

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club

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If you weren't at the April, 2015 SMSC Board of Directors' meeting, then you missed the following:

IMPORTANT: APRIL 25 IS RANGE CLEAN-UP DAY.

DONUTS & COFFEE AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING - LUNCH PROVIDED AT NOON.

PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP IF YOU CAN.

THE MORE HELP WE HAVE, THE EASIER AND QUICKER THE WORK IS.

We need some volunteers to help with the Safety Orientation classes required for all members. We can use male or female volunteers to help during "normal work" hours, or evenings, or weekends, so that we can offer classes at all of these times to accommodate various members' schedules. To volunteer, send me (Matt Mattingly) an email, to matthouse@juno.com as soon as possible. Please include your name, telephone number, hours you are available to assist, and what you are willing to do (for example: teach the class, do check-in, enter new member information into the computer, take pictures, make badges, anything else that may be helpful).

Attached to this newsletter (last page) is a waiver. We need every member of SMSC and their spouse to complete and submit this waiver. Please complete the waiver form (last page of newsletter), and either mail or bring it to the club during your next visit. Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club, 6251 SE 20th St, Rochester, Minnesota 55904. At some point in the near future, membership renewals will not be completed, and memberships will be suspended unless the signed waiver is on file.

Recommendation from the Board: The board suggests printing the address of the club (either on your printer, or by hand) and carrying this information in the pouch with your SMSC identification badge at all times. **This will be handy in the event you should need to call 911 for emergency assistance at any time while on the range.** Also, a sign with this information will be posted at the club.

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Effective May 1, 2015, the fee for a Lifetime Membership will go up to \$1500, and will remain at a level 20 times the annual renewal fee thereafter.

You should begin receiving the agenda for the upcoming Board meetings beginning in May. Our plan is to send a draft of the agenda out, via email, to each member approximately a week before the monthly meetings, which take place on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30PM at the Club.

Damage charges now apply for training groups using the indoor range. If you are responsible for a training group using the indoor range, the following rules apply: Trainers using indoor range must start students at, but no closer than, 26 feet distance, to ensure all rounds will impact appropriate range area (i.e. the targets/backstops). Assess skill and move back, when necessary for the course of instruction. Trainers are required to have a plan in place to minimize damage to the range. One incident of damage per session will result in no penalty; however, any additional damage will result in assessment of repair charges of \$5/hole. The club now requires a \$50 initial damage deposit from all indoor range users, from which repair charges of \$5/hole (if greater than one hole) will be subtracted until fee is used, then fee must be replenished.

Newsletters on the web site again: This newsletter is now being put on the SMSCLUB.ORG web site again, under the "SMSC News Letters" tab. January through March are already there.

The SMSC Youth Trap League has 41 members. The first shoot had 38 participants, and 3 who wanted to shoot, but couldn't make it that date - a good start! Also, we've already received positive parental feedback.

Good progress is being made on improving range safety. The next major activity will be installing new shelters and "brows" for the ranges. A lot of activity to prepare for this action is necessary, beginning with engineering drawings, so this will be done as soon as practical, but will be in the future (not in just 2-3 months).

Bicycle trail construction will begin soon, along the road in front of SMSC. Please be careful when entering the site during construction, and give the work crews your full cooperation and courtesy. Construction should be completed by June 1, 2015.

SMSC is for the use of members only. A single escorted guest may accompany a member for no additional charge. Additional guests must purchase a daily pass (\$20 each). Guests are the responsibility of the escorting member, and must follow all SMSC rules and the SOPs posted at the range. Guests must leave when the escorting member leaves. Unsafe conditions will not be tolerated. Members and guests may be asked to leave the range if rules violations or unsafe conditions are observed. Do not let anyone, other than your personal guest, through the gates.

A reminder to all members, made during the April meeting:

Your SMSC ID badge should be visibly displayed at all times inside the fenced-in (range) areas.

Any thoughts on how the club may be more useful or "user-friendly" to members?

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WITH YOUR IDEAS!

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