

Southern Michigan Sportsman's Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Election of Club Officers for 2012

December is ELECTION TIME at Southern Michigan Sportman's Club. All Officers on the Executive Board to include President, Vice-President, Club Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman are up for Election. Three (3) Board Members and one (1) Trustee will have their terms expire.

A position on the Board of Directors entails numerous Duties and Responsibilities. Those on the Board of Directors are among the most active members in the Organization. All Directors are required to actively volunteer their time to meet the daily needs of the Club.

Currently there are over NINE HUNDRED (900) members in our club. There should be no reason why there should not be an excellent turnout for voting night. You are urged to come to the meeting and vote. Refreshments to include beverages, chili, bread and chips will be available for those attending the Meeting.

COME TO THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 13TH 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

ENCLOSED CLUB ACCESS CARD

A new Electronic Front Gate and Club House Entry Door System has been installed. The effective date for the NEW SYSTEM to operate is THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2011, at 9:00 A.M. The new system will admit you through the FRONT GATE and also into the CLUB HOUSE. **READ THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTION LETTER.** Your old Club Door Key Card WILL NOT operate the new system after December 15th, 2011.

All Access Cards are Serially Numbered and are in the Computer System. If you lose your card, the card can be eliminated from the System. The Gate and Club House Door will NOT operate with the missing card. It is very important to safeguard your card. A Lost Card Fee will be charged for a missing card.

Make sure you know what to do in the event of a Gate or Club House Door malfunction. Any damage to Club Property or Club Equipment cause by YOU or your GUEST(s) will result in YOU being responsible (PAYING) for the repairs. AGAIN, **READ THE ENCLOSED GATE AND DOOR OPERATIONS LETTER ENCLOSED WITH YOUR NEWS-LETTER.**

You must still SIGN THE LOG BOOKS. Remember, SIGN-IN before shooting. SIGN-IN your GUEST(s) by NAME. Just Printing (GUEST) in the remarks sections of the Sign-In Log doesn't get it. SIGN-IN YOUR GUEST BY NAME UNDER YOUR NAME AND WRITE "GUEST" IN THE REMARKS SECTION. Know the Guest Policy— Once and Only Once.

RECAP OF EVENTS FOR 2011

I appreciate everybody being patient with our construction schedule this past summer. I know it can be irritating not having the facility open all the time but the Club is making important changes to the physical and safety issues for all our members.

INDOOR RANGE

1. Backstop has been cleaned of debris and new rubber material installed to catch splatter.
2. New Thermostat System has been installed which should save the Club money during the winter months.
3. Floors and Walls have been cleaned and a periodic maintenance cleaning schedule has been approved.
4. Pictures, etc., have been removed from the walls as these have been dirt catchers in the past.
5. Additional Security Cameras have been installed to monitor member activities.

OUTDOOR RANGES

1. Wall separating the 50 yard and 100 yard ranges has been installed.
2. Additional dirt has been added to raise the west bank and backstop in the 50 yard range complex.

OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS

1. Additional stone for the driveway, turn around area near the front gate along with enlarging the parking area.
2. West Bank along the property line was cleaned of debris and more dirt added
3. New security Gate.

Many of these improvements have been completed and the rest should be finished before winter. These projects should make our Club safer and more secure.

In closing, your Directors have worked very hard on these projects. I would also like to stress to all members that when you are at the Club, please police those members that are abusing the grounds, facility and property. If the Club continues to have destruction to the facility, it may be necessary to have PAID FULL-TIME PERSONNEL, on duty, to eliminate the UNCOOPERATIVE, UNFIT and PROBLEM MEMBERS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. Paying someone to do this kind of work costs money and a dues increase could be necessary.

If you see the UNCOOPERATIVE, UNFIT and PROBLEM MEMBER or GUEST, get as much information as you can and report this information to a Board Member.

