

MCSA News

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Washington: Attorney General Introduces Additional Gun Ban Legislation

From NRA-ILA

Just months after pushing for the passage of Initiative 1639 to impose severe regulations on purchasing and possessing semi-automatic firearms, Attorney General Bob Ferguson has now introduced legislation that would outright ban commonly owned semi-automatic firearms with certain features.

[Senate Bill 5340](#), sponsored by Senator Patty Kuderer (D-48), and companion [House Bill 1286](#), sponsored by Representative Strom Petersen (D-21), were filed at the request of the Attorney General. They would ban possession of commonly owned semi-automatic firearms based on certain listed cosmetic features, along with specifically listed firearms and magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. Those who own these firearms and magazines prior to the ban would only be allowed to possess them on their own property and in other limited instances such as at licensed shooting ranges if they are transported unloaded and locked. A violation of this firearm ban would result in a Class C Felony.

This comes in addition to Ferguson's already introduced legislation to ban standard capacity magazines, [Senate Bill 5062](#) and [House Bill 1068](#), which have both been [scheduled for committee hearings](#) next week, along with other gun control bills.

Please stay tuned to www.nraila.org and your email inbox for further updates on these bills and other issues affecting our Second Amendment rights in Washington.

See the Legislative Update pages 8 & 9 for additional legislation information.



The Volunteer workshop is this weekend at the range from 10 AM – 12 PM! Come learn about volunteer opportunities in your club!

Charitable Giving

Checks have been delivered to some of the recipients of our Charitable giving program.



MCSA VP Tiffani Prouty presents Lisa McHenry, President, Adopt-A-Pet with donation check

MCSA President Arne Anderson presents donation check to J.W. Grayson, Commander, VFW Post 1694



MCSA President Arne Anderson presents donation check to Trevor Severance, Mason County Sheriff's office, K9 Unit. Also present, Sheriff Casey Salisbury, Officer Cindy Brewer and Jack, the Great Dane.



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.

Stay tuned for the updated calendar! Lots of fun things planned for 2019!!

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MCSA Event Schedule

First Sunday	9:30 am: USPSA Match
Third Sunday	3 pm: Ladies of Caliber
First Tuesday	5 pm: Practical Pistol Competition
Second Tuesday	5 PM: Action Pistol League
Third Tuesday	5 pm: Tactical Carry Action Pistol League
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	6 pm: 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.

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



Newsletter

Please feel free to submit an article or picture for consideration in the newsletter. The newsletter depends on articles of interest to our members. Please let us know if you have any ideas for an article, or if you would like to write one. Please send to vmartin91360@gmail.com

Training Schedule for 2019

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

Feb 9 & 10	NRA Basic Pistol Course
March 9	Pistol for Beginners
March 30 & 31	NRA Basic Rifle Course
April 13 & 14	NRA Pistol Instructor
April 27 & 28	NRA Range Safety Officer Certification

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.

Raffle Central

By Bill Zeigler

If you want to earn some working hours, try distributing raffle tickets for the new raffle for a CZ Scorpion 9 mm pistol caliber carbine. I printed 500 tickets and they sell for \$5 each. We will draw a winner at the April 3rd MCSA meeting. Tickets are available from members (did I mention you earn working hours?) and from Renegade Guns and from Verle's Sports Center.

Already planning the next raffle, and it will be special and will include two S&W pistols, the 380 EZ and the Shield 9 mm semi-autos.

Bill Zeigler
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News Update

- We will be asking our Charitable Giving recipients to come and speak at the Club Meetings! MC Sheriffs K-9 unit in February and Adopt-A-Pet will be at the March meeting!
- The Committee working on the By-Laws is getting close to having a final edition to present to the membership! Stay tuned!
- Keep in mind we have visitors who use the range bathroom, so please clean up after yourself! There is a Range Inspection Sheet that is supposed to be completed after every event or sanctioned gathering.
- Please remember to remove the magnetic door block once you've gone into the range to shoot, to ensure the door is closed and locked while no one is in the training room.
- Don't forget to turn on the fans when you are shooting in the range! It's better for you and helps to keep our range cleaner.
- **Reminder:** Our range does have restrictions on what can be fired. Please remember to check your ammo, which must not exceed a velocity of 1500 fps.
- **Please don't shoot at the target hangers!**
- Only take your brass, don't go through the barrels and take more. The brass in the barrels is sold and the funds used to support the Junior Program.

Dan McCarty won the handmade quilt donated by Arlene Zeigler at the December club meeting.



