

MCSA NEWS

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AUGUST 2021

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING

By Val Martin

Save the date! Sunday, December 12 at Lake Limerick!

Carole Hagen and I will be co-chairing the Christmas party this year and we are looking for volunteers!

We need door prizes, so if you are comfortable asking for donations from businesses/friends, please do. If you are a business or crafter and are willing to donate items, we'd love it, just give us the details.

On December 12th, we will need help with set up, clean up, as well as help with calling out the door prize #s and bringing the door prizes to the winners.

If you have any ideas on how to make this year "something different", please let us know. This is the Club's party, so ideas are always welcome!

Stay "tuned" for ticket and menu information at a later date.

Please contact us and let us know how you would like to help make the Dec 2021 Christmas party fun and memorable!

Thanks

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LADIES OF CALIBER IS UNDERWAY!

By Suzy Sands



What do you get when Ladies of Caliber come together on a Sunday afternoon, after a long-masked drought? You get good **ideas** for the future, **laughter**, and **spent brass**!

It felt good to be together again. It is always fun, informative, and filling targets full of holes is nothing to sneeze at!

Ladies of Caliber finally met again on July 18th, and it was a great time. We brainstormed about ideas for future events and what speakers we might want to have come in. A few topics from the past included gun cleaning, types of holsters for concealed carry, gun laws, and defensive techniques. Terrible Terry Miller stopped by to chat about Situational Awareness and to share thoughts on the psychology of self-defense. Terry makes you think, and we definitely want him to come back to talk more about self-defense.

Our August meeting, **Sunday 8/15**, will be a Show and Tell night. That means, bring your guns that you don't mind showing off to the others. It is a terrific way to learn about other options out there, especially for those that are still looking for their first gun. Hearing from other women what guns they like and don't like and how they carry them is good info. We will talk, shoot, and learn all at the same time! Well, not exactly at the SAME time, but you get the picture!



Come to the next meeting! This group is a safe place to learn and practice. There is a wide range of experience in our group and room for more women who want to hang out with other women shooters. Bring your ammo and come on down!



UPCOMING CLASSES



Pistol for Beginners Class August 14, 2021

NRA Range Safety Officer Certification Course September 11/12, 2021 **SOLD OUT**

Pistol for Beginners Class September 25, 2021

Basic Pistol Class October 9 & 10

NRA Basic Pistol Instructor and Certification Course October 30/31, 2021



We meet from 3 – 6 PM, 3rd Sunday of the Month, except for December.

**Cost for each event is
\$8 MCSA member/ \$10 non-member.**

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

August 15, 2021 Agenda

SHOW & TELL - GUNS & ACCESSORIES

We invite our current gun owners to share their knowledge and experience of their guns and accessories. We are doing a show & tell to give us an opportunity to share the pros and cons of the different guns and accessories. Bring your guns and accessories for them from ways to carry concealed to range bags to red dots, etc. Some of our purchases we love, some we hate and some fall in the middle. This will give our new to guns members information to make their first purchases and help existing gun owners decide on future purchases.

Guest Speakers – Michelle & Gill from Verle's will talk about guns and ammo. Michelle will also share what's going on with ammo prices and availability.

**Contact Kim 360-507-0009 or
Bonnie 360-490-7911, Bonniejubb@msn.com
Check out our Facebook group**

Ladies of Caliber at MCSA

1st Annual MCSA

Aug 28, 2021

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Members Rummage Sale

If you would like to participate or have something to donate please contact Dave Kaufman Fundraising Chairman @ 360-427-4003 or 360-229-6948, daks4u@comcast.net.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Items Are NOT To Be Dropped Off

Or Left At The Range

**NO SALES OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION ON
PORT PROPERTY.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER NEWS!

By Lynn Ludeman

We are looking for some **Grant Committee** volunteers to help Grant Chair Dave Hermann look into funding sources for the club.

Also needed is a **Welcome / Volunteer Committee Chairman**. This committee would work with the Membership committee to get new members plugged into volunteer work needing to be done, especially with those members who have specific skills and experiences, such as computer skills, electrical, plumbing, construction, etc. The committee will also be happy talking with ALL members, regardless of how long you've been a member!

