

# Detroit Sportsmen's Congress

## 2024 Member of the Year.



We are pleased to announce that Mark Mendola, also known as Chain Saw, received the DSC 2024 Member of the Year award. The award was presented by President Bill Saylor at the April General Membership Meeting.

These are the accomplishments for Mark:

He joined the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress in 2011 and actively participated in the Sporting Clays, Black Powder, and Rifle committees. Contributed to the Sporting Clays committee by maintaining shooting stations, refilling target throwers, assisting in repairs, and regularly updating the course layout.

Played a key role in cutting and removing fallen trees and splitting wood for winter at Delaney Park, earning him the nickname of "Chain Saw". Operated maintenance equipment such as bobcats, dump trucks, and zero-turn mowers.

Took orientation as Rifle, Black Powder, Shotgun Range Officer, and Law Enforcement Range Officer, serving frequently before advancing to NRA Chief Range Officer. Assisted in conducting NRA Range Officer training classes and provided orientation for rifle and black powder courses.

Maintained grounds of the Black Powder range through brush control, fogging for insects, construction of shooting benches and seating. Supported maintenance of the inclement weather shelter on the range. Fabricated and installed rods to stabilize target stand bases, repaired and built target frames for open shooting and law enforcement use. Acted as Range Officer in charge of open shooting sessions on Saturdays and Sundays, and participated during sight-in seasons.

Served as Black Powder Range Officer for most events and assisted in storm damage cleanup on outdoor pistol and rifle ranges. Represented the Black Powder committee in the safety committee. Recognized as Member of the Month four times, averaging 450 work hours per year.