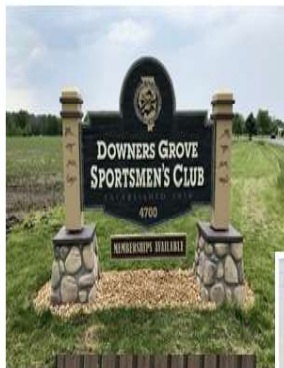


# Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club



## 2021 VOLUME 6 NEWSLETTER



**Upcoming Meetings:** Board Meeting -> Saturday July 17, 2021 1:00 PM @ DGSC | General Membership Meeting -> Sunday September 19, 2021 10:00 AM @ DGSC



# DGSC NEEDS YOU!

Dear Members,

As we approach the midpoint of 2021 our club finds itself facing several challenges. These challenges that were once far away, are now closer than ever before.

You need to know that our club is being affected by a number of growing problems all set to converge in the near future. The convergence means we must reassess our options, potentials, and practices. It means change is coming.

As the average age of Senior Members grows, there are fewer available volunteers to accomplish necessary work in operating the club. We are now at a point where only 25 members comprise the corps of our volunteers. Without volunteers the club will need to pay outside help to do even occasional labor, once done by members. Along with the lack of volunteers and the need to utilize vendors we also face the challenge of a changing economy. The cost of everything we need and use has gone up while revenue has remained the same. Our building is now 25 years old, the replacement and repair of essential equipment will soon be necessary. The savings that can be realized by member participation could be substantial. Adding to growing expenses is the problem of reduced revenue from shooting. Members are not participating at the same level they were just a few years ago.

I realize many of you have volunteered in the past and have done "your fair share". Someone once said, "many hands make light the task." There are many jobs that do not require physical labor but are clerical. Work the trap counter, score a trap or skeet event, help in the kitchen, help with inventory, we will find a project you are suited to. It appears that a sense of complacency has set in with many members which can only add to the lack of participation in club functions.

What does this mean to the club? Without the intervention of our membership we can expect to see more of the budget being allocated to operating expenses. Without volunteers we will have to pay someone to get the work done. The decline in shooting means lower revenues. As costs go up the little benefits of membership may disappear. Hours of operation could be limited, meals at meeting discontinued, the picnic reduced. Inevitably, there will be discussions about raising dues and shooting fees. We currently enjoy the finest clay target facility in the state, with four first rate venues, trap, skeet, 5-stand, and sporting clays. Our dues are extremely reasonable compared to other clubs.

Adding to all this is the fact we operate in an increasingly hostile political environment. Our enjoyment is frequently seen by the nearby urban population as a socially questionable activity and by some politicians who can only see us as politically problematic. Compounding this is our recovery from a forced shutdown and curtailment of our operations for over a year. This and political upheaval has led to shortages in guns, ammunition, and reloading components which limits participation.

To address the problems the board has been operating under a budget system holding each member of the board accountable for expenditures. A new system of accounting has been instituted under the guidance of an outside accounting firm. All our venues continue to improve, new events have been added to the club calendar, and grants have been utilized for programs and capital improvements. Especially meaningful in controlling costs is the continued work of our corps of volunteers without whom things would be far more expensive.

Your club needs you. It needs you to come out and enjoy the friendship of others who share your passion for clay target shooting. It needs your skills and ideas. It needs your participation.

*Ken Cechura DGSC President*



## **Desk of DGSC President**

On Wednesday June 9, 2021 VP George Adeleman recruited 16 members for a “work party”. This month’s project was to update an inventory of the clubs fixed assets. Armed with clip boards, pencils, and flashlights, our volunteers (Ken Cechura, George Adelman, Ed Shannon, Don Cox, Tim Donnell, Dan Phillips, Jan Gronych, Steve DeLurgio, Tom Maslowski, Bob Glaz, Brian Svoboda, Keith Uffelman, Ken MacAfee, Rick Niebuda, Mark Kroll, and please if we missed anyone let us know . . . it wasn't on purpose and we appreciated all that took the time out of their day to help) worked in 2 man teams, documenting equipment, description, and serial numbers throughout the club. Now an ongoing project we will continue to add to the list as we find items we may have omitted. An ongoing inventory may prove invaluable should the club need to claim any type of theft or casualty loss in the future.

At the Board Meeting on June 12 three committees were formed.

