

Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club Newsletter

For July 2018

COVERED AT THE JUNE AND JULY 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETINGS**

Ron Ruehmann was appointed to the board of directors. He is joining the board again and will be fulfilling the role of treasurer office for the club. Welcome back Ron and thank you for all of your many years of service to our club.

Hilary Melville will take on a role assisting the treasurer. Hilary agreed to assist Ron in the duties of club treasurer. Thanks go out to him for taking on more responsibilities.

There are several updates and repairs being made to the east and west sheds. They have sustained some damage from leaking rainwater and water rushing in from under the walls. If you see people working on them please be careful in that area, we don't want anyone to be injured.

A committee was formed to plan events at SMSC. Many of you may remember past events like turkey shoots which were held at the club long ago. We would like to revive those and other fun events for our members to enjoy. If you have any ideas to share, please send them to us at clubmail@smc.org or come to a board meeting.

There have been several casings found at quite a distance from the firing line in the falling plate range which would seem to indicate people are shooting at the plates from 50 feet or more from the plates. When firing on this range, you must fire from the marked distance of 33 feet. You cannot shoot from closer or further than this distance, it is the optimal distance for your safety and those around you.

If you see someone doing something unsafe or which runs counter to our standard operating procedures, please say something. If you do not feel comfortable saying something directly, then please notify the Range Manager so that he may address the issue.

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

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 - If you are interested in cutting and removing any of the fallen trees on our property as free firewood (or lumber if you have a sawmill), please contact the Range Manager or email 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. If you have an old key, swap it for one of the new ones, the locks were changed in April.

SMSC can now accept electronic payments. Check the membership page <https://www.smsclub.org/join/> for links to pay for membership renewals and more. The Range Manager is also able to accept credit and debit cards as are the team at the safety orientation meetings.

The August board of directors meeting will be held on August 9, 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

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 website 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, April 5, 2018.

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
Ron Ruehmann (2020), 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)
Mike Woodcock (2018)