Dave Kaufman, the **Fundraising Committee** Chair will need committee members to help sell raffle tickets and also for specific other projects as he dreams them up!

The **Range Maintenance Committee** Co-Chairs Keith Martin and Dan McCarty would like to talk to members who'd like to volunteer to clean the range bathroom and meeting room.

We are having a Christmas Party again this year on Sunday, December 12! Val Martin and Carole Hagen, the **Christmas Party Co-Chairs** would love to talk to members who'd like to join the committee to help out, so please contact Val or anyone on the board if you are interested.

The **Club Newsletter** Editor Suzy Sands is always happy to get articles from members and photos are welcome, too! Members earn volunteer hours for contributing.

And the club can always use **Range Safety Officers** with current certification. NRA training and certification is preferred. If you'd like to volunteer at MCSA in this way, please provide your current certification to Lynn Ludeman at president@masoncountysa.com.

There are quite a few classes and events that need RSO support, so lots of volunteer opportunities there!

Looking forward, in October, we'll appoint the **Nominations chairperson** for 2022, so if you are interested in serving the club in that capacity, please make your interest known to the board. **Any committee Chair automatically earns 20 hours**, committee members earn hours as well, but we ask them to document their time and turn it in to the Treasurer.

And if you are interested in serving as a board member or trustee, feel free to ask questions of those currently doing the job!

The bottom line is, for those who are willing to get involved and volunteer, there is plenty of work to go around. Not only is it very much appreciated to help keep the club going, it's a great way to meet other club members and doesn't hurt that your next dues renewal will be lower because of your volunteer investment now!

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MEET DAVE KAUFMAN!



Hello MCSA Members;

My name is Dave Kaufman and I am you newly appointed Fundraising Chairman. Most of you have not met me yet because I became a member during the Covid shut down. I would like to start off by telling you a little bit about myself. I married my wife Teresa in 1988 and we were blessed with 2 children a daughter, Cheleace and a son, Brandon. We moved to Mason County in 1990, my wife was working in the Nursing Industry and I was working as a mail carrier for the Union Post Office. In 1998, while delivering mail I was in a serious car accident. It left me with short term memory and balance issues. With me unable to work not knowing when I would be able to or even if I would be able to we took a big leap and bought the Adult Family Home where my wife had been working. We took care of 6 elderly and raised our two children until 2004 when a tragic accident took the life of our 14 year old son. His sister was driving him to school and while getting onto the highway where they had to crossover oncoming traffic Cheleace did not see the logging truck and pulled out in front of him. Unable to stop in time the driver drove over the top of the car killing Brandon, thankfully Cheleace was uninjured. We researched and found that accidents at this crossing were common and so our next hurdle began. We lobbied to have this intersection changed so that no other family would have to suffer the loss that we had. So in 2007 with the help of KIRO ch 7 news and the good folks who signed our petition the new on ramp was completed. My daughter is now 33, a nurse and has children of her own. Teresa and I still care for the elderly and donate as well as volunteer in our community. Our family has always enjoyed shooting; my wife can even out shoot me, most of the time. I look forward to meeting everyone as we start our first raffle since the start of the Covid Pandemic.



Sincerely Yours

Dave Kaufman

Fundraising Chairman

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE FOR SALE!!

It's raffle time Folks!

It's been over a year since the last raffle I know Covid hit some harder than others but small non-profit organizations suffered the most. They rely on members and the social distancing is one of the worse things that can happen. I hope everyone fared well through the shut down. That being said with social activity's resuming I'm reaching out to all members to pull together and let's get our club up and running again. It's going to take all of us a little effort or a few of us a lot of effort to get back what was lost due to the pandemic. We need members that can sell raffle tickets to contact me. Tickets are ready. The prize is a great pistol my wife has one. If each member sold just 6 tickets that is \$18 dollars the Raffle would be done in record time. If we could do that it would just be amazing. And a good chance a member would win the S&W M&P Shield 9 EZ. Contact me lets sell some ticket I look forward to meeting all of you. Thank you for supporting our great Club

Dave Kaufman

Fundraising Chairman

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MASON COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION RAFFLE \$3.00 TICKET



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DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT MASON COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S RANGE
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MCSA IS A 501(C)3

DRAWING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2021
AT THE MEMBERS MEETING

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

MCSA Tuesday Night "Move & Shoot" in September!