Junior Program Update

By Anita Madea

(Editor – The following is an email sent to parent's of the Jr Program Rifle Team participants. It's a great update on what our Jr Program is doing)

Hi esteemed parents,

Just wanted to give you an update of our activities.

We have had two home matches, and the varsity team won both of those matches! Congrats to the students. We won the first match against Black Hills High School by 32 points and the second match against WFWest High School by 29 points (out of 1200 possible). Against WFWest High School, our team had a higher team average than the other team. That is the first time in many years that the Shelton team average was higher than the opponent's team average! Onward and upward....or should I say onward and dead center!!

The junior varsity team is comprised of all new shooters. For the first match, they did not even have individual average scores yet. So we could not calculate a handicap benefit which is 75% of the difference between the two team averages. At the second match, we used their scores from the first match and from practices as their individual averages, and with the handicap, they lost by only 18 points. So the future is bright for them, also.

Of special note are two rifle team members who have been shooting very well already this year. Antonio Wiley shot a 204 (out of 300 possible) at the last match, and that score was 47 points higher than his previous match score!! It is fantastic that a first year shooter is scoring in the 200s. Congrats to Antonio. And Laurann Chambless shot 24 points above her average! She is a seasoned shooter who continues to do better and better. Also, a big shout out to Justin Sillars who is our team captain. He has a positive, enthusiastic, and fun attitude, he is always so helpful, and he is at practice every time he can be there. As a consequence of his great attendance, he is our top shooter with an average score of 255 (out of 300).

The varsity shooters so far this year are Justin Sillars, Austin Ellis, Walker Geary, Laurann Chambless, and Chase Jellison. JV shooters are Antonio Wiley, Brian Hernandez, Jerimya Carroll, Delaney Sak, Alex Kurnosoff, Andrew Antonio, and Richard Wood. Antonio Wiley will be on the varsity team if one of the others is not available. Students who participate

in at least half of the scheduled matches, whether varsity or junior varsity, will earn a school letter. We have a total of 9 high school matches. We like to take 10 students to each match, 5 on each team. The students with the highest averages are the first to be invited to participate in a match. They also have to have no more than one F grade in their school work. All participants will also shoot for Winchester/NRA marksmanship awards.

More big news is that we have a new, computerized scoring system. A very generous member of the Mason County Sportsman's Association (MCSA), Gene Scherer, purchased it for us. All the other teams in our league already have this scoring system. It uses a scanner to read the targets and then a program that calculates the scores. It is very fast and impartial. This will greatly speed up the scoring of our matches and will provide fairness by eliminating scorekeeper biases. Scoring targets is not as straight forward as you might think. It involves a lot of judgment when the scorekeepers use their own eyes and scoring plugs.

Unfortunately, our scanner did not work well initially, so the visiting teams took all the targets to their home machine to do the scoring for us. The scanner company sent us a new scanner, and it is working very well. We practiced with it this past week using targets shot before the Christmas break. And we will practice with it in the coming weeks to be sure it is running smoothly for our next home match. The students wrote a thank you to Mr. Scherer and presented it to him at the MCSA member business meeting in December.

Thanks for sharing your student with us.



Left: NROTC Precision Air Rifle team captain Walker Geary with Gene Scherer



Right: Shelton High School Precision Rifle team captain Justin Sillars with Gene Scherer

Meet the Board!

As of January 1st, we have a new club VP! Here is a little bit about Tiffani!

"Hi. My name is Tiffani Prouty. I am married to Larry Prouty. We have three adult children and two grandchildren. I work for the City of Olympia as a Paralegal for the Prosecutor's Office. I have been a member of MCSA for 4 or 5 years now. My mom, Jan Heck, is actually the person who told me about MCSA. She is a member too, and learned about it through Renegade. My husband and I came to a new member orientation and the rest was history. "

When asked how long she has been shooting, Tiffani responded "I did not grow up shooting guns, though I have shot them a bit, but I have always been interested in them; maybe even a little afraid of them. When I joined, I didn't know a great deal about guns. I took a gun class for women about 8 years ago through Cabela's and really wanted to own a gun then but the timing wasn't right. The first time I really learned about a gun was through the MCSA's Pistol for Beginners class several years ago. And just like that, I was hooked. The first gun I purchased was a Walther PPK 380. It has a blue camo grip and I love it. I feel it was a good gun to learn on along with a .22."

