

MCSA NEWS



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Notice of Amendments to the By-Laws

The following changes were presented to the membership present at the October 5, 2016 General Business Meeting. President Bruce Clapp introduced 2 amendments as shown below.

Amendment to Bylaws

ARTICLE XII

1. This is an addition to the end of Article XII

All Board Members and Trustees are required to be a voting member of MCSA for the three year period prior to taking office.

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

1. This is an addition to the end of Article IX. The purpose is to provide accountability of the Officers to the membership, and a means of recalling officers when accountability is in question.

The membership may recall an officer by majority vote. A senior member must present, in writing, to the Board of Directors, at a General Membership Meeting, Annual, or special meeting of the Club, notice that they wish to recall an officer, and the reason for the recall. It shall be read at the meeting by the Secretary and submitted to all members not in attendance, in writing, and will be considered at the third general membership meeting following the written notice to the Board of Directors. At the time of consideration, the written notice will be read again by the Secretary. During this 3 month period before consideration, the Trustees will meet no less than three times with the member(s) presenting the recall, and the Officer facing recall to attempt reconciliation.

For anyone with questions or comments, please contact anyone on the board. Contact information can be found in this newsletter on page 2.

From the Editor

Hello MCSA members!

You might notice quite a change in the way this newsletter looks this month – that is thanks to Claire Voskuhl, who has volunteered to do the layout of the newsletter. In addition to Claire's help, we have articles submitted by MCSA members Michael Bigelow, Steve Mutoli and Dick Burleigh as well as new member Cameron Benz. You may recognize Cameron's name if you read the Blue Press magazine. He is a contributor and has written an article published in the latest issue where the photos for his article are recognizable as being taken in our range.

My hope is that you will see more articles from him in this newsletter, and that others will also contribute. If you've got something to contribute, please email me at lynnl@hcc.net or hand it to me in person.

Read on in good health!

Lynn Ludeman

Mason County Sportsman's Association



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Nominating Committee

Hello fellow MCSA members!

You read an article about elections and the Nominating Committee in the last MCSA Newsletter.

There are now three members of the Nominating Committee: Michael Bigelow, Carla Jones, and Martin Jones.

We look forward to talking with you about any nomination for any and all positions that are open for nominations.

By the way, the open positions for 2017 election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, Junior Division Chair, and one Trustee position.

Because several members have asked in the past what the duties of each of these positions entails, I have copied the descriptions from the MCSA By-Laws.

And, another source is to contact the current office holder and get it first hand by emailing them from the MCSA web page www.masoncountysa.com, Board of Directors page.

From the By-Laws of Mason County Sportsman's Association

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, and Junior Division Chairman who, acting together shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Club. They shall be elected annually and serve in office for one year or until election of their successors. Non-payment of membership obligations, by the February meeting shall be an immediate termination of office.

ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors. He shall

approve all committee appointments. He may call special meetings of the membership, Board of Directors, standing or special committees, at his discretion, and is an ex-officio member of all such committees. He shall otherwise serve as the principal administrative officer and shall be the spokesman for the Club.

Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. He shall serve as a member of the Community and Charitable Activities Committee.

Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence and maintain the official records of the Club, excepting the financial records. The Secretary shall record or cause to be recorded, the minutes of all meeting of the membership and Board of Directors.

Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Club and maintain adequate and current financial records as directed by the Board of Directors, or as may be required by law. The Treasurer shall report or cause to be reported, the current financial posture of the Club at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Executive Officer shall have over-all responsibility for the shooting activities of the Senior Division of the Club and ensure that they are conducted safely and in accordance with accepted rules and procedures. He will co-ordinate the use of all Club facilities and is responsible for their maintenance and operation. He will assist the President with the selection of committee chairman and members for the individual shooting disciplines. He shall be a member of the Maintenance and Operations Committee.

Junior Division Chairman shall supervise, co-ordinate and be responsible for the activities of the Junior Division. He shall maintain such written records as may be required by the Board of Directors and be a member of the Finance and Audit Committee. He will co-ordinate the activities of the non-member junior organizations that are allowed the use of club facilities.

ARTICLE XI: TRUSTEES

A Board of three Trustees shall be elected to oversee the business affairs of the Club. Each Trustee shall be elected to a three-year term with terms staggered to allow the election of one Trustee annually. Non-payment of membership obligations by the February meeting shall be an immediate termination of office.

So, please consider your participation as a nominee in the upcoming MCSA elections.

Thank you.

Michael Bigelow can be contacted at 425-260-9373 or email mbige5160@comcast.net.

Grant Committee

We are looking for members to serve on this committee as well. This is an important committee, one that has the opportunity to have a substantial positive impact on the club. If you have an interest but not the experience, please consider joining anyway.

These are great opportunities to give back to the club, have fun doing it and the bonus is that your volunteer hours are fulfilled before you know it! Please consider getting involved.


