



Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club

2022 Newsletter

September 5, 2022

We held our annual cleanup/fixup day on May 14, 2022 and combined it again with our annual all member meeting. After a review of our range's safety protocols, we decided to use the metal target hangers on the pistol range again. There is little to no chance of a ricochet from one of them leaving our property. The wooden hangers were replaced with metal ones as part of the fix up. We also reconditioned the archery targets which have seen a lot of use of late.

The annual meeting was well attended and there was a proposed change to the club bylaws that was passed unanimously by all those in attendance. This change adds a 'Hold harmless' clause to the existing indemnification clauses to protect those working on the clubs behalf from litigation. The following volunteers were elected to serve 3-year terms on our board of directors: Ron Carlson, Delane Morris, Johnathan Holmes and Gregory Kemple. If you see them, thank them for their service to our club.

We want to thank the following folks for helping out on cleanup day:

Tim Schmitt, Dean Black, Dale Meyer, Chuck Willihnganz, and David Arch. Thanks also to the many who preferred to remain anonymous

On our next clean up day in 2023, we would like to host an open house of sorts to invite the public out to see our facilities while there isn't any shooting activity going on.

Last year we had a few instances where we shut down our ranges to investigate the possibility of rounds leaving our ranges. We did not find any evidence that this happened. We have taken a number of precautions to prevent ricochets and the overhead baffles on the pistol and falling plate ranges do a great job of keeping bullets on our property. This year we hired a professional range assessment company to review and assess our ranges and trap area. We will be reviewing the results of that assessment and taking any required and recommended steps to increase the safety of our range for our members and our neighbors.

As part of the upgrades, we intend to increase and improve our camera system to the point where we can definitively prove that a round did not leave our range at any given point in time. I want to thank all those who have volunteered to help with this. We haven't forgotten you, it is just taking more time than expected to gather the information we need to get it right.

Your club holds board meetings on the first Thursday of each month and all members are welcome to attend and provide input and feedback.

As always, check the [club calendar](#) for upcoming events. Bullseye league is just ramping up if you are interested, check out this link: [Bullseye League](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Project Appleseed Event in Rochester

Project Appleseed will be holding an event at SMSC on September 17 and 18. This event is a fun, 2-day event teaching the marksmanship skills that our military has used since its inception. Breaks are filled with lessons about the American revolution that will provide you with insights that you probably didn't learn in school. This is a great event for all ages.

[Register here.](#)

Clay Duster Shooting Competition

The Lanesboro Clay Dusters high school trap team has set the date for its first annual "Clay Duster Shooting Competition" which is also serving as Hometown Challenge Fundraiser through Midway. This event is for team, or non, team members, and we will have adult along with youth divisions.

We are hoping our first annual competition will be unique and fun! It will be capped at 50 shooters between the two divisions. We will be awarding prizes to first, second and third places in each division! Lunch will be available for purchase throughout the competition time.

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022

Time: Registration @ 8:30 a.m.
Competition will start at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Lanesboro Gun Club

Fee: \$30 per person and paid at registration (includes clay targets)

Proceeds: Will benefit the Lanesboro Clay Duster trap team

Registration: <https://forms.gle/WkF7LqhXcgMJmXXJ7>

We are hoping you'll help us fill our 50-person competition, which is being held in honor of a former team member who was an avid trap shooter we lost in a tragic accident last year, Zach Torgerson.

The Lanesboro Clay Dusters look forward to hosting this fun event and hope to see you there!

Your SMSC Board of Directors (terms expire on 5/31):

Dean Black (2023), President

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