



Newsletter For November, 2020

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

NOTE: Throughout this document, BLUE UNDERSCORED text indicates a link to additional relevant information on the SMSC web site.

Important News

Due to the current restrictions on gatherings and our desire to keep all of our members safe it isn't possible to hold our normal all members meeting this year. After much discussion about what to do about this your board of directors has decided to do the following.

- The all members meeting will be held in conjunction with our spring clean up day (date to be announced well in advance of the meeting). This way even if there are still restrictions in place on large indoor gatherings, we would have the option to hold it outdoors on our property.
- There are a number of nominees for the board equal to the number of outgoing director positions so the election of officers is largely a formality. Anyone receiving at least one vote (and they would have mine) would be elected to the board. We will still hold the election of officers at the spring meeting; however, the nominees will serve as appointees to the board from January 1 until the election in accordance with our bylaws.

We would like to thank our members who have volunteered at the range this summer. They helped install new plantings and better ground cover on the hillside to prevent erosion, trim the trees to the south and east of the trailer home to allow sunlight to help prevent moisture problems from affecting the new trailer.

If you have been to the range this summer, you no doubt noticed that we have a new home for our range manager and his family. The home was long overdue for replacement and the new one is quite nice. This outlay of money was a huge drain on our revenue though and we welcome our members to help the club out financially with a donation if they can. If you'd care to make a donation online, you can do so [here](#). (Note that SMSC is a 501.c7 non-profit so your donations are not tax-deductable, not that that means as much as it used to before the recent tax reforms).

We also recently installed new archery targets just in time for bow season practice. Mark has also expended a lot of effort on improving the trails on the archery course. It's a nice stroll through the woods even if you don't have a bow.

Club Activities

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

Reminder of the information on our website

There is a tool which will let you **look up your club renewal date** using your badge information. On the back of your badge is a badge number, use that to look up your renewal date here:

<https://www.smsclub.org/renewallookup/> The data is not "live" but it is updated on or about the first of every month.



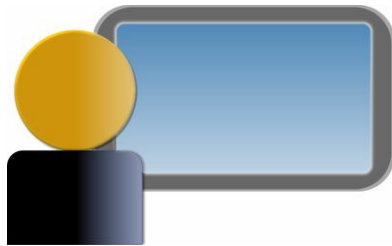
We have a [forum on our website](#) now. You can [register on the site](#) to join or start a discussion, leave a comment, etc.

You can now select a **membership subscription** here:

<https://www.smsclub.org/join/renewing-member/> This feature lets you opt into an annual subscription. PayPal will send you a reminder every year that it is about to bill you for your renewal and it will give you the chance to stop the subscription if you no longer want to renew. But if you don't opt out, it will automatically renew



you for another year. This is super-convenient and something that several people had asked for. One less thing on your to-do list.



The new member process has been moved online!

While this was certainly spurred on by the regulations against large group meetings, there were several other reasons for doing this. It is much more convenient for people, they can view the orientation video whenever and wherever they like instead of making time to come out to one of our monthly meetings. There is a test after the video to ensure that the important details were retained and the forms and waivers can all be submitted electronically too. That data is all encrypted and transmitted securely to protect your privacy. If you know someone that is interested in the club, have them check it out, there is no cost or obligation to join until you decide that the club is for you. Start here: <https://www.smsclub.org/join-as-a-new-member/>

We have added a **privacy policy** to our website too. You can review it here: [Our Privacy Policy](#)



RANGE INFORMATION

Range Hours:

0800-SUNSET MON-SAT

0900-SUNSET SUN & HOLIDAYS

For sunset time each day, go to: <https://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 view or 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.

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)
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Marta Toth (2020)	Eric Welhaven (2021)