

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

**2021
VOLUME 7 NEWSLETTER**



Upcoming Meetings: Board Meeting -> Saturday August 14, 2021 1:00 PM @ DGSC |
General Membership Meeting -> Sunday September 19, 2021 10:00 AM @ DGSC



Desk of DGSC President

This spring there have been a host of changes at DGSC. Your Board, with help from a lot of volunteers, have successfully completed many long-planned projects and events.

Under Don Cox's supervision, DGSC has become more energy efficient with a COMED lighting project converting all our lighting to LED technology. This will significantly reduce our electric costs and has improved the lighting on the trap & skeet fields.

With aid from a NRA Range improvement Grant we replaced all of the safety fencing on fields 4 thru 8. After 25 years the original fences were in sorry condition. With proper maintenance the new fences will last another 25.

Stan Systo & Larry Chambers have hosted 2 successful ATA shoots, Tim Donnel has successfully brought Registered Skeet back to DGSC. After a 20-year absence the fields are now up to NSSA standards. DGSC employee, Mark Matteson & Jed Davis have cultivated another crop of young shooters on Friday nights. Dave, has brought a new venue, FITASC, to the 5-stand area. Ed Shannon has enlisted several members to operate the kitchen for several trap & skeet events. Jan Gronych & Larry Chambers continue to improve the target presentation on Sporting Clays. As always, Kevin McCaully and his crew have the grounds impeccably mowed and groomed.

George Adelman has initiated programs that, with members donations, replaced the picnic tables on the patio with 2 attractive yet functional table & chair sets. These were so well received the Board purchased 2 additional sets. George also organized work parties that scraped, painted, & repaired and later began a long-needed asset inventory project.

DGSC has entered the 21st century by now accepting debit & credit cards.

If you have not had the opportunity to appreciate your club recently, come on out and see what our Board and volunteers have accomplished.

We realize ammunition availability is an issue, we continually attempt to procure affordable shells. For members unable to find shells elsewhere, we currently have 12 & 20ga available in limited quantities. We must limit purchases to your use at DGSC. I suggest you call the counter and check on availability.

Watch the newsletter for future projects & events. This is your club, come out and use it.

Ken Cechura DGSC President



Vice President Remarks

Improvements

For your comfort, safety and shooting enjoyment, your club has added these improvements:

****New skeet fences!**** ****New LED lights on fields as well as parking lot and club house! (Wow.... What an improvement!)**** ****New table and chairs on patio!****

Friday Night Lights

Friday nights would be a great time to enjoy the above improvements!! Your club is open from 6p - 10p to shoot trap or skeet!! Your club is really nice in the evening. Much cooler in the evening and the wind tends to be less. Hope to see you on Friday nights!!

August is National Shooting Month

Why not ask your neighbor, relative or friend to join you for a day of shooting? Show your badge to receive a 20% discount of guest fees! FOID card NOT necessary for guest when member is responsible for firearm and accompanies guest while shooting.

Capital Improvements

Myself and several others have been asked to submit a list of suggested improvements to be completed in the near future. Capital Improvements provide for construction, repair or improvements to buildings, grounds and shooting venues. This is your club. Your suggestions will be strongly considered. This is a great opportunity for your voice to be heard! Please submit your suggestions to myself at vicepresident@downersgrovesc.com.

Membership

Is club accepting new shooting members? Is club accepting applications to convert from shooting to Sr membership? The answer is definitely YES! With Covid and the ammo shortage, membership has taken its lumps. We have THE BEST shooting facility! Recommendations and sponsorship from members is the best way to increase membership!

Have fun, Shoot Often! George Adelman, DGSC Vice President



Secretary Minutes

To begin . . . DGSC President Ken Cechura has asked that I take over the Secretary office for the remainder of the year. I'm glad to help out the club as best as I can. If there is anything membership would like to be brought up in an upcoming board meeting, they should send a message to secretary@downersgrovesc.com requesting their topic be added to the next board meeting agenda. When sending the topic please include contact information so we can notify you with follow up information.

Here are some highlights of the June Board Meeting:

- New patio tables and chairs have arrived and are being assembled
- First Midwest Bank is merging with Old Dominion Bank - not sure how this will affect, if at all, our accounts or how long the merge will take
- Fence installation is complete, motion passed to purchase and stain fences, lightning replacement has began
- Youth Shooting Program concluded June 11th, Limited Shells available for sale (almost out), targets arriving June 23rd.
- Picnic Sunday Aug 29th, Raffle Tickets for Beretta A400 Sporting Clays 12 Gauge and Gun Safe are available for purchase
- Sept 18th Parking Lot Swap Meet and Vintage Gun Shoot Sept 26th
- Equipment training process/procedure to be officially put into place
- Club is focusing on development of plans for the clubs' future (Business Plan committee, Capital Improvement committee, and By-Laws / Rules & Regulation committee were developed)
- Dedication of the pavilion is scheduled for during the Oct ATA Event as that is the Herman Welch Shoot

John Semprini, DGSC Secretary



FRIDAY NIGHTS UNDER THE LIGHTS

Friday nights have changed at the club. We now have great new lighting on our fields for both trap and skeet! We are open for shooting from 6 to 10 pm. White targets under the lights are great! Join us next Friday.

Shotgun Sports

Another game has been added to the 5 Stand Field - FITASC. FITASC is an International form of Sporting Clay. Up to 8 shooters can shoot at 1 time. Lots of fun, you stand in 3 hoops set out on the 5 Stand course. You hold your gun in a down position as you would if you were hunting. A second shot may be taken at a single target. Hats off to Dave for setting this up.

