

MCSA NEWS

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The Range is Open, Enjoy it!

By Val Martin

Keith and I braved the cold today and went to the range for about 1.5 hours thanks to Paul M, one of the people who have volunteered to be a CPO aka COVID Protocol Officer.

All it takes is a little advance planning, two days to be exact, an email to the person who is keeping track of the reservations (currently Lynn, but subject to change soon), confirmation of reservation time....and that's it!

Show up at your allotted time; wear a mask; follow the cleaning and safety procedures; shoot; follow the new range cleaning procedures; and you are all done!

It was great to be able to be back in the range after more than a year! Thank you to all who have volunteered to be CPOs and to those who keep track, do the training and all the other "behind the scenes" work, it is MUCH appreciated!



Club News

by Lynn Ludeman

Hello Members, some club news for you:

We've had a couple of members volunteer to be the new Membership Committee, transition is in progress now. Still looking for a member or team of members to serve as the Raffle Committee for this year. We're lucky in that there have always been members happy to help sell tickets, it's a great way to earn volunteer hours.

Still hoping that the Air Pistol Booth might be brought out for Oysterfest in October, the Oysterfest organizers have said they will not be making a decision on their event until summer, so that might be a source for volunteer work this fall. All Committee Chairs active in their committee are granted 20 hours of volunteer time automatically.

Current news is that we are enjoying slightly looser Washington State Covid restrictions in that our capacity has now been raised to 50%. That is good news, but we unfortunately do still need to keep the 6' social distancing active, as well as the cloth or paper fiber face shields covering the nose and mouth worn while in the range.

Dave Windom attended our Zoom board meeting in February and endured our questions with good humor, so we have the latest information from the Washington State Governor's office.

Nothing new to report regarding the Department of Ecology but in the meantime, we are working on our SOP and Standing Rules updates, which include the

new range cleaning procedures as suggested by our range consultant to keep the range cleaner.

We are currently open to range time reserved by members 2 days in advance. Members can reserve time for themselves and guests, just give the name(s) of all who will be attending with you when making the reservation.

If you'd like to make a range reservation, email Lynn at lynnl@hcc.net or call/text 206-406-3562. Winchester .22 Pistol and Winchester Defensive Pistol are just about to start up, again using the reservations system, so if you want to attend either of those events, please contact Lynn to reserve the space.

We are hoping that the other events we usually have on the calendar will be added back in soon.

There is a Pistol for Beginners class scheduled for Saturday, May 22 with a few spots left available. Email training@masoncountysa.com for more information, or check the MCSA web page. Updates on the web page have begun as new volunteers are being trained, and it will be a work in progress.

Membership meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are still virtual, a zoom link will be emailed to you if you would like to attend. Email Lynn Ludeman (president@masoncountysa.com) or Wendy Sage (secretary@masoncountysa.com) for the link. The next meeting will be held on April 7th.

Covid Prevention Requirements

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The following rules are intended to assure MCSA remains in compliance with current state guidelines during the gubernatorial emergency directive. Participants should follow their own physicians' guidance for prevention of any flu, viral, or bacterial infections. New Range Clean up procedures are also part of club compliance and are part of our effort to keep our members healthy and our range clean.

All of these guidelines are required to keep our range open.

Everyone must maintain a minimum 6' separation between all people in the range at all times. Family groups may shoot from the same table and are not required to maintain 6' separation from each other.

All people must wear cloth face coverings while in the meeting room as well as in the range (face shields are no longer approved by Washington State health officials). Face masks must cover the mouth and nose.

Everyone is required to provide their own face mask, no mask = no admittance.

Everyone entering the range must wash their hands upon entering and again before leaving the range.

When in contact with shared surfaces, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

We must maintain a log of every person who comes in the range with current contact information, including volunteers.

People coming in should be screened, Ask the following questions:

Are they feeling ill, or have been ill in the last 14 days or have they been in contact with anyone who has had COVID in the last 14 days. If any of the answers are yes, the person may not enter the range.

After the event is over, all surfaces touched during the event must be sanitized using a disinfectant spray. The Club has the appropriate sprays and microfiber cloths on site for use in the range. Surfaces include all tables and counters, doors, door handles, door jams, chairs, light switches, target hangers, mop handles, faucets, bathrooms, etc.

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When you have finished shooting, have packed up your gear and completed the surface sanitation, shooters need to sweep up the entire floor, not just your brass. Fans should remain running while sweeping and dust mopping is done. This new range clean-up procedure is now required to comply with Washington State Department of Ecology regulations.

The procedure is to use the microfiber mop to sweep up the spent brass into a small pile, and pick up using the small broom into the dust pan. Sift the brass, using one of the colanders hanging on the back wall to pour the dust pan contents into while holding over the new white 5 gallon barrel labeled as "Floor Sweepings", then shake colander briefly. The brass now goes into the brass barrel unless you plan to take your brass with you for re-loading.

Now you are ready to micro fiber mop the whole range floor. To do this, begin at the back of the range and go left and right, back and forth, all the way to the front. When you get to the wall on either side after a few rows, give the micro-fiber mop a good downward shake, which will release the larger chunks onto the floor. These piles of larger chunks are what you'll sweep up with the small broom and dust pan.

