

MCSA News

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Radiant Heat Information

By Claire Voskuhl

Our Range is heated with Radiant Infrared Heaters. These heaters do not heat the air, they heat only the people and things in their path. If you aren't in the path, you won't feel any warmth.

Automatically turning on **all four rows of heaters** is a waste of energy **and bulb life**. **FYI:** Each bulb runs \$100.00 plus tax and shipping.

The placement of the heaters provides the 50 foot line with the best heat using heater Rows 1 & 2. Rows 3 & 4 provide heat around the 35 foot area. At the 15 foot line you are on your own.

Please only turn on the rows that will actually provide you some heat when you are under them.

Also, if you are going to spend time in the training room first, don't needlessly run the heaters in the hope of warming the range. It won't happen, and with all four rows on you are **wasting** the electricity needed to light 320 "60 watt" bulbs. Yikes!

Again, if you aren't under the heater you will not get any warmer!

Volunteers Needed

The volunteer committee will be calling members about volunteer needs and opportunities.

Our club is only as good as the people who participate, so please help make it a great club, please say "yes" when you get the call!

Thank you.

Raffle Central

By Bill Zeigler

At the February 7th General MCSA meeting, the Cannon 40 gun safe raffle winner was drawn. The winner lives in Port Orchard and she decided she couldn't use the safe, so she sold it.

Dennis Frost was the winner of the special drawing for the sewn Seahawks pattern lap quilt, donated by Arlene Zeigler.

The winner of the Ruger Mark IV 22 "Hunter" model pistol raffle will be drawn March 7th. There are about 100 unsold tickets. This Ruger pistol was named 2018 American Rifleman "Handgun of the Year". A Verle's \$25 gift certificate will also be drawn at random from the attendance sign in log and awarded during this meeting.

Our next raffle for a new prize, the Smith & Wesson, M&P, Performance Center Pro Series, 9 mm, 5 inch barrel, optics ready, striker fired, semi-auto pistol. I've printed 500 tickets and they will be \$5 each and the winning drawing is June 6th. See the pistol at Verle's after March 1st.

To purchase tickets or to earn working hours selling raffle tickets, kindly call ole Bill at 206-919-0488. Many helpers pulling the wagon make the work easier. Although a horse trainer once told me that only the horses in the lead have a good view, the others, not so much. Be a leader.



TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

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

March 10	Pistol for Beginners
March 24 & 25	NRA RSO
April 7 & 8	NRA Pistol Instructor
April 14	Basic Rifle
May 12/13	NRA Basic Pistol

For full details on each of these classes, go to www.masoncountysa.com, click on Training and Education tab. You can also email us at training@masoncountysa.com.

Ongoing, the Winchester Marksmanship Program is a great way to either develop your skills or build them and continue your practice.

The first Thursday of the month is Winchester Pistol, with a .22 pistol.

The third Thursday is Winchester Rifle, shot from the bench at 50 ft with your .22 rifle.

The fourth Thursday is Winchester Defensive Pistol, shot with a .380 or larger caliber pistol.

All of the Winchester Marksmanship programs are self-paced, designed to build skills and proficiency at your own speed and you'll be awarded as you advance. Coaching is available.

Please contact:

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

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
Third Wednesday	6 pm: Plate Race
First Thursday	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship
Second Thursday	6 pm: Steel Shoot
Third Thursday	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship
Fourth Thursday	Winchester Defensive Pistol, .380 or larger cal pistol
Fridays	6 pm: Bullseye

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

Newsletter

We gladly consider article submissions from any member on topics of their choosing! The newsletter depends on articles of interest to the members. Please let us know if you have any ideas for an article, or if you would care to write one. Please send to vmartin91360@gmail.com



Ladies of Caliber

Meetings are 3 to 6 pm on 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.

Schedule of Events:

Mar 18	Gun Cleaning Clinic with Gary Mills of Curly Wolf Guns.
Apr 15	Work on personal defense skills in the Winchester Defensive Pistol program.
May 20	Chief Deputy Sheriff Ryan Spurling will talk about thinking defensively.
Jun 17	Back to Basics and plenty of practice time.
July 15	Come have a try at a Steel Shoot. (38 special, 9mm or larger caliber)
Aug 19	Guest Speaker (to be confirmed).
Sept 16	Firearm Choice and Fit clinic with Gary Mills of Curly Wolf Guns.
Oct 21	Gear and Holster clinic.
Nov 18	Gun Cleaning and Fit Modifications Clinic with Gary Mills of Curly Wolf Guns.

