

# MCSA NEWS



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## Volunteer Opportunities

**-Shooting Events RSOs:** Did you know that there are shooters who drive to the Tuesday Night matches from outside our area because they like the focus we have on safety? We'd like to have that same level of excellence at all of our events. The Jr. Program needs additional RSO's, even though it is just practice. We need the additional RSO's so that we can provide the young people the necessary safety skills. This will allow the coaches to focus on shooting skills. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator ([volunteers@masoncountysa.com](mailto:volunteers@masoncountysa.com)) or Jr. Program coordinator ([info@masoncountysa.com](mailto:info@masoncountysa.com)) if you'd like to help by volunteering as Range Safety Officer at any of our weekly events!

**-Information Table at Cabelas:** We have two weekends currently scheduled to choose from: May 13/14 and June 17/18. 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 May weekend is Ladies only for a women's weekend, please. Limited spots still available.

**-Work party to spruce up and maintain the Air Pistol Booth:** This would be prior to Shrimpfest coming up in May. It 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.

We will also need to transport, set up and tear down crews as usual, so consider volunteering for those if you want to help but aren't a "people person."

**-Forest Festival:** June 3 & 4. We'll have a booth at Loop Field on Saturday with brochures and information as well as raffle tickets available for sale. We'll move up to the car show on Sunday, with the same info table and raffle tickets. We'll need three people per shift, so looking for those who are good talking with people about our club, our classes and events.

**-Sell Raffle Tickets:** 50 tickets sold earns credit for five 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.

**-Newsletter:** Our Newsletter Editor, Lynn Ludeman, is getting overwhelmed with other MCSA duties and would like to relinquish our Newsletter to another interested person. We always are looking for newsletter articles! We would like to thank those who are already writing articles and hope that they will continue to do so!

If you are interested in any of these projects, have questions about any of them, or have ideas for other projects, please email Lynn at [secretary@masoncountysa.com](mailto:secretary@masoncountysa.com) or call her at 206-406-3562.



## Mason County Sportsman's Association Board of Directors

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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:**  
See Training Schedule to the right.
- For the current schedule, please go to [Masoncountysa.com](http://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](mailto:training@masoncountysa.com). Look for more in-depth descriptions of our programs in future Newsletters!

## 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 April, May, July, September and December. Personal Protection In the Home will be taught over a weekend in August. There will be a two day RSO class offered in July and 2 offerings for Instructors—Basic Instructor Training in June and PPOH Instructor Training in October.

April 29	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
May 6	Refuse to be a Victim®
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, [training@masoncountysa.com](mailto:training@masoncountysa.com) or 360-426-6486.

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](mailto:lynnl@hcc.net).

## Red Dot or Reflex Sights

*by Fred Nachbar*

Some of our members may be surprised that the origins of “Red Dot” sights go back to 1900. Indeed, they were used on some early WWI fighter aircraft and widely used in WWII on fighter aircraft and it is used as the base component in modern “Heads-up” displays. There was a limited use on small arms after WWII due to the relative large amount of electricity to the illuminating component.

Widespread use came after the late 1970’s with the advent of the light-emitting diode (LED). This invention made for a small dependable light source using a miniscule amount of energy. This made for a desirable and long illumination run time. The principle of this sight system is also used in surveying, telescope aiming and camera viewfinders.

The principle that this family of sights work on is really very simple.

The light of the LED (reticle) is reflected off a partially silvered curved mirror (collimator). Light from the target comes through the partially silvered mirror to the eye while the light from the LED is reflected off the mirror thereby superimposing the red dot on to the target.

The principle described above is used on Red Dot (reflex) sights commonly used on pistols. This type of sight has no magnification but has the advantages of being virtually parallax free and fast target acquisition.

Being parallax free has the advantage of, once you have zeroed in your sight, being able to put the red dot on the target and viewing the target from almost any angle on the mirror. When you shoot, you

will hit your target. Counter intuitive I know but it works that way. You do not have to center the target in the screen, although you probably will from habit of training with other sight systems.

Some shooters new to red dots try to use the dot in conjunction with the front sight. No, this is not necessary. Just put the dot on target and fire. It is that simple!

Zeroing a red dot is much like zeroing a rifle scope. There are adjusting screws on the frame of the sight that move an assembly that the LED is housed in. Arrows are provided on the adjusters to show which way to turn for the direction you want to impact point to hit.

Red Dots are an excellent choice of sights for people over 50. Around this age almost everyone develops Presbyopia, a condition of age resulting in difficulty focusing on near objects (rear sights, front sights). As we age the lenses in our eyes become less flexible thereby blurring vision. For shooters, it greatly restricts how we aim. We cannot concentrate on (see as clearly) the rear and front sights at the same time therefore sighting becomes difficult and somewhat blurred.

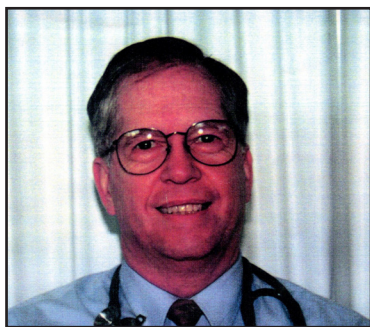
If this article has interested you in this sighting technology then ask to see and maybe fire guns that are so equipped. There are a number of members who have guns equipped with reflex sights. Seek them out and ask them questions and maybe they will let you try their gun. Your shooting will improve!



## Member Profile

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

### Lee Perkins



For those who don't know MCSA Trustee Lee Perkins, please be introduced now! Lee moved to Shelton after finding a home at Emerald Lake, north of Shelton. Lee joined the club in the early nineties, but has not been active in

the club other than occasional target shooting until he decided to serve as a Trustee this year.

Lee's career in the Military began in 1956, when he joined the Texas Air National Guard, and then going into the US Air Force in 1957. After 4 years of active duty, he remained in the USAF reserve for an additional four years.

Following his service with the USAF, Lee attended El Centro College in Dallas TX, graduating with a degree in Respiratory Therapy in 1970. Lee had met his wife Terry at Baylor University Medical Center when she was a student nurse. They were married after she graduated, and since Terry is from Oak Harbor, WA, they moved up here from Texas in 1970.

In 1974 Lee joined the US Army Reserve to follow his medical degree as a Respiratory Therapist, becoming the acting First Sergeant of the 50th General Hospital at Fort Lawton, Washington. Lee worked at Mason General Hospital from 1986 to 1991.



In 1991 the military came calling again and his reserve unit was mobilized for support of Desert Shield Desert Storm and sent to Saudi Arabia.

When asked about some of the things that stood out in Lee's memory, he mentioned his wife, of course! Second was being in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. Lee describes Riyadh as a beautiful city, and felt honored to have worked in one of the beautiful hospitals there.

The third was not as restful! Lee experienced a Scud attack on their building that missed them by 500 feet!

Lee retired from the US Army Reserve in March 1995.

After returning from Desert Storm, working at St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, Washington must have been a breeze!

Lee retired from there in 2005.

Lee went back to work again and worked for a brief time in home care with Kirk's medical, and after two years there he retired again.

In addition to Lee's Military service and Health care career, from 1986 to 1996 he was a member of the Shelton Police Reserve.

As far as hunting interests, he has done his share, bow and arrow, muzzleloader and rifle although he quit hunting in 1975.



Lee and Terry have a beautiful daughter who is married, and lives in Seattle. His favorite memories were the times they spent together in Hawaii. They liked it so much they went there five times!

A personal great memory was when Lee was able to make contact with his birth father, Sealy Nicholson. He was a WW II veteran, making it through the Normandy invasion. Lee also learned a bit about his genealogy, discovering that he was not only of Scottish descent but also Native American. "After many years of research and genealogy work, I was able to get membership in the Eastern Band Cherokee of Georgia."

We are pleased to have him as a Trustee!

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### 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!

## Concealed Carry Holster Safety

*by Cameron Benz*

Recently a picture of a holster has been circling the internet along with the false report of what happened. People have confused two separate incidents. This got me to thinking that I should cover some things to look for in a carry holster for the sake of safety.

