

MCSA NEWS



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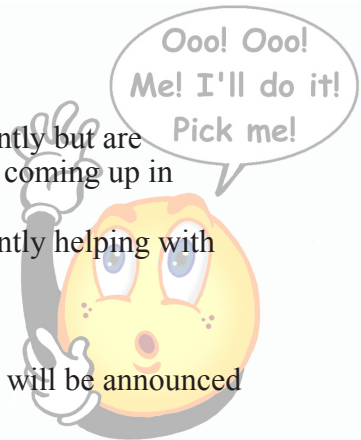
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Volunteer Opportunities

Always and ongoing:

- Act as RSO during events or group activities. If you are not an RSO currently but are interested in doing this volunteer activity, please consider taking the course coming up in March.
- Cleaning the restroom at the range. We have several people who are currently helping with this, but more frequent cleaning is always nice.
- Write articles for the monthly newsletter.
Contact Lynn Ludeman for more information.
- Pit cleaning and other range maintenance projects as they come up. (They will be announced in the Newsletter and on the range bulletin board as they are developed.)



Information Table at Cabelas: We have several weekends to choose from. We are looking for members who are happy to talk to people and are also knowledgeable about the Training and Events we offer at MCSA. The possible dates are:

March 11/12

March 25/26

May 13/14 (this May weekend is Ladies Only for a women's weekend, please. Limited spots are still available.)

June 17/18

Work party: Spruce up and maintain the Air Pistol Booth prior to Shrimpfest coming up in May. This will be weather dependent and will include possible repair, cleaning and painting of the booth. Please speak up if you have these skills and would like to help. Dates and times to come.

Shrimpfest: Air Pistol Booth at Shrimpfest in Brinnon. We will have two shifts per day, specific times to come. The dates are **May 27 & 28, 2017**. This is a really fun event to work, and in particular, we are looking for people who like talking with people and are knowledgeable about MCSA events.

Sell Raffle Tickets: 50 tickets sold earns credit for 5 volunteer hours. For more information, please contact Raffle Chairman Bill Zeigler, 206-919-0488.

Serve on a Committee: We are looking for a member who knows something about Grant writing, and in particular, someone who can search for grant opportunities beyond the NRA grants that we are already submitting.

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.



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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**

Saturday, May 6, 1 to 5pm, **Refuse to be a Victim**

- 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!

MCSA Members will Compete at upcoming Superstition Mystery Match

Bill and Jennie VanTuyl have decided to attend several big 3-gun matches in the western United States, and Jennie agreed to tell us about it.

"The first match that we registered for and got wait listed is Superstition Mystery Match in Mesa, AZ. This is a really popular match, so difficult to get into. The match officials sent out an e-mail to everyone on the wait list that Brownells was to sponsor 2 shooters and how to sign up for the drawing to be sponsored. This sponsorship included a spot in the match and the \$325 match fee. I was chosen as one of the 2 shooters. For those who do not understand what 3-gun matches entail, each stage in the match may have you shooting pistol, rifle and shotgun, or any combination of those three. The target distances range from a few yards to several hundred yards. One match I attended last year had rifle targets out to 400 yards. One match had pistol targets at 65 yards, and shotgun at 75 yards. There are two different types of matches — first is a "berm match" where the stages are contained within bays that are surrounded by dirt berms. The other is a terrain match, where there are no berms, you are shooting in open fields (there are designated safe directions and special safety rules). As a firearms instructor for pistol and shotgun, it is important to keep your skill up and that was one reason I started shooting 3-gun and found it to be fun and challenging."

Good luck to Bill and Jennie and we hope to hear more of their experiences in these 3-gun matches when they return.

**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**

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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.

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

Training at MCSA

For those who are either looking for volunteer opportunities or wanting to further their education, or both – we have an NRA RSO COURSE scheduled for March 25 & 26 as well as later in the year, July 29 & 30. Being an RSO officer at events is a great way to earn volunteer hours and help the club at the same time.

More about the NRA RSO Course:

This is a course designed to prepare experienced shooters to the basic duties of a Range Safety Officer (RSO). RSOs ensure that the users of a range follow range regulations in order to keep the range safe. RSOs often have responsibilities to take action when circumstances require it. The RSO is the range's official on the firing line to ensure safety and to help shooters. MCSA seeks out volunteer Range Safety Officers and the NRA developed this course to help ranges train those RSOs. RSOs are neither certified instructors nor coaches.

Although the course can be completed as quickly as nine hours, it often will take longer. Students will receive a student packet featuring a RSO handbook. This handbook is not available separately.

Course Goal:

“To develop NRA Certified Range Safety Officers who possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.”

Prerequisites:

NRA Range Safety Officers candidates should be experienced shooters, involved in many aspects of target shooting, training, and range supervision. MCSA encourages active shooters to learn more and become responsible for the safety of fellow shooters through

this program. There will be practical exercises with all types of firearms in this course, even if a shooter's discipline does not require experience with those types.

You can sign up for the RSO course either by filling out the application hanging on the training door at the meeting room and putting it through the slot, giving your application to Steve Worthington, or you can sign up on the web page, www.masoncountysa.com.