Tiffani isn't new to volunteering at MCSA. "Since joining MCSA, I have done quite a bit of volunteering. A few years back I completed a term for the secretary when the elected couldn't complete her term. I'll tell you, that is a hard, thankless job. -You all make sure to thank Lynn for the excellent job she does for this club! - I was the membership committee chair at one point. I currently help with the new member orientation once a month, and just recently became a card carrying RSO and volunteer when I can for RSO duties. I'll be taking the instructor's class in April. Wish me luck!"

When asked what she likes most about MCSA, she replied "I really love and appreciate this club for many, many reasons. This is a really safe place to learn about gun and gun safety. There are so many members that want you to succeed as a responsible gun owner. I have never felt that I didn't belong because I am a woman. I am encouraged by the long term members to grow with experience and knowledge. I love that there are so many opportunities to learn with all of the programs available to the members, non-members too for that matter. I love being around like minded people."



Meet A Member!

Editor: MCSA member, Chaplain Joel Harris was sworn into the Mason County Sheriff's Office as their volunteer Chaplain in December. Congratulations Joel!

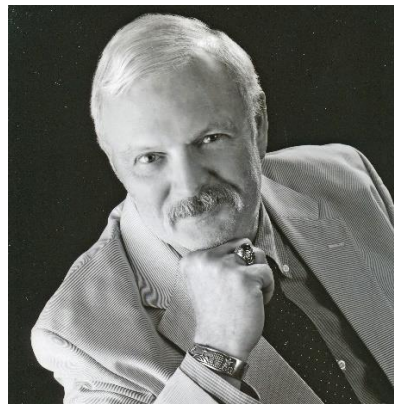
Joel Harris was raised in Upstate NY in the Adirondacks and his dad taught him to shoot. He first went hunting with his dad at 10. At 13, he took a hunter safety course and began shooting. He received an appointment to the US Military Academy, West Point and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Armor Branch. In 1978, he resigned his commission to attend seminary in Portland, OR. Joel is an ordained pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention, USA and was endorsed by the SBC as a Chaplain, U.S. Army. He pastored in churches in OR, MA and VT until he returned to active duty in January 1990 as an active duty Chaplain, where his assignments took him to places in Europe, Middle East and here in the US. During his time in the Army, hunting & shooting was a major part of his time.

When asked why he got involved with MCSA, Joel responded "My wife, Patricia, and I moved to Shelton from Charleston, SC in July 2016. While living in SC, I, and several of the staff from the Military College of SC, would shoot on a weekly basis at a local pistol range. After moving, I looked for a range to conduct shooting and found MCSA."

Although he doesn't hold a formal role in the Club, he took the NRA RSO Course so he could help the club. When asked what he likes most about MCSA, Joel replied "I like the collegiality and friends I have made and the opportunity to relax and unwind by shooting on my own." Joel serves as a RSO for several classes and events like the monthly NRA Winchester Pistol shoots. He likes to shoot pistol, his .22 for fun and his 9mm to keep up his skills.

Joel says "this is not our first move to the Northwest. From 1978-1985 we lived in Tigard, Oregon while I attended seminary and pastored my first church. We moved back to the Northeast in 1985 and in 1990 I returned to active duty as an Army Chaplain and served until my retirement. After retirement I served as the Chaplain to the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel. We chose to move back to the Northwest to be near our grandsons who live on Vancouver Island.

Since moving to Shelton, my wife and I have both gotten involved in the community. She volunteers with Care Net Crisis Pregnancy Center. I've become involved in Shelton Rotary and serve as the club Executive Officer. Most recently I was deputized as a volunteer Chaplain for the Mason County Sheriff's Office."



With Winning in Mind: Mental Management System –

Part 3

Compilation by Carla Baker

Principle Number 1 - *Your mind can only concentrate on one thing at a time. If you are picturing something positive in your mind, it is impossible, at the same time, to picture something negative. And, if you have a negative thought, you cannot at the same time, think positively.*

This principle explains why, if you have an itchy bug bite on your left hand, the original itch goes away while you scratch an imaginary "bite" on your right arm. It is also why many over-the-counter analgesics feel cold. Your brain can't process two competing sensations. This same brain can't hold two different pictures at the same time.

You cannot picture winning and losing at the same time. You are either picturing something that will help you or something that will hurt you. Control the images in your mind to perform at your best.

Remember too - just as self-talk affects your performance, what others say to you also affects your performance. Your brain doesn't recognize the words before the image. If someone says, "Hey dude, don't miss the target", to your brain the "don't" is silent. What it hears and then pictures is "miss the target", which is what you are more likely to do. It doesn't matter if it was said in jest.