Raffle News

The .22 Victory Pistol raffle was drawn at the October General Meeting, the winner is from Montesano, WA., and Steve W. sold him the ticket. Speaking of ticket sellers, though, we have to recognize that we did sell out the tickets for this Raffle. The honor of most tickets sold goes to Alex Lev, who has sold the most tickets four out of the last five raffles we've had! Thank you for your efforts, Alex, they are most appreciated! And thank you to all of the 17 MCSA members who took tickets and sold them, together we've sold out another raffle, which means a good profit for our club!


Bill is on vacation for the month of October but he's left the raffle in the capable hands of Fred Nachbar, who will have tickets to distribute to members in Bill's absence.

Fred can be reached at 360-432-3554, or you can catch him at the range most afternoons, Monday through Thursday, 2:30 till 5 pm or at the Monday Morning Brunch Bunch. Please consider helping this effort by taking 10 or 20 or more tickets to sell, especially to non-members. The AR-15 Style raffle draws

Mason County Sportsman's Association, Inc.
Fund Raising Raffle
Drawing is December 7, 2016



Eagle Arms-Eagle-15 Carbine



Tickets may be purchased from
MCSA members or at
Renegade Guns
1912 Olympic Hwy. N.
Shelton, WA 98584
\$2.00 donation per ticket
You need not be present to win
Drawing is at our December
Monthly Membership Meeting
(Maximum 1,200 tickets sold)

- .223 Wylde caliber (works with 5.56 or .223)
- 16" Chrome Moly Straight Taper Barrel
- 1-30 round Magpul magazine included
- Optics ready carbine
- Model Eagle-15 ORC
- 6-Position collapsible stock
- Upper/Lower Forged 7075-T6 Aluminum
- Standard Charging Handle

MCSA is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donates to local charities and fully supports the Shelton High School NJROTC program.

December 7th, so we have 2 months to sell those tickets. The new compact handgun, the Springfield Armory XD9 tickets are also available now, that raffle will draw on Feb. 1, 2017.

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Fund Raising Raffle
Drawing is February 1, 2017, at our monthly meeting.
*Must be 21 years of age to purchase.
(Maximum of 1,000 tickets sold.)*

Springfield Armory
XD® MOD.2® - 3" SUB-COMPACT MODEL 9mm



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Shelton, WA 98584

- Springfield Armory XD-9 Mod. 2
- Semi-auto 9mm Pistol
- Striker Fired for Consistent Trigger Pull
- 3" Barrel Sub Compact
- Flat Dark Earth and Black colors
- New Grip Zone Stippling
- Magazine Capacity 13+1 and 16+1
- Forged Steel Slide

Note:
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Bill does ask that all ticket sellers please hold any monies and stubs until we see each other at the general meeting in early November.

Anyone willing to help distribute some of the posters for either of the raffles around town, as we are doing for the Open Range Day and the Ladies of Caliber, can contact Fred also. We could really use the help!

Upcoming Events at MCSA!

Next Weekend, we'll have an additional **New Member Orientation** at the range on Saturday, October 22, from 10 to 11:30 AM. If you've got friends or family who have been thinking of joining, here's a great opportunity for them to come in and hear more about our club and how it works.

There is still room for more to attend the **First Aid/CPR class** taught by MCSA member Amy Carpenter. Those who attended the first class had great things to say about it! Cost is \$10.00 and it will be on Saturday, November 5, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM at the PUD3 room where we have our General Meetings. Sign up sheet is in the range on the bulletin board.

In November, we are happy to get the **TURKEY SHOOT** up and running again! This event will be on Saturday, November 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM. \$5.00 per entry, regardless of age, and anyone can enter as many times as they like. Our intention, besides providing a fun shooting experience, is to expose our club to younger people in our community who may not be aware we are here or how much fun it is to shoot. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors! If you have questions, please contact Pete Laserinko at 360-229-3164.

MISFIRES

by Cameron Benz

This month's safety topic is misfires. While we, as shooters, tend to use ammunition (some more than others), we may not necessarily consider what issues we can have with ammunition or what to do with a misfire if we have one.

Merriam-Webster defines a gun related misfire as a failure to fire properly. Simple enough, right? So here are the misfires that come to mind.

Squibs – Squibs tend to be rare in factory produced ammo but I have encountered them in some second tier re-manufactured ammo. In essence, the cartridge has little or no powder in it. When fired, there is a strange sort of hollow metal sound. At this point the projectile has typically lodged in the barrel and the typical handgun malfunction remedy of “tap, rack, bang” i.e. tap the magazine to make sure it is seated, rack the slide to chamber another round, and bang for squeeze the trigger again, will not fix this problem and may actually cause damage to the gun. If this happens in a rifle, firing another round behind it can be catastrophic to the firearm and cause serious injury or death to the shooter. In a handgun, injury to the shooter and catastrophic damage are possible outcomes. The casing can be disposed of in the same way as any other casing.