Action Pistol League, Tactical Concealed Carry Action Pistol League and 2 Gun Action Pistol League will begin again in September.

For those who may not know about these type events, with all "move and shoot" matches, the intent is to provide a shooting experience that will introduce a less experienced shooter to sight alignment and trigger control and/or to challenge an intermediate shooter to refine their shooting skills while moving and shooting a variety of targets and scenarios.

Firing will usually begin from the holster and involve moving among a variety of firing points.

For both **Action Pistol League (APL) and Tactical Carry Pistol League**, there will normally be two 24 round stages of fire representing a USPSA "style" stage. Props for cover/concealment may also be used representing defensive pistol scenarios. The match director may designate cover and concealment.

Score for a stage will equal the shooter's elapsed time plus the total of "points down" due to less than center hits.

"Everyday carry" style firearms and equipment are recommended for APL and "Concealed carry" style firearms and equipment are recommended for Tactical Carry PL. In either case, firearms must be a centerfire semi-auto pistol or revolver of .38 caliber or larger. An approved outside the waistband holster (no soft holsters) and ample reloading devices are needed. Holsters must draw from the side at the hip and must point down. No cross draws or shoulder holsters. For Tactical Carry, a cover garment must be worn to conceal the firearm. Match directors will determine and set guidelines for magazine capacity and type of gun sight restrictions, if any.

The purpose of the **2-Gun Action Shooting League** is the same as the 2 events described above, but will be accomplished using both pistol and a pistol caliber carbine (PCC). Firing will usually begin from the holster and involve moving among a variety of firing points. PCC will begin from the low ready or a table top. Score for a stage will equal the shooter's elapsed time plus the total of "points down" due to less than center hits.

"Everyday carry" style firearms and equipment are recommended and must be a centerfire semi-auto pistol or revolver of .38 caliber or larger. The PCC must be of .38 caliber or larger. A semi-auto .22 long rifle carbine may be substituted for the PCC but a PCC is highly recommended. An approved outside the waistband holster (no soft holsters), no cross draws or shoulder holsters and ample reloading devices are needed.

Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all events at MCSA, for both spectators and participants.

Fees: \$8.00 for MCSA club members, \$10.00 for non-members. Check out the club web page calendar for dates and more information. Match Directors Charlie Travaglione (Action Pistol League), Jack Fitch (Tactical Carry Pistol League) and Matt Crane (2 Gun Pistol League).

Air Gun Alternative

By Frederick J. Nachbar

Air guns are an excellent alternative to keeping your skills honed and with the ammunition shortage still ongoing and no foreseeable end in sight air guns can be a viable way of training and maintaining the basics of grip, aiming, breath control, hold control, trigger control and follow through.

Most air guns are of .177 caliber. The next most common caliber in air gunning is the .22. These guns are made in pistol and rifle format.

Air guns are classified into these categories:

1) **PCP**. Precharged Pneumatic



2) **Pneumatic**. These can be pump up or a single effort charging type such as a break barrel.



3) **CO2**. A CO2 cylinder is used for propellant.

Precharged pneumatics are guns which have an air cylinder attached that is filled from a high pressure source such as an air compressor or a scuba tank. Many of the PCPs are expensive. There are a few relatively inexpensive ones. However, there are other expenses such as buying a scuba tank, an air compressor or a hand pump.

Next, we have the CO2 guns. These use small CO2 cylinders. These guns are inexpensive. One draw back is one needs to buy CO2 cylinders. Fortunately, these are readily available from sporting good stores, some hardware stores, air gun specialty shops and online.

Next in line are the manually charged pneumatics. These guns are manually charged either by multiple pumps with an onboard pump handle or a single cocking action that charges the gun in one operation.

