

MCSA News

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May 2017

Jr Rifle Team Awards

By Val Martin



In photo: Front L-R: Asst Coach Bill Zeigler, Head Coach Allen Bragg, Thomas Dahman, Alex Estebon, Laurann Chambliss, Asst Coach Gary Bigger; Back L-R: Asst Coach Bill Brennan, Walker Geary, Chase Jellison, Hailey Germaine, Tristin Newby, Hanna Binder, Team Captain, Jaden Miller, Blake Hardin, Jonathan Rizzo, Nurse Anita Madea, Asst Coach Fred Nachbar, Asst Coach Ann Mecham.

It was standing room only at the May 3 Club meeting thanks to all the family and friends who came to see the awards given to the members of the Juniors Rifle team.

There were awards for those members who "lettered", as well as bars for team members to mark their progress towards distinguished expert.

Special recognition was given to Team Captain Jaden Miller; while Blake Hardin received the Top Gun award; Tristin Newby received the Scholastic Award. Walker Geary was recognized as the Most Improved; Hailey Germaine as the Most Inspiring; and Chase Jellison for Consistent Attendance

Jaden Miller recognized the contributions of each of the Coaches and Nurse Madea and presented them with a certificate. Arlene Zeigler received a "cookie award" for all the snacks she provided the team. Great Job shooters! Looking forward to next season!

President's Corner

By Bruce Clapp

Hello MCSA! With the handing off the reigns of the MCSA newsletter to Val Martin, I was asked to write something for the newsletter. I have always been a man of few words and even fewer when they are written, but with all of the exciting things at MCSA, it seemed like a great opportunity to write my first newsletter article. By the time you read this, Melinda Schuffenhauer and I will have made our first appearance for MCSA on KMAS radio for their morning show. This was an excellent opportunity for MCSA to be able to get their name out in the community.

One of the great strengths of MCSA is its volunteers. I am amazed at all of the different things that we do. The other day, I was looking at our calendar. If you look, you will notice that we have events open to the public almost every day of the month. There are only 5 or less days that we do not have an event occurring that is open to the public. We have training classes, ladies events, shooting matches for rifle and pistol, and even the Monday morning Brunch Bunch. The only way that we are able to do this is thru lots of volunteers. There are also many unseen volunteers who clean the bathroom, take out the trash and take care of the little things that make a big difference. If you would like to be more involved, or need to get in your working hours, please email volunteers@masoncountysa.com. If there are certain areas that you are interested in, please let us know. Do you have special skills such as project management, graphic design, contract administration, electrician, attorney, architect, professional engineer, etc? Let us know, occasionally we have need for these specialties.

At the May General Membership meeting, it

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Membership Advisory Proposed By-Law Change –

At the May 3 General Meeting there were two different items for membership advisory.

The first item is a proposed change to the By Laws which would allow Corporate Members. The Company making this request would make an annual contribution to MCSA, which would then allow their employees to join the club as a non-voting/non-working member and they would pay \$50 dues, \$20 fob fee and \$75 initiation fee. The club would start with one business and go from there.

Marv Voskuhl made a motion that we move forward and explore a corporate membership agreement, first with just one business and adjust the By Laws to accommodate. The motion was seconded by Kris Kord, all in favor, motion passed.

The upcoming vote on the following revision to the By Laws, Article 6, Categories of Senior Membership, Section 8 is would state: MCSA may offer corporate sponsorships in accordance with IRC 501c-3 guidelines.

The second Advisory Membership Vote is on the potential indoor range expansion. The club is looking at the possibility of adding a second bay to the existing range. It was clarified that this is NOT instead of any outdoor range, but a means to potentially help the club generate funds that will be needed for an outdoor range.

Bill Zeigler made a motion that we form a design committee to conduct a study of exploring the range expansion, adding an addition to the indoor range. Pete Laserinko seconded, 2 opposed, the majority approved and the motion was carried.



← One of many volunteers working on the air soft pistol booth for Shimpfest, in Brinnon.

