# MCSA NEWS



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#### RAFFLE CENTRAL

Many Thanks to those of you who distributed raffle tickets in 2016 and to those who purchased them as well. Our net proceeds for 2016 were \$6,150. Your help makes it possible for us to continue our charitable giving, education and training and support of the Shelton High School rifle teams.

Our next drawing is February 1, 2017 for the Springfield Armory XD9 pistol. We are still about 300 tickets short of a sell out so please consider purchasing or distributing some of these remaining tickets.

If each member purchased one more Springfield raffle ticket, we would have a sellout.

Coming in a few days are the new raffle tickets. This raffle is for a JRC9 take-down carbine, 9 mm. This should be a very popular prize.

Contact Bill Zeigler (206-919-0488) for tickets or information.



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### **MCSA Event & Training Schedule**

First Sunday 9:30 am: USPSA Match
Third Sunday 3 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., 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 *training@masoncountysa.com*. Look for more in-depth descriptions of our programs in future Newsletters!

#### **Member Profile**

From time to time we may add a member profile to the Newsletter. This month, please be introduced to:

#### Fred Sachbar



Fred, a member for the past two years, comes to us from a U.S. Navy career of 20 years followed by a 21 year career as a custodian/light maintenance at South Kitsap School District.

His time as an instructor and participation on a naval rifle team along with close proximity to high schoolers as a head custodian, made it a natural combination for him to volunteer as assistant coach for our juniors' rifle team.

Fred is an original member of the "Bullshooters Brunch Bunch," a dedicated group of shooters who volunteer their time to MCSA for various programs as well as getting together for brunch after shooting.

Fred, along with Bill Ziegler and Alex Lev, resolves minor maintenance problems at the range.

Fred and his wife May, live on the idyllic island of Harstine.

If you ever wonder what's going on at the range this week, check out our ad with the week's schedule on the back page of



#### **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.

Phase 2 Basic Pistol
RSO Class
Phase 2 Basic Pistol
Phase 2 Basic Pistol
Basic Instructor Training
Basic Pistol Instructor
Phase 2 Basic Pistol
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, *training@masoncountysa.com* or 360-426-6486.

# **Fifth Tuesday Matches**

Longtime MCSA member Max Dean has been putting on Fifth Tuesday of the month matches lately, and I interviewed him recently to ask him about his matches.



Max started out by describing how he comes up with whatever the course will be, saying that he has been

putting on defensive matches for several years, strictly defense. The USPSA matches are not really defensive pistol, they focus more on the offensive, and even IDPA

is more offensive than defensive. What Max does just strictly defensive, where you're not being aggressive, you're responding and retreating. The scenarios could be that you are in the mall and something



bad happens, or you're going to the parking garage, and are attacked, something along that line.

Max makes use of props and describes the scenario for the course of fire for each of his matches. He leaves room for options for the participants as far as how they by Lynn Ludeman respond to the situation presented and move through the course. Max enjoys watching to see how each shooter solves the problem. They are scored by their time and any misses they have, that adds the competitive element. Max does not specify what sort of firearm participants must use, they choose for themselves, as long as it is safe and allowed on our range, so no shotguns.

When putting on a match, Max describes the



course, tells the participants what they're going to do, where they're going to go and in what order, and so on. For the last one Max did,

he had described the course, something happening in a parking garage. At the end of his description, he added one more thing, telling his participants that they're going to carry the bag he handed them. Max found it interesting to watch each shooter decide how they were going to manage not only the course but also carrying the bag, all the while keeping access to their firearm. Some of them carried it with one hand, some carried it cross-body, like a bike messenger. Max had them start seated, as though they were in a car, with their attackers coming toward them in the front. They had to shoot seated from this chair, as though they were shooting from the driver seat of the car. Then later in the course, they ended up prone, as though they were shooting from under the car.

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#### FIRST AID KIT FOR THE RANGE

by Cameron Benz

Let's face it, most of us enjoy shooting—I mean you are a Mason County Sportman's Association member for a reason, right? In the time I've been shooting, I've found some first aid items useful and a couple I keep in the range bag "just in case". This month, I thought I'd share some of those things I've added to my first aid kit.

**Tourniquet** – Once a maligned solution, tourniquets have come full circle and are saving lives once again. They are generally used in cases of major bleeds where blood loss is occurring very rapidly and may lead to a person bleeding out before reaching medical attention. Two of the better options on the market are the SOFT-T and the Combat Applications Tourniquet (CAT). Be careful where you purchase these as there are cheap copies and this is not something I'd cheap out on. There are other options on the market that rely on stretching a band around the limb and thusly don't use a windlass. I prefer a windless design for controllability. Additionally, if you're looking for a convenient way to carry one, PHLster makes an item he calls the Flatpack specifically for carrying a tourniquet on your molle webbed bag or even on your belt.

