

MCSA News

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November 2017

Christmas Party, 2017!!!

The Annual MCSA Christmas Party will be at the Lake Limerick Inn on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 2 – 6PM.**

Cost is \$30.00 per person. The last day tickets will be available for purchase will be Dec 6, at the next General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the PUD3 on Johns Prairie Rd. After the meeting the headcount will be sent to Lake Limerick.

The menu this year will be turkey, pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, rolls, a vegetable and a dessert. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. Beer, Wine and cocktails will be available for purchase.

Door prizes include donations from Vortex (including \$500 sight and lots of swag), Smith and Wesson (lots of swag,), along with other companies and some of our own members. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Lynn.

The JRC Carbine winner will be drawn at the Christmas Party.

Proposed Change to the By-Laws & Standing Rules

Currently the By-laws have 7 categories of Senior Division Membership (adult). The **Proposed** change will make it 5 categories by eliminating the "working" and "non-working" category labels and be just "Single Members" or "Family Membership".

Currently the Standing Rules have 9 different dues schedules for the Senior division. They include:

- 1) Senior "Working" member \$50.00
- 2) Family "Working Membership" \$75.00
- 3) Senior "Non-Working" Member \$125.00
- 4) Family "Non-Working" Membership \$187.50

Currently the Club Service Obligation says in part:

- A. Each Senior "Working" Member and all Junior Members must contribute a minimum of 20 hours per year toward the fund raising and work party activities of the Club.....Family working memberships require 30 hours per year....

Proposed Dues Schedule:

1. Basic Single Member \$50/year
2. Basic Family Membership \$75./year
3. The old number 5 through 9 do not change.

Proposed Club Service Obligation:

- A. Each Single Member must contribute 20 working/volunteer hours to the club per year and each Family Membership must contribute 30 working/volunteer hours to the club per year. (Hours worked above the minimum required do not roll over to the next renewal period.)
- B. Members who do not fulfill their minimum obligation of volunteer hours will have the Basic Dues increased at the rate of 3.75/unworked hour.
- C. All Junior Members must contribute a minimum of 20 hours per year to maintain their membership.
- D. Old B, D, E, F G & H do not change.

Elections are Wednesday 12/6 at the Yearly General MCSA Meeting at the PUD3 room at 6:30 PM.

Voting is an important, but easy, way to participate in the club. The club is only as good as its active members!



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Brunch Bunch Turkey Shoot

By Bill Ziegler

And the winner of the "Brunch Bunch First Annual, Unofficial NON-Sponsored MCSA Turkey Shoot" is Gordon Osberg. Second prize to Alex Lev. Thanks to Michael B and Gene S for coordinating and scoring targets. The winner and second prize were 1 point (of 100) apart. Gordy, always generous, donated the prize money to the Charitable Giving Committee.



Gordon Osberg

Bylaw changes continued:

The other proposed change to the By-Laws is:

Article XII Elections to read: All Board Members and Trustees are required to be a voting member f MCSA for the 18 month period prior to taking office.

Mason County Sportsman's Association Board of Directors

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Gun Handling and What NOT To Do

By Cameron Benz

I'm sure I don't need to lecture everyone on the rules of firearm safety. Sometimes though, there are things people do without realizing it.

When you're bringing your gun onto the target, do you keep your muzzle dropped, flat, slightly elevated, or very elevated? I ask because it isn't uncommon for people to run with their muzzle high, and lower the muzzle as they reach full extension with the front sight on target. The problem here is, that the muzzle can be high enough to point above an outdoor berm or to put a round into or through an indoor ceiling if a person doesn't have the proper trigger discipline. Launching a bullet through the ceiling is bad because once it has left the building, there is no telling where it is going or where it is going to land.

Trigger discipline is another habit we need to look at. Remember the safety rule about not putting your finger on the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire? The reason we have that rule is that if we fail at any of the other rules, we shouldn't encounter a problem. Many times while working at a gun store counter, I had guns pointed at me and many times customer fingers would be on the trigger. Two safety rules are violated in this situation. If a person takes the attitude that it's ok because "it isn't loaded", then they are setting themselves up for failure by repeating some techniques that are not safe, particularly when assuming a gun is unloaded. Many sales folks and gunsmiths I know have had someone come in and sweep the muzzle of a gun across them when unloading the firearm from a bag and say, "it's ok, it's not loaded." Then when that same gunsmith or sales person checks the gun they find that it actually is loaded. When does a person's mind switch to "oh this gun is loaded, I should handle it safely"?