Volunteer Opportunities

The club needs your help! Lynn Ludeman is coordinating help for the following club activities:

- **Information Table at Cabela's:** June 17 & 18
- **Shrimpfest:** Air Pistol Booth at Shrimpfest in Brinnon, May 27 & 28. There will be 2 shifts per day. This is a really fun event to work. People who are "people persons" and are knowledgeable about MCSA events are needed. Another way to help is to assist with transport, set-up and teardown.
- **Forest Festival:** June 3 & 4. MCSA will have an info table at Loop Field on Saturday and at the car show on Sunday. We need 3 people per shift to talk about our club, our classes/events, hand-out brochures and sell raffle tickets!
- **RSO Volunteers:** Non-participating RSO is needed at Friday night Bullseye matches and also for the .22 Rifle shoot on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Jack Fitch says they'd love to have "newly minted" RSO's come out for any of the Tuesday night leagues, and they'll give them some experience and coaching on RSO duties.
- **Sell Raffle Tickets:** Earn 5 volunteer hours for every 50 raffle tickets you sell! For more information, please contact Bill Zeigler, Raffle Chairman at 206-919-0488
- **Serve on a Committee**

Please contact Lynn at

volunteers@masoncountysa.com or 206-406-3562 if you are interested in helping the club with any of these events or have any questions.

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RAFFLE CENTRAL



The drawing on May 3 for the Just Right 9 mm carbine resulted in Lynn Ludeman (See article page # 7) winning the prize. Congrats to Lynn. May Nachbar drew the actual ticket and it was obvious her husband, Fred, was disappointed he did not win.

Alex Lev was the top salesman, selling 230 raffle tickets. Steve Worthington and Renegade Gun tied for 2nd with each selling 91 tickets.

Claire Voskuhl was specifically recognized for her wonderful and effective raffle posters.

It took 9 months for the "Shield" to become available, but we finally have it and it is the current raffle. The Smith & Wesson Performance Center "Shield" semi-automatic pistol will be raffled at the Sept 6 meeting.

A new 9 mm carbine will be raffled off at the MCSA Christmas party and shortly thereafter, we will sell raffle tickets for a Ruger Mark IV pistol.

We could surely use some help selling the S&W PC Shield semi-auto 9 mm, so please contact me for a batch of tickets to sell. You can earn 5 club working hours by selling 50 tickets, so give it some thought and call or see me at the range.

Bill Z 206-919-0488

Jr Rifle Team Wraps up Another Year

By Fred Nachbar

I would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Juniors Rifle Team. It is appreciated!

We have a number of new MCSA members so I would like to devote a few lines to explain why we have a Juniors Program.

MCSA is a 501c3 organization, and as such we are a nonprofit charitable tax exempt organization.

The Juniors Program allows the association the opportunity to give back to the community by

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was decided that MCSA would explore the possibility of augmenting the existing range property to include a second range or bay that would allow shooting positions up to 50 meters long, and would also accommodate heavy centerfire rifles in the new bay. Dan McCarty has been appointed the chair of the committee that is performing the exploratory research on this exciting opportunity. Dan will be reporting to the membership at the June Membership Meeting the findings and information gathered up to that point. I can say that the talks that we have had with key players in this process have been very positive and well received. This would be a wonderful step forward for MCSA. It would allow dual use of the range at the same time, in addition to having a second meeting room. There could be a match on one range, and recreational shooting on the other at the same time. Stay tuned, we will have more information soon on this exciting opportunity.

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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footing most of the Juniors expenses. This is done by providing all of the equipment, ammunition, range time, coaches and some of the transportation.

MCSA does this because the shooting sports support safety, concentration, discipline and self-esteem. It has been noted that Juniors shooters tend to do better in school and are more respectful over all. These attributes make for better citizens.

The program supports both the Shelton High School Rifle Team (SHS) and the NJROTC Air Rifle Team.

The SHS team is open to any student who wishes to participate. The NJROTC team is only open to students who participate in the NJROTC program. Most of the shooters are NJROTC.

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MCSA EVENT SCHEDULE

First Sunday 9:30 am: USPSA Match

Third Sunday 3 pm: Ladies of Caliber (see schedule)

First Tuesday 5 pm: Practical Pistol Competition

Second Tuesday 5 PM: Action Pistol League

Third Tuesday 5 pm: Tactical Carry Action PL

Fourth Tuesday 5 pm: 2Gun 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

Fridays 6 pm: Bullseye

Please go to Masoncountysa.com and click on "Club
Calendar" tab for the current schedule.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

If you have ever thought about getting some additional
training, check out the opportunities below:

Phase 2 Basic Pistol will be taught: July 22, September 23
& December 30

Range Safety Officer (RSO) will be taught: July 29-30

Personal Protection in the Home will be taught: August
26-27

Basic Instructor & Basic Pistol Instructor Training will be
taught: June 23-25

Basic Pistol Instructor Training will be taught: June 24-25

**Basic Instructor & Personal Protection Outside of the
Home (PPOH) Instructor** will be taught: October 27-29

Please contact Training Chairman Steve Worthington at
360-426-6486 or training@masoncountysa.com if you
have any questions or comments!



Ladies of Caliber

June 18

Learn about where to go for gear designed for women
and an ammo tutorial, as well as time to practice in
the range.

July 16

Come try a steel shoot! If you've shot steel targets
before, you know how much fun it is! If you haven't
tried it, come give it a try, you are in for a treat! 38
Special, 9mm or larger.

August 20

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ryan Spurling will be at the range
to teach us about handgun retention and defensive
tactics.

September 17

Winchester Defensive Pistol skills. This is self-paced;
we all advance at our own speed. There will be plenty
of coaching and time to go slowly.

October 15

Refuse to be a Victim mini seminar

November 19

Open Topic

December 17

Member feedback/requests for future topics.

Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month. Cost is
\$6.00 for members, \$8.00 for non-members. Bring
your unloaded firearm in a box or a bag, 50 rounds of
ammunition and don't forget the ear and eye
protection! A brimmed hat is also handy to have.



2017 Legislative Session has ended

Per the recap by Chris Kord at the General meeting on May 3rd and listed in the NRA-ILA blog, the following is an excerpt of bills that have either been signed, or await the Governor's signature:

HB 1100 was signed into law on April 6th. A renewal postcard will be sent out 90 days before the expiration of concealed pistol licenses.

SB 5268 is awaiting signature and also pertains to CPLs. This would allow applicants to receive an email notification of their upcoming CPLs expiration. This would be sent 60 days prior to the expiration date.

HB 1612 is awaiting signature. This bill allows for the temporary private transfer of guns to prevent suicide. It also expands the definition of family to include parent-in-law and siblings-in-law. It provides that transfers between family members will now include loans, not just gifts, as was included in HB 1612.

SB 5552 is awaiting signature. It provides certain exemptions to the ban on private transfers and clarifications to certain areas of the law that have caused confusion when I-594 was passed.

SB 5256 was signed into law on May 5th. This law allows for a new "permanent" order with no expiration date. Amendments were adopted to allow respondents to petition once per year to have their firearm rights restored by showing there has been a

material change in circumstances. Unfortunately, this law could result in the loss of Second Amendment rights without due process.

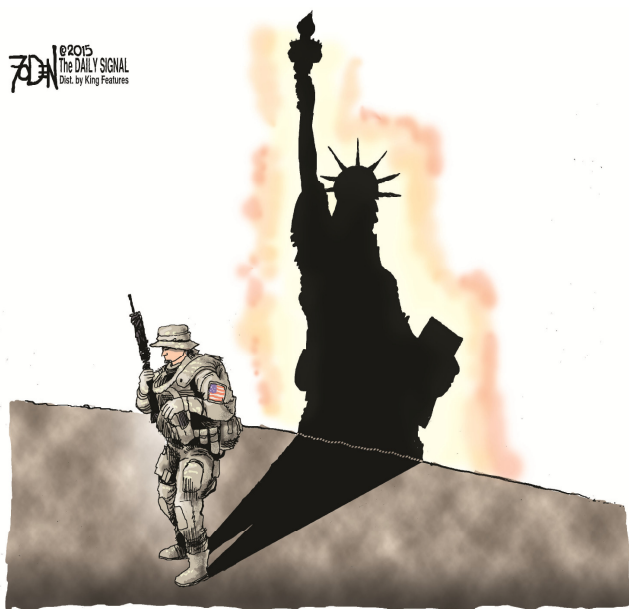
Thankfully the legislature did NOT pass the following bills:

SB 5050 would have banned modern semi-automatic rifles and standard capacity ammunition magazines.

