

MCSA NEWS

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Junior's News Flash WHAT'S IN THAT BOX???

C'mon, you know you wanna know...

**Coming soon to a newsletter near you –
details about this picture.**

Volunteer Opportunities and Volunteer Hour Requirements

By Lynn Ludeman

Thinking of how to fulfill your volunteer-hour requirements for your membership? Here are some ideas:

You can consider shadowing or interning with a board member. You would not have a vote as a board member, but could experience what a specific board member does, what duties they perform and help with that work. A good way to put your toe in the water, so to speak, without a long term commitment.

Another way is to either join or chair a committee. We have quite a few committees that could use some help: Air Pistol Booth, Grant, Raffle, Volunteer are all top of the list, but we also have the Outdoor Range committee.

Then there are ongoing projects that benefit from contributions of time and energy by member volunteers. The Jr. Program always welcomes more help, both in the range and in the meeting room, and you don't have to have specific credentials to help in the meeting room. Right now, the Shelton High School Rifle Team is undefeated in their league, so it's a fun time to help out there!

Volunteer Opportunities and Volunteer Hour Requirements continued...

We have a new Newsletter Editor, Carla Baker, and she would appreciate newsletter articles and photographs from members. You can email her at atozdals@g.com or leave her a message at 360-534-9614 (or send a text) if you've got ideas or want to contribute to the newsletter.

If you've got a particular skill or talent that could help the club in some way, not mentioned above, or you'd like to learn, please contact Lynn Ludeman at secretary@masoncountysa.com or call 206-406-3562.

Now a bit about volunteer hours, here is what can be found in the Standing Rules:

Each Single Member must contribute a minimum of 20 hours per year toward the fund raising and work party activities of the Club. Family memberships require 30 hours per year. Unused worked-hours do not roll over to the next year.

Members who fail to meet their service obligations will have their unworked hours billed at the rate of \$3.75 per unworked hour.

Elected Officers, Trustees and active Committee Chairs are credited with 20 hours of service each year. Committee members will be credited with the amount of hours they serve on their specific committee, and like all members, are responsible for turning in their volunteer hours.

How to do that? There are green half-sheets in a wall hanger on the electrical panel near the doors that go into the range. Fill out one of those sheets with your name, the date, activity you volunteered doing and how many hours. Turn this in to the payment slot in the training room door just as you would any other type of payment. The training room door is between the sink and the door going to the range.

If you write a newsletter article, you'll earn volunteer hours; once we get a raffle chairman, you can earn hours selling raffle tickets. Working the air pistol booth earns volunteer hours; volunteering as a Range Safety Officer earns volunteer hours.

Please note: if you would like to volunteer as a Range Safety Officer, you must turn in your current NRA RSO credentials to the club Secretary, to be kept on file for insurance purposes.

Don't have the credentials but would like to volunteer in this way? Look into the upcoming Range Safety Officer Class which will be held on March 7 & 8, 2020. Sign up sheets can be found at the range or on the club web page www.masoncountysa.com, education and training tab.



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Rally 4 Your Rights - January 17th

This rally, held on the capital steps, was hosted by Gun Rights Coalition. There were many speakers and an opportunity to speak with legislators in groups of 3-4. Despite the 33° cold and some snow, at least 580 people marked themselves as "attended" on facebook. There were obviously more, with more people coming all the time. The percentage of young adults was greatly increased over previous rallies - an encouraging sign.



The picture on the left is a composite of 3 pictures to show crowd size. There were a lot more people behind me. The picture [right] was my favorite sign. Ya gotta love it...

Meet Your Newsletter Editor

by Carla Baker

Did you know you have a new newsletter editor? Do you know who it is? It's Me! It's Me! It's Me!

I was born in Iowa and moved to Washington when I was eight. I enlisted in the Army soon after high school. While enlisted I worked in recreation services, as a MARS radio operator and as a flight management specialist. I got the flying bug, went to flight school and became a warrant officer helicopter pilot. Later I taught flight and remedial ground school. Most pilots hated being assigned to supply as an extra duty, but I loved it.

Volunteering for supply duty your first day on the job is a sure way to endear yourself to the company commander - worked every time. Late in my career I changed fields to automation and finally retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 after 21 years.

Meet Your Newsletter Editor continued

While I thoroughly enjoy quilting and other arts/crafts, dog training is my first love. My current Dalmatian, Gimme, has 75 performance titles - with more to come. My best friend and I are writing a dog training book based on biblical principles. If you don't love hearing dog-stories, don't get me started. I'm proud to be called "The Dog Lady".