1. Business Plan. Chaired by Tim Donel, Members include Ed Shannon, Chuck Feuillan
2. Capital Improvement Plan, Chair George Adelman, with BOD input
3. Bylaw Review. Rich Niebuda and Ed Shannon

These committees will become the foundation for future grant applications and planning for the future of DGSC I will participate with any, and all, as needed. If you would like to assist contact me or the committee chairs for meeting info.

We are currently seeking candidates for the DGSC Secretary position. Jed Davis is unable to fulfil his responsibilities due to personal commitments. Interested individuals should contact President, Ken Cechura or Vice President, George Adelman

*Ken Cechura DGSC President*



# **Vice President Remarks**

## **Exciting Month for Membership**

--Paul Burlington has submitted his Sr. Membership application sponsored by Ed Shannon. Paul has been very instrumental in re-establishing registered skeet at our great club.

--Luke Singletary sponsored by his father, Bart Singletary, is becoming a Sr member. Luke being 21 and Jr. member of DGSC may apply directly for Sr membership. How fun to shoot with your son Bart!!!

--Cody Hammons is now a shooting member sponsored by Roger Singletary. Cody is friend and pistol shooter with Roger and Debby Fredrick and excited to shoot SC.

--Ron Sarnecki is a returning shooting member. He is anxious to see old friends and shoot with his Sr member son Mark Sarnecki.

Please warmly welcome Paul, and Luke into Senior Members and Cody and Ron as our great clubs newest members!!!

## **5 Stand Target Presentation Has Changed!**

Haven't shot 5 stand in a while??? Well, you are in for a treat!! Dave has re-arranged and added machines to 5 stand for a more interesting and fun experience. Shoot a round or two..... you will not be disappointed!!

## **Great News for Sporting Clay Shooters!**

Have you ever wanted to shoot more or less targets than the typical 50 or 100 round count down cards?

Maybe you would like to go out and practice on a few stations that are giving you problems?

Shoot a few additional rounds at a troublesome station but do not want to charge group card?

Or go out by your self and use the delay launch feature to shoot a few stations?

You may now purchase a count down card with as few or as many targets as you would like! If you don't shoot all the targets on your card, no problem! Keep card and simply use the next time out. I always keep a card in my wallet for convenience and safe keeping.

Shooting in a group? Continue to purchase card as a group.

Would like to have your own card? Simply purchase at counter using cash or credit card.

Simple. Convenient.

Have Fun!!! Shoot Often!!! Break 'em All!

*George Adelman, DGSC Vice President*

# **DGSC Entertainment / Events / Marketing**

## **Picnic Gun Raffle**

Tickets for the picnic gun raffle will be available starting June 14th. This year we will be raffling off a Beretta A400, 12ga. Sporting Clays gun with 30 inch barrel, choke tubes and hard case. Our second item is a Stack On, 24 gun, fire resistant safe. Tickets are \$10 each and available from any board member.

## **PICNIC TIME**

The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 29th. Please mark your calendars. Volunteers are needed to help make the picnic a fun event. Your assistance would be appreciated.

## **Swap Meet**

This year's swap meet will be a little different. On Saturday, Sept. 18th we will be utilizing the south portion of the parking lot where club members only can sell outdoor related items directly from their vehicles. Bring your own table and folding chairs. Boats and campers can also be displayed for sale but, require prior notice. The meet will start at Noon and end at 3pm. Volunteers are needed.

## **Vintage Gun Shoot**

The Vintage Gun shoot will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26th. The shoot is open to side by side and pump guns in all gauges. A handicap system based on gauge will be used. The shoot will be 100 targets, 25 each on wobble trap, low gun skeet, 5 Stand, and Sporting clays. Volunteers are needed. More information will be released in the near future.

*Ed Shannon, DGSC Entertainment Director and Marketing Chairman*





# ATA Shoots


Our second ATA trapshoot of 2021 was a great success. The temps and lack of wind couldn't have been better. 72 shooters shot the three event program, with 69 singles entries, 65 handicap entries and 40 doubles entries. The club netted over \$2,000 to help bolster our mission of supporting the shooting sports and the great outdoors. We always want to thank all of those who volunteered, without you we couldn't pull this off and welcome so many shooters and spectators to our grounds.

Our High Over All Champion was from Muscatine IA – Marcus Draves, who broke a 281. 17 shooters took home the 25 awards including three silver coins donated by an anonymous benefactor for the Junior shooters. Details and results can be found elsewhere on our website, please check it out.

Our next ATA shoot is scheduled for Sunday, June 27th. Whether you are a shooter or spectator, if you would like to help out, please let myself or Larry Chambers know. Any help is ALWAYS appreciated.



Thank you to John Mantsch for the pictures



**Northern Illini Indian Zone & Club Shoot Sunday June 27th 2021**

**Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club**  
 4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450  
 Club Phone: 815-941-1366  
 Club information and directions on our website at: [www.downersgrovesc.com](http://www.downersgrovesc.com)

- All Pat Traps with wireless CYR on practice and program fields
- Skip the Line! Presquad on [presquad.com](http://presquad.com) until June 25

Event No. 1 <i>Sunday - 6/27</i> <b>50 pair Doubles Targets</b> Start 9:00 a.m. Entries Close 10:00	Event No. 2 <i>Sunday - 6/27</i> <b>100 16-Yard Targets</b> Entries Close @ 12:00 p.m.	Event No. 3 <i>Sunday - 6/27</i> <b>100 - Handicap Targets</b> Entries Close @ 1:00 p.m.
Entry Fee ..... \$34.00 <i>(includes ISTA Fee)</i> Lewis Purse ..... \$10.00 <i>3 Classes (Ties Divide)</i> 100 birds per trap - 3 traps  <b>Awards:</b> (4 classes) DGSC - Cash Prizes Indian - Trophy's  <b>Classifications:</b> A ..... 90 and Above B ..... 85 and Under 90 C ..... 78 and under 85 D ..... Under 78	Entry Fee ..... \$34.00 <i>(includes ISTA Fee)</i> Lewis Purse ..... \$10.00 <i>4 Classes (Ties Divide)</i>  <b>Awards:</b> (4 classes) DGSC - Cash Prizes Indian - Trophy's 1st Place & 3 special <i>(Vet, Lady, Junior)</i>  <b>Classifications:</b> A ..... 95 and Above B ..... 92 and Under 95 C ..... 89 and Under 92 D ..... Under 89	Entry Fee ..... \$34.00 <i>(includes ISTA Fee)</i> Lewis Purse ..... \$10.00 <i>4 Classes (Ties Divide)</i> Perpetual Purse ... \$18.00  <b>Awards:</b> DGSC Champion Handicap* & 4 yardage groups 1st Place & 3 special <i>(Vet, Lady, Junior)</i> Champion Cash Prize 1st Place Yardage Cash Prize Indian - Trophy's * Ties determined by reverse score  <b>Yardage Groups:</b> (19 - 21) (22 - 23) (24 - 25) (26—27)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>High Overall Cash Prize</b> </div>		

**Thank You Perpetual Purse Sponsors!**

Perpetual Purse Total	\$6577.75
Trap 1 & 2 Bentley Heating & Cooling	\$803.50
Trap 1 & 3 Eric Welkum Memorial	\$462.75
Trap 1 & 4 E-Z Air Inc. Heating & AC	\$3131.00
Trap 2 & 3 Don Folks Memorial	\$651.50
Trap 2 & 4 Gota Hav It	\$840.50
Trap 3 & 4 Romar Cabinets	\$688.50

Participants playing "options" will be required to furnish appropriate information. DGSC will comply with IRS directives and issue forms 1099 where required.

**Information**

7:30a.m.: Doors Open  
 8:00 a.m.: Registration Opens  
 8:45 a.m.: Bench Call  
 9:00 a.m.: Program Begins  
 Late Pre-Squad Shooters will shoot make up targets.  
 Eight (8) Fields six (6) Program Fields  
 Two (2) Practice Traps

- Shooters who declare a special category must take the special category trophy over their shooting category trophy if the score qualifies for both.
- All shoot Offs will be at the conclusion of the last Event of each day
  - All Ties for Champion will be Shot Off
  - All others will be decided by reverse score
- Jr. & Sub-Jr. Shooters: \$20.00 per 100 targets (includes ISTA fee) plus ATA fees if NO OPTIONS are played.
- Per ATA rules, no more than 1 yard difference between posts & 2 yards total for 19 & 20 yard shooters.
- The Management reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation or refund the entry of anyone interfering with the harmony of the shoot.
- The Management reserves the right to change, postpone or cancel any portion of the program in the event of conditions beyond our control.
- Shells are not available for purchase
- Participants are required to observe all State & Federal firearm regulations
- Lunch Available
- Climate Controlled Facility

**No entry may be changed unless the shooter withdraws from the event.**

• \$3.00 ATA Daily Fee added to 1st event per day.