Contact:
Melinda with any questions at 360-999-8463

Interested in a class for a Utah Carry Permit?

MCSA Board is discussing the possibility of offering a concealed weapons certification class for obtaining a Utah Concealed Carry Permit, if we have a minimum of 15 people sign up to attend.

This class would allow you to apply for the Utah CCW, which would allow you to carry in 32 states.

To get the Oregon (CHL), take the training certificate received from the class and fill out an application for the Oregon CHL (Concealed Handgun License) both of which you will get at the class. You take the application to Oregon (Multnomah County Sheriff) and after they run a check on you, they will contact you and give you a date and time on when to travel there to get your license.

You bring your training certificate with you and pay Multnomah County the license fee when you go there (\$65).

The cost for the course is \$70,

Email:

training@masoncountysa.com or secretary@masoncountysa.com if you are interested in taking this class.

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



Meet the Board!

Have you met our club's President, Bruce Clapp? If you have been to a club meeting, he's the guy at the table leading the meeting, keeping it moving and on track. You may also have seen him at some of the shooting matches he participates in. So here is a little bit about our club President....

Bruce was a teenager when his Dad taught him to shoot. He started developing his skills through the Jr Program at the St Charles Sportsman's Club in Maryland and by shooting each summer at Boy Scout camp.

When asked how he found MSCA, Bruce said he found MCSA on the web when he was looking for somewhere in the area to go shooting. He decided to try the Tuesday night Action Pistol League matches. When he's not traveling, Bruce still participates in the Tuesday night shoots, as well as the Steel and USPSA matches.

As President, Bruce said "I get to do a lot of fun stuff, but one of the best duties is calling ticket number at the annual Christmas party" (and he called lots of them this year!)

Even though Bruce enjoys shooting a lot, he says "the best part of MSCA is all of the awesome people that work so hard to make MCSA such a great place. MSCA does not exist without the volunteers".

When asked what he liked to shoot the most, Bruce replied "Right now my big love is shooting three gun matches. It is a lot of fun, it is challenging, and you get to shoot a lot."

Bruce's advice to membership is to "Get involved! MCSA runs on volunteers. There are so many opportunities and needs available. I am always amazed by the depth of experience that our membership has. MCSA has come so far, but there is so much more than can be done – we need your help. Your skills are unique to you, but when used at MCSA, this is when we can accomplish great and exceptional things!"



Bruce at the Christmas party

Mason County Sportsman's Association Board of Directors

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Avoiding and Surviving Hostile Encounters

Hostile encounters are thought of as a confrontation, fight, physical or threat associated with aggressiveness, intimidation or harassing behavior. At the extreme, terrorist activity also fits this category.

If you have not personally experienced any of these situations, have you ever wondered what you would do if you did?

Program given by
Pierce County Deputy Sheriff **Dan Hacker**.

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018, 1 – 3PM

PUD 3 Auditorium,
2621 E. Johns Prairie Rd, Shelton WA

Pre-Registration is required, although this program is free of charge.

You can find the link at www.masoncountysa.com,
“Community Events” tab.

This program presented as a public service by iFIBERONE,
PUD 3, the Shopper, Dan Hacker and
Mason County Sportsman’s Association.

Legislative Update (from NRA-ILA)

Washington: Gun Bills to Be Heard Next Week

On February 9th, the Washington state Senate passed Senate Bill 6298 to expand the category of persons stripped of their Second Amendment rights and it is now scheduled for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on February 21st at 8:00AM. On February 14th, the state House Judiciary Committee passed Senate Bill 5992 to ban certain firearm accessories and it now awaits a floor vote.

In addition, a pro-gun amendment offered by Representative Morgan Irwin (R-31) was passed on February 14th to allow active military members and honorably discharged veterans that are at least 18 years of age to possess handguns and obtain a concealed pistol license. The Irwin Amendment as part of House Bill 2519 will now head to the Senate where it has been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Law & Justice Committee on February 20th at 10:00AM.

Please contact members of the House Judiciary Committee to OPPOSE SB 6298, your state Representative to OPPOSE SB 5992, and members of the Senate Law and Justice Committee to SUPPORT HB 2519 with the Irwin Amendment!

