



# Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



## Newsletter For January 2019

### **COVERED AT THE JANUARY 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

**The board discussed the progress** on our tasks for increasing the height of the berm, improving the indoor range air quality, adding a bathroom on the main floor, and sales of targets. If anyone has a line on where we might be able to get one or two old newspaper vending machines, please let me know ([membership@smsclub.org](mailto:membership@smsclub.org))

**A new course is being offered for NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) certification.** The target audience are high school trap coaches and potential volunteers to help with shooting events at the club. Check the [training link](#) on our website for details.

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

**We are now alternating new member orientation classes** between the first Thursday of even numbered months and the third Saturday of the odd numbered months. Dates and times are on the [club calendar](#). We hope that this will allow more new members to join and more people to be able to volunteer to help with the orientations. There's an item below asking for [volunteers](#).

### **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 have a special skill you would

be willing to share and 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 simple data entry, print badges, or present the orientation. We offer on the job training and a generous benefits package (which consists of the warm feeling you get when you help someone out). If you can help us out or have any questions about it, please contact us at [membership@smsclub.org](mailto:membership@smsclub.org). If you would like to volunteer, here's where you can sign up: [Sign up to help at orientation class.](#)

**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 February board of directors meeting** will be February 14th, 2019 starting at 7:00PM at the SMSC clubhouse. We welcome all members to attend, ask questions and provide input but we will give you a pass this month because you really should be taking your special someone out for dinner...it's Valentine's Day. 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](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 [smembership@gmail.com](mailto:smembership@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 2019 board of directors and officers:** (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year)

Dean Black (2019), President	Brian Rognholt (2021), Vice-President
Ron Ruehmann (2020), Treasurer	Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary
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