BE SAFE— OBEY THE RANGE RULES— RANGE SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

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NRA NEWS

Bill Burpee has:
NRA App...\$ 25.00 /
10.00 Off

Club Patches..... \$5.00
Club Hats..... \$10.00

Security Cameras

Security Cameras have been installed in several areas of the Club. The Cameras have helped in reducing damage to Club Property and Unauthorized Persons from using the Club's Ranges.

COMMON RANGE RULE VIOLATIONS

1. Not signing Log Books at time of arrival-Sign-in Before You Shoot.
2. Not Signing-In Guests by NAME at time of arrival.
3. Same Guest shooting at Range more than once.
4. Being Responsible for Guest's Conduct.
5. Failure to Display Membership Card.
6. Shotgun Shooting... Slugs Only. NO SHOT of any kind.

ITS YOUR MEMBERSHIP THAT IS INVOLVED.

Range Rules are posted by each Log Book.

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Club Contacts

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SAFETY AND CARING FOR OTHERS ON CLUB PROPERTY

All Club Rules and Safety Guidelines must be followed at all times. Each Member must do his/her job to enforce all Safety Rules. Club Members have the responsibility to police each other and make sure that others abide by the Club Rules.

Shooting Hours:
 Outside Ranges _____ 9:00 AM to Dusk
 Indoor Ranges _____ 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM

Southern Michigan Sportsman's Club sponsored a Hunter Safety Course in April 2011. Forty Four (44) participants took part in the Michigan DNR three day program. If all goes well, another Hunter Safety Class will be offered in the Spring of 2012. Exact dates will be announced later.

RANGE SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

1. Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction (down range).
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Always know your target and what is beyond it.
5. Always be sure the firearm is safe to operate.
6. Always know how to safely operate the gun.
7. Always use the correct ammunition for your gun.
8. Always wear eye and ear protection at all times.
9. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.



Always store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons FOR YOUR PROTECTION.

Maumee Valley Gun

Collector's Shows
 Jan. 28-29 2012
 Mar. 3-4 2012
 Apr. 14-15 2012
 Sep. 29-30 2012
 Nov. 10-11 2012

Location:
 Lucas County Rec. Ctr.
 Maumee, Ohio



July-August 2012

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST

Our Club currently has a Waiting List of over two hundred (200) individuals desiring membership. Membership Inquiries? Contact the Club @ 734-847-3449

Concealed Carry Permits for Ohio & Michigan

For Club Members and their families, courses are being offered by several of our members to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit. Instructors offer training for the Michigan and Ohio CCW Permits. Their names are posted on the Bulletin Board inside the Club House. Training is conducted at other sites and NOT on Club Property.

Calendar of Events

Monthly Meetings	2nd Tuesday of each month	7:00 pm
.22 Senior Rifle League	Monday Night	7:00 pm
Action Pistol	Thursday Night	7:00 pm
Junior .22 Rifle League	Saturday Morning	9:00 am
Toledo High-Power Rifle League	Every other Sunday	9:00 am

ALL THE ABOVE LEAGUES ARE LOOKING FOR SHOOTERS. PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE ACTIVITIES!

MICHIGAN COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS

MCRGO holds the privacy rights of its members in the highest regard. MCRGO does not give, sell, or allow unauthorized access to its membership records. Membership information is collected and used by MCRGO for the purpose of distributing its newsletter and other mailings which help fulfill MCRGO's mission.

To Join or Renew your membership with MCRGO, contact MCRGO at 517-484-2746 or go online at www.mcrgo.org for current membership options and prices. Mailing address is:

MCRGO
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 Lansing, MI 48901

OHIOANS FOR CONCEALED CARRY

Many Ohio members of Southern Michigan Sportsman's Club (SMSC) are members of OFCC. Those who have joined the OFCC help support the efforts of OFCC main activities of interacting with legislators, lawyers, the media, and any other action that helps to further the cause of Concealed Carry and Gun Rights in Ohio.

Those interested in joining can do so by printing their name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, and e-mail address on a piece of paper along with a check for \$25.00 and mail to:

OFCC Membership
 P.O. Box 25488
 Cleveland, OH 44125

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB