

MCSA NEWS

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Time to Shoot

We can finally shoot at the range again. The COVID restrictions are still in place, so we do have to make reservations.

You need to make your reservations at least 2 days ahead of time...that gives enough time to schedule the CPO, (Covid Prevention Officer) and to make sure social distancing protocols are followed.

To make a reservation, email Lynn at lynnl@hcc.net or president@masoncountysa.com.



Upcoming Events and Classes at MCSA

We will begin having blended monthly membership meetings right away, meaning that you may attend either in person at the range or through Zoom on your computer or other electronic device as early as the May 5 membership meeting.

In person or virtual, either way you must make reservations for the meeting!

If you come in person, we have a maximum capacity and must set up the room to accommodate the social distancing requirement included in the State Covid mandate. We are also all required to wear face masks while in the range.

If you want to attend the meeting on your computer or device, I'll send you the meeting link prior to the meeting. Each meeting has a unique link, so you must sign up each month.

Please email Lynn at lynnl@hcc.net or president@masoncountysa.com to make a reservation for any event taking place at the range.

Next Membership Meeting: Wed, May 5th at 6:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES SCHEDULE

May 1 – Pistol for Beginners (sold out)

May 5 – MCSA Membership Meeting

May 6 - Winchester .22 Pistol, first Thursday of the month

May 15 – New Member Orientation

May 19 – MCSA Board of Directors Meeting

May 22 – Pistol for Beginners (sold out)

May 27 - Winchester Defensive Pistol, fourth Thursday of the month

June 2 – MCSA Membership Meeting

June 3 - Winchester .22 Pistol, first Thursday of the month

June 12 & 13 – NRA Basic Pistol (2 spots left)

June 16 – MCSA Board of Directors Meeting

June 19 – New Member Orientation

June 24 - Winchester Defensive Pistol, fourth Thursday of the month

June 26 – Pistol for Beginners (7 spots left)

Requests for Volunteers

We are looking for another committee member for the membership committee, as well as someone who would like to be the Secretary intern and handle some clerical type duties.

The Raffle chair position is still unclaimed at this time and with the current State Covid mandates, we aren't able to start up every event because of the social distancing restriction but the classes and events we have started all need Range Safety Officer support. If you'd like to help as RSO and already have your NRA RSO certification, please contact Training@masoncountysa.com or Dan McCarty 206-947-2038. Please make sure the club has a copy of your current NRA certification on file. If you do not yet have your certification but would like to volunteer in this way, let Dan know. He will be scheduling an NRA RSO class soon, probably for summer or early fall.

We could use help with the reservations scheduling, so please speak up if you'd like to volunteer in that way.

Writing articles for the Newsletter, taking photos, writing or sharing book reviews or interesting firearms related or general interest articles is always welcome and earns volunteer hours.

If you have a skill, talent or interest not shown on this list, please speak up! Might be we could find a way to apply it! For any misc. volunteer inquiries, please contact Lynn at President@masoncountysa.com or 206-406-3562.

WE ALSO NEED CPO (COVID PREVENTION) VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED MORE CPOs TO COVER RANGE TIME !!!

Please email training@masoncountysa.com if you are interested in volunteering!!

Reloading Project

By Keith Martin

Who would have ever thought that ammo would become as difficult to find as it is today. This is all because of the thousands of new gun owners and the threat of new regulations that we now find our local store shelves empty of everything.

Back many years ago, I did some casting bullets for my black powder guns and my 44 mag. Now with the shortage of ammo, this has caused me to look at casting other caliber bullets.

So after searching, I was able to find a Lee molds in 9mm 125 gr and 40 cal 180 gr.

While doing research on line, I found information about "Powder Coating" cast bullets to prevent lead fouling in the barrels. So I figured I would give this a try. You need the powder coating paint (Amazon) and an old toaster oven (already have one) and a rock tumbler (also have one). Also, I picked up Lee Sizer Dies in the proper size .356 and .401

After casting the bullets, I drop them into a small bucket of water to cool. After cooling, I place the bullets on top of the toaster oven to make sure they are dry.

To powder coat, I used a rock tumbler and a modified plastic container, add 3 scoops of paint powder and tumble the bullets in the powder coating material for 20 minutes.

Using rubber gloves, I remove the bullets from the container. I put a piece of newspaper on the workbench, and gently tap the bullets on to remove excess powder and then place on a pan that fits into the oven with parchment paper on the pan. Place into the oven at 325 degrees for 20 minutes.

After cooling, run through the Lee Sizer Die.

My current reloading is using CCI500 primers and WW231.

Now to see how they shoot.

9mm – Red
40 cal - Blue



Mason County Sportsman's Assoc. *Covid Prevention Requirements*

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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Requirements

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).

Member To Member

The views and information expressed in the Member to Member section are those of the people submitting the information only. They are not endorsed, nor do they reflect any official position of the Mason County Sportsman Association Board or it's members. The newsletter editor reserves the right to not publish articles that are deemed inappropriate.

Submitted by Suzy Sands

Funny Commercial for an eyecare product, but would be perfect for an ammo commercial....gives me a new goal!!

<https://youtu.be/1aHtJZXqgU4>

Submitted by Suzy Sands

I am curious...

- 1) What is your favorite carry holster?
- 2) How did you finally decide?

(Answers will appear next month)

"Insomnia sharpens your math skills because you spend all night calculating how much sleep you'll get if you're able to fall asleep right now."

—Anonymous



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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