[Ladies of Caliber members can skip ahead - you've heard this story] My first shooting experience was when I was 8 years old and my Dad took me to a turkey shoot and signed me up for the kids shoot. I walked to the line and Dad showed me how to hold the shotgun, explained about getting ready and loudly calling "pull", then shooting the clay pigeon. He stepped back just in time to hear "**BLAM!**" as I shot the ground in front of my feet. He put his arm around me and calmly said, "Honey, don't do that!" Then he explained keep-your-finger-off-the-trigger-until-you're-ready... I remember his calm reaction more vividly than winning the turkey.

As a single woman living alone, my primary goal is to be able to defend myself. I also want to have fun with shooting, which equals being comfortable. I shot an M-16 and 45 while in the Army, but never enough to be comfortable.

I met Lynn in nosework class (dog training) and later learned she was active in shooting. I lamented having a CCW permit that was about to expire without ever having purchased a handgun, much less carrying one. Lynn told me all about MCSA and urged me to come to a meeting and new member orientation. The rest is history...

I've taken several of the basic classes. They are all great and our instructors are first rate. I love that I can get continuing education opportunities through Ladies of Caliber and shooting on Winchester night.

I love that our instructors focus on safety-first and show genuine concern for the comfort and well-being of all shooters. At the last meeting I learned about a recent complaint to L&I about cleaning procedures at our range. Instead of resenting the complaint, the board said they welcomed the chance to improve our procedures for the benefit of all members. This is HUGE and really demonstrates the MCSA culture. I've been bragging about MCSA to friends in other states and they are all jealous because they can't find such a great club where they live. We are blessed...



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.

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Get to know Joel Harris, Vice President of MCSA

Joel Harris has been interviewed before. Now he's our Vice President, so it seemed a good time for an update.

What would you tell membership about MCSA

Like most members, when I first joined MCSA it was simply to have a place to shoot. Before we moved from Charleston, South Carolina, I had a commercial range where I could shoot with friends on a weekly basis. As I attended the business meetings and then took classes to be certified as a Range Safety Officer and NRA Basic Pistol Instructor, I began to see that MCSA is more than just a "cold range". MCSA is an organization that loves its community and is committed to teaching it, and especially our youth, the fundamentals of shooting and the responsibility of gun ownership and use of personal firearms. If you want to really know MCSA, you need to take a class and you'll see.

How do you see your vice president responsibilities?

The by-laws state that the vice president is responsible for the oversight of the charitable giving committee, but I see the vice president's role a little more broadly. First, to fill in for the president when he must be absent from meetings of the Board Of Directors and the General Business Meetings of the membership. Perhaps more important is the responsibility of the vice president to get in touch with the other functional areas and leadership within the membership, e.g. committee leaders. To be an advisor to other members of the board as well as members at large, the vice-president must have a good working knowledge of how the club functions, requirements for maintenance, upkeep and organization of the range, as well as the activities that take place at the range.

What would you like to accomplish.

For the club I would like to see myself grow in the knowledge that I stated above, namely the organization, maintenance and upkeep of the range as well as the many groups and functions that use it. From a personal perspective I would like to get trained and certified in one more NRA Course this year so that I can be of greater service to the club.



Training Schedule

If you have ever thought about getting some additional training, these are the currently scheduled classes:

Feb 8 & 9	NRA Basic Pistol
Mar 7 & 8	NRA Range Safety Officer
Mar 14	Pistol for Beginners
Mar 28 & 29	NRA Basic Rifle
Aug 29 & 30	NRA Pistol Instructor

Watch for more details or check the training section on the MCSA website at www.masoncountysa.com. Click on the Training and Education tab. You can also email us at training@masoncountysa.com.

We have Gift Certificates for classes or membership. For more information about MCSA Gift Certificates, classes or events, go to www.masoncountysa.com. You may also email info@masoncountysa.com or training@masoncountysa.com.



Ladies of Caliber

Schedule of Events:

February 17	Gene Scherer, All About Ammo and How to Sight Your Pistol
March 15	Shaun Curtain, safely accessing a concealed firearm
Apr 19	Trevor Severance, Defensive Topics
May 17	Terry Miller, Defensive Drills
Jun 21	Matt Crane, Action Shoot Event
July 19	Firearm & Gear discussion and recommendations
Aug 16	Back to Basics
Sep 20	Terry Miller, Defensive Drills
Oct 18	Target Shooting day
Nov 15	Firearm Cleaning Clinic
December	no meeting

We meet from 3 – 6 PM, 3rd Sunday of the Month. Cost for each meeting is \$8 MCSA member/ \$10 non-member.

Bring your unloaded firearm in a box or bag, at least 50 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection and a brimmed hat. Most meetings include range time for practice in addition to the program.

