

**Upcoming Meetings:** Board Meeting -> Saturday April 17, 2021 1:00 PM @ DGSC | General Membership Meeting -> TBD

# 🗳 Desk of DGSC President

Good News! DGSC was able to hold the first "live" General Membership Meeting, in what seems like years. Those attending exhibited good judgement by wearing masks and maintaining a safe distance. The primary order of business was the presentation of a proposed annual budget. This year the Board, anticipating the future needs of DGSC included 2 substantial Capital Expenditures.

- 1. Sporting clays has become an increasingly popular venue, requested 2 additional 4 person (reconditioned) Golf Carts and 5 new Sporting Clays machines.
- 2. With the availability of a Commonwealth Edison subsidy, the Board has recommended an upgrade of our current lighting system. A Comed contractor will install new LED light fixtures throughout the facility, significantly reducing our power consumption. This will include 100% of the bulbs and fixtures from the pole barn, parking lot, interior and exterior of the building. The project will also improve the lighting on all six of our previously lighted trap and skeet fields.
- 3. There was also an additional investment in software for the ATA and NSSA, funds for Marketing, Accounting, and general operating expenses.

I would like to commend the Board for their progressive thinking and investment in the future of DGSC. This is a club, of which you can and will continue to be proud to be a member. Ken Cechura DGSC President

# 🖉 vice President Remarks

Please warmly welcome new shooting member Lance Olson who is sponsored by Larry Chambers. Welcome Lance! Have fun! Shoot Often!!

Gentle reminder: be prepared to show your 2021 badge at front desk. This confirms you have paid your 2021 dues.

Cart and Trailer parking Now Available!! Locked and gated security! Email vicepresident@downersgrovesc.com for more info. Break 'em All!! George Adelmann, DGSC Vice President



A board meeting was held March 13th and a general membership meeting was held March 28th. There's nothing major to report. It's business as usual at DGSC. With the weather breaking, more clays will fly and some improvement projects will get underway, including fencing and lighting renovations.

On a personal note, our youth team starts shooting April 9th and will continue on Fridays through early June. We have roughly 50 youth this season and need coaches. If you're interested, please contact me at (630) 724-7600. There's no greater satisfaction than passing the heritage of shotgun sports to the next generation.

Jed Davis, DGSC Secretary

# ե shotgun sports

On Thursday April 1st we went back to summer hours. Club is open for games & regular shooting on Friday nights. Summer hours are 9:00 to 2:00 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays. Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00.

The Yorkville High School League will start on Friday night April 9th and probably conclude their league shooting in June. There are 40+ youth shooters that have signed up for this league shoot. They will shoot on all (8) trap fields starting around 6:00 and most should be done by 7:00 or shortly after.

If the weather is questionable, check our web site or call the club. If you are shooting sporting clays, arrive early so you are done before 2:00 so we can close the club and let our help and volunteers go home.

(4) extra machines were added to our 5-stand field. This will allow us to change the course often so if you come out and shoot the course, it probably will be a little different every time.

Our ATA program will have its first event April 25. We will be looking for volunteer help to load the trap machines and help inside. If you can help, contact me or Stan Systo.

#### Just as a reminder, please pick up you empties after you shoot.

Larry Chambers, DGSC Shotgun Sports Director

# <sup>®</sup> Custom Earplug Interest

If anyone is interested, Mark Matteson has been in touch with a audiologist who has been making custom shooter earplugs in Diamond. She would be interested in coming out to DGSC and spending an afternoon at the club in April for those interested. A head count would definitely help so if you are interested in purchasing a set of custom shooter earplugs please call Mark Matteson for further information 815-474-0057.

### DGSC Entertainment / Events / Marketing

Entertainment and Marketing will be supporting the Skeet Committee with food service for an ISSA visit to the club in May, the NSSA registered shoot in June, and the ISSA Fall meeting which will be held at DGSC for the first time. Entertainment will also be supporting George Adelman and Don Cox with food service for their planned work parties. If any other special events are planned that want support from entertainment please contact me.

Volunteers will be needed for the annual picnic in August. Since we are without kitchen staff the responsibility for all the cooking falls on membership/. Beyond that, volunteers are especially needed for the clean up the day after the event. Your participation will be gratefully accepted. New Senior Members are expected to participate.

Women will shoot for free (TARGETS ONLY) on Mother's Day, May 9th.

A summer swap meet is being considered utilizing the club's parking lot. This will be presented to the BOD at their next meeting. If you have feedback on the idea please contact me. Ed Shannon, DGSC Entertainment Director and Marketing Chairman

# **Hunting** Report

### Senior Members Only

A special thanks to all the hunters that participated in our hunting program this year. We ended up the year on a good note. 250 birds were released and out of that 154 were harvested.

### HUNTING PROGRAM ENDS APRIL 15TH.

Charlie Zib, DGSC Hunting/Fishing Director



#### Wow! What a great group of volunteers gathered to help our club "Scrape and Stain" on Wed 4-7-21!!!

Larry White, Don Cox, Jim Olin, Mark Matteson, Keith Uffelman, Ken Cichara, Ed Shannon, Charlie Zib, Pete Maslowski, Tom Maslowski, Wally Dudek, Paul Burlington, Ken McAfee, Rich Niebuda, Gerry Frieders, Jim Lee, Brian Savoda, Kevin McCauly, George Adelmann and Jim Antanucci worked very hard from 9-3pm. Tom Scroppa was our chef for lunch!!!

Great job everyone!!!!! Please take a moment to thank these members for giving their time and effort!!!

