In observation of our **75th anniversary**, DGSC will host an "open house". We have invited the community to visit our facility, tour the grounds, and experience some of our clay target venues. Members are encouraged to attend and shoot. We will have several fields open for trap & skeet.

As always, we need volunteers as range safety officers, tour guides, instructors, and hosts. Contact Earl "shorty" Fatlan or Ken Cechura if you can help. We will have "Shooting member" applications available for potential members.

August 9th & 10th, Saturday & Sunday. DGSC will host an IDNR Hunters Safety Class. This may be the last opportunity to obtain a card prior to the hunting season. Contact Earl Fatlan for reservations or sign up at the club.

August 17th, Sunday is the date for the Annual DGSC Picnic. Our **75th Anniversary**, the event will be bigger and better than ever. Both Senior and Shooting Members are invited, as well as their families. Food will be catered, allowing everyone to enjoy the day. Paul has selected 2 great guns, a Beretta A400 sporting clays 12ga and a Henry .22 cal. Golden Boy rifle. 3rd prize is \$500.00 cash! Activities will include a "kids raffle", a "bucket" raffle, and a "silent" auction. Everyone can be a winner. Please mark your calendar today!

Other News

At the June 22nd Illini Indian ATA shoot, Senior Member, Fred Moffat, will celebrate his 200,000th ATA Registered target. Congratulations Fred!

Beginning June 24th DGSC will introduce a "new shooter" or beginners trap field. Field 8 will be set for easier "straight away" and slower targets. The idea is for new shooters to build confidence by breaking targets while learning. This is an opportunity for you to introduce a friend, child, relative, or spouse, to clay target shooting at member rates.

A “Memorial Tree” for Frank DeGrazia has been planted along the driveway. A bronze plaque has been ordered, and the dedication will be scheduled after coordinating with Frank’s family. The tree they selected is an “Autumn Blaze Maple” and should do well in our soil. Frank was a long-time member of the club and served on the Board in many capacities. A host of members donated to cover the cost of the tree and plaque. There is still an opportunity to contribute to this, or any future memorials.

DGSC has entered the 21st Century with a new POS (Point of Sale) terminal. The device will provide management with additional detailed information enabling us to operate more efficiently. Please be “patient” as we adopt this new system

DGSC Member input is required

We continue the discussion as to adjusting hours to be cost effective, yet convenient for our members for 2025. Thursdays have not been cost effective. The officers will review data with Shotgun Sports and make a recommendation.

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30to 2:00		Current hours		Current hours		Current hours	Current Hours
Noon to 5:00							
5:00 to 9:00		Youth practice			Current 6 to 10 Youth 6 - 8		

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; dgscboard@downersgrovesc.com

3 Month Calendar of Events

June

Sunday June 22nd DGSC ATA “ILINI Indian” Registered Trap Event

Friday June 27th PCA Trap League Practice 5: 00 to 7:00 p.m.

July

Friday July 4th DGSC Closed

Tuesday July 8th DU Annual Meeting 4:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday July 12th DGSC "Open House" 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday July 19th DGSC BOD Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday July 26th DGSC ATA Registered Target only

Wednesday & Thursday July 30th & 31st Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois

August

Friday – Saturday August 1st – 9th Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois

Sunday August 17th DGSC Annual Picnic Starting at Noon

September

Monday September 1st Labor Day DGSC Closed

Sunday September 7th DGSC ATA Registered Trap Event

Saturday September 13th Tallgrass Pheasants 4ever Sporting Clays Shoot

Friday – Sunday September 19th – 21st NSSA Fall Skeet Tournament

Saturday September 20th ATA Target only

Sunday September 21st LaSalle County Pheasants 4Ever Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday September 27th BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot