



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



Newsletter For December 2018

ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERS MEETING

The all-members meeting was held on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM at the Eagles Club with a sold out, standing room only crowd on hand. The board members provided reports of what we have done in the last year and it was a lot to report on:

- Our finances are strong and we have reached a point in our accounting practices that we can track all income and expenses.
- Our membership levels are stable at 1437 annual members and about 200 life members.
- Thanks to the Mayo Bullseye League, the club has an excellent supply of sandbags for bench rests.
- The club's camera and gate software are working and paying dividends by allowing us to track down people who have left equipment on the range and reducing the amount of damage done on the range to nearly zero.
- A new server is being built for the club software to run on.
- We held informational meetings regarding NFA (National Firearms Act) with information about obtaining silencers and short barreled rifles as well as a couple of hands-on events firing suppressed pistols and rifles.
- The archery and air rifle range has been significantly cleaned up and improved.
- A projector has been added to the clubhouse for use in classes and meetings.
- Reports from the trap league, bullseye league and Summer outdoor bullseye league
- We have Wednesday morning open shoots (times and dates on the [calendar](#))
- The She-Shooters Glock team won another event this year.
- SMSC and SMTTC have agreed on a 3-year lease and are discussing the possibility of a merger of the two entities.
- Butch Barton, Ron Carlson, Brian Rognholt and Eric Wellhaven were elected to the board for the 2019-2021 term.

- Sterling and Time Defence LLC graciously donated 4 pistols and 4 long guns as door prizes and John Russell donated FFL services to legally transfer ownership. Our thanks go out to them!

COVERED AT THE DECEMBER 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The board approved spending of up to \$400 for a spreader to spread sand or lime on the walkways in the winter months.

The board reviewed the 5 year outlooks generated earlier this year and agreed that there were three items that fall into the category of legal and safety needs and should be addressed first:

Adding a handicapped accessible restroom on the first floor of the clubhouse.

Improving the ventilation in the indoor range.

Increasing the height of the 25/50 yard range berms. (If you have a lead on where we can obtain fill for free or at a reasonable price please send your lead to me at membership@smsclub.org)

A reminder that starting in January of 2019 Board of Directors meetings start at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month. All are invited to attend, we value and invite your input...this is YOUR club!

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

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, or 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.

The January board of directors meeting will be January 10th, 2019 starting at 7:00PM 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.

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, those emails will come from smcmembership@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. 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 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	Dean Black (2019), Vice-President
Ron Ruehmann (2020), Treasurer	Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary
Anthony Deveau (2020)	Dale Meyer (2020)
Gerad Welch (2018)	Hilary Melville (2019)
Scott Groth (2018)	Peter Brooks (2019)
Marta Toth (2020)	Mike Woodcock (2018)

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