Remember, DO NOT handle guns behind the firing line and keep them pointed down range. If you are addressing a failure to fire, it's best to keep that pointed down range for a minute or so before clearing it from the gun.

With that out of the way and until next month, enjoy the sun and get some range practice in!

Raffle Central

By Bill Zeigler

The JRC Carbine raffle tickets for the December 10th Christmas Party drawing are all gone.

On going, is the Ruger Mark IV Hunter model 22 target pistol. I am looking for helpers to sell the tickets. We printed 1,200 of them and there are about 600 still unsold or undistributed. help! Help!

I just purchased a Cannon 40 gun Fire Safe; measuring 34" wide x 59" high x 24" deep. Raffle tickets and posters will be ready in late November. Price will be \$5 per ticket donation and I am printing 500 of them with a drawing date of February 7th. It is the Gift of Safety until December 26th, then it becomes the Happy Valentine's Day gift. It will be a great Christmas stocking stuffer (not the safe itself, the tickets). This will be a short time, small ticket quantity raffle so it should be fun. I will be looking for selling helpers shortly.

For this and all raffles, working hours can be earned and it very much helps financing club activities, especially charitable giving. Oh, by the way, this raffle is felon friendly-no background checks on the winner. Be advised that the winner takes possession at our range (497 pounds), where the safe will be on display.

Bill
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An important message from the Safety Committee:

Be sure to review the range rules before bringing firearms to the range.

And remember "All firearms shall remain unloaded, magazine removed, and holstered or bagged unless on the firing line in preparation to shoot."

And always follow instructions from Range Officers.

Have a safe holiday season,
Charlie, Mark, Jack

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
Second Wednesday	6 pm: .22 Rifle Shoot
First Thursday	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship
Second Thursday	6 pm: Steel Shoot
Third 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 2018

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

Pistol for Beginners:	January 14
NRA Basic Pistol:	Feb 10/11
NRA RSO:	Mar 24/25

Please contact Dan at training@masoncountysa.com or leave a message at 360-427-1102 if you have any questions or comments!



Ladies of Caliber

December 17

Member feedback/requests for future topics.

Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month. Cost is \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 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.

Volunteers Needed

By Lynn Ludeman

Introducing 2 new volunteer committee members, Tara Stein and Kim Lawrence! Tara and Kim will be helping at the MCSA Christmas Party and will assist with phone calls and emails for volunteer projects as they come up.

As always, there will be many opportunities to join a **Committee** in the new year. All committees have room, so please do speak up if you are interested in helping out with any of them. You can talk to anyone on the board or call/email Bruce Clapp at 360-402-9555 or president@masoncountysa.com.

Members willing to help **sell raffle tickets** and to **write articles for the club newsletter** are always welcome and these activities do earn volunteer hours.

For questions, suggestions of other things that need doing or to sign up, please call or email Lynn 206-406-3562 or secretary@masoncountysa.com.

Gunshot First Aid

By Marv Voskuhl

Recently Amy Carpenter, an EMS Instructor, helped MCSA create a "Gunshot First Aid Kit" that is now available 24/7 at the range.

It is located on the wall behind the 50-foot line on the right side.

You'll see that the kit is in a sealed container with a pair of scissors available to cut the red zip ties for kit access and a laminated 911 script card.

There are two identical kits in the box in separate 2.5-gallon plastic bags.

When you open either bag you will see an inner bag with personal protection equipment and medical equipment for two first responders.

Next there is a laminated "Gunshot Trauma Checklist" that is brief and straightforward to help you assist the victim quickly.

Gunshot Checklist

By Marv Voskuhl

Here's what it says:

Gunshot Checklist

1. Call 911 NOW – Keep line open & send a spotter outside
2. Glove-up, eye-up, & mask-up – both you & a helper
3. Assess wound situation:
 - a. Wound in chest or stomach near SPINE – DON'T MOVE
 - b. Get bleeding under control using compression pads
 - c. ONLY if necessary, use tourniquet to stop bleeding
 - d. If moveable, get victim off concrete floor ASAP
 - e. Use space blankets to conserve body heat
4. Maintain your calm & keep the victim engaged

After EMS gets here – get out of their way

1. Call MCSA leadership – Phone#s on wall by phone
2. Complete MCSA incident report
3. Get all witnesses to write down what they saw

On the lid of the box is a listing the supplies inside and a copy of the Gunshot Checklist printed on red paper mainly to catch your eye – "Here are the Gunshot First Aid Supplies."