Four fixed benches, two picnic tables, 4 decorative benches, and the small pavilion were scraped and stained. Trap houses were numbered. Fields 4,5 and 6 were cleaned of broken targets and wads as well as edged. Hard work for sure but WOW!!! What a difference!!!

Your club requires many hours to maintain grounds and buildings to a high standard. To those who volunteered today THANK YOU!!!!



























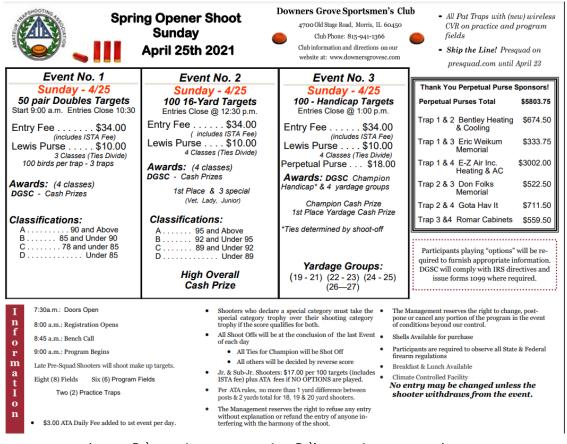
George Adelmann, DGSC Vice President & Don Cox, DGSC Buildings Director



Welcome Spring! We are looking forward to our first ATA shoot of 2021 on April 25th. Presquad is now open for all interested shooters to select squads for the three events - Doubles, Singles and Handicap. We will be spending the weeks leading up to the big day going through all the traps doing annual maintenance so everything is fresh and running smoothly. We are anticipating a great sunny day in the low 70's to to bring out the crowds of shooters and spectators! Any volunteers or members needing work hours are invited to help with the shoot and are greatly appreciated - just contact myself or Larry Chambers to make us aware. COVID19 protocols will be strictly enforced.

In other ATA news, the Illinois State Trap Shoot at Brittney Shooting Park has been given the green light from the County to have the shoot with appropriate COVID 19 protocols in use. This shoot is being held June 12th through the 20th, which includes the AIM youth portion of the shoot. The Illinois State Shoot has been and still is one of the top rated and attended state shoots in the country, so come join the us whether you plan to shoot or not.

In the meantime, as the weather gets nicer, please come out and enjoy your club and the variety of shooting sports it offers!



Stan Systo, DGSC Trap Chairman and ISTA Northern Zone Director



The NRA Grant, 2020 Range Improvement Grant, which was setup to be applied to the Safety Fences on Combo Fields, work will begin this April and be completed by May, weather permitting. Ken Cechura, DGSC President and Grants Chairman

# Illinois Gun Owner Lobby Day is Postponed for 2021

Because of the restrictions on crowd size, the inability to obtain parade permits and highly restricted entry into the Illinois State Capitol and other government buildings, the Illinois State Rifle Association is forced to postpone IGOLD until 2022. The date is set for Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

## 🖮 Member Broadcast/Website/Social Media

If you have an email account and are not receiving DGSC Broadcast please first add dgsc\_newsletter@downersgrovesc.com to your Address Book/Contacts. Then email dgsc\_newsletter@downersgrovesc.com and let us know you are not getting emails. For those that do not have emails or know someone that doesn't have email and/or is not getting DGSC Announcements, setting up a GMAIL or YAHOO email is extremely easy and we can help but you need to ask and let us know you need help doing so.

We are always looking for photos for the newsletter and website, please email dgsc\_newsletter@downersgrovesc.com any pictures you have or take and we will add them to newsletters and the website.

There is a lot going on in our sport from events at DGSC, other clubs, hunting, and youth leagues we like to advertise on the website, facebook etc. about our sports so please if you have something that you think would be great to display on the website etc. please email dgsc\_webmaster@downersgrovesc.com.

Debra Fredrick, DGSC Membership Communications | Webmaster | IT Chairman



Friends and family enter and leave our lives, but the impressions they make on our hearts stay with us forever. DGSC is sadden to share news of the passing of ...

--Rose Shulur (Pass DGSC Employee) | "Rosie" was our DGSC cook for many years and was known for treating our members "just like family". Rose passed on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in her daughters home, after a long illness. Arrangements have yet to be determined and will be posted as available. -- DGSC President Ken Cehcura



The club discussion forum continues to be a great way for everyone to stay in touch and chat while having to social distance and not gather as much.

DGSC Discussion Forum can be accessed by Clicking Here (http://www.downersgrovesc.com/Discussion.html)

Anyone can read the threads/posts, but in order to reply or create new topics/threads/posts you must register. To register please click the Register link right side of screen on discussion forum page.

Ed Shannon, DGSC Entertainment Director and Marketing Chairman

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#### Click here for DGSC Full Calendar

Important 2021 save the dates -> ATA (April 25, May 16, June 27, July 25, September 11/12, October 10) | Registered Skeet (June 19/20)

Board Meetings	1/5/2021 7pm Webinar, 2/13/2021 1pm DGSC & Webinar, 3/13/2021 1pm DGSC & Webinar, 4/17/2021s
Senior Member General Membership Meetings	3/28/2021 9am









**NRA Renewal via DGSC:** Available via club/main counter or online via the DGSC Website.



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Protecting your personal information. The board continues to agree to protect your personal information turned in on renewal forms. There has been a request for a directory. Information like phone number and email is available for those that agreed via question/check box to opt in to a directory. If you need to contact someone please reach out to the Vice President, membership communications chairman or call the club and they will get you in touch with someone who can assist you in making contact with the member you need to reach.

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