



# Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



## Newsletter For December, 2019

### COVERED AT THIS MONTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

#### **January Board of Directors meeting will be:**

- 7 PM, Thursday, January 9, at SMSC Clubhouse
- Members always welcome.
- Non-members wishing to address the board are welcome through the Non-Member Business portion of the meeting.

#### **Financial information was posted in the clubhouse:**

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- Financials are relatively flat 2018-to-2019.
- Effective January 01, 2020, a **membership price increase** to \$100 will take effect. The purchase price for a lifetime membership remains at 20 times the annual membership fee, so this will be \$2,000, effective January 01, 2020.
- November income was up, likely to be down this month. We should break even this year.
- Property taxes on SMSC land total \$1087, down \$45 from last year.
- People's co-op has a new rating system for electricity pricing. We are on their lowest, least expensive tier.

#### **General Operations Information:**

- **Caretaker housing:** The trailer is failing and needs to be replaced. Windows are rotting out of the walls. There is a hole in the floor.
  - Modular home requires a basement, which would require re-doing all of the septic and water.
  - Removing old trailer: apprx. \$4500
  - New double-wide: apprx. \$120,000
  - New single-wide: apprx. \$85,000
  - Most used trailers are already set up on a location. Moving them is very expensive.
  - Homes of Harmony helps with permitting and setup (skirting, septic and water hook up).
  - Gas and electric hook-up are SMSC's responsibility.
  - We will get 3 bids before making a decision.
  - Mark will assist in selecting the unit to be purchased.

- **Calendar requests:**
  - A. Deveaux January 11th 10:00am to 4:00pm Permit to Carry motion by M Swenson, second by B Rognholt, carried unanimously.
  - Rifle team session on indoor range Sunday mornings: 9am to 11am, starting December 22.
  - Dave Paxton requested use of clubhouse for training April 17 3pm - 9pm and the 25/50 yard ranges April 18 11am - 3pm on April 18, 2020
- **Indoor range air quality:** Steve Green Heating & A/C Inc. to provide estimate. E Wellhave sized the equipment we would need (3000 CFM make-up air unit, 3500 CFM exhaust unit, each has 2 HP 220VAC motor. Total cost of these, without shipping: \$12,000).
- **SMTC asked to form into a single club** with SMSC and SMTC merged. B Rognholt, H Melville, D Black, R Carlson, T Gerber, D Morris will meet and discuss.
- **Board of Directors responsibility** assignments:
  - Safety orientation coordinator: B Rognholt, M Swenson, E Welhaven, D Black
  - Membership retention: D Black
  - Trap club liaison: R Carlson
  - Cleanup day and All Members meeting organizer: E Welhaven
  - Public Relations: Unassigned (D Meyer was suggested)
  - Volunteer coordinator: B Barton
  - Fundraising: M Toth and E Welhaven
  - Range maintenance: A Deveaux

#### Activities:

- See [club calendar](#).
- See [training events](#).

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### Information from Past Newsletters

**There is now a waiver box at the gate.**

**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](#). Click here [to volunteer to help at orientation class](#).

**We need volunteers to help with our New Member Orientation classes.** The more volunteers we have, the fewer times we would need each person to work. 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. We will train you. You don't need to be a computer guru. If you can help, or want more information, please contact: [membership@smsclub.org](mailto: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 and improvements require our members' help. If you are willing to volunteer, please send an email to [membership@smsclub.org](mailto: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](mailto:clubmail@smsclub.org).

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

**Lifetime memberships cost \$2,000.** You may purchase one at any time.

**Your thoughts and ideas** to make the club more useful or user-friendly are appreciated. PLEASE SHARE THEM WITH US, either at the monthly Board of Directors meetings or by emailing them to: [clubmail@smsclub.org](mailto:clubmail@smsclub.org). Also send communications to SMSC or its Board of Directors to the same email address.

**You are responsible to keep your email address current.** The club uses email and the club 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 come from [smsscmembership@gmail.com](mailto: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, or deposit it in the box at the Range Manager's home.

**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.

The badge holder and guests must limit their range use to a maximum of three firing points (lanes), which 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, as described above. 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](mailto: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 SOPs [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 allow anyone to tailgate (i.e., come through the gate with you)**, either entering or leaving the range, other than your own family and 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. 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,** we recommend you check the on-line calendar at <https://www.smsclub.org/calendar> to ensure the range is open and that no special event is scheduled for the time you plan to come and shoot.

**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 west-side gate should you require it.

**2020 Board of Directors and Officers:** (Terms expire 12-31 of the stated year)

Dean Black (2022), President	Brian Rognholt (2021), Vice-President
Ron Ruehmann (2020), Co-treasurer	Hilary Melville (2022), Co-treasurer
Michael Swenson (2022), Secretary	Butch Barton (2021)
Ron Carlson (2021)	Anthony Deveau (2020)
Dale Meyer (2020)	Marta Toth (2020)
Eric Welhaven (2021)	Chuck Willingham (2022)