

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For December 2017

COVERED AT THE DECEMBER, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING**

The Board of Directors approved a request for the SMSC Bullseye League to once again use the West 25/50 yard outdoor range for Bullseye shooting on Tuesday nights this Summer. The Bullseye league will have exclusive use of this range from 5:30 to sunset on Tuesday nights from May until August 2018. In order to be able to shoot during these events, you must be a member of the SMSC Bullseye League and have attained an average score of 150. See the notice later in the newsletter for information on joining the Bullseye League.

After the public meeting, an election of club officers was held during a closed meeting of the Board of Directors and the results are at the end of this email.

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

Anyone interested in suppressors: Gerad Welch will be starting a special interest group of members interested in learning about, buying, owning, and bearing National Firearms Act (NFA) items, specifically suppressors (silencers). If interested please contact gerad.welch@gmail.com.

A chance to volunteer your time to assist our club: We are looking for volunteers to help out every other month with our safety orientations. Our goal is to have enough people so that we have two full teams and each team would only need to work every other month. The work is not difficult or terribly time consuming. We need people who can perform some data entry, print badges, and present the orientation. If you can help us out or have any questions about it, please contact us at membership@smsclub.org.

Free Firewood - The recent rains have caused several of the trees on SMSC property to fall. If you are interested in cutting and removing any of this wood as free firewood (or lumber if you have a sawmill), please contact us at clubmail@smsclub.org

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.

SMSC can now accept electronic payments. Check the membership page <https://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.

The January board of directors meeting will be held on January 11, 2018 starting at 7:30PM 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

The SMSC Bullseye League Winter Season starts in January. If you haven't already shot in the Bullseye League, you will need to attend a new shooter orientation. These 1 hour sessions will be held on the first 3 Tuesdays of 2018 at the SMSC clubhouse. The only requirements to shoot in this league are that you are an SMSC member (if you are receiving this email, you qualify) and you must attend one of our new shooter orientations. We can provide you with everything else you need (guns, ammo, eye and ear protection). We encourage every SMSC member to try this out, if you don't like it, you are only out the time it took to learn about it and try it once. If, like myself, you like it, you have a nice, warm and dry, place to shoot in the cold Minnesota winter months, and a great group of people to shoot with. [Click here for more information.](#)

[The Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association](#) are hosting a show at the Mayo Civic Center on January 13 and 14.

There are many other events including indoor pistol and rifle shooting listed on the club calendar at <https://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. We suggest you regularly review our Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.), you can download them from [here](#).

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: <https://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 online calendar at <https://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 website (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/badge replacement 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, December 7, 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 2018 board of directors and officers: (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year.)

Brian Rognholt (2018), President
Mike Woodcock (2018), Treasurer
Anthony Deveau (2020)
Gerad Welch (2018)
Scott Groth (2018)
Marta Toth (2020)

Dean Black (2019), Vice-President
Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary
Dale Meyer (2020)
Hilary Melville (2019)
Peter Brooks (2019)