

MCSA NEWS

August 2016

MCSA General Meetings through November, 2016 will begin at 6:30PM, and will be held at the PUD 3 Auditorium at 2621 E. John's Prairie Road. Our next meeting is Weds. September 7, 2016; hope to see you there!

Safety Topic of the Month: Range Rules



Upper left shows Dennis Boos reading the match rules at a steel shoot; upper center is the unofficial Monday Morning Brunch Bunch, with Gene Scherer and Michael Bigelow keeping an eye on safety. Upper right is Keith Vanderwal reading the range rules at Friday Night Bullseye. Left is Steve Hunter reading the rules at an Action Pistol match. Some events have rules that are specific to their event, so it is important to ask for the rules at the beginning of the match if you did not hear them being read. You will often hear the course of fire instructions at that same time.

**For safety related questions, contact:
Safety Chairman Steve Mutoli
360-426-6869**

Uniform Match Safety Rules:

All match directors are to read these rules to participants at the pre-match shooter meeting. All rules are to be followed by all participants. Failure to follow these rules may result in a DNF (did not finish) for the day and an invitation to leave the range.

1. Matches at MCSA are run on a cold range. No guns out of their bag or holster, other than on the firing line, under the supervision of the RSO, or in the designated safety area in the front meeting room.

Absolutely no handling of ammunition in the safety area.

2. Anyone seeing an unsafe condition may call a "Cease Fire" at any time.

3. In case of a "Cease Fire" or emergency, all shooters should cease fire and await further direction.

4. There is a first aid kit and a land line to call EMS in the meeting room.

5. All shooters should adhere to the 180 degree rule and please note **that up is not a safe muzzle direction on our range.**

6. Do not pick up any dropped equipment or brass or go down range until the RSO has called the range safe/clear.

7. All shooters and spectators must wear safety glasses and hearing protection. A brimmed hat is highly recommended.

8. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and safety engaged until you are ready to fire. You may receive a "finger" warning; after 3 such warnings you are done for the day.

9. If you drop your firearm, an RSO must pick it up for you. If it is loaded, you are done for the day.

10. If you have an accidental/negligent discharge, you are done for the day.

11. Absolutely no food or drink on the range. Any smokers must follow Washington State law.

12. The range will be swept and all equipment stored in it's proper location before the end of the event.

13. Does anyone here today have emergency medical training and, if so, are you willing to help in an emergency?

The guys in the **Action Pistol League** are working to generate some money to send some of our Jr Shooting Team members to a special two day instruction and match weekend in October. In addition to their valiant efforts, we've had some local businesses pitch in to help with this project as well.

Our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and let's really make our thanks felt by frequenting these businesses:

Olsen's Furniture

Gillis Auto Center

The Shopper (also Shopper employee Jim Nutt)

Shelton Appliance Repair Plus

In addition to the local businesses shown above who've helped with the Jr. Workshop and Match in October, **We'd like to give a big thankful bow to Troy at Renegade Guns, who has for many years contributed in countless ways to our club!**

Volunteer Needs!

Volunteers to help with upcoming Hunter Ed classes.

RSO certification not required. Contact Steve Mutoli, 360-426-6869 to learn how to obtain WDFW Volunteer qualification.

Someone who can clean the bathroom and club room regularly; for a month, a year or whatever period of time works for your schedule.

Secretary Assistant, Please contact Lynn Ludeman if you can help!
206-406-3562 or email at mcsa_secretary@masoncountysa.com.

CAN YOU HELP?

As you all must know by now, there is a desire by many MCSA members to have an Outdoor Range. As the project is clarified, we are getting clearer about what our goals are and what we need in order to accomplish them. First on the priority list is land.

Do you have a 40 - 100+ acre parcel of land that you would be willing to donate for use as an outdoor shooting range? Do you know of anyone who does? Please speak up if you do!

Look for Mason County Sportsman's Association on Facebook and "LIKE" us to help promote our MCSA Facebook page. This will create interest in our club, classes and events.



Training at MCSA

The events offered weekly or monthly at MCSA are intended to provide skill building and increased challenge for shooters as they first begin learning and then wish to become more proficient.

*As promised, this month's newsletter will feature a little more in-depth information about **Basic Pistol**.* The on-line Basic Pistol Phase 1 course, completed individually, covers gun safety rules, types of pistols and proper operations of both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Section topics then continue with ammunition knowledge and selection, how to choose a pistol and how best to safely store a pistol once the student has acquired it. Once these basics have been completed, sections move on to fundamentals of shooting a pistol, complete with clearing stoppages, zeroing, shooting errors and finally, pistol inspection and maintenance. Each of these topics have a quiz at the end of the section that the student must pass in order to advance to the next section. When the phase 1 student has completed the course, they are then eligible to enroll in a phase 2 class.



At our recent Phase 2 class, presented on July 23 & 24, 8 students experienced live-fire practice in the range, and followed up on what they learned in Phase 1 by demonstrating a comprehensive application of gun safety rules, range protocol, proper handling, loading and unloading procedures, application of shooting fundamentals, stable shooting positions, live fire and shooting for the final qualification. Students reported that they were very happy with instruction at MCSA and the amount of shooting time they had.

All of the events and classes provide opportunities for practice and skill building with an emphasis on safe practices, regardless of what the event or class is.

MCSA Event & Training Schedule at a Glance

First Sunday 9:30AM: USPSA Match

Third Sunday 4PM: Ladies of Caliber

Tuesday 5PM: PPC/APL

Second Wednesday: .22 Rifle Shoot

First Thursday: Steel Shoot

Second Thursday: NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship

Third Thursday: NRA Winchester Self Defense Marksmanship

Fourth Thursday: NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship

Friday 6PM: Bullseye

Weekends – classes, August 27 & 28, RSO Training

October 29 & 30, NRA Personal Protection in the Home Course

In addition to the list shown above, there are classes offered such as First Aid Classes, becoming an instructor and others. For the current schedule, please check at Masoncountysa.com and click on the "Club Calendar" tab.

In addition, if you have questions or comments, please contact Training Chairman Steve Worthington at 360-426-6486 or 357steve@gmail.com.

Look for more in-depth descriptions of our programs in future Newsletters!

Raffle Report from Bill Zeigler

MCSA has purchased an Armalite Eagle-15 AR-15 style platform. Armalite sold the name and original AR-15 design to COLT in 1959. A few years ago, the new owners of the Armalite name decided to get into the manufacturing business. Armalite originally was in business to make commercial and military designs and sell the patents or lease them out, not to commercially produce guns. Tickets are available now, and don't forget we still have the Smith and Wesson Victory .22 pistol raffle tickets available, although there are precious few of them left!

We've sold out three of the past four raffles and the profits go a long way towards helping our club support our functions, events, and favorite causes. Good job to you all. By the way, raffle distribution can earn volunteer hours for working members.

Anyone wanting to help sell tickets can contact Bill Zeigler at 206-919-0488.

The MCSA Membership Committee will be implimenting a new way that we send out the dues notices. **We will begin sending out electronic notices by email in October.** For those who do not have email, we will continue to send those by mail. Payment options will remain the same, you can either pay in person by cash or check at a meeting, you can put your cash or check along with your name and contact information in an envelope in the drop box at the range, you can mail your payment to PO Box 1122, Shelton WA 98584 or you can go to the MCSA web page and use the membership tab to pay through PayPal.

Questions? Please contact Tiffani Prouty at 360-870-1119 or tiffaniprouty@gmail.com