



*A Family Friendly Range*

## Summer Edition

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### Projects, Projects, and More Projects...

**So, you may ask, what are some of the major accomplishments of the current Dade City Gun Club Administration that has just completed its first year since the April 2022 election? Well, here are a few of the completed projects and a few of those approved and currently on the road to completion as well as other endeavors being considered.**

One of the first projects completed was the clearing of brush and trees on the side berms of all three ranges. This was badly needed to make it easier and safer for shooters and RSO's to have better site lines for all our ranges. While doing that, we determined our property lines and placed many No Trespassing signs and Active Live Fire signs on all sides of the club.

Next, we completed the removal of our old rotted wooden stairs to the DCGC Public Range and replaced them with wider concrete stairs that have a non-slip surface for safety and new aluminum handrails that patrons can safely use as they enter and exit the public range.



One of the ongoing projects has been the sprucing up of our club house with new paint, new crown molding that replaced the 2X4 molding that was there, and the remodeling of our kitchen with new cabinets, shelving, and counter tops.

Some of this work has been done in-house thus keeping costs down. Recently we ordered new ceiling fans to replace the fifty-year-old fans that were there. Additionally, we fixed the A/C issues for the office area and had a programmable thermostat installed that will save on electrical costs.

You may have noticed that the main club house is a place where having a conversation has become easier since we installed sound absorbing panels. For years hearing each other has been difficult. This has now been addressed with those panels.

In order to protect and maintain the integrity of our range, we will soon have steel baffles installed on both ranges that will only make shooting safer. In addition, we have decided to replace the wooden baffles on the 50 year range ourselves, since the bids have come in extremely high. **We hope to announce a “raise the baffle” day in order to get enough volunteer workers so that we can complete this project in a day or two.**

A more recent project that many of you have noticed is the new safety briefing on the public range and the new wooden fence at the top of our new stairs. Each of these projects were originated and completed in house.

Finally, we have estimates for a new fence at the main entrance of our club. We will likely move this project into another budget cycle along with other projects, one of which addresses the berms and how best to deal with them.

Hope you enjoy knowing about some of the projects we have been doing to make our club safer and more enjoyable for all of you, our dedicated members, and Range Safety Officers. **And a BIG Thank You to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to make these projects a success.** We will continue to keep you updated as we grow into the future.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON RSO'S:**

This Edition: Steve and Val Thomopalos

Along with Val's passion for firearms safety & proficiency, she is pursuing her love for pickleball. Val and her ladies' doubles partner, Kathy McCausey travel around Florida to compete in pickleball tournaments regularly. They have just qualified to compete in the 2023 National Senior Games to be held in Pennsylvania this July.

Steve Thomopolos, Val's husband, joined her in a Sanibel, Florida competition, where they battled and took the gold.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello DCGC Members!

Thank you for your patronage and support! It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past year. Please look around and take in all the changes that are taking place at your Club. More improvements are on the way because there are several projects in the works. We are sprucing things up and hardening our facilities. I cannot thank you enough for your understanding and all the hard work our RSO's have contributed.

Unfortunately, we have a problem. You may not know that your Club is run and operated by volunteers. We are closed every Thursday for maintenance, and we need your help. All our current volunteers are getting old and tired, and we need some younger members to step up and help out. The future of the Club belongs to you! If you would like to help, please show up on Thursday mornings anytime between 7 and 8 am.

We also need more shooters at our monthly matches! The first and second Saturday of each month we have several fun matches, so come on out, try your best, and improve your skills.

Dennis Doll  
Club President

## Club Board Meetings:

Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend. If you have a suggestion or topic you would like discussed, please contact Dennis Doll to have it added to the agenda.

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Upcoming meetings:  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

### **DCGC Swap Meets:**

Swap meets are held quarterly in the clubhouse at 8:00am on the second Saturday of the month.

Upcoming Swap Meet Dates:

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>      Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Member Discounts:**

#### **National Rifle Association Membership Renewal:**

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#### **The Civilian Marksmanship Program:**

The Dade City Gun Club is proud to be an Affiliated Club of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. "The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U.S. citizens in the responsible use of firearms and air guns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and completions. The CMP is a federally chartered 501(c)(3) corporation that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and life skills."

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