

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For July 2017

COVERED AT THE JULY, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There is a new, third, gong installed on the 200 yard range.

SMSC has a defined process for anyone who wants to rent the clubhouse for an event without using the range (a non-shooting event). [Contact us](#) if you would like to use the clubhouse for a meeting, training, or other event.

If you require handicapped access to the ranges, please contact our range manager. The ranges are now locked and normally only accessible through the badge reader controlled gate just east of the clubhouse. You can check out a key for the gate on the west side gate should you require it.

If you donate blood at Mayo Clinic this summer, tell them that you are donating for 'The Summer Of Austin' in memory of Austin Melville. He was an active member of our club and the Bullseye League with his father Hilary. Sadly, this energetic young man's life was cut short when he was killed by a drunk driver. Please donate blood in his memory.

There will be an additional new shooter orientation in August on Saturday August 5th for those who have a hard time making it to our normal weeknight orientations. Please pass this information along to anyone you know who has expressed this concern.

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

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.

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.

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.

The August board of directors meeting will be held on August 10, 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, August 31th.

There are many other events including board sanctioned outdoor pistol training 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.

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.

If you bring a guest, you are responsible for them and their actions while on the range.

They must also provide us with a signed and dated waiver form. You may download and print the waiver form ahead of your trip to the range:

<http://www.smsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/waiver.pdf> or you may get a copy of the waiver from the Range Manager. Please provide the Range Manager with the waiver before entering the range.

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) 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 Thursday, July 8, 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
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)
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Scott Groth (2018)