

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

815-941-1366



December 17 BOD & GM Meeting Highlights

Roll Call: VP Deb Frederick absent, Shotgun Sports Chair Larry Chambers absent, All other Officers & Chairman Present for a quorum.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

2024 OFFICERS:

President	John Semprini	Hunting & Fishing
Vice-President	vacant	Legal / Insurance
Treasurer	Judson Mann	Maintenance
Secretary	Ken Cechura	NRA

2024 DIRECTORS:

		Shotgun Sports	Charlie Zib
		Youth & Community	Rich Kelly
2024 DIRECTORS:			Jan Gronych
Building	Don Cox		Kieth Uffelman
Entertainment	Paul Burlington		Larry Chambers
Grounds	Kevin McCauley		Earl "Shorty" Fatlan

Unable to slate a candidate for VP. Ken & John Semprini will share responsibility until an appointment can be made. There were no nominations from the floor, the President Semprini asked if there were any intentions for "write in candidates. Being none, John asked for a motion to suspend the balloting and accept the slate as presented. Motion by Kieth Uffelman, 2nd Don Cox, passed unanimously, slate elected by proclamation,

- John thanked Kieth Uffelman for the donation of a new flag for the flagpole.
- Membership Renewals
 - Mailings are out by email & USPS
- Tuesday – Thursday Review A study has shown that we throw 3 times as many targets on Tuesday as Thursday. When labor is factored in a round of 25 targets the cost on Tuesday is 1/3 the cost of a round on Thursday. As shooting in general is down in January and February, there was a motion to Close on Thursdays for the months of January & February. There was a 2nd and voted on 24 in favor 1 opposed - passed.
- 2025 will be our 75th Anniversary, Celebration A committee will be formed, we need volunteers to plan the events.
- Art Jablonski has volunteered to be a "recruiting liaison" for Naperville SC members.

Vice President: New badges will be issued for 2024 with designated area for annual sticker. **2024 Badges will be available at trap counter for pick up after January 1st.** A tentative 2024 Meeting Schedule will be Board on Saturday 9:00 a.m., Board and Membership on Sunday 9:00 a.m. & Committee Chairs will submit., planned Event Dates to be included in the Club Calendar ASAP

Secretary Report: November 11, DGSC Annual Turkey Shoot: 25 Turkeys awarded, Net income (profit) \$337.00
Volunteers to thank: Larry White, Jim Todd, Al Maly, Irene Cechura, John Semprini, Don Cox, Ralph Mastriani, Stan & Connie Systo, Kevin McCauley, Fred, Moffit, & Larry Chambers

Entertainment:

"Happy Hangover" Fun Shoot & "Potluck" Luncheon, Monday, January 1, 2024, 9:00 am to 3:00? Pm.

Details at counter Shooting until Noon? Bring a dish to share. Sign up at the counter.

Still planning on SC open house event to showcase course improvements. Date TBD.

The 2024 DGSC annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2024

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Hunting & Fishing:

THE JANUARY BIRD RELEASE WILL BE ON SUNDAY JAN. 7TH. THIS IS AN EXTRA HUNT DATE FOR ALL THAT ARE UNABLE TO

HUNT ON SATURDAYS. 60 BIRDS TO BE RELEASED. NOTE, DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON WEATHER. A NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT IF THERE ARE CHANGES. JAN. 12TH THRU THE 14TH. NO UPLAND GAME DURING LATE CWD DEER SEASON.

Shotgun Sports:

In walking the trap/skeet fields Stan found many empty hulls marked "steel trap" loads. Reminder only **lead** shot is allowed on our clay target fields. **Steel shot is unacceptable due to our lead reclamation!**

Her comment was made from the floor that there has been a unacceptable rate of failure of the "voice activated" callers during our ATA events. All the batteries must be replaced prior to the day of the event if we intend to retain ATA shooters!

Please be aware, there is a 10 minute "time out" on the target management system. Any unused targets on the field go away after the field has been idle for 10 minutes. You will need to reinsert your card for additional targets!

The Target Management System is becoming easier to use by the shooters.

ATA:

2023 has come to an end for our ATA events but 2024 is just coming up. We have 6 ATA events scheduled for 2024 with the first one coming on April 28 and the last ATA event of the year slated for Oct.13

Next up is the Winter Jackrabbit. This activity is hosted by 4 clubs (DGSC, Maywood, McHenry and St. Charles), each club will host the event twice and the final event will be held at St.

Charles. Information on the Winter Jackrabbit can be found at (<https://WinterJackrabbit.com>).

This website gives an update on the league as well as the rules. This event is a 50 bird event.

First round is shot at 16 yard line and then based on the number of targets broken, you will shoot at a minimum yardage of 23 and a maximum of 25.

I hope to see a number of our DGSC members participating in this year's upcoming Jackrabbit event as well as our planned ATA events for 2024 as well.

The Downers Grove SC ATA 2024 Events

28-Apr Sunday 100-100-100

11-May Saturday TARGET ONLY

23-Jun Sunday 100-100-100 Indian Shoot

27-Jul Saturday TARGET ONLY

14-Sep Saturday Northern Zone

15-Sep Sunday Northern Zone

13-Oct Sunday 100 Hdcp - 100 Hdcp

A **2024 NRA Grant** application has been submitted with a focus on our Youth Program, Community education in the safe use of firearms, and introduction to clay target sports. Grants are generally awarded in January.

Dean Kerhulas presented the 2023 DGSC "Hall of Fame" awards to George Adleman & Kieth Uffleman

On Behalf of the entire DGSC Officers, Board of Directors, and Staff:

Happy Holidays!

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2024 CALENDAR

January

- 1 Monday New Years Day "Happy hangover" Fun Shoot and Pot Luck Luncheon 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 13 Saturday DGSC Board Meeting 9:10 a.m.
- 21 Sunday Winter Jack Rabbit (DGSC Host Club) Trap (25 16 yd, 25 Hdcp 23-25 yd)

February

- 18 Sunday Winter Jack Rabbit (DGSC Host Club) Trap 25 16 yd, 25 Hdcp 23-25 yd)

March

- 24 **ISSA Spring Meeting at DGSC**
- 31 **Sunday Easter**

April

- 18 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)
- 28 Sunday ATA "Spring Opener" Registered Trap Event

May

- 11 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event
- 12 **Sunday Mothers Day**
- 16 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)
- 31 **Friday Illinois State HS Clay Target League Skeet tournament (Decatur)**

June

- 1 **Saturday Illinois State HS Clay Target League 1A Trap Tournament (Britany Shooting Park)**
- 2 **Sunday Illinois State HS Clay Target League 2A Trap Tournament (Bunker Hill)**
- 7 Friday DGSC Grand Prairie Skeet Doubles
- 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)???**
- 20 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)
- 21-23 **ISSA State Skeet Shoot Peoria**
- 23 Sunday ATA "ILINI Indian" Registered Trap Event

July

- 4 **Thursday Independence Day**
- 18 Thursday DGSC ATA "Big 50" 9:00 to Noon (proposed)
- 27 Saturday ATA "Target Only" Registered Trap Event
- 31 **Wednesday Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois**

August

- 1-10 **Thur-Sat. Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois**
- 9,10,11 **Fri-Sun N Zone Skeet Shoot Peoria**
- 18 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon to ?

September

- 2 Monday **Labor Day**

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7 Saturday DGSC Fall Skeet Tournament

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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)

20 Friday TRMA Sporting Clays Shoot 9:00 a.m.

21 Saturday BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot

October

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

27 Sunday ISSA Fall Meeting

November

16 DGSC Annual Turkey Shoot (usage form to follow)???

December

14 Sunday Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

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