

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For January 2017

COVERED AT THE JANUARY, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Electrical repair work at the SMSC clubhouse is complete.

SMSC is looking for volunteers to assist in reviewing and updating the club's bylaws. If you would like to assist in this effort please send an email to clubmail@smsclub.org.

We are continuing to address issues with email messages to club members bouncing (that is, we send the email message but for any number of reasons, it isn't received by the intended recipient). If you are reading this, it probably isn't a an issue for you so ask your friends if they also got the newsletter. If they aren't, have them send an email to clubmail@smsclub.org.

The SMSC property now has video cameras in many locations throughout the property. You should take a moment to review our proposed policy on how SMSC will use and retain the data collected by these cameras. You can find the policy at the bottom of the About page on our web site: <http://www.smsclub.org/about/> Send any comments to us at clubmail@smsclub.org.

The February board of directors meeting will be held on February 9, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM at the SMSC clubhouse. The new furnace works great so don't be afraid of the cold. We welcome all members to attend, ask questions and provide input. Also any non-members who would like to address the board with any business are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bullseye Pistol Shooting: If you would like to learn what precision bullseye pistol shooting is all about, please attend the meeting at 6:15 PM at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 17. We will explain what bullseye pistol is all about and then you can try it out on the indoor range. If you have your own .22 pistol, eye and ear protection (and 30 rounds of .22 ammo) bring it along, if not we have everything you will need and you are welcome to use our equipment. If you like it, you can join our bullseye league which officially starts the Winter season on Tuesday, January 24. For more information check out our site, <http://www.smsclub.org/bullseye>.

She Shooters: The She Shooters is for women only. This is an exciting, topic driven class that meets several times a year to explore, discuss and practice just about any aspect of shooting imaginable. (I understand that there is also chocolate and diet soda.) This month She Shooters is meeting at the SMSC clubhouse from 6:00 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, January 26

There are many other events including member shooting at the indoor range listed on the club calendar at <http://www.smsclub.org/calendar>.

NON-CLUB EVENTS

The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association Gun Show will be held at the Mayo Civic Center from Friday, January 13 until 3:00 on Sunday, January 15.

Have an event related to shooting sports or archery that you'd like to have included in an upcoming newsletter? Send an email to clubmail@smsclub.org.

RANGE INFORMATION

Range Hours:

0800-SUNSET MON-SAT

0900-SUNSET SUN

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

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

To keep everyone safe, members who violate any posted range rule will receive a warning on their first offense. The second offense will result in range access suspension until review with Board for the purpose of reaching a decision regarding when to allow access again.

Do not let anyone through the gate with you, either coming in or going out, other than your immediate family or your ONE personal guest. **Every member must badge in and out.** 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.

You must also badge out of the range! This is to help ensure we know who is using the range. Be sure that you do not allow anyone to "tailgate" when entering OR LEAVING the range. Everyone should badge in and out. Do this for your own protection.

Security cameras have been installed, and are fully operational. These have already helped to make the range safer and have greatly reduced the amount of damage done to the range. Be sure you read the posted rules and follow them!

Before driving out to the range, be sure it is open by checking out the on-line calendar at <http://www.smsclub.org/calendar> to ensure that no special event is scheduled.

Change in membership details: *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, with the same address, may have their own badge for range access if they pay the badge fee (\$10), completing the Safety Orientation, and provide a completed Waiver.*

Club WiFi guest password is "clubhouse" (without quotation marks).

You are responsible to keep the club notified of your current email address. The club uses email and the web site (www.smsclub.org) EXCLUSIVELY to communicate with members. If your email address changes, please notify us via email at clubmail@smsclub.org. We use email to notify members of their renewal date. If you do not have a valid email address on file, you will NOT be notified. This newsletter is also emailed, and it is published on the web site. It contains information you need to know. Without email, you must go to the club's web site to stay current on important club business, rules, etc.

Safety orientation class dates and times are on the calendar at www.smsclub.org. Classes are not necessarily always on the same day each month, nor will classes always be held at the same time. Our next class is Monday, January 16, 2017.

You may purchase a lifetime membership. The current price is \$1500. The fee was raised in February of 2015, and announced at that time.

Your thoughts and ideas on how the club may be more useful or "user-friendly" to members are appreciated. **PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US** at the monthly board meeting or by emailing them to: clubmail@smsclub.org Communications to SMSC or its Board of Directors should also be sent to this address.

Your 2017 board of directors and officers: (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year.)

Brian Rognholt (2018), President	Dean Black (2019), Vice-President
Mike Woodcock (2018), Treasurer	Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary
Anthony Deveau (2017)	Dale Meyer (2017)
Gerad Welch (2018)	Hillary Melville (2019)
Matt Mattingly (2017)	Mike Toth (2017) - AWAIR Mgr
Peter Brooks (2019)	Scott Groth (2018)