Given our close proximity to Mason General Hospital, blood-clotting agents are not included since their use can delay getting a victim into surgery.

As always, regular first aid supplies are available in the classroom area for self-help first aid.

Newsletter

We gladly consider article submissions from any member on topics of their choosing! Please send your articles, ideas for future topics, suggestions or feedback to vmarting1360@gmail.com

Junior Program

The following article was submitted by Fred Nachbar, but was written by Anita Madea. Yes, it is a long article, but I encourage everyone to read it. Anita did an excellent job explaining the relationship between MCSA and the High School Rifle Team.

Thank you to Alex Lev for photos from the start of this year's program.

Shelton High School Rifle Team and Mason County Sportsman's Association

By Anita Madea

Without the Mason County Sportsman's Association (MCSA), Shelton High School would not have a rifle team!

The Mason County Sportsman's Association provides for almost 100% of the team expenses, including the rifles, equipment, shooting clothing, ammunition, range time, and transportation. We live in a small rural community where 65% of the students qualify for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch at school. That means that their household incomes are low enough that the government subsidizes their meals at school. Generally, they could not afford to buy the supplies and equipment that it takes to make a team.

Similarly, Shelton High School pays very little to the effort. There is a small stipend to the head coach as advisor of the students, approximately \$2000 per school year. Our coach uses that money to pay for more rifle team expenses. The school provides the copy costs to make packets of information, permission slips, emergency information cards, invitations, certificates, etc. The school also has a bus that goes a few blocks out of its way each day to drop off rifle team members at the shooting range after school. When the cadets in Naval Junior ROTC have a drill meet and rifle match away, the shooting students ride the school bus to get to the match. However, the MCSA volunteer coaches drive private vehicles to carry the equipment to the match. The volunteer coaches also drive private vehicles to carry equipment and students to away matches in the high school rifle league.

Sources of income: Sources to support the rifle team include the MCSA budget, MCSA fund raising projects, donations from the local VFW and American Legion, donations from the NJROTC Booster Club, grants from the Friends of NRA Foundation, and personal expenditures by the MCSA volunteer coaches. By the way, the President of the NJROTC Booster Club is a member of the Mason County Sportsman's Association and was the past President of MCSA. We also have one or two parents of shooters who volunteer to help transport the team to the high school rifle league away matches.

Costs: The costs of a rifle team are quite high because of all the specialized equipment. We shoot both precision .22 caliber rifles (high school league) and precision air rifles (NJROTC league). Therefore, we maintain and upgrade two sets of rifles. Each .22 precision rifle costs \$2500 to \$3900, and each precision air rifle costs \$1200 to \$1600. We get about 3 new ones each year, including rifles for right-handed and left-handed shooters. We recently purchased an additional safe to store the rifles.

Other equipment includes leather slings, leather shooting gloves, canvas mats, cloth kneeling rolls, ammunition stands, sighting scopes, scope stands, shooting jackets, protective eyewear, and storage boxes. The mats and jackets are cleaned commercially every other year by a local dry cleaner. Disposable equipment includes ear plugs, paper targets, compressed air, 5000 rounds of .22 ammunition, and 1500 rounds of air rifle pellets each year. We have to purchase cleaning rods, wrenches, oil, etc., for rifle maintenance. Sometimes we have to send a rifle out for repair. And we pay an annual fee to the Northwest Evergreen Rifle League.

Matches: At the start of the school year, we outfit 25 to 30 students who are interested in participating, and so they share rifles, equipment, and range time. By December, we typically have 12 to 17 shooters who want to stick with it. Ten students travel to high school matches, and 8 travel to NJROTC matches. Competition starts in November or December and goes through April. The team attends 4 NJROTC away matches in Oregon, southern Washington, and Tacoma areas. There are 5 high school league away matches in Centralia and Rochester. We also host 4 high school league home matches.

Sometimes we shoot additional postal matches by mail...we shoot the targets at home and mail them to the sponsor of the match who scores them. In 2016, we took 1st place in a nationwide postal match. Each postal match has an entry fee.

