



Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

September Newsletter

What's "Cookin" at DGSC?

Beginning Saturday Sept.13, the food service will again be available on Tuesdays & Saturdays. Breakfast will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon. (Days, hours, and lunch menu, may be "expanded" in the future pending "shooter response). The success of this "added" member benefit is dependent on the support of our members and guests! Breakfast will be available for the general membership meeting on Sunday, September 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In Memorial,

The "Memorial Tree" for Frank DeGrazia has been planted along the driveway. A bronze plaque has been installed. The dedication is scheduled for noon on September 13,2025, 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 DGSC Board in many capacities. A host of our members donated to cover the cost of the tree and plaque. There is still an opportunity to contribute to this, or any future memorials.

Another Loss,

With deep sorrow we must report on the passing of long-time member, Larry White. Larry passed on August 19,2025 at the age of 79. Larry is survived by his wife, Diane, son, Larry Bruce White, and grandchildren, Nicholas K. White and Alexandra Accardo.

An avid trapshooter, Larry spent many hours shooting at DGSC. This past year he celebrated shooting 100,00 registered singles targets and 50 years as a member of the ATA. Larry spent many hours at the club as a volunteer. He volunteered on the trap counter, ran several trap/skeet leagues, worked with the grounds and buildings committees, organized and ran many annual "Turkey" Shoots. As a model DGSC member he was always prepared to assist "new shooters" share his love for our sport.

September 4, 2025

A “celebration of life” will be held at Downers Gove Sportsmen’s Club on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. After a few words from his family and friends, cake and coffee will be served. Several of his friends have initiated funds to purchase a memorial tree and plaque. The tree will be planted along the DGSC drive with the trees for Frank DeGrazia, Dean Kerhulas, Mark Matteson, and Chuck Feuillan. Please take time to remember these gentlemen as you pass by.

You may still contribute to the tree & plaque fund, at the club or by mail: Checks may be made payable to DGSC, P.O. box 270, Morris, Illinois 60450, Please indicate “Larry White Tree Fund”.

2025 Anniversary Picnic

This year’s picnic (August 16) was very well attended. Past years attendance was approximately 100. Even though we planned for a substantial increase, we far exceeded our expectations. The catered food was delicious; in hindsight, we should have ordered more. We have made notes and are already making plans to improve next year. George, Kevin, Tom, Bob, Brian, Earl, Paul, and Dan, had the pavilion and grounds looking sharp. Tim Donnel sold tickets on the day. Probationary member, Lino Latrofa, grilled what must have seemed to be, an acre of sweet corn. As always, the “kids raffle”, bucket raffle, and “silent auction” were a hit.

Special Thank You to Member, Brian Krieger and Four Roses Distillers for their most generous Donations to our silent auction. We also thank Rodney Schlafer and Ducks Unlimited for their contributions to the day’s events.

2025 GUN RAFFLE Winners were as follows

Beretta AS 400 Sporting Clays (Alec Anderson), Henry .22 Golden Boy (Paul Onorato)
\$500.00 cash (John Nilsen)

If you have suggestions and would like to work on the 2026 DGSC Picnic Committee, contact Paul Burlington, Ken Cechura, or any DGSC Board Member to volunteer.

DGSC Member Register Target Accomplishments

2025 Grand American

Congratulations to Senior Member, Harvey Shell, Runner-up Vet, SOS Doubles event.

Illinois State Skeet Championship

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DGSC Member, Dan Davidenko, won the 12 ga Championship, was 4th HOA, and was named to the Illinois State Skeet Team. Good Job Dan! (lots of practice at DGSC)

DGSC needs your help!

In September we are hosting a Memorial, several trap, skeet, and sporting clays events, we can use help preparing for these events, hosting them, and cleaning up afterwards. Contact any Board Member if you can help.

Senior Members; General Membership Meeting Sunday, September 21, 10:00a.m. The Kitchen will be open for breakfast.

Calendar

September

- 1 Monday Labor Day Club Closed
- 7 Sunday DGSC ATA Registered Trap Event
- 13 Saturday Frank DeGrazia Memorial Tree Dedication
- 13 Saturday Tallgrass Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays
- 19 Friday Parkview Youth League 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 19-21 Friday-Sunday NSSA Fall Skeet Tournament
- 20 Saturday ATA Target only
- 21 Sunday 8:30 am Board Meeting (appoint nominating committee)
- 21 Sunday 10:00 am GM meeting
- 21 Sunday LaSalle County Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays
- 23 thru Nov 4. DGSC ATA Fall Trap League
- 26 Friday Parkview Youth League 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 27 Saturday BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot

October

- Friday Parkview Youth League 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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11 Saturday Noon-2:00 Celebration of life, Larry White.

12 Sunday ATA Grundy County Handicap Registered Trap Events (100 Hdcp & 100 Hdcp)

15 Wednesday TRMA Sporting Clays Shoot 9:00 a.m.

18 Saturday 9:00 am BOD meeting

25 Saturday Grundy County Disabled Vets Trap Shoot

26 Sunday ISSA Fall Meeting