

MCSA NEWS



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By-Law Amendments

At the December 7 General Meeting, Trustee Gene Scherer submitted a By-Law Amendment correcting the date by which the officers must have their annual dues paid. The system that was in place when the by-laws were written was that everyone paid their dues in January, so if they had not paid in February, they were not to hold office. We have a different system now and the by-law proposal is that we change to just say the officers must keep their dues current. In addition, it is proposed that the board of three trustees now have a vote along with the Board of Directors. This will change the quorum requirement to five. The proposed changes are shown below. We will have a final vote by the membership at the January General Meeting on January 4, 2017.

Amendment to Bylaws

Change One

Existing Article IX

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.

Proposed Change Article IX

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Change Two

Existing 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.*

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Mason County Sportsman's Association Board of Directors

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Secretary: Lynn Ludeman: 206-406-3562
Executive Officer: Jack Fitch: 360-868-7041
Jr. Program: Allen Bragg: 360-426-9157
Trustee: Keith Vanderwal: 360-426-1114
Trustee: Eugene Scherer: 360-426-2745
Trustee: Ted Johnson: 360-463-7511

MCSA Event & Training Schedule

- First Sunday 9:30 am: **USPSA Match**
- Third Sunday 4 pm: **Ladies of Caliber**
- First Tuesday 5 pm: **PPC**
- Second Tuesday 5 pm: **Action Pistol League**
- Third Tuesday 5 pm: **Tactical Carry Action PL**
- Fourth Tuesday 5 pm: **2 Gun Action Pistol League**
- First Wednesday 6:30 pm: **General Membership Meeting** at PUD3 on Johns Prairie Road
- Second Wednesday 6 pm: **.22 Rifle Shoot**
- First Thursday 6 pm: **Steel Shoot**
- Second Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship**
- Third Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester Self Defense Marksmanship**
- Fourth Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship**
- Friday 6 pm: **Bullseye**
- Weekend Classes:
 - Sat., Jan. 28, 9 am to 5 pm, **Basic Pistol Phase 2**
 - Sat., Feb. 25, 9 am to 5 pm, **Basic Pistol Phase 2**
 - Saturday & Sunday, March 25 & 26, **RSO Class**
- 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 mcsa_training@masoncountysa.com. Look for more in-depth descriptions of our programs in future Newsletters!

Nominating Committee and Elections Report

Nominating Committee Chairman Michael Bigelow and committee members Carla and Martin Jones started the election process in September of this year. You may remember getting their phone calls!

As dictated by our MCSA By-Laws, the Board of Director offices of President, Vice President, Executive Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Jr. Program Director are all considered one year terms, so those offices become open for anyone to run for every December. The three Trustee appointments are a little different, as those are 3 year terms, and are staggered, so that every year we have only one Trustee position open at voting time.

All of these offices have specific jobs to do, and are expected to attend the General and Board of Director meetings every month.

Our elections this year were held during the MCSA General Meeting December 7, 2016 at the PUD 3 Building.

The election results for the 2017 MCSA Board members and one of the Trustees are as follows:

President:	Bruce Clapp
Vice-President:	Dennis Frost
Secretary:	Lynn Ludeman
Treasurer:	Marv Voskuhl
Junior Program Chair:	Allen Bragg
Executive Officer:	Jack Fitch
Trustee:	Harry Perkins

A great big Thank You to Michael Bigelow and Carla and Martin Jones for their work the past four months; thank you to club members who are willing to serve in office and a special thanks to the MCSA members who attended the meeting and voted.

The board will be filling committees in the near future, so please do speak up if you'd like to serve as a committee chairman or member. Remember, serving on a committee is a good way to fulfill your volunteer hours!

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.

A look at the Training Schedule for 2017

As you can see, we have a pretty good opportunity to get some training this year in our range, with something offered every month. Phase 2 Basic Pistol will be in Jan, Feb, April, May, July, September and December. Personal Protection In the Home will be taught over a weekend in August. There will be two opportunities to take the RSO 2-day class in 2017, either in March or July and 2 offerings for Instructors, Basic Instructor Training in June and PPOH Instructor Training in October.

January 28	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
February 25	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
March 25-26	RSO Class
April 29	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
May 27	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
June 23	Basic Instructor Training
June 24-25	Basic Pistol Instructor
July 22	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
July 29-30	Range Safety Officer Class
August 26-27	PPIH (Personal Protection In the Home)
September 23	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
October 27	Basic Instructor Training
October 28-29	PPOH Instructor Class (Personal Protection Outside the Home)
December 30	Phase 2 Basic Pistol

Training Chairman Steve Worthington says that there will also be classes offered that do not utilize the range, and will be scheduled as dates, times, and venues are available. He's referring to classes like First Aid, CPR, Refuse to be a Victim, and so on. Please see Steve Worthington for more information, mcsa_training@masoncountysa.com or 360-426-6486.