In addition to the RSO class, we will offer the NRA Refuse to be a Victim Seminar on May 6 from 1 – 5PM at the PUD3 building, 2621 E. Johns Prairie Road. This seminar teaches the tips and techniques on how to be aware of dangerous situations and how to avoid becoming a victim. While not a firearms or self-defense course, it will help you improve your personal safety strategies and will provide you with valuable information that you can apply in every area of your life.

You will find sign up sheets at the range meeting room, on the training room door and also on the web page. The cost is \$20 per person, and class size will be limited to 20 participants. If you have any questions about this or any of our training programs, please contact Steve Worthington at training@masoncountysa.com or voice/text 360-426-6486.

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Member Profile

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

Gene Scherer



MCSA member Gene Scherer moved to Shelton in 1966. Gene did not realize there was a shooting range here until much later but had been shooting since he was a kid. As an adult, he especially enjoyed rifles and then, about 1953, some work friends talked him into trying to shoot trap. Gene didn't think he'd

like shooting trap but found out he did. In fact there was a time when Gene was often shooting 300 shells a day!

Gene finally did discover the club and joined in 1993. At that time it was called Shelton Rifle and Pistol club. He joined because he enjoyed their outdoor range. Gene has always been a hunter and has been an instructor both for Hunter Ed for 24 years and a NRA certified instructor for 22 years. Gene also really enjoyed the big matches the club used to hold at the outdoor range. The 3-gun shoots and the Glock matches were his favorites.

When I asked him about why he was such an advocate of getting an outdoor range again, he said it was a little hard to put to words. It has to do with hunting. Gene added more by saying when you go out and leave the road, you are surrounded by what there is right there in nature. All around you, the trees and plants, what they smell like and sound like in the breeze; the sounds of different birds and small animals that you pick up as you walk further in. You might see rabbit, squirrel, chipmunk, raccoon... The views all around you can take your breath away.

Gene hunted elk and deer in Western Washington for years, mostly with family members. It was always part of the fall ritual. When he was younger, Gene hunted pheasant, lots of ducks, geese and grouse, as well as rabbits and squirrels. Gene went with Jerry Marcy to British Columbia on 4 successful moose hunts. When you go to Canada, you have to hire a guide, but it's good because the guide does the heavy work! He says that they helped but mostly it was up to the guide to get the moose back to the camp site and then dressed out and hung. Gene tells about having to stand guard with his rifle while his guide worked on dressing out a moose, because the grizzly bears would come in when they smelled the meat.

One time they were camping near a river and their guide asked for two of them to stand guard while some other hunters brought in two moose by boat down the river. Gene stood guard that night for about three hours while the guide and other hunters got the moose off the boats, dressed them and hung them up high in the trees. They would put electric fencing around the hanging meat but one grizzly must not have minded the shocks, he got in and ate some of someone's hanging moose. That hunter lost about 100 pounds of meat to the bear.

Gene had a 338 Winchester magnum, about 4200 foot pounds of muzzle energy. These grizzlies are very fast, able to travel about 20 feet in 2 seconds or so! Once Gene spotted a grizzly and a cub near where he was hunting. He was by himself, out in a clear cut with an area he was watching, about 400 yards away. At 6 pm he heard a woof sound. He knew what that was, only a Grizzly makes that sound. He got up, packed up his things and left, headed toward the pickup about 3/4 mile away. Across the way there was some fireweed growing up about 4 ft tall and he had seen the grizzly sow stand up at least 3 feet higher than the fireweed, and she had a cub with her. Gene kept walking, looking back from time to time and did see her following him. She got as close as 60 feet away but he just kept walking and when he got to his pickup, he saw she had headed off another direction. She had tracked him just about all the way, though!

Hunting isn't always about shooting something, although if you are hungry, it is a way to feed yourself and your family. But you don't have to shoot something to love it. Young people today have no idea what they are missing.

I think Gene feels strongly that he'd like to share his passion when he gets the chance. This is why he's a tireless advocate of the development of an outdoor range.

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!

Dealing with Approaching Strangers While in and Around Your Car

by Cameron Benz

During the formative years of my twenties, my then girlfriend and I were leaving the local grocery store after some shopping. It was dark in the late evening. Whether it was spring or fall, I don't really recall. As we approached my small truck, we were approached by an individual from my left who was insisting I give him a ride. I politely declined. He insisted. When I refused again, he said he could ride in the bed of the truck. I told him that I wasn't going to take a ticket for someone riding in the bed of my truck. There was the very typical argument of "oh you won't get a ticket." Never mind that it's illegal and we were about three blocks from the local police station. By this time, we had reached the truck and my girlfriend had made for the passenger door, gotten in, and locked it. I opened my door between myself and the d.i.q. (dirt bag in question). I attempted to slide into my truck and close the door as I went but the d.i.q. grabbed the frame of the door with both hands and had more leverage than I did so that approach didn't work. I was carrying a pistol in the form of an HK USP 40 Compact but, clearly there was not yet a justification for using it. Then it dawned on me, I had a Surefire 6p flashlight (we all remember when 60 lumens was enough for a tactical light, right?). I pulled the light out of my pocket and shined it directly into his eyes. He recoiled, closed his eyes, and blocked the light with both of his hands. This freed my door from his grasp so I quickly slid into my truck, closed the door, and locked it. At that time, I had my very first cell phone so I placed a quick call to the local police

while we made a hasty escape from the parking lot. I couldn't tell what happened to the individual after we left as we didn't stick around to find out. This served as an early lesson in dealing with approaching strangers.