Contact Kim 360-507-0009 (primary) or Lynn 206-406-3562 (back up)

MCSA February Event Schedule

Monday - Thursday	2:30 p.m. Jr. Program
2nd Saturday-Sunday	9:00 a.m. NRA Basic Pistol
1st Sunday	9:30 am: USPSA Match
3rd Sunday	3 pm: Ladies of Caliber
1st Tuesday	6 pm: Practical Pistol Competition
2nd Tuesday	6 pm: Action Pistol League
3rd Tuesday	6 pm: Tactical Carry Action Pistol League
4th Tuesday	6 pm: 2Gun Action Pistol League
1st Wednesday	6:30 pm: General Membership Meeting
2nd Wednesday	6 pm: .22 Rifle Shoot
3rd Wednesday	6 pm: Board Meeting
1st Thursday	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship
2nd Thursday	6 pm: Speed Steel Shoot
3rd Thursday	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship
4th Thursday	6 pm: Winchester Defensive Pistol .380 or larger cal pistol
Fridays	6 pm: Bullseye
3rd Saturday	10 am: New Member Orientation

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



Operation Valentine

California WWII veteran, 104, asks for Valentine's Day cards: "I'll save every one."

Will you be his Valentine? Major Bill White, a 104-year-old World War II veteran hopes to receive plenty of Valentine's Day cards this year, to add to his collection of keepsakes documenting his incredible life and times. He served in the Marine Corps and survived Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. One of his most cherished medals is his Purple Heart, which is awarded to those who were wounded or killed in action.

"The fact that I even survived is something. There weren't too many of us," he said. He was near the front lines of the battle on March 3, 1945, when a grenade exploded about six inches from him, taking him off the battlefield. He retired 54 years ago, after serving 30 years. He stays active in assisted living, dining with friends and working on his scrapbooks.

This year, the spirited veteran hopes to grow his collection of keepsakes with Valentine's Day cards from friends old and new. "I'll save every one of them like I've been saving little things that have come up until right now and they'll be a personal part of my history," said Major White.

For those who hope to live as long and happily as Major White, he advises them to "just keep breathing. I can't think of anything else. I can give you all sorts of ideas and suggestions but if you're not breathing, they don't mean anything," he said.



**Valentine's Day cards for Major White
can be sent to:**

Operation Valentine
ATTN: Hold for Major Bill White,
USMC (Ret)
The Oaks at Inglewood
6725 Inglewood Ave.
Stockton, CA 95207



Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance

Dec 29, 2019 -- White Settlement, Texas Jack Wilson was awarded the Governor's Medal of Courage, for stopping an armed man who entered West Freeway Church of Christ, and opened fire, killing two. "When events arise, you're going to do one of two things. You're either going to step up and do what's right or walk away. And I'm not one to walk away" Wilson said.

January 10, 2020 -- Dallas, Texas A 25-year-old Texan shot and killed an armed robber. The good-guy is licensed to carry a handgun and fatally shot one of three suspects during a botched armed-robbery at a home cookout. The 3 unidentified suspects entered the yard and attempted to rob the guests at gunpoint (2 were armed).

January 15, 2020 -- Pelham, New Hampshire A woman went to her neighbor after seeing a suspicious vehicle in her driveway, rather than going into her home. The burglary suspect was held at gunpoint until police arrived. The 31-year-old suspect was taken into custody without incident, police said. The woman called police after finding an unoccupied vehicle idling in her driveway. The neighbor went over with a gun, saw the suspect leaving the back of her house, and held him there until police arrived. The suspect is facing charges in connection with an August burglary, where home surveillance video helped make the case. Police said the armed neighbor's actions were legal and courageous, "When we got there, he advised us he was armed. We told him to holster his weapon. He did that, and he went back home with no issues".

January 17, 2020 -- Saginaw, Michigan A vigilant citizen spotted something that "just didn't look right", reported it to police, leading to the arrest of a masked man with multiple guns and drugs on him. Two police officers and a K9 officer, confronted the suspect, seated alone in the vehicle, with guns and drugs in plain view. The man was wearing a ski mask and latex gloves. He was arrested without incident; the case is under investigation. Officers said the car contained a fully loaded pistol, an assault-style rifle, and a variety of illegal drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin.

Carry a weapon because a police officer is too heavy...



News Update

- **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 (feet per second).
- Steel core ammo cannot be used in our range. You can use ammo with a steel casing, but the casings must be picked up and placed in the "steel" recycle container.
- **Please don't shoot at the target hangers!**
- Reminder: Please 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.
- Procedure for guests: If you bring a guest to shoot with you outside of events or classes, there is a \$5 fee and they must sign a waiver of liability. Turn the fee and waiver form in to the payment slot in the training room door. The training room door is between the sink and the door going to the range.
- Our radiant heat system is expensive to run and maintain (each bulb costs \$100 to replace). Please only turn on the row where you are shooting.