You Can Help Steer MCSA's Future!



President Bruce Clapp has arranged for another survey for members for the coming year. If you would like to make your voice heard and help direct our club going forward, this is a great opportunity to do it! For those who are computer savvy, the link to the survey is <http://tinyurl.com/mcsa2017>

For those who would prefer a printed copy of the survey, please contact Lynn, mcsa_secretary@masoncountysa.com or 206-406-3562. If you have a family and more than one member would like to fill out a survey but are being told that they have already taken the survey, contact Lynn or Bruce, we can provide access.

Raffle Report

by Bill Zeigler

On December 7th we had our drawing for the AR-15 and the winner was our current range electrician, Paul Johns. He had been contemplating joining MCSA and I think winning might have made up his mind for him.



On January 1, we will start a new raffle for a pistol caliber rifle. It is the JR9 9 mm carbine. BUT before that we have an ongoing raffle for a Springfield Armory SD9 two tone 9 mm pistol. Ticket sales are slow due to weather, holidays and the great interest on the AR-15 raffle. If members can help out by distributing a dozen or two tickets, please contact me at the range most afternoons and events. If everyone helped a little, we would be over the top. Also coming later in 2017 is a S&W 9 mm Shield from the Smith and Wesson Performance Center. Ported barrel and enhanced trigger make this a great prize.

**Remember,
Raffle Tickets
make
GREAT
Stocking
Stuffers!**



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!

WHY THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL SAFETY RULES ARE IMPORTANT

by Cameron Benz

In keeping with the general theme of safety that I've been writing about for the last couple of months, this month I thought I'd review the generally recognized four safety rules and why they're important.

Treat ALL guns as though they are ALWAYS loaded – How many times have we all heard of someone being shot “accidentally” (negligently)? In the overwhelming majority of such incidents we hear “I thought the gun was empty.” We know they violated virtually all of the rules for the incident to happen, but the refrain generally comes back to they thought the gun was empty. If we treat all guns as though they are loaded, then this shouldn't be an issue.

DO NOT point a gun at anything you are not willing to destroy – This one seems simple enough I know. That said, I can't count the number of times I had a gun pointed at me while working the sales counter of a gun store. When I'd say something, the usual response was “Oh but it's empty.” I know of one incident in a local rental range where an employee was shot after his coworker “cleared” a rental gun, pointed it behind him and squeezed the trigger, discharging a round in the chamber that he hadn't actually seen, and hitting his coworker. If you're sloppy with your safety when you are generally handling a firearm, is it really going to suddenly improve when the gun is loaded? Probably not, unless you are constantly, consciously, thinking about it.

Be sure of your target and the backstop beyond – Recently, there was an incident in Bonney Lake, WA, where a man shot at a car thief who was stealing his car (not a good idea in general, but that's a subject for another article). Unfortunately, he wasn't very conscious of where his bullets were going and he managed to shoot and kill his sleeping neighbor who was inside her home a block away.

Keep Your finger off the trigger until you're on target and ready to fire – I've personally witnessed premature application of said trigger. In the incident I recall, we were shooting an indoor steel plate match at a range I used to work for. The shooter managed to send the round into the concrete about 15 feet in front of him. In that environment, it wasn't the end of the world. But imagine being on the second floor of your house and having someone in a room below you. I think we can all agree that is an absolute no go.

It never hurts to review the safety rules. Every training class I've ever taken has reviewed them in some form or another, even if they had slightly adjusted one of them. As always, shoot safe.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Turkey Shoot!!



Our first Turkey Shoot in 2 or 3 years went off without a hitch although we were hoping for more people to come try their luck. Our winner over all was an MCSA member, Alex Lev. Congratulations to Alex!

Heat! Heat! In The Range!!

Update on Heat in the meeting room at the range.

The new heater has been installed and is working well. The timer dial works just the same as the previous heater and you'll find it in the same place.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016

The MCSA Christmas Party this year was great fun and well attended. The event was held on Sunday afternoon, December 11, at the Lake Limerick Inn. Their great hall is a wonderful venue, their food was good and their staff pleasant, helpful and accomodating. The bonus was that our members really outdid themselves this year with the door prizes and we all felt like we were kids at Christmas again! Even better, the door prize tickets generated over \$500 to help with the expenses of the dinner and go toward supporting the Junior Program. After dinner, MCSA President Bruce Clapp awarded a Lifetime membership to our richly deserving Jr. Program Director Allen Bragg. Seems like Allen has spent his whole life involved with the club in one way or another!

On behalf of the club, Bruce Clapp and Fred Nachbar presented a special award of recognition and appreciation to Anita Madea, (also known as Nurse Anita) for her contribution as liason and great support to the Junior Program. Anita also richly deserves our appreciation and has given generously of her time and energy in many ways over the years.



All reports are that everyone had a great time, including Shelton High School Shooting Team Members Blake Hardin and Tristin Newby.