Uses

PCP's main use, until just recently, is for competition. They have two distinct advantages over the other types. You can stay in position as you don't have to move much as the air cylinder provides air for multiple shots. Many multiple shots. Also, one does not become fatigued from cocking. PCP's use a precise amount of air making them highly accurate.

CO2 guns have the advantage of not having to be cocked. Their main disadvantage is having to buy CO2 cylinders. These guns are mostly used for plinking in the backyard or basement, family entertainment and junior training.

Manually charged pneumatics are the most versatile. There are models for hunting, plinking, and competition. As stated before, these come as multiple pump or a single cocking maneuver. Their disadvantage is one has to move out of position to charge the gun.

Price

Price ranges on rifles are from \$49.99 to thousands of dollars. Many accurate rifles can be bought from around \$150 to \$300. Speed of pellet ranges from around 300 feet per second (FPS) to 1650 FPS. Pellet pistols also have a wide price range. The Umarex DX17 BB pistol is around \$20.00 to Air Force's PCP Talon P \$479.95.

Ammunition

There is a wide array of pellets. There are hollow point, wadcutters, domes and the ever present diabolo. There is also a wide selection of weights in lead and non-lead varieties.

One of the things I like about the selection of pellets is the challenge of finding the right ones that my air rifle will shoot accurately. It can be both fun and frustrating just as with a firearm.

Pellets can be bought from sporting goods stores, some hardware stores, air gun shops and the internet. Some shortages occur, however these are short in duration and localized to a brand or profile.

Competition

There are a number of competitions that one can choose to practice for and enter.

Field Target: These courses are run in the woods and fields. Separate divisions for PCP and Spring Piston (manually charged) with different classes allowing assistive equipment of varying degrees. Field targets are resettable, reactive metal targets set between 10-55 yards. The kill zone ranges from 3/8" to 1.5". Being outdoors, wind presents the largest challenge. If the wind is strong, it is not uncommon for competitors to aim completely off target to hit it. Over 40 clubs in the U.S. To find them go to AAFTA.ORG.

Gunslynger: A fast moving competition shooting at 1/10 scale NRA steel silhouette targets in the shape of chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Shoot against yourself to better your time or compete with friends. "All you need is an air gun, targets and a backyard. To find out more to go to PYRAMYDAIRCUP.COM.

Benchrest: Benchrest competition require high precision air rifles and optics to go for the gold. Shooters shooting from a bench attempt to hit paper targets with multiple bullseyes on them in a set amount of time. Highest score wins. Competitions are at various distances out to 100 yards. Go to the following websites for more info.

USAIRRIFLEBENCHREST.COM

NATIONAL50.ORG

AIRGUNSPORTING.ORG

Last is the easy, informal **backyard plinking** with air guns. Not a competition per se, but a fun way to keep your shooting skills from deteriorating and maybe have some family time. Maybe you'll discover who those little people running around your house really are; get the whole family together to learn and have fun.

Have fun but be safe. Remember, all careless handling of guns, even air guns, can result in injury. Practice the always, always, always.

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.

Winchester NRA Marksmanship Qualification Programs at MCSA

MCSA will add 2 Winchester Marksmanship Qualification Programs to our calendar in September and following a rotating Thursday schedule. These Winchester programs are self-paced learning and skill building type experiences, great for both a beginner and for a practice opportunity for experienced shooters. Coaching is available. Participants advance through the courses as their skills develop and become proficient. It is recommended that new shooters begin with the Winchester .22 Pistol program on the first Thursday of the month and then advance to the other Winchester Pistol programs. Participants earn rewards as they advance through the stages of each program.

The **first Thursday** of the month is the beginning Winchester event, **Winchester .22 Pistol program**. This program is a good way to follow up and build on skills learned at Pistol for Beginners or NRA Basic Pistol classes, as well as a great way to refresh your skills for those who haven't shot for a while. This program allows you to progress at your own rate. You'll need a .22 pistol, (please bring unloaded, in a bag or box), and approximately 100 rounds.

