

Covered at the April, 2016 SMSC Board of Directors' meeting:

THE MAY BoD MEETING is at the clubhouse, on May 12, at 7:30PM.

We need members to participate in the monthly BoD meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30PM at the SMSC clubhouse. Be "in the know" about your club, and help move the club forward in the future. Show up and be involved!

RANGE HOURS:

0800-SUNSET MON-SAT

0900-SUNSET SUN

For sunset time each day, go to: <http://sunrise-sunset.org/us/rochester-mn>

DO NOT LET ANYONE THROUGH THE GATE WITH YOU, other than your immediate family and your **ONE** personal guest. **Every member must badge in.** Your SMSC ID badge should be visibly displayed at all times inside the fenced-in (range) areas.

Eye and ear protection is required at all times for everyone inside the fenced-in area.

Did a round escape our range? The April meeting involved a detailed discussion regarding this possibility. On April 10, a nearby homeowner experienced a situation where a round passed overhead, hit a car in the driveway, and then landed in the driveway of the home. Both SMSC and County Police are aware of multiple incidents with homes in the area being hit by rounds; but, in many situations, it is virtually impossible that the round came from SMSC. In this situation, it IS possible that the round could have come from SMSC. To help ensure the highest levels of safety, the range was shut down until an assessment could be made. After taking additional safety measures (pea gravel on the pistol range) and consulting with the homeowner, it was agreed that the handgun range was safe to reopen. Since then, ground baffles (railroad crossties) have also been installed on the pistol range. Additional safety measures are necessary before the 25/50, plate, and long-range rifle ranges are reopened. We are hopeful that we will have enough help on Clean-up Day, April 30, to accomplish the necessary work. We will advise, via email and via statement on the web site, when various ranges are reopened (another reason to ensure you have a valid email address on file with the club).

If your badge doesn't open the gate, it's possible that it's damaged, but it's more likely that either we do not have a signed waiver on file for you, or your membership has expired. Check at the Caretaker's cottage, and he can help "fix" either of these problems. The waiver costs nothing, and he has forms on hand; membership renewal is \$75 (cash or check).

Exciting news from SMTP (Southern Minnesota Trap Club)! There are 92 Rochester school shooters, and 30 shooters from Dover-Eyota schools shooting in the High School Trap League!

We plan to extend the fence to the east and then north, along our eastern border for better security.

Soon, you may need to also badge OUT! The Board is aware that folks may be "tailgating" into the fenced area (see note, above, explaining that EVERY member must badge in). Soon, to exit, a member must also badge OUT.

A member of the Coyote Creek team visited to clarify an erroneous report and to stress Coyote Creek's support for our range, its rules, and its contribution to our city.

OLD, BUT STILL IMPORTANT!!

Range rules clarified/expanded: The Board has clarified several range rules. The new rules will be posted during the range work day, on April 30, and take effect for all members on May 1. The rules have been

reorganized to cover general information first, and then move to more specific details, presented in the order a member would need to know the information as the member progresses from entering the property through completion of their shooting activity. Emergency procedures have also been updated. We encourage members to read the updated range rules, posted at the firing line, carefully during your first visit on or after May 1.

EVERY member is responsible to know, follow, and enforce firearms safety and all posted rules at all times.

Effective February 1, 2016, every member/spouse with a badge MUST have a Waiver form on file.

Membership renewals will not be accepted, and members' badges will be unable to open the gate unless the required signed waiver is on file. To access the Waiver form (on SMSC website): <http://www.smsclub.org>, select "Membership" in the top nav bar, then go to step 3 in the list. Mail or bring the completed Waiver form to the club at: Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club, 6251 SE 20th St., Rochester, Minnesota 55904.

Change in membership details: The Board has clarified the membership relationship and details, as follows: *Membership is for the member ONLY. The member's spouse or partner, sharing the same address, per information on their driver's licenses, and their children or grandchildren under age 18, living at the same address, are allowed on the range with the member for no additional charge. Spouses or partners sharing the same address may have their own badge for range access after paying the badge fee (\$10), successfully completing the Safety Orientation Class, and submitting a completed Waiver.*

Club Guest Wifi Password is "clubhouse" (without quotation marks).

You are responsible to keep your email address current. The club uses email and the web site (www.smsclub.org) **EXCLUSIVELY** to communicate with our members. If your email address changes, please notify us via email at clubmail@smsclub.org. We use email to notify members of their membership renewal date. If you do not have a valid email address on file, you will NOT be notified. It is your responsibility to promptly renew your membership; so, keep track of your renewal date. This newsletter is emailed, and is also published on the web site. It contains much of the information you need to know. If you do NOT have email, it is your responsibility to go to the club's web site regularly to stay current on important club business, rules, etc.

Safety Orientation class information is shown on the club calendar on the SMSC web site (www.smsclub.org). Classes will not necessarily always be on the same day each month, nor will each class necessarily always be held at the same time. See the Club Calendar for class dates and times.

Lifetime Membership fee is \$1500. The fee was raised in February of 2015, and announced at that time. If you find information in any current document that states another amount, please let us know: clubmail@smsclub.org

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS TO: clubmail@smsclub.org Communications to SMSC or its Board of Directors should also be sent to this address.

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