
Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

April Newsletter

March 30, 2025

Spring has Sprung! DGSC will return to "normal" shooting hours effective Tuesday, April 2, 2025.

"Regular hours" are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm? Friday 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The youth league starts at 6:00 pm, they should be finished by 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. We have excellent lighting on 5 Fields for "open shooting" after 8:00 p.m. The "Game" shooters (Annie Oakley) will be on field 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. as they have all winter. Plenty of room on fields 4,5,7, & 8 for members to shoot trap or skeet under the lights.

There was again a discussion as to adjusting hours to be cost effective, yet convenient for our members for 2025. Thursdays have not been cost effective. The officers will review data with Shotgun Sports and make a recommendation.

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 to 2:00		Current hours		Current hours		Current hours	Current Hours
Noon to 5:00							
5:00 to 9:00		Youth practice	Youth practice		Current 6 to 10 Youth league 6 to 8		

We are open to your suggestions, as to a change or modification of any hours that may better suit your schedule. Contact President, Ken Cechura, or any Board Member with your input;
dgsboard@downersgrovesc.com

The Sunday, March 16, 2025 St Pat's Corned Beef Dinner was attended by 30 members & guests. 8 shot the event and won 9 boxes of AA shells.

The NRA Foundation Awards \$4,000.00 to the Downers Grove SC

The NRA Foundation has awarded the Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club a grant totaling \$4000.00 to fund a program for youth & community introduction to clay target sports. "We are very excited about the support from the National Rifle Association Foundation, " we are pleased that the NRA is making an investment in our organization and community."

- The grant will allow us to furnish shells for our Illinois State High School Clay Target League, Ladies and community “learn to shoot” Programs, and Annual Veterans shoot.

The grant was made possible through the support of our membership as an NRA “Gold Seal” Club. 100% of our DGSC members support the NRA each year, qualifying us as a Grant recipient.

75th Anniversary Celebration

September of 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of Downers Grove Sportsmen’s Club. As always, we need your support. The Board is planning several events to commemorate 75 years of comradery in the shotgun sports. If you can help in any way, please contact me or any Board member to volunteer.

New Members

Please Welcome the following “New” Shooting Members:

Mike Lorenzo, Jason Brown, and Brandon Kibe,

The following members were elevated to Senior Membership:

Paul Onorato, Ken Jesse, Jesse Zamora, John Tritz, Lino Latrofa, Bob Mikolajczak, Clay Novak, and Jim Todd

Senior Member, Ed Reich, was elevated to Honorary Member, circumstances prevent him from shooting but Ed and his wife, Carole have been dedicated supporters of DGSC for many years.

All twelve were approved by the general membership at the March 23rd meeting. Please congratulate them and make them feel welcome at DGSC.

Youth & Community

The next Hunters Safety Course is scheduled for May 31 & June 1. Contact Earl Falan for details.

DGSC has been invited to participate in Morris Family Fest, Saturday April 12th 9:00 am to 1:00pm. We expect community exposure to be 1500 Attendees

DGSC will host an NRA RSO Range safety Officer Class this spring. The cost is \$100-\$110 for an 8hr class. DGSC Members will be reimbursed up to 50% upon completion and service. See “Shorty Fatlan to enroll.

ATA

The first registered ATA shoot is Sunday, April 27. DGSC Will host 2 Saturday target only, 4 Sunday Trophy Shoots. If you would like more information on “Registered Trap” competition, contact ATA Chairman, John Mantsch.

Shotgun Sports

DGSC relocated to Morris “25 plus” years ago. Our facility is beginning to show “wear”. Trap stairs need replacing, as do some skeet house doors. Equipment needs repair. Target prices continue to rise despite our

best efforts to control them. The Board of Directors reluctantly raised shooting prices effective April 1, 2025. The increase averaged \$.50 per 25 targets for Senior and Shooting Members and \$1.00 per 25 targets for guests as follows:

Pricing effective April 1, 2025

Trap & Skeet (25 Targets)

Senior & Juniors	\$ 6.00
Shooting	\$ 8.00
Guest	\$11.00

Trap & Skeet (50 Targets Doubles)

Senior & Juniors	\$12.00
Shooting	\$16.00
Guest	\$22.00

5- Stand (25 Targets)

Senior & Juniors	\$ 7.50
Shooting	\$ 9.50
Guest	\$11.75

5- Stand (50 Targets)

Senior & Juniors	\$15.00
Shooting	\$19.00
Guest	\$23.50

Sporting Clays (50 Targets)

Senior & Juniors	\$15.00
Shooting	\$19.00
Guest	\$23.50

Sporting Clays (100 Targets)

Senior & Juniors	\$30.00
Shooting	\$38.00
Guest	\$47.00

Golf Cart Fees

2 Seat Senior Cart	\$10.00	4 Seat Senior Cart	\$15.00
2 Seat Shooting Cart	\$20.00	4 Seat Shooting Cart	\$30.00
2 Seat Guest Cart	\$30.00	4 Seat Guest Cart	\$45.00

Added Senior Member Exclusive Benefit for 2025

The DGSC Board reinstated a benefit Downers Grove Senior Members enjoyed several years ago, the DGSC Board has approved the following: Tyvek wrist bands will be used as “one day passes” for the guests of Senior Members. The “one day pass” will entitle a guest: friend, family member, or potential member, will pay “reduced” rates for one entire day. This will allow you to use your “Target Management” card for those guests. The service counter will date each band on the date it is used.

Five “color coded” wristbands will be issued to each Senior Member (in good standing) upon request. Members requesting “Day Passes” will receive them with their Badges upon the payment of your 2025 DGSC dues. The wristbands are numbered and will be assigned and logged when issued. The Tyvek bands are not reuseable. This is an exclusive “Senior Member Benefit”.

April 1 through July 2nd PCA Practice on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

4 Friday PCA Trap League 5: 00 to 7:00? p.m.

5 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

6 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

11 Friday PCA Trap League **6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.**

12 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

12 Saturday Morris Family Fest Shabbona School 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

13 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

18 Friday PCA Trap League **6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.**

19 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

20 Sunday Easter

25 Friday PCA Trap League 6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.

26 Saturday DGSC Board meeting

26 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

27 Sunday DGSC ATA "Spring Opener" Registered Trap Event

27 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

May 1 Friday PCA Trap League 6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.

2 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

3 Saturday DGSC Board meeting 9:00am

4 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

10 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

11 Sunday Mother's Day

11 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

16 Friday PCA Trap League **6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.**

17 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m.

18 Sunday PCA Sporting Clays

23 Friday PCA Trap League **6: 00 to 8:00 p.m.**

24 Saturday PCA Skeet 9:00 a.m. conflict

23-25 Friday-Sunday DGSC NSSA Grand Prairie Skeet Tournament