The **second Thursday** of the month is the **Winchester/NRA Conventional Bullseye .22 Pistol Qualification**. One of the most popular shooting sports, these courses of fire emphasize the development of competition bullseye pistol shooting skills. The precision required in bullseye shooting helps to hone sight alignment, trigger control and concentration skills. These skills will be of great value when applied to ALL pistol shooting. You'll need a .22 pistol, (please bring unloaded, in a bag or box), and approximately 100 rounds.

The **third Thursday** of the month is **Winchester Rim Fire Rifle Marksmanship Program**. In this program, you'll have the opportunity to develop the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting. Course of fire moves from relatively simple to more difficult and is a great follow up to further education and skill building after taking a basic rifle course. You'll need a .22lr Rifle (brought to the range unloaded, in a bag or box), and approximately 60 rounds.

And last of the monthly Winchester programs is the **Winchester NRA Defensive Pistol Qualification Program**, on the **fourth Thursday** of the month. In this program, you can further develop and practice your personal defense skills. This Winchester program is a follow up to completing the Winchester .22 Pistol program. This event should be shot with .380 or higher caliber, shooter may use revolver or semi-auto, approximately 100 rounds. As with all of the Winchester programs, awards are given for achievement.

Every shooter or spectator must have ear and eye protection and a brimmed hat is highly recommended.

For any of the Winchester programs, MCSA membership is not required to participate. Cost is \$8 for MCSA club members, \$10 for non-members.

For more information, please email training@masoncountysa.com.

An Answer to the Burning Question

By Fred Nachbar

*In May, new member, Barbara Kam, asked a Burning Question,
“What about ammo?”*

First off ammo is extremely scarce for a number of reasons. Because of COVID 19, the restrictions it caused, the mass panic buying, hoarding and the record-breaking number of new firearm buyers caused this shortage.

The main questions in the article “A Burning Question”, as I read it, is where, at what price and what is the best ammunition.

First: It is nice to try and support your local firearms dealer but they cannot stock in sufficient quantity to satisfy the buying rage going on now. Enter the internet! Online sites that you may try are “Target Sports USA, Midway, Freedom Ammunition. There are more. Task your search engine with looking for ammunition to purchase.

Many of these sites have the options to notify you when they have ammo in stock. If you're notified be prepared with your credit card in hand for quick purchasing. One time Target Sports USA notified me and by the time I went to another room and got my credit card, came back and put in the number the ammo was gone. You are in competition with millions of people on the internet.

Second: What is good and reliable? All ammo sold in the United States meets a minimum standard. That being said some ammo is better than others. For me and my 9mm Smith and Wesson Winchester ammunition is the preferred ammo based on reliability, accuracy and a clean burning powder. Also, I have found these ammunitions to be reliable and accurate. Remington, CCI, Fiocchi, Hornaday, Freedom Ammunition, Federal, and Magtech.

If you are using ammo in a semi-automatic, you may want to try several different brands to see what your firearm prefers. Yes, many semi-automatics are finicky on what they “eat”! Shoot at least one hundred rounds each to find out the best ammo for your firearm. I know, I know, that's pretty spendy but I know of no better way to find the ammo that best suits your needs than by trying different brands.

Third: What price? For now, and at least to the end of the year the shortage will be acute so you are pretty much at the mercy of supply and demand. An example is Winchester 115 gr 9 mm 100 count was, with tax, 21 cents a round in 2019. Now, the last time I bought it, was 60 some cents a round. I would say shop around but one does not have that luxury now. Best advice is if you see it, buy it and buy it in the largest quantity you can afford!

Most of the ammo sites have free shipping above a certain quantity which varies from site to site.

Most IMPORTANT of all for newbies is TRAINING!!! MCSA runs NRA certified basic classes in pistol and rifle. The instructors are very knowledgeable and are willing to part with that knowledge. Also, there are a couple of active groups where knowledge and experience can be had. "Ladies of Caliber" is an all female group and the informal but experienced "Brunch Bunch". The "Brunch Bunch" meets on Monday mornings from 9-10:00 a.m. for shooting and 10:00 - ? for brunch. Both groups are a great way to meet like minded people, shoot, ask questions and try different firearms.

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