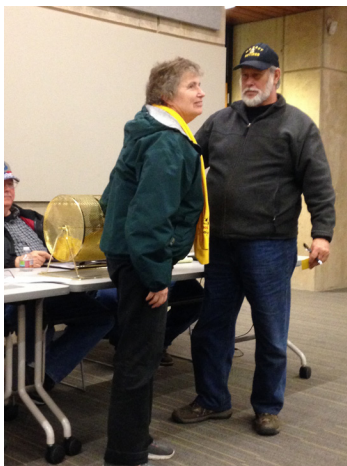
Nowadays, I tend to be a bit more alert about such things. Transitioning into or out of a car is a great opportunity for someone who wants to mug you or carjack you. Nowadays I tend to adopt a non-approachable position at that point. Some body language cues that Evan at novaselfdefense.com puts forth:

- Hand signal of no or not interested; shaking hand or finger.
- Head shaking NO.
- Clear lip-readable mouthing of the word NO.
- Clear verbal articulation of the word NO or I CAN'T
- Not waiting around for rebuttals or continued approach

If these don't work, and you've pretty well concluded this person is targeting you, you should be assertive and issue verbal commands if you need to. It's your life so don't be afraid to be assertive about it. Let's say this person wants money and it's just the two of you in the middle of the parking lot, do you really want to show your money in front of someone you don't know? I know I don't.

Hopefully these points help some of you out there. Until next month, be safe.

Raffle Central



Arlene didn't peek when she drew the winning raffle ticket.

At the February 1, General Meeting, a MCSA long time member won the Springfield Armory 9 mm pistol. It took a while to get the word to him, as he was on vacation in warmer climes, but the prize has now been picked up. Currently, we have a very popular rifle, the Just Right 9 mm carbine. The carbine is Glock magazine equipped and is great

fun to shoot at our range. Several members have recently purchased this rifle and have shared with other members. Check out the poster details on the MCSA website. Coming up in a month or two is the

Smith & Wesson Performance Center Shield 9 mm handgun. According to S&W, it was the highest selling carry gun in the USA last year. This is the enhanced version with improved trigger and sights and is ported. Back to the JRC9 rifle—we have distributed/sold two thirds of the tickets, so if you are interested, now might be a better time than later. Tickets are available at Renegade Guns, Huntington Glass, Curly Wolf Guns and Gunsmithing, and from many members. I can assist you directly, also.

Bill Zeigler 206-919-0488.

Steel Fun Matches at MCSA



I haven't written about the Steel shoots that we do every First Thursday yet, so this month seemed like a good time to do it. As I talked to Steel Match Director Dennis Boos, and he described

what the matches are usually like, I found myself very intrigued – his enthusiasm is contagious! The Steel matches are run as fun matches, scores are not reported to any organization, like they are in USPSA, for instance. The goal is to have fun!

The thing most steel match enthusiasts will tell you is that it is very reactive and that is one of the things they like the best about it. The steel makes a discernable noise and/or falls down or moves when your aim is true! So you are not waiting to go down range to view your target, you can see and hear it as you shoot the course.



To participate, you'll need a center fire pistol or revolver and 24 rounds each for courses 2 & 3, so either 4 speed loaders or 3 magazines with 8 cartridges each. You will also need a holster which must draw from the side at the waist and muzzle must point down. No cross draw or shoulder holsters for this event. There are no limitations on optics.

Steel matches do take a little time and effort to set up and take down, so participants are encouraged to help with that part, too – especially the take down.

Once the match is set up, participants line up, as all three stages are one participant shooting at a time. This first stage is called "The Mover". The shooter waits at the start line with their firearm holstered until given the command to begin. First, they will pull the rope to activate the target, which moves from the left side of the range to the right. Once the target is in motion, they draw and shoot the mover target a possible 8 times. Each accurate hit will earn them 1 second time. Any hit/seconds from this first stage may then be subtracted from their scores in the second and third stages.



Second stage is a move and shoot stage. There are 20 targets, so you will be re-loading while moving across the range. Time is a component of scoring as well as targets hit.

The third stage changes the angle of the targets and is shot standing from one position but again, 20 possible targets, changing magazines as you shoot the course. The steel matches usually get about 10 participants but can accommodate more. Bring at least 50 rounds and double that if you want to shoot more. If you want to come to the range and just watch, you will be welcomed! Just be sure to bring your ear and eye protection and a brimmed hat would also be a good idea. Steel matches are the first Thursday of the month, set up starts at 5 pm, shooting starts at 6 pm. The cost for participants is \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members, and \$1 for Jrs when accompanied by an adult.

I've found the group to be very friendly and helpful to new shooters, and if you have any questions, you can email Dennis Boos at kmboos@outlook.com.

by Lynn Ludeman