**Quik Clot or Celox impregnated gauze** – These are generally used in cases of significant bleeding. Proper application would be described as painful.

Bandages or gauze and medical tape – For those of us who haven't yet developed calluses or don't shoot enough to develop them, medical tape and or good bandages can make a tremendous difference. I've tried moleskin for this but it didn't hold up. Hint, for Glocks, just tape the middle knuckle of the middle finger ahead of time if you fall into this category.

# 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.

**Alcohol Swabs** – Ranges and guns can be dirty things so a way to clean wounds is recommended.

Antibiotic ointment – At some point, someone may suffer some small injury that can make life at the range unpleasant. It's much easier if you can treat said injury at the range instead of re-treating it later. Not only that, but it may mean being able to finish out a range session.

**Painkillers** – I generally keep ibuprofen on hand for dealing with headaches and other pains. If you prefer something else, by all means, but having an anti-inflammatory is a good idea. No one says you have to carry only one type.

In addition to these things, I usually carry a spare set of eye protection and also ear plugs just in case they're needed. I outlined this with basic stuff in mind. More can always be added. Can you think of other useful items without overloading it? And while we are thinking about first aid, it's a very good idea to take a basic first aid course, such as the ones we offer at MCSA. If you've never taken a first aid class, sign up this year; if you have, it's never a bad idea to review! Watch for first aid classes on the training schedule, to be announced soon. Until next month, shoot safe.

# **Fifth Tuesday Matches**

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A comment from a participant who attended a recent match was that he walked in and knew immediately who was putting on the match by the ugly shirts on some of the target blanks. He said you can always count on Max to add a fun and unique twist like the ugly shirts to resemble the bad guys!

The next Fifth Tuesday Match Max is doing is at the end of January and he's planning something on home invasion. Something to look forward to!



#### **Volunteer Committee News!**

The Volunteer Committee Chairman this year will be Lynn Ludeman.

Yes, YOUR help is needed! In order for our club to function as we've come to expect it to, we need volunteers to serve on committees that take care of various operations.

Please consider joining a committee today.

Below is a little bit about our Committees and what each one does. If you have questions about any committee, please ask Bruce Clapp or any board member.

Raffle Committee, a big contributor to our monies used to support our community through our charitable giving program as well as being a great tool to build membership and community awareness. Please consider being a raffle ticket distributor, selling 50 tickets earns 5 volunteer hours credit.

**Finance and Audit Committee**, one of the standing committees, is attended to by our board of three trustees

**Maintenance and Operations**, another standing committee is overseen by our Executive Officer.

**Ways and Means Committee** is populated by the Board of Directors.

**Training Committee** oversees educational programs, with our own instructors, qualified to teach various programs or an instructor from outside our club.

Membership Committee manages the list of members and the dues schedule as well as tracking volunteer hours. The committee also keeps the FOB door lock in working order restricting 24/7 range access to "good standing" members.

**Public Relations** handles marketing and advertising for events. Their mission is to build membership, publicize events and classes, and raise positive public awareness.

Charitable Giving Committee identifies recipients and brings to the club's attention for approval our charitable donations in our community.

**Safety Committee** interfaces with all other committees and match directors to maintain range safety. Reviews safety incidents and recommends action(s) as required.

Volunteer Chairman coordinates volunteers for public events, for range maintenance and operations projects and interfaces with other committees as needs arise **Grant Committee** identifies grant opportunities, facilitates writing grants and manages the process to make sure deadlines are met.

Outdoor Range Development Committee identifies and envisions the specifics of what this facility might be and what sort of partners we can identify to work with us to achieve our mutual goals as well as researching possible grants or other funding opportunities. We are also looking for an Outdoor Range Development Manager, someone experienced with running or managing 25+ employees, business development experience and more – if you have any questions, please see contact information below.

Hunter Education: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) certified Hunter Education Instructors are all volunteers of the Hunter Education Division of the WDFW Wildlife Program. These WDFW Volunteer Instructors provide training in safety, conservation and sportsmanship for the Traditional Class and Field Skills Evaluation for the Online Hunter Education Course.

**Nominations Committee** is active in the Fall soliciting nominations of officers and then conducting our election held at the December general meeting.

If you have questions about volunteer activities or committees, please call or email Lynn Ludeman, 206-406-3562 or

mcsa volunteers@masoncountysa.com.

# Current Volunteer Opportunities for Working Members

- Serve on a Committee
- Sell raffle tickets. 50 tickets sold earns credit for 5 volunteer hours.
- Act as an RSO at an event. Credit for volunteer hours are for RSO's who do not participate in the event or class other than as an RSO.
- Write articles for the monthly newsletter.
  Contact Lynn Ludeman for more information.
- Pit cleaning and other range maintenance projects do come up and will be announced in the Newsletter and on the range bulletin board as they are developed.