

Check out the SKSC web site for news and info about the club. The web address is: www.sksc.org or email us at info@sksc.org

COVID 19

The ongoing pandemic has made it very difficult for SKSC to continue to provide/schedule shooting events. The many executive orders necessitated canceling many of our competitions as well as closing our trap and skeet operation. The good news, at least as of today, is that we are able to resume all of these events. You are encouraged to participate but we ask that you comply with the current executive order. If you have any questions, please check with the event/match director regarding correct procedures.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Membership meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM. The BOD meeting will follow the membership meeting. The web calendar will have any last minute cancellations. You'll be able to make your voice heard by putting your request on the membership meeting new business agenda. If you wish to make a motion, please have it written out so we can enter it into the minutes. Join us to help guide SKSC through the coming months. Your input helps us move your club forward. We will be following the latest executive order so plan accordingly.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Last December's elections reelected Randy Hammond and Billy Jo Demerest. The two new members to the board are Dave Washburn and Lou Ann Vander Zee. Welcome back you incumbents and a great big thank you and hello to our two newest members. All our board members continue to volunteer a lot of hours to keep SKSC running.

NO CLUB PICNIC FOR 2020:

It is with great regrets that we cancel this year's club picnic. It just isn't feasible to have such an event and still comply with all the rules. We will miss you all and hope that we can resume this great tradition next year.

WINTER TRAP & SKEET LEAGUE:

Most of you know that the winter league was stopped just short of the end. It was not possible to start it back up in a timely manner. The board of directors debated what to do about the league and had many long and heartfelt discussions. In the end, the board decided that the only fair way to proceed is to offer each participant the return of their signup fees, and conduct a fun shoot with a mini banquet. To receive your refund, contact Rich Corey at 616 457 9111 (9 AM to 10 PM weekdays) or by email at: vp@sksc.org. The fun shoot is currently scheduled for Aug. 15. subject, of course, to any changes in executive orders. Details will be published in the clubhouse, on line on the web site, and via email to those we have emails for. If you have contact information for any of the nonmember league participants, please contact Rich.

THURSDAY TRAP & SKEET MANAGER:

Some good news. Our new Thursday night trap and skeet manager is Doug Kellar. Doug has accepted the position and has completed his OJT and is now working the desk. Please say hello the next time you get a chance to come out and shoot on a Thursday evening. He's another one of Southkent's genuinely nice guys.

WORK DAYS 2020:

You can earn your work credit hours for the next year by coming to the work days. These are scheduled one Saturday a month, March through October. The work days for this year are: July 25, Aug 29, Sept 26, and Oct 31. The day starts at 9 AM and goes until 1 PM. ALL RANGES ARE

CLOSED DURING THE WORK PERIOD UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD. Please check in at the clubhouse for work assignments. We will be emailing out reminders and work plans to members. For July, we are going to concentrate on cleaning and grooming the club grounds. We want to look good for the steel challenge state matches the following week. Please bring yard work equipment. Blowers, weed whips, pruner, rakes, etc. are all needed.

RRR:

This is the **Range Refuse Removal** work detail. Members can sign up to collect and empty the refuse barrels on the ranges at their convenience and earn work credit. This project is being managed by David Washburn (Volunteer!). You can volunteer to work any day and time you choose.

Give David a call at 616 893 1427 to get your name on the schedule

Monday thru Friday 4pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday from 12 noon to 8:30 pm

We need more volunteers to do this more often. Due to the increase in shooting, the barrels are filling up even faster than before so more help, more often, is needed. Remember that work credit is now \$15 per hour.

WORK LISTS:

Didn't make any of the scheduled work days? We have located a box on the front of the club house that has various work tasks that need to be done. These tasks can be completed during any time of the week. Look through the list of tasks and take the one you want to do. Perform the task and fill out the sheet then drop it in the return box. **IMPORTANT:** you must bring your membership card to one of the managers during normal skeet and trap hours to get your work credit. A manager will verify that your work was completed and give you credit on your membership card. Some of the tasks do not require physical labor such as being a manager helper during skeet and trap, or riding around and monitoring the ranges. An easy way to get work credit is to pull lines of trap. The manager will no longer be doing this task so there will be lots of opportunities for you.