Dave is having a 'Steak at the Stand' shoot on July 31st. It is a 50-target event to have some fun & eats. You will need to pre-register. We have brochures at the club. See Dave to sign up.

The next ATA shoot is coming up July 25th. If you can volunteer, see Stan Systo or me – help is always needed.

We have a limited amount of 12 & 20 Ga shells. We can supply as needed for the day. We are not in a position to supply extras.

New LED Lights have been installed on the Trap & Skeet fields. They are a great improvement over the old lights. Come out on Friday night and check them out.

Larry Chambers, DGSC Shotgun Sports Director

DGSC Entertainment / Events / Marketing

Raffle tickets are selling briskly. Make sure you see a board member for yours or visit the shooting counter. Prizes this year are a Beretta A400 Sporting Clays 12 gauge with 30 inch barrel, accessories, and case. We also are raffling off a 24 gun fire safe. Drawing will be at the club picnic on August 29th. Plan to attend as we will have additional bucket raffles that day as



well.

Don't forget to save the dates for the Vintage Shoot, Sept 26th, and the Parking Lot Swap Meet, Sept. 18th.

Ed Shannon, DGSC Entertainment Director and Marketing Chairman



ATA Shoots

On Sunday, June 27th the Club held another ATA registered trap shoot. Forecasted weather was hit or miss storms and rain but mother nature treated us very well with no rain, light breezes and a day of sunshine. Turnout wasn't as robust as the last few shoots, due to many dynamics. The State Shoot was the previous weekend, people are having a hard time finding shells, and there ended up being three other trapshoots in a 2 hour radius. Never the less, many people enjoyed being outdoors and participating in the sport they love.

In addition to our normal prizes, the Illini Indian organization donated silver buckles for Champions in all three events and coins for the best shooters in the 16's. Club members John Mansch and Mark Matteson won C class and Veteran, respectively.

The full list of winners is available on the DGSC Website

http://www.downersgrovesc.com/ATA%20Shoots/JuneResults_2021.pdf

The club had a moment of silence for each Karen VanderVeen and Carol Rieck. Both ladies have done much for the benefit of our club over many many years. Both are greatly missed.

Please join us for our next ATA shoot on July 25th whether as a shooter or possibly as a volunteer helper. Program available on DGSC website

http://www.downersgrovesc.com/ATA%20Shoots/JulyProgram_2021.pdf

We greatly appreciate those who help with the many aspects of making these shoots happen. As always, please look up Larry Chambers or myself if you would like to help out.

Stan Syso, DGSC ATA Chairman and ISTA Northern Zone Director



NSSA News

The Grand Prairie Tournament, Our first registered shoot was a success

Two days of shooting, 5900 targets thrown, 17 shooters participated. Of those seventeen shooters, ten were new to our club and six are past state champions. Should be helpful with our word of mouth marketing. Results have been posted on NSSA.com and MySkeet.com We are delighted to report that the event created income for DGSC and is profitable from the start. We are planning more registered skeet activities involving Illinois State Skeet Association and the National Skeet Shooting Association.

Thank you to all of the DGSC volunteers that made the event a success. Our club looked good, we threw good targets and our visitors had a good time!

DGSC will be hosting the Fall Meeting of the Illinois State Skeet Association on Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Jim Donnell, DGSC NSSA Chairman

Our
Deepest
Condolences



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

--Maurice Johnson (Senior Member)... Our thoughts and condolences go out to the Johnson Family.



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

Website: An article was passed along from NSSF warning that 'Opportunistic plaintiffs' attorneys are now filing lawsuits targeting company websites. The tactic? To allege that your website violated the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and give you a short time frame to respond and remedy any errors." There are many 508 complaint testing applications available and we will run DGSC website through many tests to verify we are meeting criteria and make adjustments were needed.

Broadcasts: 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.

Social Media: 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. We would love to also see our Google Rating Rise, so please make sure to go to Google Maps and Like/Review/Comment on DGSC. A link to do this will be posted soon on our Home page. Remember to also Like/Follow and Share us on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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

AUGUST 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Vol 8 Newsletter Release	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Board Meeting 1:00pm @ DGSC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		August 24 - August 28 - Submit Newsletter Articles			Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
29	30	31				
Annual DGSC Club Picnic (noon)	Last Chance to Submit Newsletter Articles	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM				
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SEPTEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		
				Vol 9 Newsletter Release	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	ATA Shoot @ DGSC SC Stand Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ATA Shoot @ DGSC SC Stand Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Parking Lot Swap Meet (noon)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Board Meeting 8:30 AM General Membership Meeting 10 AM		September 21 - September 25 - Submit Newsletter Articles				Rainbow Council (Boy Scout) Event
Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Open 6:00PM - 10:00PM	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM
26	27	28	29	30		
Vintage Gun Shoot		Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Last Chance to Submit Articles for Newsletter	Open 9:00AM - 2:00PM		
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[Click here for DGSC Full Calendar](#)

Save the Dates List:

July

Saturday July 25, All day ATA Shoot
Saturday July 31, Steak At The Stand

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
Sunday Oct. 17 10a.m. Hosting ISSA Meeting

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

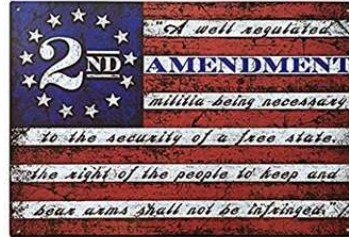
December

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 Adelmann, Ken Cechura, and Larry Chambers

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



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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