



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club



Newsletter For May, 2020

****SMSC is fully operational, and welcoming new members.****

(NOTE: New member training will be provided on line until further notice.)

COVERED AT THIS MONTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June Board of Directors meeting will be:

- 7 PM, Thursday, June 11, at SMSC Clubhouse
- Members welcome.
- Non-members welcome through the Non-Member Business portion of the meeting.

New "Forum" Feature on the SMSC Web Page

- There is a new tab on the green bar across the top of the page: **Forum**
- Hover over it, and the "Register" and "Lost Password" options will drop down.
- Click on the "Register" option, and you'll see the word "Register" on the left side of the page.
- Scroll down, read the two lines of instructions, and then scroll farther to enter your desired username (UID), and your email address.
- Scroll further, and click the blue "Register" button on the lower right.
- You will receive an email with your password. Please note that this is not "instantaneous," even though a message pops up that says, "Registration complete. Please check your email." Be patient. The email will eventually come.
- Once the email arrives, click on the longer URL provided. You will be taken to a screen that has a password.
- **If you choose to use that password**, then you only need to click the "Reset Password" button.
- **If you choose to change the password**, then enter your desired password in place of the suggested password (follow the password rules on the page), and click the "Reset Password" button.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial information was posted in the clubhouse.
- Trailer has been paid for. There are additional costs for electrical, building steps, landings, fixing the deck, etc.
- Property taxes have been paid.

General Operations Info / Caretaker Report:

- A **HUGE** “thanks” to Jim Smith for his donation, allowing us to purchase new steel targets!!
- Thanks also to Anthony Deveaux for his work on landscaping for the site. And to Ronn Carlson for compost for the new plantings.
- Mark, and the Board, wish to express their appreciation for all who turned out to help during the May Range Clean-Up Day. There was a good turn-out, and lots of work was accomplished.
- The trailer is in place and almost ready for move-in.
- Mark will not be available for any one-on-one orientations until he gets moved into the new trailer home. There is still quite a bit of work to be done before he can move in. He will prepare a list.

The SMSC Waivers Are **FINALLY** “DONE!”

- M Swenson wrote software to enable SMSC to scan and electronically store waivers!!
- All existing waivers have been scanned and saved electronically.
- They are searchable by name, and can be retrieved and printed.
- They are stored in our database, and backed up nightly to an off-site repository.
- This allows us to dispose of the paper documents, rather than keep and file them (huge space and manual effort savings).

Club Activities/Calendar:

- Sept. 19, 08:00-14:00 DNR field day. Entire range shut down.
- Add High Power Rifle team Sunday mornings
- June 27, 10:00-16:00 Permit to Carry
- See [club calendar](#).
- See [training events](#).

SMSC & SMTC have begun talks to consider merging into a single club.

- B Rognholt met with Mr. Suk. Mr. Suk sees no problem with our plans to merge.
- SMSC will reduce SMTC’s rent by ½ for this quarter since they were shut down.
- The next step is to check on merging, including changing the insurance.

SMSC Standard Operating Procedures Update:

- **Membership section currently reads**

***Membership:** Membership is for the member ONLY. The member's spouse or partner, sharing the same address, and their family. Spouses or partners sharing the same address may have their own badge for range access after paying the badge fee (\$10), successfully completing the Safety Orientation Class, and submitting a completed Waiver.*

- **Updated Content:**

***Membership:** A member must be at least 18 years of age. Membership is for the member ONLY. A member has the rights and privileges afforded to a member by the SMSC bylaws. Spouses or partners sharing the same address may have their own badge for range access after paying the badge fee (\$10), successfully completing the safety orientation class, and submitting a completed waiver. A badge holder and their family and guests may use the range per the guest policy.*



The new home is in place for the range manager. Note that there is an entrance on the left (North) end that leads to the office. Members should use this door.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this possible.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

There is now a waiver box at the gate.

New Member Orientation classes will be provided on line until further notice.

We need volunteers to help with New Member Orientation classes. More volunteers mean fewer times we would need each person to work. It takes less than three hours each time. The work is easy. 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. To volunteer to help, click here: [Sign up.](#)

Our club relies on volunteers to get things done. We need your help with projects. Events and improvements require our members' help. If you are willing to volunteer, 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. The Range Manager and the team at the **New Member Orientation** classes can accept credit and debit cards. 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 at the monthly Board of Directors meetings, or by emailing them to clubmail@smsclub.org.

You are responsible to keep your email address current. The club uses email (smembership@gmail.com) and the club website (www.smsclub.org) EXCLUSIVELY to communicate with members.

You must have a valid email address on file with the club to be notified of your renewal date. Please add the club's email address to your list of approved email addresses, so that club emails do not go into your junk mail folder. If your email address changes, notify us at clubmail@smsclub.org.

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.

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. Badge holders 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 entering the range. A parent or guardian must sign the waiver for each minor. 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 adjacent firing points (lanes). The badge holder and guests must stay together at all times.

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 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. You should regularly review our Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). You can download SOPs [here](#).

To keep everyone safe, members who violate a posted range rule will receive a warning on their first offense. Another offense may result in range access suspension until review with the Board of Directors to determine if/when to allow range access again.

Every member must badge in and out.

- **Do not allow anyone to tailgate (i.e., come through the gate with you)**, either entering or leaving the range. Only your own family and your personal guests should enter/leave the range with you. **You must badge out of the range!**
- Your SMSC ID badge must be visibly displayed at all times inside the fenced-in (range) areas. 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, check the on-line calendar to ensure the range is open and that no special event is scheduled for the time you plan to come and shoot.

<https://www.smsclub.org/calendar>

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), Treasurer

Michael Swenson (2022), Secretary

Hilary Mellville (2022), Treasurer

Chuck Willihnganz (2022)

Butch Barton (2021)

Ron Carlson (2021)

Anthony Deveaux (2020)

Dale Meyer (2020)

Marta Toth (2020)

Eric Welhaven (2021)

- **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