

# **Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter**

## **For March 2017**

### **COVERED AT THE MARCH, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Storms damaged some of our trees.** By the time that you read this the damaged trees and limbs should be removed to help ensure the safety of our members.

**SMSC is looking into expanding air rifle use.** This last summer we opened our archery range one Saturday morning a month to a group of field target airgun shooters. If you don't know what that is (I didn't) here is an instructive video featuring some of the world's top shooters:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBqOyGwCWwk> We would like to set up more facilities for precision air rifle use. Air rifles offer the opportunity to have a good time with shooting sports but with a low noise level and almost no recoil. It is great for all ages of shooters. If you would like to get involved or have questions, please send us an email at [clubmail@smsclub.org](mailto:clubmail@smsclub.org).

**SMSC can now accept electronic payments.** Check the membership page <http://www.smsclub.org/join/> for links to pay for new memberships and the cost of a badge, to renew your annual membership or to purchase a lifetime membership. The Range Manager is also able to accept credit and debit cards as are the team at the safety orientation meetings.

**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](mailto: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 received a postcard from us, please respond with your updated information. 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](mailto:clubmail@smsclub.org).

**The April board of directors meeting** will be held on April 13, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM at the SMSC clubhouse. 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**

**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, March 30th.

**Project Appleseed** is holding a weekend event at our club the weekend of April 29. This is a great way to learn American history, and how to shoot like a marksman using open sites (optics are allowed, even required for old folks like me). You can learn more about Project Appleseed at their site: <http://appleseedinfo.org/> and you can register for the April event at SMSC at [http://appleseedinfo.org/wp-search-states-location.php?locationid=213&id\\_event=5314](http://appleseedinfo.org/wp-search-states-location.php?locationid=213&id_event=5314)

**Spring cleanup/fixup day is May 6th starting at 8 AM.** The range will be shut down that day until cleanup is complete. After that, only people who participated in the clean up will be allowed to shoot on the ranges that day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and help even if you can only stay a little while. Even though the early birds start at 8, you are more than welcome to come later (it's Saturday after all, who doesn't like to sleep in a bit). There will be rolls and coffee in the clubhouse in the morning and a lunch will be served around noon at the trap clubhouse. Dress appropriately for the weather (layers are always a good idea in early May) Bring equipment, as the club doesn't have enough to go around (that's the hope anyway). Depending on the type of work you'd like to do you might bring: work gloves, rakes, scoop shovels, tools to repair backers (7/16" and 9/16" wrenches or sockets, locking pliers, cordless drill, cordless impact driver, 1/4" and 3/8" drill bits, ball-peen hammer).

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**

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](mailto: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), complete 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](http://www.smsclub.org)) **EXCLUSIVELY** to communicate with members. If your email address changes, please notify us via email at [clubmail@smsclub.org](mailto: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](http://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 Thursday, April 6, 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](mailto: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  
Mike Woodcock (2018), Treasurer  
Anthony Deveau (2017)  
Gerad Welch (2018)  
Matt Mattingly (2017)  
Peter Brooks (2019)

Dean Black (2019), Vice-President  
Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary  
Dale Meyer (2017)  
Hilary Melville (2019)  
Mike Toth (2017) - AWAIR Mgr  
Scott Groth (2018)