Hangfires – Hangfires happen when the firearm does not discharge immediately when the trigger is pressed but rather fires several seconds or even a half minute later. This can be extremely dangerous if a shooter displays poor muzzle control or just sets the firearm down and the round fires 30 seconds later. Hangfires have become almost unheard of in modern ammunition and I personally have never seen or had one. The proper way to address them is to keep the firearm pointed down range for a period of thirty seconds to a minute, then ejecting the cartridge from the chamber and then treat it as you would a squib. If it fired, then you can dispose of the casing as usual.

Dud – A dud is a relative of the hangfire but instead of firing, it never actually fires. Duds aren't unheard of with rimfire and are but one of several reasons that I don't recommend people use rimfire chambered handguns for self defense, but that is a separate article by itself. As mentioned in the hangfires,

the way to address a dud is the same as for hangfires—place the failed cartridge in the red painted bad ammo can at the back of the range.

Case Head Separation – This typically happens in ammo where the brass has been reloaded a number of times and the case has become thin or fatigued and the case rim separates from the case when firing. It can also be a symptom of excessive head space in a firearm. This can damage the firearm and/or lead to serious injury to the shooter so be mindful of reloading your brass. If you see signs of stretched brass, you may also want to check with your local gunsmith. Generally, you'll dispose of the remnants in the same way you would dispose of any other junk casings.

Ruptured Case – This can happen when brass is subjected to hot loadings and/or used in firearms that lack a fully supported chamber, excess or double powder charge or firing the wrong ammo in a gun. I have witnessed this when someone mistakenly fired 9mm cartridges in a .40 S&W chambered pistol or a .40 S&W cartridge in a .45 ACP chambered pistol. In the latter cases, no damage or injury was caused and nothing was hit either. Typically the cartridge walls will expand and possibly even split longitudinally. You can dispose of the case like you would for any other junk casing.

Light Primer Strikes – Light primer strikes are when the firing pin or striker doesn't strike the primer hard enough to ignite and shows a shallow strike. If you compare one of these with a fired cartridge, there tends to be a very obvious difference in the depth of the strike. While this can be an issue of hard primers, in most cases it traces to firearm modification usually of lightened striker or hammer springs that the owner decided on as a method to help “improve” trigger pull. It sounds great until you end up compromising the reliability of your firearm. I would treat this the same as a hangfire – keep the firearm pointed down range for thirty seconds to a minute and then eject the cartridge and place it in the red painted bad ammo can located at the rear of the range.

I hope this helps some of you. Until next time, I bid you safe shooting.

2016 Hunter Education Training Finishes a Successful Season



Steve Mutoli and Barbara Ferebee on Field Course

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) offers two types of Hunter Education training which is required for all first time hunters born after January 1st, 1972. MCSA provides volunteer instructors and facility support to the Hunter Education program in Shelton.

This year our eleven state certified instructors, assisted by two volunteers provided over 1671 man-hours of volunteer time planning and conducting five Traditional Hunter Ed Classes and two Online Field Evaluation Courses. Ninety-one students of various ages and demographics from western Washington were certified to be safe and ethical sportsmen and hunters.

The “*Traditional Course*” offered by our instructors includes 13 hours of formal classroom training and two hours of field exercises including “shoot/don’t shoot” situations, safety drills, a high caliber bullet impact demo and an optional live fire using air rifles. Almost 70% of the students enrolled in the Traditional Course are 18 years old or younger and this year several graduates were eight years old.

During the “*Online Course*”, students learn the training material at their own pace while online at home then attend our Online Field Evaluation Course where they receive a two hour class

review and then demonstrate their knowledge and skills during a two hour range and field course period which includes an optional .22 caliber rifle shoot at MCSA. We conducted two online field evaluations this year and it has been interesting to note that in these classes over 70% of the students were over 18 years of age.

The Shelton Hunter Education Program currently also partners with American Legion Post #31 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1694 who provide logistic and facility support for our classes. Based on lessons learned this year we hope to offer more “Online Evaluation Classes” in 2017. We are also looking ahead to expand our courses to



Don Fox setting up survival camp. Gene Scherer and Jim Curtiss looking on.

include a possible outdoor live fire exercise using hunting rifles and shotguns as well as an improved and more realistic field course for the Online class.

Our instructors include Chief Instructor Steve Mutoli, Instructors Dave Williams, Gene Scherer, Matt Tuttle, Pete Laserinko, Dick Burleigh, Harris Haertel, Don Fox, Jim Curtiss, Barbara Ferebee, Fred Perryman and Volunteers Jim Coffman, Dave Brown and Kris Kord.

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 or know of a 40 – 100+ acre parcel of land that could be donated for use as an outdoor shooting range? Please speak up if you do, or have any ideas on how to accomplish this project!