HB 1387 would have established arduous licensing requirements.

HB 1483 would have allowed for the destruction of all firearms confiscated by or forfeited to the WA State Patrol, instead of being sold to generate revenue.

HB 1122 had the potential to levy large fines and potential imprisonment of law abiding gun owners who didn't lock up their firearms, thereby making them basically useless in any self-defense scenario. On the federal side, On March 1st, the newly appointed Secretary of the Dept. of Interior, Ryan Zinke, removed the lead-ammo ban put in place by the Obama Administration. Order 3346 does away with the lead-ammo ban on US Fish and Wildlife Service lands, waters and facilities that was put into place during the final days of the Obama administration.



IT TAKES ONE...to ENJOY the OTHER

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The rules between precision air rifle and precision rifle are slightly different; however, the core training in safety and discipline are the same.

We are looking for volunteers with rifle experience to help coach the kids. Even if you don't have rifle experience, come out and observe our shooters in action and decide if this would be an avenue that you may like to take.

Coaching more than qualifies you for your working membership hours.

2-Gun Action Pistol League

By Val Martin

There were 17 shooters participating in the 2-Gun Action Pistol League event held on April 25 at the range.

The shooters were of all ages and skill levels and it looked like everyone had fun! In the 2-Gun event, most of the shooters used a pistol and a carbine; however shooters have the option to run the course with just a carbine.

The first stage was setup with 4 steel plates, 10 standard USPSA paper targets and 10 mini USPSA paper targets. The shooter started with their carbine at belt level, pointed down range, and standing at a specific spot. The shooter then progressed either right or left, depending on how they wanted to shoot the targets. There are certain parameters that needed to be met, for example, 1 steel had to be shot with both the pistol and carbine and there were “no-shoots” employed. Barriers were set-up so the shooter had to move and couldn’t just stand in one place and fire.

The second stage had 3 steel plates, 10 standard USPSA paper targets and 10 mini USPSA paper targets. Each shooter placed their firearms unloaded on the table. Once they were told to proceed, the shooter picked up their firearm, loaded it, and shot from behind the barriers, so they were basically stationary. This stage the steel targets did not have to be hit with both guns.

After every shooter, the other participants helped reset the steel targets, tape the paper targets and pick up the ejected brass cartridges.

First place was Evan Tisler; second place was Scott Hawkins; third place was Jack Fitch. Congratulations everyone!



HANDGUN SPEED SHOOTING TIPS

By Cameron Benz

This month, I thought I would depart somewhat from my usual safety topics and venture into a slightly related topic... handgun speed shooting. I know many members of MCSA might appreciate some pointers on how they can get better, so I thought I would share a couple of things that have helped me.

Handgun marksmanship is a very simple thing, it just isn’t easy. All we have to do is deliver the shot without moving the gun off of target. That is the essence of it. The reality is most people, once instructed and having had time to adapt, can align the sights. Some may say to focus on the front sight, while other instructors advocate for a threat focus. That debate is something I don’t care to get into here.

One of the most critical elements in handgun marksmanship is trigger control. It doesn’t matter if your sights are perfectly aligned if you then press the trigger in such a way that you pull the sights off your intended point of aim. Some may say things like “stop jerking the trigger”. The real problem isn’t that a person is jerking the trigger, but rather that they are disturbing the sights when they do it. Rob Leatham, a world champion handgun shooter, is the first to say he jerks the trigger he’s just nearly perfected doing it without disrupting the sights. So our aim (pun fully intended) is to work on pressing the trigger smoothly.

