



DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHER SCHÜTZENVEREIN, INC.

German American Marksmanship Club
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History of the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schützenverein, Inc. (German-American Marksmen Club)

“The club was founded by 27 men on January 22nd 1939 at the Swiss hall at Canton and Forest Street in Detroit, MI. The constitution written at that time proposed the purpose of the club was to be a non-profit organization that would forward the sport of marksmanship in good fellowship, cooperate with conservation and wildlife authorities, promote and provide for the social welfare of its members and foster the German language and cultural customs, uphold good citizenship and respect the laws and customs of the United States of America, with exclusion of any confessional or political activity.” [Excerpt from the constitution]

On July 4th 1939 the first ”Schützenfest” was held at Emil Schulte Park or “Schützenwald” located along the Clinton River in Mount Clemens, MI. Wilhelm Reinhard served as the first King of the Schützenfest on that date.

During the 2nd World War so many men were called to serve the country that membership shrank from about 100 to 24. During that period of time there were no festivals, competition sport events or Schützenfests held. When the war ended membership once again increased and everyone participated in sending care packages of needed goods to Germany. With this growth the Schützenfest resumed again and usually was held on the third Sunday in July. The Kings Ball was held in October and the public and guests were invited to attend. It was considered one of the most liked festivities in the metro Detroit area.

Shooting competitions grew to include the following: The Wanderpokal was awarded to the shooter that placed first, three times in a row during the year. The Winterpokal was held in member’s basements and awards were presented. Every summer there was a Pokal shooting with the Kolping Marksmen, the Snow Owl Outdoor Club and Clinton River Sportsmen Association. Pokal shooting with the Kolping club is still held in the fall yearly.

On February 20th, 1968 the GBU district 701 merged with the Schützenverein. It was made possible when 35 members took a GBU policy and in May 1968 the official name was changed to “Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schützenverein, Inc.” With this merger, the GBU clubhouse and property at 2650 Auburn Road in Pontiac (now Auburn Hills) was acquired and was renamed as the Schützenhaus and Schützenpark. During that same year the dance pavilion was built and in June of 1971 the Bierhaus was completed. Later additions included the outdoor kitchen and shooting booth.

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed in May of 1973. Because of this we now have a Christmas Party for all members, as well as their children and grandchildren. In the spring of each year, starting with Luise Ohlendorf in 1971 there is now a Queens Ball to honor the queen for that year.

We have many events that are open to the public throughout the year. They include the Schlachtfest, the Schützenfest and Oktoberfest. There is a monthly meeting with prize shooting competitions and an annual appreciation meal for all members. The special formal Banquets have been the Kings Ball in October and the Queens Ball in the spring.

The DASV is also a member of the Michigan United Conservation Club.

All men and women interested in our organization are welcome to visit our club and join us as members.



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Application for Membership

Name of Applicant _____ Citizenship _____

Spouses Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Address of Employer _____

Applicant recommended by: _____

I have known the applicant for _____ years.

Remarks: _____

*I have read the history of the club and look forward to be part of this unique club.
I agree to pay the annual dues of \$65 plus the initiation fee of \$20 (\$85) in advance.
Applications need to be submitted to the Board prior to the next General Membership meeting.
Applicants need to be present at the next General Membership meeting to be accepted.*

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

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Date application was submitted to the DASV Board _____ Amount paid \$ _____

Application Accepted / Rejected by the DASV Board.

Date of acceptance or rejection by the General Membership _____

President _____ Date _____