NEW SHOTGUN EVENT:

Southkent has a new shotgun event that will provide even more opportunities for shotgun shooters to improve and test their skills. We have purchased and installed 8 new trap machines and the appropriate electronics for a complete 5 stand course. We will set this up and conduct shoots on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. They shoot from 10AM until 2 PM. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers for each round of 25 birds. The course is changed each shoot to present shooters with a new challenge. Shooting consists of a single bird, a following pair, and a true pair at each of 5 stations. Bring extra shells because you can shoot twice at the single bird just in case you miss or want to make doubly sure you hit it. This game provides lots of fast, fun action that will keep you on your toes while giving you an opportunity to shoot at clay targets traveling in many different directions.

SOUTH RANGE GATE USE:

The gate into the general purpose bay area was damaged. (The gate should be touching the post in the picture below.) This is a reminder to have only one vehicle go thru the gate per code punched into the keypad. If you punch the code in and then stop to talk to a friend for a second, please re-type the code to avoid damaging the gate (and your vehicle). When punching the code in for another vehicle, wait until that vehicle is thru the gate before punching the code for your vehicle. Also note that the sensor that opens the gate to allow you to exit is close to the gate, therefore, please slowly approach the gate and avoid ramming it. We would rather spend the club budget on improving the Sportman's experience than fixing a gate that was needlessly broken.



TRAFFIC CONES:

Have you noticed the wandering safety cones in our main driveway from the front gate to the club house? No they don't move themselves, nor are they possessed by demons or magical powers. They move so that vehicles will drive over different parts of the roadbed, thus it will uniformly compact the new millings so that we can hopefully avoid those nasty potholes that appear every year after the snow melts. Your understanding and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please allow incoming traffic to have the right away.



WEBSITE:

As you already have noticed, we have a new cooler web site. We are continuing to improve the content and ask that you give us feedback and any suggestions you might have. Thanks again to the volunteers on the technology committee for getting it up and going.

PROJECT APPLESEED:

Rifle Instruction 2020:

Project Appleseed is finishing up a successful second year at SKSC! We are looking to double the instruction weekends next year. If you have a group that is interested in rifle instruction with Project Appleseed, please contact Amy at amysksc@gmail.com to set up future dates. We are also looking for any youth groups (like scouts, 4H, etc.) that would be interested in a youth (.22 only) instruction weekend. If you are part of a youth group that has interested participants please contact Amy at amysksc@gmail.com

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES AT SKSC:

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a certified instructor, please contact: Jimmy Jamieson -- 616 328-1942 or Lynn Siebers--616 457-1723. The next classes are August 5th and 8th. Check the web site calendar for times. Pre-register no more than 30 days before the first class session. Each class is limited to 30 students age 10 and older. Parents must accompany students 10 and under and are encouraged to do so for older students as well. Don't forget to pack a lunch for the long Saturday session.

TRAINING AT SKSC:

Training for rifle, handgun, or shotgun shooting is available at SKSC. These classes are listed on the training page on the club web site. They are taught by Bill Lyons who is NRA certified. These classes are offered to members and nonmembers who wish to learn how to properly use a firearm. They are very nominal in cost and provide an excellent way to learn how to properly shoot any type of firearm. This is also an excellent way to initiate a youngster into the shooting sports. Bill is also

available for specialized training. You may contact him at 616-862-0141 or bill@dtswestmi.com

CPL CLASSES AT SKSC:

Jay Rankin is currently conducting CPL classes at SKSC. For class information please contact Jay at 616-890-5940. His email is: jayrankin357@gmail.com

Do you have a news item you would like to share with the membership? Please send it to Rich Corey at: vp@sksc.org