The holster mentioned above was a well worn Galco product. Now, let me be clear, Galco does have some good products, this just wasn't one of the better ones to begin with. Combined with being well worn (read soft) it resulted in what some might call a negligent discharge (ND) and that blew a hole through the seat and rocker panel of the gentleman's car. I'd consider it negligent in that he failed to inspect his equipment and spot a fold that had developed in the trigger area of the holster and when he sat down, the fold pressed the trigger of his handgun resulting in the ND. He also had a minor injury. That incident has been confused with a separate one where a man had just purchased a soft holster with a clip on it and was carrying his handgun somewhere around the mid back area inside his belt line. At some point the gun went off while in this new soft holster and the man took a vertical wound (through and through) in his left posterior at about the seven o'clock position. The gun was safety checked and it was determined to be functioning properly. The theory that came up was that his undershirt bunched up and pressed into the soft trigger area of the soft holster.

With those two aforementioned incidents in mind, one might wonder what makes a good concealed carry holster. As you might have guessed from what I said above, it may not be just a brand thing but an individual design thing as well. Here are the things I would look for:

1. A good material such as Kydex or other thermoplastic. Blade-Tech has some good designs as does Raven Concealment, G Code, and a number of smaller shops such as Strongside Concealment. Horsehide, such as Greg Kramer produces, is also a good option. Then we have a number of cowhide holsters out there from companies like Ed Hume, Milt

Sparks, Galco, and Mitch Rosen to name but a few. We also want at least firm coverage of the trigger guard if not a full hard covering as is achieved with some of the thermoplastics on the market. A good holster should also either remain open or open itself again after having all of your body weight placed on top of it so it permits holstering one handed.

2. The holster should be cut in such a way as to allow the carrier to obtain a proper firing grip to facilitate the draw. I've encountered a number of holsters that fail in this category. Any retention methods should be reasonably quick to disengage in the process of obtaining the firing grip. This is only one of the areas that the nylon holsters with the nylon retention strap tend to fail in.
3. Solid belt attachment. In the early days of a certain "retention" holster being marketed, I was involved with some testing where we tore one clean off of a tester's belt. If anyone wonders, it's has a paddle that one presses with the trigger finger on the draw to release the gun. That should be sufficient to identify it. It is but one example. I've found universal belt width attachments are generally less than ideal as they allow the holster to move around on the belt excessively and/or the excess pokes into the body uncomfortably.

Once you have a good holster, inspect it regularly. Look for excessively soft leather in the case of a leather holster. Check for cracks or breakage on thermoplastic holsters. Also, check for loose fasteners as appropriate for a holster. I recommend a little bit of Loctite on screws, though I don't recommend the red as the high strength tends to be a bit much for most applications.

So there you have my suggestions on holsters. There are more good brands out there, particularly in the thermoplastic category, I just named a few off the top of my head and whose products I've used. Until next month, stay safe.

**The End**



## Women Becoming Comfortable with Firearms

by Tara Stein

I recently took the Basic Pistol Class given by the Mason County Sportsman's Association. Now mind you I am an older woman lacking in knowledge on how to handle a firearm. I do not hunt and never grew up around guns. I didn't have a clue about the different types, caliber or size of firearms that were out there.

Now my husband knew I wanted to learn how to use a firearm and through his wisdom suggested I take a class and see what I thought. It was one of the best suggestions he could have given me and I am very thankful he did. He'd tried teaching me before and, well, let's just say it didn't turn out too well. There's probably some women reading this and smiling to themselves thinking, yes I have been there, too. If so, don't give up; check out the classes and meetings.

Having taken the basic pistol class, I learned how to properly handle a firearm. I did not have a handgun at the time of the class but there were a variety of guns there, plus training ones to use so I could get feel for the various ones available.

But best of all, there was someone to help me! See, I am one of those special people who are left handed, and all you south-paws know what I mean. It is hard to find someone who can teach you how to properly hold and use a gun with your left hand. Most of the time you either wing it or use your right hand instead. I had the opportunity to learn from an instructor who was knowledgeable in using either hand. Well, I tell you what—that reduced my anxiety level practically to none.