Stan Sysco, DGSC ATA Chairman and ISTA Northern Zone Director



CONGRATULATIONS on the wonderful article published in the Chicago Tribune - thanks to Jed Davis and all the Youth Shooters that come out to DGSC!

[Click here to read the](#)

[article\(https://www.downersgrovesc.com/Newsletters/Newletter\\_Web/2021\\_06Jun/pictures/Trapshooting.pdf\)](https://www.downersgrovesc.com/Newsletters/Newletter_Web/2021_06Jun/pictures/Trapshooting.pdf)



The DGSC Board was passed a prime example of youth paving the way for gun rights of the future for our young sportsmen/sportswomen. One of the youth (Eva) is a member of DGSC. Thank you Jed Davis for passing this along.

[Click here to read Law forbidding young adults from right to carry firearms challenged in federal](#)

[court\(https://madisonrecord.com/stories/602379628-law-forbidding-young-adults-from-right-to-carry-firearms-challenged-in-federal-court\)](https://madisonrecord.com/stories/602379628-law-forbidding-young-adults-from-right-to-carry-firearms-challenged-in-federal-court)



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 ...

--Carol Rieck (Wife to Senior Members Ed Rieck)... Our thoughts and condolences go out to the Rieck Family.



## **Discussion Forum**

There has been a lot of confusion around HB 562 and the ISRA involvement . . . "reports that ISRA is lobbying for the bill behind the scenes. " . . . many wondered if this was a typo in the broadcast - it was not! Many have a lot to say about this and the bill etc. where better to strike up a great conversation than the DGSC Discussion Forum!!

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.

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

Ed Shannon, DGSC Entertainment Director and Marketing Chairman



# **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 and or share on Facebook 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



# Calendar

JUNE 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	2 Vol 6 Newsletter Release	3 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	4 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	5 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
6 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	7	8 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	9	10 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	11 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	12 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
13 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	14	15 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	16	17 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	18 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	19 Tentative Registered Steel Shoot @ DGSC Trap/SC/SS/Stand Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
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27 ATA Shoot @ DGSC SC/SS/Stand Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	28	29 Last Chance to Submit Articles for Newsletter Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	30			

JULY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	2 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM Vol 7 Newsletter Release	3 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
4 Independence Day Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	5	6 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	7	8 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	9 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	10 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
11 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	12	13 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	14	15 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	16 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	17 Board Meeting 1:00pm @ DGSC Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
18 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	19	20 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	21	22 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	23 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	24 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
25 ATA Shoot @ DGSC SC/SS/Stand Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	26 July 25 - July 28 - Submit Newsletter Articles	27 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	28	29 Last Chance to Submit Articles for Newsletter Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	30 Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	31 Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM

[Click here for DGSC Full Calendar](#)

## Save the Dates List:

### July

Saturday July 17, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting

### August

Saturday Aug 14, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Sunday Aug. 29 Noon Club Picnic

### September

Saturday Sept 11 & 12 all day ATA Illinois Northern Zone  
Saturday Sept 18 Noon Parking Lot Swap Meet  
Sunday Sept 19 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
Sunday Sept 19 10:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting  
Saturday Sept 25 9:00 a.m.? BSA Rainbow Council  
Sunday Sept 26 9:00 a.m. DGSC Vintage Gun Shoot

### October

Saturday Oct. 9 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Sunday Oct. 10 All day ATA Herman Welch Shoot

### November

Sunday Nov. 6 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Saturday Nov. 13 9:00 a.m. DGSC Meat Shoot (TBD)  
Sunday Nov. 14 9:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting

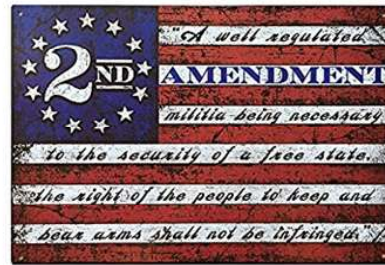
### December

Saturday Dec. 11 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Sunday Dec. 19 9:00 a.m. DGSC Election / General Membership Meeting



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POCs: Chuck Feuillan, George Adelman, Ken Cechura,  
and Larry Chambers

# Wobble

Your not mistaken the targets are moving ...  
Every 2nd Saturday a field will be open for  
Wobble Trap

GRUNDY COUNTY  
**Chamber**  
of COMMERCE

**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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