No ammo is required for this as dry fire will get you started. Make sure you clear your pistol first. Also, make sure all ammo is removed from the room. I also recommend saying

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Madam Secretary

By Val Martin

Lynn Ludeman was not only the winner of this month's raffle (see raffle article), she is the Secretary of MCSA (starting in 2016) and the Volunteer Coordinator. She was the editor of the monthly newsletter from 2015 through April 2017. Lynn grew up in Waterville, WA, with her two younger siblings. Her Dad is a retired 3rd generation wheat farmer and her Mom is still the Executive Director of the Douglas County Historical Society and Museum in Waterville. When asked to describe herself, she said "I was a tomboy kid, but also like to read, draw/paint, sew, play the piano and guitar and sing..."

When they retired, Dan and Lynn decided to find something neither of them knew anything about and they would learn it together, and Dan got to choose. Even though, or maybe because, Lynn was afraid of guns, Dan chose learning to shoot as their new endeavor. In early 2013, they stumbled across the indoor range in Shelton. After a conversation with Jack Fitch, a private training program was designed. Lynn figured that she would "go along for the ride" and once Dan got involved in shooting and then she would go back to reading, beadwork and other hobbies that she liked. As we now know, that is not what happened!

With Jack's help and by practicing regularly, Lynn got over her fear of firearms. Their weekly practice morphed into attending Bullseye every Friday night. Lynn started volunteering when she noticed that there were "just a few people doing all the work". Steve Worthington was one of her many inspirations for stepping up. At the time, he was wearing at least four different hats! Through her volunteering, Lynn and Dan started meeting people and participating in more club activities. Lynn says "it's not only really fun, but we now count people we met from this club as among our closest friends."

When asked what she likes to do now...first thing that she says is "I like to shoot!" Lynn also enjoys taking her two dogs to Nosework classes. Nosework is a competitive sport where the training of a dog and human team for things like search and

rescue or drug/bomb searches have been softened and treated like a game. The challenge is to see how well the human can read what the dog is telling them and how they both solve the "odor puzzle". The only drawback of the class is it is held on Tuesdays which means she can't participate in the Tuesday night leagues, although soon we will be seeing Lynn at PPC League on the first Tuesday of each month.

When asked what she likes best, Lynn is quick to say "that's easy, the people! I had a lot of anxiety early on about being dumb about guns and about the amount of fear I had but in general, I've been treated with respect and genuine desire to help me to learn and be more comfortable, both from people I know and those I didn't know very well. "

I would like to thank Lynn for all she does for the club. I have some large shoes to fill as editor of the newsletter and look forward to working with her!

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something to yourself to the effect of “this is dry fire time. I’ve unloaded the gun.” I repeat it three times to myself. Also, make sure you have a safe surface to point the gun at. Some people use old bullet proof vest panels, but some large books stacked several inches thick can work as well. Remember, we want to be safe in the event something goes wrong. I’ve seen it happen. Now, without using the sights, just take the time to practice pressing the trigger without moving the gun. It’ll be pretty obvious if you do, as you’ll see the muzzle move. Practice this as much as you like. When you’re ready to go hot, be sure to make it a conscious effort and also, repeat to yourself, “Dry fire is over the gun is now loaded.”

The second tip I picked up came from Ernest Langdon, who has a number of IDPA state champion wins. When I was being trained,

we were taught “follow through” which generally meant keeping the trigger pinned all the way to the rear as we reacquire the sights. What this leads to is the tendency to do what I’ve started referring to as the “release and snatch”. When we come back on target, our mind recognizes that we have a sight picture again, and suddenly we find ourselves releasing and then immediately smacking the trigger again so we’re fighting two movements to try and stay on target. What needs to happen is we need to release the trigger as soon as we’ve pulled it so that we can focus on just pulling the trigger when the sights are aligned.

I hope this helps some of our MCSA members in their quest to deliver ammo to the target more effectively. Shoot safe.

Pictures from the May 4th Steel Shoot

Submitted by Daniel Martin

