



Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

November 2025 Newsletter

A Great Loss

With deep sorrow we must report on the passing of long-time member, Mike Pietrzak, Mike passed on October 28, 2025, at age 71, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy (Cushing); daughters, Michelle (Eric) Matson and Rebecca Pietrzak, mother, Mary Pietrzak, grandsons, Jacob and Liam Matson, and his beloved dog, Cooper. The family will be receiving guests on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Service at 7:00p.m. at Dieterle Memorial Home, 1120 S. Broadway Ave. Montgomery, Illinois, 60538. Interment will be private.**

As an avid sportsman, model train enthusiast, and sporting clays shooter, Mike was instrumental in the development and maintenance of the Sporting Clays Course at DGSC. Mike's history as a DGSC Board Member, friend, and dedicated volunteer, recently earned "Honorary Member" status at DGSC. He will be missed by all of us.

Election Time at DGSC

Senior members, we are reaching out with an exciting call for new leadership to join our Board of Directors. For the DGSC to remain a modern, vibrant, and forward-thinking club, we need new blood and fresh energy at the highest level. Many of our current Board members have dedicated themselves to serving the club for over ten years. They handle the essential, often thankless administrative duties, and we owe them immense gratitude.

We need a Board that is interested in all venues of the current shooting community. We need members with the desire, ability, and energy to participate in the management of Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club. If you can serve as an officer (4 positions) or director (9 positions), contact the nominating committee for Board position descriptions or for consideration for the ballot.

Rich Kelly (Chairman) 630-800-6058, George Adelman 815-347-1270, and Jud Mann 630-514-9203

A slate of candidates and “nominations from the floor” will be announced at the Nov. 23 General Membership meeting. “Floor nominees” must be present or must accept the nomination in writing to be included on the ballot.

Hunting & Fishing (Senior Members Only)

Shooting time this year will start at 9:00AM on day of each pheasant release. Our first release date is November 1, 2025. The hunting department is planning on morning and afternoon bird release and hunt on November 29th and December 27th. A signup sheet will be in the Hunters shack after the first release. All interested hunters please sign up or call if you are interested. We need at least 6 afternoon hunters for this program to be implemented. The release dates are as follows: Nov. 1, Nov. 29, Dec. 27, Jan. 17 and Mar. 21.

All dates are subject to change due to weather conditions. Reminder. There is still a 2-bird minimum per senior hunters.

What’s “Cookin” at DGSC?

Food service is available on Tuesdays & Saturdays. Breakfast & lunch will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon (pending “shooter response”). The success of this “added” member benefit is dependent on the support of our members and guests! Breakfast will also be available during the Senior membership meeting on Sunday, November 23, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

2026 Membership renewals

Renewal forms will soon be arriving in your “in-box” via email. Please complete all your information as requested. Please print legibly, including your cell phone number, email address, FOID and NRA numbers and expiration dates. Our primary means of communication involves text messaging and emails. If you are unable to print your renewal there are copies available at the club or contact either Ken Cechura or John Semprini for a “hard copy”. This season your cell phone number will allow us to text information regarding weather closures.

Shooting members

Now is the time to consider applying for Senior Membership. Become a part of DGSC Senior Membership. Enjoy the benefits of lower shooting costs, cart rentals, guest privileges, a vote in club operations, and hunting privileges. Renew your shooting membership, submit a senior member application, once accepted, you will receive credit for your shooting member fees. At that time, you will be interviewed, when accepted a payment of \$350.00 will be due, a \$300.00 Processing fee and \$50.00 for the additional dues. You will then be a “probationary member for 7 months, during which, you will enjoy all the privileges of a DGSC Senior member. Upon completing 40 hours of volunteer work on a committee, you become a Senior member of DGSC.

Northern Illinois “Jackrabbit League

Starting in January, DGSC will be participating in the annual Jackrabbit League. Each week the 50-target trap shoot is held at one of three alternating clubs. The \$30.00 fee covers 50 targets, weekly team, and individual prize monies. It should be noted that the league is open to all DGSC Members, ATA shooters as well as non-ATA shooters.

1/4/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	Downers Grove SC
1/11/2026	winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	McHenry SC
1/18/2026	winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	St Charles SC
1/25/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	Downers Grove SC
2/1/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	McHenry SC
2/8/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	St Charles SC
2/15/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	Downers Grove SC
2/22/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	McHenry SC
3/1/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	St Charles SC
3/8/2026*	Jackrabbit Finale	Sunday	Downers Grove SC
3/15/2026	Winter Jackrabbit	Sunday	(make-up week)

*Daylight Savings

Mark Your Calendar

- Saturday, November 15, DGSC “Turkey” Shoot 9:00 a.m. to noon (see flyer on website under announcements)
- “Black Friday” November 28, DGSC Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Games 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025, DGSC Winter Hours Begin:
 - Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
 - Open Friday for Games Only 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Friday, December 26, 2025, DGSC Open 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Games 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 1, 2026, DGSC Open 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - “Happy Hangover” Potluck Luncheon 1:00 to 4:00p.m.