Special Events: In 2016, eight shooters, 3 coaches, and 1 parent, went to a shooting clinic taught by a US Olympic shooter in Oregon. We stayed overnight. On the second day we had a match. Shelton shooters took the top three spots in precision rifle. MCSA paid the registration fee for each student and 3 hotel rooms for 12 people.

Range Time: We begin rifle practice in mid-September and end in early May. We practice 4 days per week, excluding holidays, vacation days, half days of school, away match days, and snow days. That amounts to 103 days in 2016. Additionally, we have 4 days of summer practice. Practice is from 3 pm to 5pm, but the volunteer coaches are there 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm, for a total of 3 hours times 107 days, or 321 hours per year. These are hours that the membership of the Mason County Sportsman's Association cannot use the range. Therefore, the membership is donating range time to the rifle team.

Volunteer Hours: There are 9 MCSA volunteer coaches. On a typical day, we have 5 coaches present. Therefore, we donate 5 times 321 hours, or 1605 hours of volunteer time. We also have 3 coaches meetings per year, 2 hours each meeting, for another 6 hours times 9 coaches or 54 hours. That is a total of 1659 volunteer hours per year. This number does not include their travel time and mileage to and from the range, some of whom live 30 minutes away from the range.

One volunteer coach spends many additional hours preparing paperwork, filing paperwork with the school, calling volunteer drivers to away matches, preparing documents, writing meeting minutes, making copies, maintaining records, publishing emergency cards and emergency information for each rifle range where we shoot, etc. That adds another 50 hours per year, for a total of 1709 hours. This year we have added a volunteer National Rifle Association certified Range Safety Officer who is not a coach just to watch the shooting line for safety. These hours started in 2017 and are not added to the 2016 hours.

Typically 3 coaches attend away matches. For the .22 high school league, the matches time and travel are 5 hours times 5 matches times 3 coaches, for another 75 hours. The four Saturday NJROTC matches time and travel include 4 times 10 hours times 3 coaches, for another 120 hours. Now the total is 1904 hours per year.

Much of our rifle team income is from the Friends of NRA Foundation grants. One of our volunteer coaches spends many additional hours preparing three or four grant applications each year. The process involves planning what we need, meeting with our community partners, obtaining budget and tax information from them to submit with the application, submitting the applications, and then reporting on the results of the grants awarded and the items purchased. That adds another 30 hours of volunteer time, for a total of 1934 hours per year.

Benefits of Target Rifle Shooting: So what's in it for the students? There are a multitude of benefits related to shooting sports. This sport requires concentration, discipline, control, and a sense of responsibility. The benefit of learning and practicing these skills are that they positively influence the student's schoolwork, citizenship and progression to maturity. Young shooters experience the satisfaction of improved results as they learn that success requires commitment and practice. These skills apply to whatever path the students choose to pursue as adults. Further, in order for the students to participate, they must be passing their high school courses. It is an incentive for them to turn in assignments and stay up to date.

Concentration Skills: The heart and soul of firing consistent series of accurate shots is concentration. Developing the ability to fire accurate shots enhances concentration skills to a high degree. Many young shooters and their parents also discover that concentration skills transfer to schoolwork and other pursuits.

Self-Control and Emotional Control: Shooters must learn to control themselves and their emotions exceptionally well. In shooting, competitive energies are directed towards an inanimate object, the target, and never towards an opponent. Target shooting is the antithesis of violence.

Self-Discipline: Self-discipline is emphasized in target shooting from the first safety lessons, to disciplining oneself to set goals and get the most out of every practice, to the self-discipline that determines how hard and how often one practices.

Responsibility: Gun safety begins with accepting responsibility for handling guns safely. Progress in shooting depends upon accepting full responsibility for both good scores and bad scores.

Fair Play and Sportsmanship: In shooting, the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship lead to a commitment to always follow the rules and respect other competitors as well as coaches and competition officials.

Rewards of Hard Work: Shooting is a sport where strength, size, or speed, make no difference in how well one can shoot. Instead, shooting is a sport where how hard one works makes all the difference. This can become a critical and long-lasting life lesson.

Positive Self-Image: Participating in target shooting where progress is almost solely dependent upon how hard one works has helped many young people learn to believe in themselves and to understand that they can achieve their goals and meet difficult challenges.

Photos by Alex Lev



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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