

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

IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE REQUIRED SMSC SAFETY ORIENTATION, YOUR BADGE WILL NOT OPEN THE RANGE GATE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015.

We regret any inconvenience to members. These classes have been offered for over three years. During this time, there have been multiple reminders advising that badges will cease to work if Orientation has not been completed. The next scheduled Safety Orientation class is October 8, 2016 (assuming we have enough volunteers to offer a class at that time - see request for volunteers to help with the classes, below).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thanks for your response, but **we still need volunteers** for the following jobs:

1. clean clubhouse restrooms
2. ensure safety during "Sight-In Saturdays" (when we allow non-members to come ensure their hunting firearms are sighted in).
3. help with the Safety/Orientation classes (which are required for all members)

For the first two items, above, if you can help even once, we would be very appreciative.

The **bathrooms** probably should be cleaned monthly, at least. We're not looking for "showcase" or "sterile." We just need them "freshened up" occasionally. The club will provide the materials, we just need folks willing to do this essential, but non-glamorous job occasionally. For the most part, we will do our best to accommodate YOUR schedule for this activity. Let us know when you're available.

For the **Sight-In Saturdays**, we'll be doing this from 0800-1200 (8AM - Noon) on the following Saturdays: 09-26, 10-10, 10-24, and 10-31. We're offering to pay those who can serve \$25 for each 4-hour session. We may need one or two folks for a later session. Let us know if you're available any Saturdays in November. All you need, in order to do this is to be familiar with basic gun handling safety and the SMSC SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures), taught during SMSC's Safety Orientation classes.

We can still use some folks to help with our **Safety Orientation classes** during "normal work" hours, or evenings, or weekends, so that we can offer classes at all of these times to accommodate various members' schedules. We already have 16 volunteers, but can use more. This way NO ONE will have to work very often (unless you want to). We will train you and provide instructions you can use, as well as assist you until you're comfortable doing the job.

To volunteer, for any of the above opportunities, send email, to matthouse@juno.com as soon as possible. Please include your name, telephone number, hours you are available to assist, and which job(s) you are willing to do (for example: clean bathrooms, safety job, teach Orientation class, do Orientation check-in, enter new member information into the computer, take pictures, make badges, anything else that may be helpful).

Throughout the year, we need folks willing to help. SMSC membership implies a willingness to help keep OUR club running. Without volunteers, we will need to hire work done, and that could result in the need to raise the membership costs. PLEASE, let's make this "our" club by volunteering to help! Many hands make light work. If you're willing to help when special projects come up, or even on an ongoing basis, please communicate your interest to matthouse@juno.com.

ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT SMSC SHOULD GO TO: clubmail@smsclub.org

UNESCORTED DAILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE:

Unescorted shooters are no longer allowed on the SMSC range. Anyone wishing to use the SMSC range must either be a member who has taken the SMSC Safety Orientation, or a guest of such a member. A member may bring ONLY ONE guest for no additional charge. Additional guests must each pay the daily guest fee of \$20. If both husband and wife have paid for a membership (not just an access badge), then each may bring ONLY ONE guest (i.e., two paid memberships = two no-additional-charge guests, assuming both husband and wife are present). Guests are the responsibility of the escorting member, and must follow all SMSC rules and

the posted SOPs. 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 ONE, PERSONAL GUEST, THROUGH THE GATE!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR RECENT VOLUNTEER EFFORTS:

1. Al Wussow, team lead, and Dale Meyer, Dean Black, Matt Mattingly, Mike Woodcock, and Paul Glowacki - who fixed the sagging overhead brow structure on the plate range on September 5. Stop by and take a look at how straight everything is now.
2. The team who administered the 09-10 Safety Orientation class: Bev Milton, Darek Lebensztein, John Kappler, John Milton, Marta Toth, Matt Mattingly, Pat Neville, and Steve Strain. We had 21 people sign up as new members at this class, in addition to many current members taking the class.
3. Our technical team John Kappler and John Milton for all the hard work they do to keep the "software and web stuff" for SMSC running and updated.
4. Paul Glowacki for volunteering to: "straighten things out" in the SMSC office; put together guidelines for trainers who wish to use SMSC's range or clubhouse; and manage the club's First Aid Kit contents.
5. Anthony Deveaux for keeping a close eye on the pistol range and ensuring we have enough target backers.
6. And so many others who do so much to support the club ... too numerous to list, but please know that your hard work and contribution to SMSC are both important and appreciated!!

OLD, BUT STILL IMPORTANT!!

We need every member of SMSC and their spouse to complete and submit a waiver form. Please complete the waiver form (see link, below), and either mail or bring the form to the club during your next visit. Mailing address: Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club, 6251 SE 20th St., Rochester, Minnesota 55904 **At some point in the VERY near future, membership renewals will not be accepted, and memberships will be suspended unless the signed waiver is on file.**

Link to waiver form (on SMSC website): <http://www.smsclub.org/waiver.pdf>

Effective May 1, 2015, the fee for a Lifetime Membership went up to \$1500, and will remain at a level 20 times the annual renewal fee thereafter. (See April Newsletter)

Newsletters on the web site. Newsletters are available on the web site (<http://www.smsclub.org/> - select "SMSC News Letters" in the left navigation bar), so if you accidentally erase your emailed copy, you can find a replacement on the web!

Your SMSC ID badge should be visibly displayed at all times inside the fenced-in (range) areas.
Eye and ear protection is required for everyone inside the fenced-in area at all times.

There is a maroon U of MN jacket in the clubhouse that was left there Clean-Up day. Please contact the club at 507-282-9808 to claim it.

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS TO: clubmail@smsclub.org

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS: (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year.)

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