As an Olympic shooter, Lanny learned he had to maintain focus on the next shot. He found his performance fell if he was counting his score as he was shooting. To shoot a ten; he had to keep his mental picture centered on the next shot.

Lanny's **Action Statement for Principle Number 1** - *I take control of what I picture, choosing to think about what I want to create in my life.*

Writing your own **Action Statement** or **Affirmation** is an effective way to personally apply these principles to your sport or any endeavor important to you. Use the following guidelines to write your own personal statement.

- Write a statement that is personal to you and your goals. To start you may need to write down your goal and a list of steps or interim goals to get there. Then write an action statement or affirmation for each step. In order, read the statement out loud.
- Make your statement short, concise, relevant, meaningful, positive, and filled with power and emotion. "I love all the great MCSA's classes. I'm getting better and better every time I shoot."
- Remember that affirmations must be positive statements, so don't use words like "No", "Not", "Never" or "Can't". Instead of "I don't hold my breath when shooting", say "I pause my breathing just long enough to make the shot."
- Use present tense language. Your brain wants to maintain unity between what you say/think and what you do. If you say, "I will exercise follow through after each shot", your brain doesn't need to apply this statement because it is future tense and the future isn't here yet. Instead say, "I always follow through after each shot."

**"I always use the five fundamentals of marksmanship -
aiming, breath control, hold control, trigger control and follow through."**

Legislative Update

By Kris Kord

I wish I could say there was positive news to report.

We all know about the results of the November 2018 election as it relates to I-1639. It won by a margin of 51.35% to 40.65%. Most of the provisions of the initiative will go into effect on July 1st of this year. They include:

- **Safe Storage** - This provision does not make it possible to be arrested if you don't lock your guns up, as some people suppose. Rather, a gun owner is gambling with their own fate if they choose not to lock up their guns, because they can be held criminally liable if someone gains access to their firearm and uses it in the commission of a crime. Simply having your guns unlocked does not violate the law, but it leaves you at risk of violating the law, if a prohibited person steals your gun and uses it to hurt someone else.
- **Enhanced Background Checks** - All applications to purchase a semi-automatic firearm will be subject to a 10 business day waiting period, in order to have your application forwarded to your local law enforcement agency, so they can perform a background check.
- **Registration** - Your application to purchase a semi-automatic rifle will be forwarded to Washington State, where they will keep record of the application. Effectively registering the firearm.
- **Annual Background Checks** - All those who have applied to purchase a semi-automatic rifle will have a background check run on them annually to ensure they are still permitted to own a firearm.
- **Mandatory (though currently non-existent) Training** - Anyone who applies to purchase a semi-automatic rifle will be required to show proof that they have completed the required training course. None of the existing firearms safety or Concealed Carry courses offered in this state meet the requirements of this provision. A new course will need to be developed, and I am not currently aware of anyone who is doing so.
- **Additional Fees** - An additional fee of \$25 will be added to applications to purchase semi-automatic rifles. This does not go to the dealer, but to Washington State. Given the additional costs to dealers imposed by this initiative, you may also expect to receive additional fees from the dealer. Moreover, the training course mentioned above is not likely to be offered for free. Some estimate the class will likely cost \$100-\$200 per person.
- One of the provisions of the initiative was supposed to go into effect on January 1st. It would have stripped 18-20 year olds of their right to own a semi-automatic rifle. However, due to the way the initiative was written, a loophole was found that has resulted in many dealers continuing to sell semi-automatic rifles to 18-20 year olds, without any legal action being sought against them. Specifically, the provision that went into effect on January 1st only prohibits 18-20 year olds from purchasing "semi-automatic assault rifles", but the definition of what that a "semi-automatic assault rifle" is doesn't go into effect until July 1st of this year. They cannot be prohibited from purchasing something that is not yet legally defined.

This is a very small and short-lived victory in the grand scheme of things.

A lawsuit has been filed against this initiative by the Second Amendment Foundation and the NRA. That said, Washington's Supreme Court is not exactly friendly to the 2nd Amendment. Nor is the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. This means we are not likely to receive any positive news about this case unless and until it makes it all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The passing of I-1639 was bad news enough, but even more consequential was the results of the elections for representatives and senators to our state legislature. While last session there was a slight Democrat majority in both houses, there were also a few pro-gun Democrats that were able to help stop most of the worst bills that were filed. The only thing that made it through was a Bump-Stock ban, which even some pro-gun legislators felt was a reasonable piece of legislation. This session, the landscape is very different. The Democrats are now in a commanding majority in both houses, and there are not enough pro-gun Democrats to stop anything from making it through.

