



Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club Monthly Newsletter

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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

Email dgsc_newsletter@downersgrovesc.com - the board will review and as long as its appropriate we will post it in the next upcoming newsletter.

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From The President's Desk: Greetings to the membership, hopefully we will see better weather ahead. As many of you are aware, we have been challenged by weather related closures the past two months. As always, call the club or check the web site if weather appears iffy.

Volunteering

The past couple of years have been challenging to say the least when it comes to volunteer help at the club. It's usually the same 5-10 individuals that show up for work parties or step up to say they are available to do something.....work the counter, ATA Shoots, general cleaning and maintenance, grass cutting etc.. Failure to rectify this situation will result in increased costs to the club which in turn may affect shooting fees along with membership dues. The clubs present infrastructure is approaching 22 years old. Just like your home or business, things get old and need to be replaced, some things more expensive than others. I urge all members to step up and offer their services for the benefit of the club.

General Membership Meeting

We have a general membership meeting scheduled for Sunday March 25 @ 9:00am at the club. This is an important meeting as we will be talking about new probationary senior members.....of which I am told by our VP there are 10.....the most in many years. Jud Mann our club VP will also be going over the Herman Welch survey results.

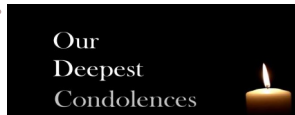
In closing, I want to thank all those who do volunteer their time to the club and challenge those who have not..... to do so in 2018. All the best, *Art Jablonski*



Senior Membership Hunting:
Friday March 2nd we released 35 birds. The next release is scheduled for Friday March 23rd

and this will be the last one for the season. Remember all birds harvested in March and April will be \$10.00 a piece. Shoot them up. Bird season ends April 15th.

Good hunting *Charlie Zib*



Friends enter and leave our lives, but the impressions they

make on our hearts stay with us forever. Condolences to Uffelmann family after the passing of Janice Uffelmann in February —>Keith's wife (Senior Member) / Bradley's mother (Shooting Member).



NRA Renewal via DGSC:

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



Vice President Remarks: The weather seems to be transitioning to Spring conditions so hopefully you can get out and enjoy some more trigger time.

I have been working with Mike's Guns out of Peoria and am currently running a test order for components and ammunition at competitive pricing for Senior Members only. Please make your checks payable to Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club and return to my inbox behind the front counter with the items in your order so we can compile all the orders together and place together for discounted delivery. Make sure your orders are detailed so we get the right items. Once the order reaches a few thousand dollars we will submit payment and arrange delivery to the club. Please feel free to email me for other product availability or questions. The order form is available on our DGSC website on the advertisement page -> <http://www.downersgrovesc.com/WantedAd.htm>

Happy Shooting! *Judson Mann*



Shotgun Sport Announcements:

We hosted the 2nd Jackrabbit on March 4th. There were 52 shooters and 18 were from our club.

The 'Polish Fishing & Hunting Club' had their event here on February 25th. They had 42 Shooters, shooting Trap & Skeet, and had a great time. Friday night shooting will start up again on April 6th. The 'Games' will begin and we will have open Trap & Skeet shooting.

The installation of the new Atlas Skeet Machines is going well. Two Fields, 5 & 6, are installed and expect Field 7 to be completed in a couple of weeks. Ron Johnson has been a great help in switching over to the new machines. Mike Pietrzak is making new bases for the Low Houses. So far the new machines are working very well. The Trap Committee Members working behind the counter request that you try & limit yourselves from coming back there unless you have a need, thanks.

The Trap counter will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1st, for all to have a great day with family. The 'SWAP MEET' is March 17th. There are still some open tables so contact me asap if you want one,

As always, please pick up your shells after you shoot. These are your empties and your Grounds and we are just trying to keep them looking nice.

Larry Chambers

Grants: I am happy to report that Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club is a recipient of an NRA Foundation Grant in 2018. This years grant, is to expand and support the DGSC Youth program. It includes shells and targets to subsidize our young shooters costs, encouraging increased participation. The approximate value of the Grant is \$4500. in product. If you have a child, grandchild, friend, or neighbor, that might be interested in the DGSC youth program contact our Youth & Community Director, Mark Matteson for more information.

As a Gold Seal (100% membership) NRA Club) we need to the NRA as they protect our Second Amendment Rights.