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 our Tuesday Night lineup.

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 9:30 AM: USPSA Match
- Third Sunday 4:00 PM: Ladies of Caliber
- First Tuesday 5:30 PM: Practical Pistol Competition (PPC)
- Second Tuesday 5:30 AM: Action Pistol League (APL)
- Third Tuesday 5:30 PM: Concealed Carry Pistol League
- Fourth Tuesday 5:30 PM: 2 Gun Pistol League
- 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 6 PM: Bullseye

Weekend Classes:

October 29, Basic Pistol Phase 2
November 5, First Aid and CPR

In addition to classes featured in this edition and on the list shown above, there are classes offered throughout the year such as becoming a NRA certified Firearms Instructor, Personal Protection Inside the Home and others. For the current schedule, please go to Masoncountysa.com and click on the "Club Calendar" tab.

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!

MCSA Membership Committee

The Committee will be implementing a new way dues notices are to be sent out. We will begin sending out electronic notices by email in November. For those who do not have email, we will continue to send those by mail. Payment options will remain the same—you can either (1) pay in person by cash or check at a meeting, (2) you can put your cash or check along with your name and contact information in an

envelope in the drop box at the range, (3) you can mail your payment to PO Box 1122, Shelton WA 98584, or (4) 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

Tuesday Night Line-up

For this month's Event and Training article, we'll delve into the Tuesday night line-up. It's an exciting time, because October begins the new schedule where we rotate through four events each month. The first Tuesday of the month will be a PPC match, a great place for those who've taken Basic Pistol Phase 2 or some other beginning class, practiced a little on their own, and wish to take their skill level further and have some fun!

PPC is shot from a line, focus is on drawing from a holster, stance, sight alignment, trigger control and follow through. Lest those more experienced shooters think PPC has nothing to offer them, there is a friendly competitive component to these matches as well as being great for keeping skills sharp, so there really is something for everyone!

The second Tuesday of the month is Action Pistol League, where movement is added to the PPC basics. APL is a favorite event for many MCSA members.

The third Tuesday of the month is Tactical Carry Pistol League, where in addition to movement, the targets are closer to reflect a self defense type situation. Participants will wear a cover garment and be shooting around barricades. There may also be low light stages incorporated.

Please note that range holsters are required for all Tuesday night matches. While concealed carry holsters and other control devices such as shoulder holsters or purses are appropriate when carrying in everyday life, during a match, they don't promote safety. We look for a "range safe" or "match" holster, which contains the firearm in a muzzle down position.

The fourth Tuesday of the month is 2 Gun Pistol League, building on the previously described Tuesday nights, but we add another firearm to the mix. In addition to the full frame or carry sized pistol or revolver, your additional firearm could be a pistol caliber carbine or a short barrel rifle, shooting either from ready or table. Run a bit like a beginning USPSA Style match.

We will be in a "beta testing" phase for the rest of this year, with matches for score beginning in January 2017. If you come out and compete, please do share your feedback and ideas with the match directors!

Annual Christmas Party

Our Annual MCSA Christmas Party will be at Lake Limerick Inn, 790 E. St. Andrews Drive, Shelton, WA 98584 on Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

The food last year was great and we will repeat the menu; door prizes were many and a good time was had by all!

Menu will be: Roasted Turkey, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Traditional Stuffing, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie. Coffee, Tea and Soda provided. We will have a no-host bar, same as last year.

Tickets are \$25 each, includes tax/tip and will be on sale in person at the November General Business Meeting. If you'd like to buy sooner, you can pay on line now by using the PayPal button on our web page on the Events tab or by paying Lynn Ludeman. (206-406-3562). If you pay on the web page via PayPal, please also email me at mcsa_secretary@masoncountysa.com and let me know so I can get your tickets to you!

Please RSVP by December 1, 2016, as we'll need to let Lake Limerick know how many we will have attending.

We've gotten a good start on door prizes from donations from MCSA members (Thank you Alex Lev, Bill Brennon, Mike Shaw, Gene Scherer and Bill and Arlene Zeigler!) We can sure use more for our door prize pile. Please take a look around and see what you might have to donate (does not have to be firearms related) or if you'd like to help solicit donations from local businesses, please let Lynn know so we are not doubling up on our "asks".

Remember, any proceeds above the expenses are to be used for Charitable Giving, which includes the Jr. Program!
Hope you can all come!



Oysterfest 2016

We once again had our Air Pistol Booth at Oysterfest. It was highly successful despite the rain, and people of all ages had a great time. Consider joining the volunteers next year and meeting new people while having fun.



Newsletter

Regarding the content of this Newsletter, we gladly consider article submissions from any member on topics of their choosing! Please send your articles, ideas for future topics to cover, suggestions or feedback to lynnl@hcc.net.