All Floor Sweepings must go into the white, covered Floor Sweepings bucket only. No floor sweepings are to go into the general garbage, as they must be weighed and documented before disposal.

Floor sweepings may no longer be swept into the pit for any reason.

The above rules apply to all events at MCSA. By making a range reservation, members signify their continued agreement to follow the rules presented by the club.

(Refer to MCSA By Laws, Article VI, Membership).

Bill Watch

SB 5038 - 2021-22

Prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons at public demonstrations and the state capitol.

Check the status of this bill by clicking on this link to the Washington State Legislature: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csiremotehttps://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>.

As of Friday, March 26, 2021 07:49 PM , the bill has two steps more to go before it "Passes in Chamber" in the Senate.

You can submit your comments on the bill on the bill information page. <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

There is some good information on this site as well.

<https://www.washingtongunlaw.com/home>

<https://www.washingtongunlaw.com/legislative-updates>

Where Has All the Ammo Gone

By Frederick J. Nachbar

The quotes in this article were taken from an article in "American Rifleman" by John Zent March 2021 written during the Christmas season 2020.

As frustrating as it is, going to the sporting goods store only to find empty ammunition shelves, do not write, email, fax or phone the ammunition manufacturers. Believe me, they have had tons of complaints and doing the above only distracts them from doing their main job of producing quality ammo.

This ammo shortage is caused by a perfect storm of disease, social upheaval and political unrest.

First came disease. COVID which forced a reduction in capacity as ammo manufacturers, as well as most everyone else, had to reduce manpower as distancing restrictions took hold. Less manpower less production. This should be mitigated by the fall if projections of the CDC are to be believed.

Second came social unrest. With the death of George Floyd came a torrent of racial unrest and that in turn signaled ANTIFA, that with political leaders restraining law enforcement, it was okay to smash, loot and burn. The natural inclination is to self-protection. Citizens started buying up more ammo than they normally would.

Now the third prong of this unfortunate trident, political unrest! We witnessed elected officials, governors and mayors ignoring the rule of law and restraining law enforcement from doing its job of protecting citizens and their hard-earned property. Add to this political mix a fiercely disputed presidential election with charges of fraud, ballot tampering and elected officials perceived as to ignore the pleas of the people.

All of the above, disease, social upheaval and political unrest contributed to the unprecedented number of gun purchases. Six to seven million new gun owners who feel law enforcement is breaking down and the need to protect themselves and loved ones. To this add the millions of established law-abiding citizens who already own firearms.

The string of events outlined above induced panic buying and hoarding.

According to Jason Hornady, vice president of Hornady Manufacturing, "Ammunition is the new toilet paper. Last week I met a guy on a deer hunt who was shooting Hornady .30-378 loads. He said he'd managed to buy 20 boxes of it – expensive stuff, by the way – and

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in fact had bought 20 boxes for each of his guns.

I asked 'how many guns?' and he said, 'I have 12 so 2400 rounds. It cost me over \$3,000'."

In another quote from Mr. Hornady, "In March", of 2020, "we were up to 86% and that did it – the inventory was gone. We literally emptied our building. Since then, the sales increase is back to 15% a month because that's all we can manage. Literally we make it one day and ship it the next".

All of the other manufacturers face the same problems. Also take into account that the ammo manufacturer's supplies, powder, lead, copper, brass and primers, have the same restrictions that COVID placed on all of us.

NOW for the good news!

Vista Outdoors acquired Remington Ammunition in September according to Chris Metz, CEO.

"The factory wasn't working which contributed to the shortage. We've been working to re-hire 400-600 furloughed workers, have been re-training them and getting the manufacturing process back in place. Supplies of Remington ammunition should be coming back on the market in early January."

Fiocchi USA announced in July it will be expanding its state side manufacturing with a facility in Little Rock, Arkansas in addition to its existing facility in Missouri.

Winchester and Browning have stated that they are manufacturing and shipping daily.

Hopefully as more people are vaccinated for COVID more workers will be hired at these manufacturers and up the supply chain.

Bottom line is the ammunition manufacturers are working hard to produce product but the political and social unrest will still have the greater populace keyed up and demand will stay high for at least two next two years.



Member To Member

Submitted By: Steve Justiss

For Sale – Springfield Armory Range Officer Target - \$800

Full size 1911 - 45 ACP - Stainless Steel
Rear sight adjustable for windage and elevation
Fiber Optic front sight.
Original Springfield Armory Range Officer wood grips
Thin high grip Lok Mayhem grips in grey – black



For Sale – 45 ACP Ammunition - \$240

364 rounds 230 grain round nose factory ammo in brass cases
20 rounds 150 grain Dynamic Research hollow point ammo



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(Send your submissions to Suzy Sands, email : suzy-sands@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions for the current newsletter is the 15th of the month, (a change from the 25th). Submissions received after the 15th will show up the next 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. Email Suzy Sands, suzysands@gmail.com.



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