[Senate Bill 6298](#) would expand the list of domestic violence offenses that prohibit firearm possession to also include "Harrassment." Domestic violence is a serious issue and those convicted of violent offenses should be addressed accordingly. However, the definition of harassment under Washington state law is so broadly defined that it includes 37 other crimes, many of which involve no form of actual contact or threat of harm to a person. Under this legislation, even the offenses of graffiti and trespass fall within this umbrella category that could result in a firearm prohibition. Imposing an automatic, blanket ban on constitutional rights for these wildly varying offenses is excessive and unwarranted. ***SB 6298 passed the Senate floor with a 34-13 vote and has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on February 21st at 8:00AM.***

[Senate Bill 5992](#) was originally introduced as a trigger modification device ban with broad, overreaching language that would have criminalized modifications commonly made to firearms by law-abiding citizens. Instead, the legislation was amended on the Senate floor to narrow down the definition of the ban to apply only to bump-fire stock attachments. ***SB 5992 passed the House Judiciary Committee on February 15th with a 10-3 vote and will now await a floor vote.***

[House Bill 2519](#) with the Irwin Amendment will allow active duty military members and honorably discharged veterans that are at least 18 years of age to possess pistols and obtain a concealed pistol license. Current law restricts CPLs to individuals that are 21 years of age or older, and only allows pistol possession for those between the ages of 18 and 21 to occur within their home or place of business. As originally introduced, HB 2519 provides that a law enforcement agency may not return a CPL that has been surrendered or impounded until the agency determines the licensee meets CPL eligibility requirements. This bill was amended on the floor by pro-gun legislators to also include the Irwin Amendment. ***HB 2519 passed the House with a 94-4 vote and has been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Law & Justice Committee on February 20th at 10:00am.***

In addition, February 14th marked the deadline for bills to be voted out of the house in which they originated. Having failed to receive a vote, several anti-gun bills are now likely defeated for the year. **Thanks to NRA members and Second Amendment supporters for their continued involvement this session, the following bills are likely defeated for the year.**

[Substitute House Bill 1122](#) would have required the locking up of one's firearms or else they would potentially face reckless endangerment charges. This intrusive government legislation invades people's homes and forces them to render their firearms useless in a self-defense situation by locking them up. ***Failed to meet crossover deadline.***

[House Bill 1483](#) would have allowed for the destruction of all firearms confiscated by or forfeited to the Washington State Patrol. Like other seized items, these firearms should be sold by law-enforcement to generate revenue instead of spending money to have them destroyed. ***Failed to meet crossover deadline.***

[Substitute Senate Bill 5441](#) would have imposed a 6-month firearm prohibition for any person who has been released from a 72-hour mental health evaluation. Current law allows a person to be held for a limited time in order for a mental health professional to determine if the individual is in need of treatment or further commitment. At the end of the evaluation, individuals that are not in need of treatment are released. SB 5441 would nonetheless apply a blanket prohibition of firearm possession to all released individuals, and require the immediate surrender of all firearms and any concealed pistol license to law enforcement. ***Failed to meet crossover deadline.***

Let's Not Follow Mexico's Gun Control Example

From NSSF website

A new report from the gun control advocates at the Center for American Progress is making headlines recently. The report argues that U.S. guns are to blame for violence in other countries. Not Mexican gangs or drug cartels, rather, the legal purchase of firearms, as protected by the Constitution, is to blame for the societal problems of our neighbors. This isn't a new argument and one that [NSSF](#) and [others](#) have [debunked](#) over the [years](#).

Without even going into the issues with the report itself, the very premise raises the question of why Canada doesn't face the same problems as Mexico, if sharing a border with the United States is the problem. Or why thousands of people every year are desperate to immigrate to our country to escape the violence in their nations.

The authors conveniently ignore the fact that the U.S. export controls are the gold standard worldwide. It's a complicated system, but it boils down to a simple fact: U.S. gun makers are not allowed to export commercial firearms into Mexico. With State Department approval, some transactions with the country's military and law enforcement branches are permissible, but no guns are being legally sold into the hands of gangs.

