# Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

Monthly Newsletter

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August/September 2018

From The President's Desk: Greetings to the membership. The year is moving quickly and the weather has been great. I am just back from the ATA's Grand American in Sparta Illinois. From what I heard, attendance was up by 5 %. DGSC was well represented with some great scores posted by several of our Senior and Shooting members. I even saw a couple of our Skeet shooters visiting the festivities but won't mention any names. Speaking of the year moving quickly, our annual picnic is almost upon us. Remember, it is scheduled for Sunday August 26th. It is open to all Senior and Shooting members and their families. Senior member Tommy Scroppo (Entertainment Director) has a great menu and agenda planned. We have Gun Raffle tickets that need to get sold as well so get out your check books and start buying ten at a time. That raffle helps fund the picnic and the three guns that get raffled off. (Raffle guns are now in the glass display case at the club)

Lastly, I have asked our Secretary to consider a new meeting format for our August DGSC Board meeting. Instead of going through every individual Officer and Director report. We will ask only for updates on any major changes since the last board meeting. I would like to spend the majority of the meeting discussing and building a more formal Capital Plan for the club. In addition, I would like to start a conversation around club leadership succession planning. A process that should start way in advance of the annual meeting. That's it for me, all the best to everyone. Art Jablouskí

# **DGSC** Annual Picnic

**SUNDAY Aug. 26, 2018** 

Bring the family out for an afternoon picnic . . . Good food, raffle, gun raffle and good company.

Gun Raffle tickets -> \$10 per ticket . . . for sale at the counter don't forget to purchase. This years raffle will be the same as last years, no surprises.

Volunteers still needed . . . Plan is to setup everything

the day before (Saturday 25th) rather than the day of. This way by the time everyone shows up Sunday (The day of the picnic), everything will be set up. If you would like to help out please come out to the club at 9:30a.m. Saturday, August 25th.

My personal email response time is not priority, so please CALL/TEXT me to verify or ask any questions. 815-908-8631

# **Shotgun Sport Announcements:** On

August 26th we will be having our annual Club Picnic. As a reminder, we will be closing



shooting for the day at noon. If you plan on shooting, especially Sporting Clay, come early. We would like to finish all shooting shortly after Larry Chambers noon.

# Grants: Friends of the NRA & NRA Foundation Grant – 2018 DGSC Youth Program

The DGSC Youth Grant is nearing completion. Young people under the age of 18 are eligible to shoot 10 rounds of trap or skeet with shells for \$20. At our current youth prices with shells that's a \$100.00 value! This is a limited program. Bring out your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, young friends & neighbors to enjoy our clay target sports Sign-up at the trap counter, shoot 2 rounds (a \$20.00 value) the next 8 are (virtually) free! Only a few cards remain, don't delay, sign up today!

Thanks again to the NRA Foundation, the Friends of the NRA and DGSC for this opportuni-

## Senior Membership Hunting:

Hope everyone had a nice summer. Here are the bird release dates for the 2018-2019 hunting season.



October 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 **December 14 2018** January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 March 1 and 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

35 birds will be released each date. Dates subject to change based on weather. Cost per bird will be \$13.50.

### Hunting rules update. . .

As voted by the members at the July General Membership Meeting ground blinds will be permitted in designated areas during Archery Season.

No ground blinds allowed in CRP Area All ground blinds need to be posted on the board in the Hunters Shack.

Each blind must have an orange flag attached to blind to indicate location. Flags will be in the Hunters shack.

More to follow. charlie Zib

# **Upcoming DGSC 2018 ATA Events:**

IL. Northern Zone -> Sept 8 & 9

Grundy County/Herman Welch Handicap -> Sept 30

### August:

- 1-11 Grand American (World Shooting and Recreation Complex, Sparta, IL)
- 18 Plug and Pellet Sportsmans Club
- 26 Janesville Conservation Club
- 28-3 Heartland Satellite Grand (Stockdale Gun Club, Ackley, Iowa) 2019 target year

### 2019 Target Year (begins September 1, 2018) September:

- 1-3 Brittany Shooting Park (Pow Wow Indian and Silver Dollar shoot)
- 6-9 Michigan Fall Team Shoot (MTA Homegrounds, Mason)
- 8-9 Downers Grove Sportsmans Club (Northern Illinois Zone)
- 16 St. Charles Sportsmens Club (Fall Handicap)
- 16 Chillicothe Sportsmens Club
- 23 Peoria Skeet and Trap Club
- 23 Janesville Conservation Club
- 30 Downers Grove Sportsmens Club (Grundy County Handicap)



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### Remember . . . This is the DGSC Membership Newsletter . . . SO . . .

\* Have something you would like to say in newsletter or Have pictures you would like posted in newsletter

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Board Meeting 1:00 PM @ DGSC

General Membership (Senior Member) Meeting 9:00 @ DGSC 9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8

9/23, 11/18, 12/16



### NRA Renewal via DGSC:

Available via club/main counter or online via the DGSC Website.









We are creating a roster/list of DGSC Members or people nearby whom are NRA Instructors or are planning on renewing/obtaining an NRA Instructor Certification.

We have lots of new shooters interested in our sport and it would help if we had a current list of NRA Instructors among the club. Email Ken or Deb.







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# **DGSC Things to Remember**

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Currently Normal Operating Hours; Friday Night Games/Shooting

August 26 Annual Picnic -> All Shooting Closes @ Noon -> Picnic activities will begin shortly after that

September 8th & 9th DGSC hosts the ATA IL Northern Zone and September 30th DGSC host the Annual ATA Herman Welch Grundy County Handicap

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> Next Board Meeting (DGSC): September 15, 2018 1:00pm Next GM (Senior) Meeting: September 23, 2018 9:00am

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