



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



Newsletter For September 2018

COVERED AT THE SEPTEMBER 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Repairs are ongoing to the east and west sheds. A door has been added to the east shed so that it can be used to store club materials and be weatherproof. There is still some trim work to be completed but this project is almost complete. The camera which was mounted on the east shed has been repositioned to a nearby post which provides us with a better view of the falling plate range.

Bad news/good news: The Mayo Bullseye club has disbanded. But they donated the remaining funds in their treasury to SMSC with the stipulation that we use it to provide sandbags for the range. The first batch of them should be showing up on the range this week.

We are holding two opportunities for non-members to use the range for sighting in their hunting rifles and shotguns. The first event will be held on Sunday September 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM the second will be October 6 from Noon to 4 PM. The cost will be \$20 which can be applied to a new membership if the shooter decides to join SMSC within the next month. The price includes targets, assistance from RSOs (Range Safety Officers) and the use of our facilities including new sandbags (courtesy of the Mayo Bullseye Club) and rifle rests and a HySkore sighting in rest. Please promote this event by telling your friends (heck, tell strangers if you like).

We could still use some more RSOs to [sign up to help](#).

Several more [training](#) and shooting events have been added to the club calendar. Check the [online calendar](#) to see what's happening.

The 2018 annual All-Members meeting will be held at the [Eagles club](#) on November 15, 2018 starting at 7:00 PM. There will be reports from the club members, an election for the board of directors and door prizes for attendees. The Eagles club is located at 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

There will be several openings on the board for next year. Your board approved the nomination process used last year for the next, and all future elections of board members. Here is that process:

RULES FOR NOMINATIONS:

1. No nominations will be accepted during the all member meeting, in November.
2. All nominations must be received by the board before the end of the November board meeting. (Nominations will be accepted during the November board meeting which will be held at the SMSC Clubhouse on November 8, at 7:30PM.) You may also contact a board member prior to the November meeting or send an email to membership@smsclub.org to nominate someone, be sure that they will accept the nomination before doing so and provide us with contact details so that we can confirm that the nominee will accept the nomination and be prepared in time for the election.

RULES FOR NOMINEES:

1. The nominee must agree to run for the board BEFORE being nominated. Nominees not present, when the nomination is made, should expect to be contacted by a member of the board to confirm their agreement to run for the board.
2. Nominees should be prepared to speak, for 2 minutes or less, regarding their qualifications, interests, area of service, and expected contribution to the leadership of the club, at the November all member meeting. If prior commitments preclude the nominee's participation at this meeting, the nominee should designate a representative to read their written statement.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THOSE ELECTED:

1. Participate in all SMSC board meetings and activities.
2. Contribute to the SMSC in a positive way.
3. Invest time and labor in supporting SMSC and its members.
4. Assume a position of responsibility and service on the SMSC board.
5. Have a desire to serve and to improve SMSC.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to take charge of the Safety committee. That work will consist of being sure that the monthly orientations are staffed and are completed successfully. If you are interested please send us note at clubmail@smsclub.org

Some reminders from past newsletters that are still very relevant

As a club that largely relies on volunteers to get things done, we are always looking for help with projects. Events and improvements greatly rely on people pitching in and helping

with those things. If you are willing to volunteer with projects or wouldn't mind being contacted and asked to help out, please send an email to membership@smsclub.org

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, 2018.

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.

There is no public October board of directors meeting. The next open meeting will be November 8th, 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

Walk-On Weekends. [September 30](#) and [October 6](#). Please spread the word about this event. We hope that they are well attended and give people a chance to see what our club has to offer.

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.

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, October 4, 2018. Registration starts at 5:30 PM and the class starts at 6:00 PM.

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 Deveaux (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)