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So, what kind of bills are we looking at? Here's what we have so far:

Magazine Restriction (HB 1068 & SB 5062) - This bill would restrict the capacity of magazines to a capacity of 10 rounds. If you can prove that you possessed your magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds before the effective date of the bill, then you will be permitted to keep them. However, you would not be permitted to take them off of your own property unless it is to go to a licensed gun range, or to go hunting, and the magazine must be stored in a separate locked container during transit. All of us that carry firearms for self-defense that are capable of carrying more than 10 rounds in their magazine would be required to use a different firearm, or else permanently modify our magazines to only accept 10 rounds.

"Undetectable" & "Untraceable" Firearms (HB 1073 & SB 5061) - This bill would make it illegal to possess a firearm that is considered "undetectable" by most metal detectors. It would also make it illegal to possess any firearm that has no serial number and that the purchaser did not purchase from a dealer with a background check completed. The obvious intent of this bill is to target 3D-Printed guns and 80% lower receivers. This bill does not grandfather in anyone who already possesses such firearms. They would be required to be destroyed or turned into law enforcement.

Destruction of Firearms (HB 1010) - This bill would allow law enforcement to destroy firearms that are no longer needed for evidence. Previously, they were required to sell them back to FFLs. This would add the option to destroy them instead. Even though this only adds destruction as an option, it is quite likely that internal policy would be adopted to make destruction of firearms the default option chosen.

Concealed Carry Training Requirement (HB 1315 & SB 5174) - This bill would require applicants for Concealed Carry Permits to first complete a training class with standards set up by Washington State Patrol. The course would include classroom time and range time.

Firearms & Children (HB 5434) - This bill would prohibit the possession of firearms at any day-care facility, including at-home day-cares. It would also prohibit the possession of firearms at any park with a playground where children are likely to be present. In addition to firearms, it would prohibit the possession of any weapon at such locations, including knives, tasers, or BB guns.

Preemption (HB 1374) - This bill would repeal our state's preemption law, which currently prevents cities, counties, and other municipalities from enacting firearm related ordinances that are more restrictive than state law. If it passes, it would result in a patchwork of firearm related laws that would be impossible for those traveling within their own state to know if they are breaking the law by carrying a firearm to defend themselves.

Assault Weapons Ban (HB 1286 & SB 5340) - This bill would ban the manufacture, sale, and possession of "Assault Weapons" or "Large Capacity Magazines". The definition of an "Assault Weapon" in this bill is similar to what we have seen before. Several specific models of firearm are named, as well as all semiautomatic, centerfire firearms that have the ability to accept a detachable magazine and have at least one of the following features: a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, a folding stock, a telescoping stock, a vertical or angled foregrip, a flash suppressor, a silencer, a muzzle brake or compensator, a threaded barrel, a grenade launcher, or a flare launcher. "Large Capacity Magazines" are defined as magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. Those who can prove they owned an "Assault Weapon" or "Large Capacity Magazine" before the effective date of this bill would be allowed to keep it, but must only possess it at their residence, other property they own, a licensed gun range, or while hunting, and must transport them between such locations only in a separate locked container, and unloaded.

We must do what we can to fight these bills, including going to hearings and submitting testimony. Thankfully, I am confident where representatives Dan Griffey, Drew MacEwan, and senator Tim Sheldon stand on these bills. However, it's never a bad thing to send them words of encouragement to stand firm as they fight for our rights in the legislature. That said, buckle up because it's going to be a bumpy ride, and the chances that any of these bills will be stopped is slim.

I will have updates on the status of all of these bills next month.

Thanks!

~Kris

Mason County Sportsman's Association



Member Volunteer Workshop

Want to get signed up to do your volunteer work for 2019? Or maybe just learn more about it?

Join us on

Saturday, January 26 from 10 – noon at the range.

We'll meet for a couple of hours, where you can find out what volunteer opportunities are available, learn what tasks or duties are involved, and ask specific questions about the volunteer needs of the club.

For more information, please call or email Lynn at 206-406-3562 or secretary@masoncountysa.com

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VALENTINE'S DAY IS FEBRUARY 14TH



After giving candy and flowers, there is always teddy bears or chocolate dipped strawberries. But nothing says “I LOVE YOU” like a bunch of CZ Scorpion carbine raffle tickets. When the candy is eaten and the flowers have died, think of the growing excitement until the April 3rd drawing.