

# Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450



## May Newsletter

May 11, 2025

The May 4 General Membership Meeting was not well attended, with only 21 Senior members present. It was "called to order" at 9:10 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we observed a "moment of silence" in memory of recently departed, long time member, Francis "Frenchy" DeGrazia. Frank had been a member of DGSC for nearly 50 years. He will be greatly missed.

A "Memorial" Tree with a bronze plaque, will be ordered and funded through donations from Frank's friends and fellow members. It will be planted alongside the driveway entering the club. Please remember Frank, Dean, Mark, and Chuck, as you enter and leave the club. Donations continue to be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club or D.G.S.C. and noted "Tree Donation". Donations may be mailed to DGSC, PO Box 270, Morris, Illinois, 60450. "In-person" donations will be accepted at the counter or left for Ken Cechura, Don Cox, or John Semprini. Frank's wife, Diane and family, will be consulted as to the specific species of tree selected.

### **DGSC has returned to "normal" shooting hours effective Tuesday April 2, 2025.**

"Regular hours" are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. (please call ahead if you intend to arrive after Noon) 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), shoot on field 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. as they have all winter. Plent of room on fields 4,5,7, & 8 for members to shoot trap or skeet under the lights.

### **DGSC Member input is required**

We continue the 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
9:30to 2:00		Current hours		Current hours		Current hours	Current Hours
Noon to 5:00							
5:00 to 9:00		Youth practice			Current 6 to 10 Youth 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](mailto:dgsboard@downersgrovesc.com)

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

Morris, Illinois. The NRA Foundation has awarded the Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club a grant valued at \$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.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

September of 2025 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Paul Burlington, or any Board member to volunteer.

Our celebration will begin with an "Open House" inviting club member and the community to the club on a Saturday Evening. We plan on shooting demonstrations and tours of the club. Light refreshments will be served. The date is yet to be determined and will be posted at the club. Members will be notified by email.

The Annual Picnic, Raffle, and Anniversary celebration, is scheduled for Sunday, August 17, 2025. This year's event will be catered to allow the entire membership to enjoy themselves.

2 Guns for Raffle Beretta AF400 semi auto sporting clays, Henry NRA Edition .22 lever action, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$500.00 cash. tickets will be sold @ \$10.00 each. We need Senior Members to Sell tickets! See Paul for tickets.

We are preparing for 135 attendees. City of Morris officials will be invited to attend in honor of our anniversary.

### **New Members**

**Please Welcome the following "New" Shooting Members:**

Greg Brandt, Daniel Baker, Michael Lenski, Greg Sherman, Anthony Tritz, Tony Sullivan, Joaroslav Lizalek, Eric Cox, Ethan Budach, Brendan Dykstra, and Charles Myer II.

### **Shotgun Sports**

#### **Added Senior Member Exclusive Benefit for 2025**

The DGSC Board reinstituted 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 may be issued to each Senior Member (in good standing) upon request.

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### Youth & Community

IDNR Hunter Safety Class May 31 & June 1. Contact Earl Fatlan for information.

ISRA/NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Training, date to be determined. DGSC will reimburse participant members for a portion of tuition when they volunteer at the club. See Earl Fatlan for details.

### In Memory of Steven DeLurgio

We were recently informed of the passing of Senior Member Stephen DeLurgio. Stephen Anthony DeLurgio, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, cherished friend, and educator, passed away on May 7, 2025, at the age of 79.

Stephen was a devoted husband to Ina K. De Lurgio (Nee Kimmel), Together, they built a warm and enduring family. He was a proud and caring father to sons Stephen II and Patrick.

A visitation will be held by the family to honor his life and memory at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S Madison St. Willow brook Illinois on May 12th from 4 to 8pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a [charity of your choice](#) in Stephen's name.

### As always, DGSC needs your participation.

Shooting members, we need you to come out and shoot. Bring your friends to one of the best clay target facilities in Illinois.

Senior members, of course we need you to shoot as well, but we also need your help in maintaining the exceptional standards you deserve. Volunteer to help on a committee. There are a lot of ways to contribute, trap counter, grounds, buildings, safety officer. Speak to any Board Member and we will find you a spot.

### DGSC Calendar

May 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

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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

### June

1 Sunday IDNR Hunters Safety Class (day 2

6 Friday PCA Trap League 5: 00 to 7:00? p.m. (Award Night)

7 Saturday DGSC BOD Meeting 9:00 a.m.

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

15 Sunday Father's Day

15 LaSalle County Pheasants 4Ever SC

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

22 Sunday DGSC ATA "ILINI Indian" Registered Trap Event

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

### July

14 Wednesday Independence Day

19 Saturday DGSC BOD Meeting 9:00 a.m.

26 Saturday DGSC ATA Registered Target only

30 Wednesday Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois

### August

31-9 Thur-Sat. Grand American Trap Shoot, Sparta Illinois

17 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon to ?