Thanks to Senior Member, Ed Shannon for is assistance in our Grant application. Special thank you to the Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation for their support. *Ken Cechura*



NRA/STATE NEWS:

Did You Know- After the senseless tragedy at the Parkland Florida school, anti gun special interest groups are using social media to put pressure on NRA partner businesses to drop their affiliations? Some of these businesses have already bowed to the pressure and severed ties with the NRA.

One of the first to turn tail and run was First National Bank of Omaha, who offers the NRA co-branded credit card promoted as the "official credit card of the NRA."

They said they would not renew their contract with the NRA.

In the spirit of cooperation I have cut up my NRA credit card from them, and will mail it in with a copy of this newsletter. I urge my fellow 500+ members to do the same, and spread the word.

Some of the other businesses that are ending partnerships with the NRA include Met Life, Chubb LTD. insurance, car rental companies Avis, Hertz, Budget, Enterprise, Alamo and National.

I will do my best to not patronize any of these companies, and I urge you all to do the same, and let them know why. It may be tough to find a rental car though.



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Harney Shell



Maintenance Updates: The maintenance crew was out today. We tried all the machines on sporting clays. 5 machines of the 28 need some work, the others are working fine. Last month my report said Larry and Jan were installing the new skeet machines. Jan was unable to help but Ron Johnson has been helping Larry. I watched the new machines operating and they work very well. We will be starting to do the yearly maintenance on all the machines next week if the weather cooperates. Mike Pietrzak

For our Youth/New Shooters: Interested in taking a Hunting Safety Course, but never know where they are:
<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/County.aspx>

DGSC 2018 ATA Events:

Silver Coin Shoot -> May 27

Illini Indian/DGSC Shoot -> June 24

IL. Northern Zone -> Sept 8 & 9

Grundy County/Herman Welch Handicap -> Sept 30



Other Local 2018 ATA Events: Thank you Scott Calhoun for gathering and sharing the other shoots list.

March:

3-4 – Brittany Shooting Park

25 – Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1 K	2	3
4 Winter Jack Rabbit	5	6 K	7	8 K	9	10 Board Meeting 1pm DGSC
11 Daylight Savings Begins	12	13 K	14	15 K	16	17 Swap Meet 1 - 5 pm
18	19	20 K Spring Begins	21	22 K	23	24
25 DGSC GM Meeting 9am	26	27 K	28	29 K	30	31

NOTES K - Kitchen Scheduled to be Open - May Vary
Club Open Winter Hours (except due to weather) - Tues, Thurs, Sat, and Sun 930 AM - 130 PM

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED Easter Sunday	2	3 K	4	5 K	6 Yorkville Youth Shooting Practice 6pm	7
8	9	10 K	11	12 K	13 Yorkville Youth Shooting Practice 6pm	14 Board Meeting 1pm @ DGSC
15	16	17 K	18	19 K	20 Yorkville Youth Shooting 6pm	21
22 Earth Day	23	24 K	25	26 K	27 Arbor Day Yorkville Youth Shooting Competition 8pm	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	K - Kitchen Scheduled to be Open - May Vary				

NOTES FRIDAY NIGHT GAME SHOOTING RETURNS APRIL 6th

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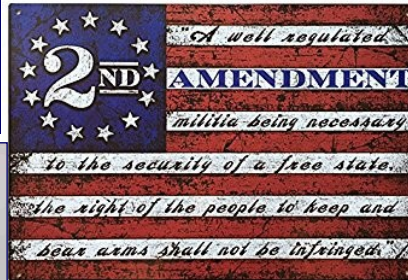
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Board Meeting 1:00 PM @ DGSC

4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/18, 9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8

General Membership (Senior Member) Meeting 9:00 @ DGSC

3/25, 5/20, 7/22, 9/23, 11/18, 12/16



Where: Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club -> 4700 Old Stage Rd, Morris, IL

Work Days: Tuesday & Thursday & some weekends

Job Description: Trap Helper - loading trap machines, assisting volunteer membership around club, some scoring and/or pulling of skeet, trap, 5

Stand and/or Sporting Clays

Pay: Starting at \$11 per hour

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DGSC Things to Remember

Currently Winter Operating Hours

St Patrick Day Swap Meet - Saturday March 17 1 - 5pm

DGSC General Membership Meeting - Sunday March 25 9am

Coming In April: Closed April 1, Friday Night Games Return April 6th, Yorkville Youth Shooting Starts April 6th, April 14th Board Meeting, April 15th Pheasant Season Closes for DGSC

Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club
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Next Board Meeting (DGSC): April 14, 2018 1:00pm

Next GM (Senior) Meeting: March 25, 2018 9:00am

FIRST CLASS