There is no question that the violence in Mexico is of concern to us all. But the policies prescribed by the report miss the mark in terms of effectiveness. Perhaps the report's actual purpose is to be a vehicle for the same, failed gun control proposals, rather than an actual analysis of the situation and potential ways to help address the violence in some Central American countries.

Below we take a look at each policy that the report's authors term "solutions."

1. "Instituting universal background checks for gun purchases"

- All federally licensed firearms retailers are required by federal law to run an FBI background check before any firearm is sold. This remains true whether the sale is through a brick-and-mortar store, on a website, or at a [gun show](#). Unsurprisingly, these are not places where criminals obtain guns. [They rely on the black market](#), theft and family/friends to illegally obtain firearms. There is no evidence that this will change if background checks are required for private party transfers. Criminals will continue to break the law. And, there is no evidence that universal background checks will have any impact on violence in Mexico, which is fueled by drug cartels.
- The current background check system is only as good as the records that are included. That's why the NSSF launched in 2013 the [FixNICS®](#) initiative, which has spurred legislation in 16 states to ensure prohibiting records are submitted by states to the federal database. NSSF has [refocused the initiative](#) on the federal level in recent months and remains dedicated to making sure the checks are complete and those who are prohibited from purchasing a firearm are not allowed to do so. We support the bipartisan FixNICS legislation that has already passed the House and has been [introduced](#) in the Senate by Sen. Cornyn.

2. "Making gun trafficking and straw purchasing federal crimes"

- This is an easy one. They already are against the law. The issue here is not enacting more laws to ban already-illegal activities, the issue is whether the laws are being enforced. Under the Obama Administration, [they were not enforced](#). Under Trump, we already see a [new commitment to prosecuting](#) gun crimes. Of course, the firearms and ammunition industry doesn't just rely on the government to address these crimes. NSSF continues to build on our long-standing anti-straw purchasing program, "[Don't Lie for the Other Guy](#)." This program, which is 100 percent funded by the industry and run in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, helps to educate firearms retailers to be better able to identify and deter illegal straw purchases and to raise public awareness that straw purchasing is a serious crime.

3. Requiring the reporting of multiple sales of long guns

- Again, this is [already required](#) for states along the Southwest border. Since 2010, ATF has imposed this largely ineffective and often counterproductive practice on retailers.

4. Increasing access to international gun trafficking data.

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- Okay, they want more detailed data for reports such as this one to blame the Second Amendment for the violent behavior of criminals around the world. Surely ATF's scarce resources would be better used to catch the bad guys, right? And, foreign law enforcement can already obtain trace data from ATF.

5. Rejecting efforts that weaken firearm export oversight

- Saving the best for last, the authors argue that refusing to finish the Obama Administration's [Export Control Reform](#) initiative (ECR) would somehow help with crime in Mexico and Central America. False. As NSSF [has said before](#), "This initiative will improve our nation's ability to compete in the global marketplace for commercial and sporting firearms and ammunition without impairing national security. Military firearms, which are generally fully-automatic, are not affected. The proposal would reform an onerous export process that has caused U.S. manufacturers to lose the ability to compete for contracts, even as it has required non-exporting companies to nonetheless register as exporters and pay an exorbitant annual fee. The truth is, moving export licensing of sporting and commercial firearms to the Commerce Department from the State Department would increase oversight, not decrease it. Even the professionals in the Obama administration's State and Commerce Departments were in favor of completing the reforms, but they were held up for purely political reasons, our industry being the only one singled out in this manner. We salute the Trump administration for moving forward and urge that there be no further delay on these reforms that will improve America's competitiveness and support manufacturing jobs."

The report does acknowledge the drivers of violence in Mexico and Central America, noting, "Much of this violence stems from gang-related drug trafficking, which, coupled with corrupt government institutions, income inequality, impunity for wrongdoers, and a recent history of violent conflict, has destabilized the entire region." Rather than tossing around gun control proposals that would have no impact on criminal activity here or abroad, perhaps the Center for American Progress should do some research on how to address what they agree are the root of the region's problems. [Making our gun control laws look more like Mexico's](#) will not fix Mexico's societal ills. This "think tank" needs more "think" and less knee-jerk reactions.

Just a few photos of what some have been up to lately.

Please send your photos to Keith Martin at: mkeithmartin@yahoo.com

Miss the last meeting? Just a few of your friends finding out what is new. Come by and join us next month. Pictures by Alex Lev

