



# THE SPORTSMAN NEWS

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4th Quarter 2009



The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Members are always welcome to attend.

## **ANNUAL MEETING—THURSDAY, DEC. 3 AT 7 PM—IN THE CLUBHOUSE**

The Annual Meeting of Members will be Thursday evening, December 3rd at 7 p.m. in the new clubhouse. Yes, we have heaters and plenty of chairs for all. We're working to add some temporary lights to the parking area as well for the meeting. Please come out and let your voice be heard for the club's direction for 2010 and vote for the officers and directors to help get us there.

### ***OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTION***

The nominating committee has recommended retaining all the same officers and directors for 2010. Members can also make nominations at the annual meeting. Those nominated at the meeting must be present and agree to serve if elected. We will vote on officers and directors at the annual meeting. Below is the list of current nominees:

President—Harold Hockett

Vice President—Chris McBride

Treasurer—Ivan White, Jr.

Secretary—Ron Denton

Past President—James McCrary

Board of Directors:

Larry Smith, David Scoggin,

Mike Cherry, Jason Elliot

Michael McAllister, Randy McFarland

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

This last year has seen some major changes at the club, to better enjoy our visit there. From the installation of the new trap machine (paid for by last year's club members) to holding our first December Annual Meeting in our new clubhouse. To get to this stage there were many projects to do. Moving over 100ft of fence, extending the berms, covering the new pistol area, building, sealing, furnishing and heating the new clubhouse, and replacing the fence by the police range.

We already see ways to improve these and that is where our work next year will be focused. Thanks to all the members who came out to help and the officers and board members for their advice, help and support this past year. It has been a pleasure to have been a club member and met so many new people this past year.

See you at the Annual Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> — Harold Hockett, Pres.

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### ***MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY FEBRUARY 1ST***

Your membership renewal must be **postmarked by February 1st, 2010 or your membership will lapse.** Remember, Life Members need to fill out and sign the renewal each year too. Once all the renewals are processed, we will let the members know first about openings for new applicants.

Starting in 2010, the fee/dues for new applicants will be \$125.00 and must be included with the application or they will not be processed. We lost several new members last year from holding open slots for people who had sent in applications, but who ultimately never paid or came to orientation once their applications had been approved. The annual dues for members is still just \$50.

# Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Notification System Now In Place

After lots of discussion over the years, we have finally installed a safety notification system to alert skeet shooters—as well as other rifle shooters just arriving that people are downrange hanging or marking targets.

The new system is a combination of a Yellow Warning Flag and an audible Horn.

As part of the continuing effort to improve range safety, the following range safety procedure is implemented by the SSSC Board

of Directors. This will be added to the Range Rules and to new member orientation in 2010.

**Prior to ingress of the rifle/pistol range the following flag and warning siren procedures will be accomplished.**

- 1) Insure a rifle/pistol range cease fire has been initiated and complied with by verifying all rifle/pistol range participants have ceased firing are located behind the red safety line and that they are fully aware of the ceasefire underway.
- 2) Hoist the yellow safety flag to the fully raised position of flag pole. (Flag pole located between old and new firing range covers.)
- 3) Sound the warning siren by initiating two (2) 3-5 second blasts; this is a warning to skeet shooters that personnel will be entering the pistol/rifle down range area. (Warning siren button is a black button located on top gray box found to left of and aft of flag pole while facing down range.)
- 4) Make sure skeet shooters have complied, if not repeat step 3.
- 5) Enter downrange area to place or recover targets.

**After egress from rifle/pistol range area accomplish the following steps.**

- 1) Lower yellow safety flag fully and secure.
- 2) Give one (1) 5-7 second blast on warning siren to signal you are clear of the downrange areas.

**Note: this process does not apply to shooters on the trap range, only to shooters on skeet ranges #1 and #2.**



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## *Orient Your Guests to the Range*

We all want to share our shooting place with friends and family, and we have a pretty generous guest policy. During the holidays lots of us will get new toys and want to try them out, especially with those family members and friends we don't see the rest of the year. Remember, it is the member's responsibility to ensure that their guests obey the range rules. Members have all gone through orientation and read the range rules, but our guests have not. Next time you bring guests, show them the posted range rules and ask them to read through them so they will also know our rules and procedures. This way we can make sure our guests are informed and that everyone is having a good time while still being safe on the range.

**Renewals must be postmarked by February 1, 2010 or your membership will expire.**

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**2010 - Membership Application/Renewal**  
**Mail Completed Application and Payment to above address**

Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearly Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member <input type="checkbox"/> NEW Applicant -Attach payment or application will not be processed.		
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Phone:	Email (please print)	<input type="checkbox"/> Check for Email Newsletter instead of printed	
Are you an NRA member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NRA Membership is encouraged, but not required. Call 1-877-NRA-2000 to join.			
Dues: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Annual Renewal - \$50.00 - Must be received by February 1 or membership will lapse.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Applicant - \$125.00 - First year dues and initiation/orientation fee. Payment must accompany this application.</b>			

New Applicants will be notified when their application is acted upon. All new members must attend an orientation session before their range card will be issued. Previous members that have not renewed by February 1 must reapply, pay the \$125 new member dues and attend an orientation session before they can receive a current range card.

**New and Renewing Members (annual and life) must read and sign below, each year.**

Payment of dues and acceptance of range card constitutes assumption of risk by member and their guests.

I, the undersigned user, hereby acknowledge and agree that target shooting, the use of firearms and the use of the Sand Springs Sportsman Club facilities may be dangerous and may involve the risk of serious bodily injury. In consideration of being permitted use of premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree to the following: Undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend The Sand Springs Sportsman Club ("The Club"), and the Sand Springs Home ("The Home"), from any and all fault, liability, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with Undersigned's presence at and/or participation in the discharge of firearms by Undersigned; Undersigned's presence on or use of the range, buildings, land and premises ("Premises"); and, any and all acts or omissions of Undersigned. Undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in the activities on the Premises, which include, but are not limited to, the discharge of firearms and the firing of live ammunition. While on Premises, Undersigned agrees to follow The Club's Range Rules and Regulations and comply with Rangemaster's instructions.

**By my signature below, I also certify that I am able to legally possess and be around firearms.**

Date:	Signature:
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1. New Member Orientation - 2nd SATURDAY EACH MONTH—9 AM Clubhouse.
2. Board of Directors meetings – First Thursday of each month, 7 PM Clubhouse. Members welcome to attend.
3. Annual Club Meeting and election of Officers and Directors - 1st THURSDAY OF DECEMBER – 7PM – Clubhouse.

Internal Use Only

Renewal	Vote by BoD	Notified re: O/R	Card to O/R Off.	OR Completed	Amount Paid	How Paid

## Carabiners, Key Rings & Card Straps

Your 2010 range card will arrive laminated and with a slot punched for a hanger strap. The club will supply a Carabiner, ring and strap at no charge to you. The purpose is to keep your skeet key and range card together and make it easier for you to wear and display your card on the range. Stop by any orientation session the second Saturday of each month in spring (9-11 am), show your 2010 range card, and pick up your Carabiner, key ring & card strap.



## S A F E T Y R E M I N D E R FOR THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

**Everyone must be behind the red line and may not handle firearms while people are downrange setting or marking targets on the rifle/pistol range.**

**If you want to load magazines during this time, take your ammo and magazines behind the line, but leave guns on the bench or in the rack with the action open.**

**[WWW.SSSPORTSMANCLUB.COM](http://WWW.SSSPORTSMANCLUB.COM)**

For directions to the club, range rules, membership application, club bylaws, shoot schedules and more.