



# Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



## Newsletter For November 2018

### ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERS MEETING

The all-members meeting will be held this Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM. The location will once again be the Eagles Club in SE Rochester (917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN). Come and hear what we have been up to this last year, plans for the future, review the financials and ask the board any questions you have. Members with at least 3 consecutive years of active membership will be eligible to vote for candidates running for a position on the board of directors. There will be some awesome door prizes this year. There are 4 handguns and 4 rifles which have generously been donated by Sterling and Time Defence LLC to be used as prizes.

### COVERED AT THE NOVEMBER 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

**We have 4 nominees for the board of directors** spots being vacated at the the end of this year. You can hear from each of them at the all-members meeting on the 15th of November.

**The ranges now have an abundance of sandbags.** Thanks go out to the Mayo Bullseye club for donating the funds to get those made exclusively for SMSC.

**The WOW (Walk-On Weekend) events were a success.** We held two 4 hour events for non-members to be able to use the range under the supervision of RSOs (Range Safety Officers). They were held on Sunday September 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM and October 6 from Noon to 4 PM. The attendance isn't as high as we had hoped but the event was successful. We plan to do this again next year but with a longer runway for the project, we hope to get the

word out more widely and earlier and we will hold the second event closer to the start of deer gun season for those last-minute types.

A hearty thanks to all of the volunteer RSO's without whom we never could have done this.

Your spirit of volunteerism is appreciated very much.

**Starting in January of 2019 Board of Directors meetings start at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM.**

**The Board would like to express our sincere thanks to Ginny Schultz.** She has taken up the task of housekeeping at the clubhouse and we are very appreciative.

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

**We are still 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 or have any questions please send me a note at [membership@smsclub.org](mailto:membership@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](mailto: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, or present the orientation. If you can help us out or have any questions about it, please contact us at [membership@smsclub.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**The December board of directors meeting** will be December 13th, 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>.

The Winter season for SMSC Bullseye League will be starting with new shooter orientations and practice time on Tuesday January 8th, 2019. The new shooter orientations will start at 6:15 we ask anyone interested to come and attend the orientation and try your hand at precision pistol shooting. Details can be found at <https://smsclub.org/bullseye>

### **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. 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](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, those emails will come from

[smmembership@gmail.com](mailto:smmembership@gmail.com) please add it to your list of approved email addresses. 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](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, December 6, 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](mailto: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)