



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



Newsletter For July, 2019

COVERED AT THIS MONTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August board of directors meeting will be:

- 7PM on August 8, at the SMSC clubhouse.
- Members always welcome.
- Non-members wishing to address the board are welcome through the Non-Member Business portion of the meeting.
- NOTE: October meeting to be held at Hubble House, in Mantorville.

Financial information was posted in the clubhouse:

- Club is running in the black.
- \$532 paid for gravel to divert water away from the trap clubhouse.
- Mower repaired and working well.
- Bobcat required \$1600: 1) repairs to exhaust system 2) annual maintenance check
- Sold old bobcat bucket for \$100. New bucket installed.
- Rented stump grinder, per last month's approval, and ground out 8 stumps.
- Software license purchased to allow additional badge reader to be connected

General Operations Information:

- The problem trees behind the berm were removed. There is now a trail around the property.
- Driveway erosion:
 - 2 events of more than 5" rain in a single week
 - Drive suffered more than 2 feet of erosion
 - Lots of water in the SMTC clubhouse
 - Prior to bike path construction, the drive had two "speed bumps" to divert water from the trap clubhouse. These need to be replaced.
 - Need to add gutters to the roof and drain tile below the sill to mitigate water infiltration.
 - Spending cap for work set at \$2000.
- Indoor range air quality:
 - Nagel brothers wanted to install a \$100K system also.
 - Committee will provide an airflow improvement plan and estimate to the BoD.
- Pistol range ricochets:

- Caused by people shooting at the closer targets, resulting in ground strikes (instead of berm)
- Raising the targets that are closer to the firing line should remedy this.

- Video surveillance system:
 - Appears to have power-surge-induced damage (probably during storms)
 - Repairs will include equipment replacement and the addition of surge protectors.

Range Activities:

- Sept 7th and 21st from 9 AM - 1 PM: Walk on Weekends (for non-member sighting-in)
- Oct. 5th or 12th: Youth shoot (ages 10-18) being planned. Will need volunteers to serve as RSOs. (Volunteers, contact Anthony Deveau.)
- Bowling pin shoot results:
 - Turnout not as good as hoped, but great fun all involved.
 - Future shoots will likely have a nominal entry fee, and pay out half in prizes.
- Air rifle match on June 24:
 - 8 competitors from as far as Chicago
 - There were shots coming from the trap area during this match. Shots were not from a sanctioned event, but from individual shooters using hand throwers and throwing toward the archery range rather than down the trap field. Signs will be posted, directing the throwing of birds down the field, not across it.
- Summer Bullseye outdoor shooting on Tuesday evenings: See club calendar for dates and times. Click -> [here](#) <- for other details.
- People are taking advantage of updated guest policy and filling out waivers as required.

Relevant information from Past Newsletters

There is now a waiver box at the gate.

Most club events 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 are held on the first Thursday of even-numbered months, and the third Saturday of odd-numbered months. Details are on the [club calendar](#). We did this to accommodate new members' schedules, and to allow more members to volunteer to help with classes. Click here [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, so that 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. Minimal training is needed, and is provided. You don't need to be a computer guru to help. There is a generous benefits package (it is 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 to make 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 smsscmembership@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/guest 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, may have their own badge for range access if they pay the badge fee (\$10), complete the Safety Orientation, and provide a completed Waiver.

If you bring a guest/guests, you are responsible for them and their actions while on the range. Badge holders must supervise and take responsibility for their guests at all times. They are legally responsible for any damage caused by themselves or their guests, including the consequences of any bullet fired.

Each guest (including children) must provide SMSC with a signed and dated waiver form before using the range. Parents must sign the waiver for each child. You may download and print the waiver form before coming to the range at: <https://www.smsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/waiver.pdf>, or get a copy of the waiver from the box at the gate, and complete it before entering the fenced area of the range.

Provide the Range Manager with the waiver before entering the range.

Guests: Badge holders may bring family members as guests to the range. Up to three non-family guests are also permitted. All guests must be known to the badge holder.

No more than three firing points can be used by the badge holder and guests, and all three firing points (lanes) must be adjacent. The badge holder and guests must stay together at all times.

Every person in the group must have turned in a signed waiver. Minors must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Club WiFi guest password is “clubhouse” (without quotation marks).

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.

ADDITIONAL 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](#).

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 family or your personal guests. **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
Ron Ruehmann (2020), Co-Treasurer
Michael Swenson (2019), Secretary
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