I recently attended the Ladies of Caliber Winchester Defensive class at the Mason County Sportsman's Association. These ladies meet once a month; they are tailored to the women in our community to help us get the skills and knowledge to protect themselves. This month it was a review on handling the Basic Pistol. The atmosphere was stress free. The experiences the different women brought varied from none, to a little experience. There were a number of instructors so you didn't have to wait with



Tara Stein (in pink hearing protectors) and two other Ladies of Caliber, being assisted by three RSO's.

a question or wonder if you were doing it right. They watched each of us and gave instructions clearly and completely.

When it came time to leave, I left with so much more than I had anticipated. We all came there as strangers but left as friends.

Ladies, if you've been wanting to learn how to protect yourself and felt like I did—scared and unsure of yourself, go and take a class, or join the Ladies of Caliber, or just check the place out. It might be the best thing you could have done for yourself.



# Letter from Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club



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## Gun Ranges Under Attack

Dear Mason County Sportsman's Club

Your ability to have a local shooting range and responsibly practice firearms skills is under attack like never before! Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club (KRRC) is on the front line of an unprecedented attack and desperately needs your help. Make no mistake, if our County government is ultimately successful in this test case, all anti-Second Amendment attorneys will quote "Kitsap County v. Kitsap Rifle & Revolver Club" while working to shut down your perfectly safe shooting ranges. They will use greedy developers or nearby property owners to make deceitful false statements and retroactively apply new regulations designed to destroy your rights and steal your range property for their own gain or political agenda. And, they have figured out how to do it WITH YOUR TAX MONEY!

Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club is a non-profit organization that has run a historic 72-acre shooting range, specifically formed "For Sport and National Defense", since November 11, 1926. For more than 90 years we have provided practical firearms training and thousands of competitions. From grade school students to doctors, stay at home moms to full time law enforcement and military special forces operatives, people from all walks of life have benefited from the training, events and facilities we have provided. Our trained range officers that have earned such a reputation as to be requested repeatedly to facilitate and execute training events for law enforcement and our military's special forces. Our 90-year safety record is unmatched. But, that has not stopped vigorous attempts to shut us down.

Being unsuccessful to shut us down in an initial law suit with proven false accusations of safety problems, government attorneys got some traction with an activist judge on the exaggerated nuisance claims of "sounds of war" and lies of "expansion". A new gun range "ordinance" has been enacted that, notwithstanding our well established legal status as a grandfathered range, is financially impossible for us to comply with. Thousands of range users will lose one of the last fully operational training ranges in Western Washington. Citizens are losing quality firearm training including hunter education, women's defense classes and junior marksmanship programs to name just a few.

Kitsap County is using a strategy of over the top property rules that are impossible to comply with and multiple lawsuits to financially bankrupt the Club's ability to legally defend itself and has now gotten an activist judge to suspend our operations. If the County is successful, the anti-gun activists will apply these same tactics to all ranges in Washington and other States. This is a direct violation of the Second Amendment and vested property rights. If KRRC has no protected rights, your local range and your property will be next.

Our membership has carried this burden with honor, but NOW we need your help! First, please go to our website [www.GunSafety.org/legal](http://www.GunSafety.org/legal) to get armed with facts and then use your political power to voice your opinion on this dramatic over-reach and demand range protection legislation.

Second, we are committed to remain in the fight and push a counterattack. We ask for your help with a donation to our defense fund by mail or secure web site, listed at the top of this page. All donations will be used 100% for expenses to protect your rights and range. We need YOU to be a part of this fight. For all our sake and that of our children, we must win!

If you are in the area, please contact us at [info@gunsafety.org](mailto:info@gunsafety.org) to make arrangements for a tour of our range facility.

Thank You, and may Divine Providence bless us all,

*Brad Smith - President, Dorothy O'Dell - Vice President, Loran Todd -Treasurer, Barbara Butterton - Secretary  
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