



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



Newsletter For April, 2019

COVERED AT THIS MONTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Range clean-up day will be Saturday, May 4 ([Star Wars day](#)). Details will be emailed to members. This is your chance to help with any of a variety of tasks to clean up, fix up, and improve the club and its grounds.

Clean Up Day Thoughts: **We need a trailer** (snowmobile trailer, maybe?) **to haul raked leaves and debris to a designated spot on the property.** Does anyone have one or know where we could borrow one for the May 4 clean-up day??

Thoughts regarding improving membership retention:

- Contact members whose email notifications bounce by phone.
- Send postcards to members whose renewal is 60 days past due.
- Annual amnesty special to allow re-joining without paying the additional \$10 fee.
- Subscription option to automatically renew, using online payments.
- Text messages to members that are 30 days past due.

Updated financial information was posted in the clubhouse. There was an uptick in income in March, because of the amnesty program. We added 71 old members back onto our roles at the reduced \$75 rate. Web site will be fixed to have an option to rejoin at the \$75 rate during the times we offer this amnesty in the future.

Sunday Rifle shooting has now moved outdoors.

Summer Bullseye outdoor shooting on Tuesday evenings: See the calendar for dates and times. Click here _> [here](#) <- for other details.

The May board of directors meeting is at 7PM, on May 9, 2019, at the SMSC clubhouse. All members are welcome to participate. Non-members wishing to address the board are also welcome to attend.

Relevant information from Past Newsletters

Most club events, including New Member Orientation, training, and indoor pistol and rifle shooting are listed on the [club calendar](#). **For training events**, -> [click here](#) <-, for the club calendar, including all other scheduled events, -> [click here](#) <-.

New Member Orientation classes: Classes are held on first Thursday of even-numbered months and the third Saturday of odd-numbered months. Date and time details are on the [club calendar](#). We hope this allows more of our new members to attend the classes, and more of our current members to volunteer to help with the classes. Click [to volunteer to help at orientation class](#).

We need volunteers to help with our New Member Orientation classes. We would like to have two full teams. Each team would work every other month (only six times per year). The work is easy, and takes less than three hours each time. We need people to perform simple data entry, make badges, or present the Orientation material. Training is provided. You don't need to be a computer guru to help. There is a generous benefits package (which consists of the warm, fuzzy feeling you get by helping others). If you can help, or want more information, please contact: membership@smsclub.org. To volunteer to help, click here: [Sign up](#).

Our club relies on volunteers to get things done. We often need help with projects. Events at the club, and improvements to the club require our members to pitch in and help. If you are willing to volunteer, and share your skills, please send an email to membership@smsclub.org

Free Firewood - If you are interested in free firewood (or lumber, if you have a sawmill), please contact the Range Manager or email us at clubmail@smsclub.org.

SMSC can now accept electronic payments. Click here: <https://www.smsclub.org/join/>, for links to pay for membership renewals and more. The Range Manager can accept credit and debit cards, as can the team at the **New Member Orientation** classes.

Lifetime memberships cost \$1500. You may purchase one at any time.

Your thoughts and ideas regarding making the club more useful or user-friendly are appreciated. PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US, either at the monthly Board of Directors meetings or by emailing them to: clubmail@smsclub.org. Communications to SMSC or its Board of Directors should also be sent to this email address.

You are responsible to keep your email address current. The club uses email and the club 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 come from smscmembership@gmail.com. Please add this address to your list of approved email addresses. You must have a valid email address on file to be notified of your renewal date. This newsletter is emailed and published on the club's web site. It contains information you need to know. If you do not provide the club with an email

address, you must go to the club's website -> [click here](#) <- to stay current on important club business, rules, etc.

Change in membership details: Membership is for the member ONLY. The member's spouse or partner, who shares 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).

NON-CLUB EVENTS

Dave Schroeder Memorial High School Invitational Saturday April 27th: [Click here for details on this high school trap invitational.](#)

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. Each guest must provide SMSC with a signed and dated waiver form before using the range. You may download and print the waiver form ahead of your trip to the range at: <https://www.smsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/waiver.pdf>, or you may get a copy of the waiver from the Range Manager. 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 the Board of Directors 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 own 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. **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.

Eye and ear protection is required at all times for everyone inside the fenced-in area.

Before driving to the range, check the on-line calendar at <https://www.smsclub.org/calendar> to ensure that the range is open and that no special event is scheduled.

If you require handicapped access to the range, contact our range manager. The range is now locked, and is normally accessible only through the badge-reader-controlled gate just east of the clubhouse. You can check out a key for the gate on the west side should you require it. Old keys (issued prior to April, 2018) will not work.

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), Co-Treasurer	Hilary Melville (2019), Co-Treasurer
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Marta Toth (2020)	Eric Welhaven (2021)