

MCSA NEWS



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Volunteer Opportunities

Still looking to fill in a few spots on our schedule for RSO's. Special Thanks to volunteers Rick Champagne, who recently volunteered as RSO at Bullseye; and Rich Weston, who has joined the RSO team for the Jr Program practice. To them, along with a dedicated group of MCSA members who help out regularly at all of the practices and public events, a huge Thank You to you all! Please speak up if you'd like to help by volunteering as Range Safety Officer at any of our weekly events!

- **Information Table at Cabela's:** We have two weekends currently scheduled to choose from. We are looking for members who are happy to talk to people and are also knowledgeable about the Training and Events we offer at MCSA. The available dates are:
 - May 13/14 (this May weekend is a women's weekend, so Lady volunteers only please. Limited spots still available.)
 - June 17/18 is for men & women (have only two people signed up so far, so lots of spots available!)
- **Work party** to spruce up and maintain the Air Pistol Booth prior to Shrimpfest coming up in May. This will be weather dependent and will include possible repair, cleaning and painting of the booth. Please speak up if you have these skills and would like to help – dates and times to come.
- **Shrimpfest:** Air Pistol Booth at Shrimpfest in Brinnon. We will have two shifts per day – specific times to come. The dates are May 27 & 28, 2017. This is a really fun event to work, and in particular, we are looking for people who like talking with people and are knowledgeable about MCSA events. We have Sunday morning scheduled already but both shifts Saturday, and Sunday afternoon are still wide open.

We will also need transport, set up and tear down crews as usual, so consider volunteering for those if you want to help but aren't a "people person."
- **Forest Festival:** June 3 & 4. We'll have a booth at Loop Field on Saturday with brochures and information as well as raffle tickets available for sale. We'll move up to the car show on Sunday, with the same info table and raffle tickets. We'll need 3 people per shift, so looking for those who are good talking with people about our club, our classes and events.
- **Sell Raffle Tickets:** 50 tickets sold earns credit for five volunteer hours. For more information, please contact Raffle Chairman Bill Zeigler, 206-919-0488.
- **Serve on a Committee:** We are looking for a member who knows something about Grant writing, and in particular, someone who can search for grant opportunities beyond the NRA grants that we are already submitting.
- **Newsletter:** We always are looking for newsletter articles, so if you have an ability to write, please submit your article or suggestion for a topic you'd like covered.

If you are interested in any of these projects or have questions about any of them, please email Lynn at volunteers@masoncountysa.com or call her at 206-406-3562.

Regular Opportunities for Working Members

- Serve on a Committee
- Sell raffle tickets. 50 tickets sold earns credit for 5 volunteer hours.
- Act as an RSO at an event. Credit for volunteer hours are for RSO's who do not participate in the event or class other than as an RSO.
- Write articles for the monthly newsletter. Contact Lynn Ludeman for more information.
- Pit cleaning and other range maintenance projects do come up and will be announced in the Newsletter and on the range bulletin board as they are developed.

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MCSA Event & Training Schedule

- First Sunday 9:30 am: **USPSA Match**
- Third Sunday 3 pm: **Ladies of Caliber**
- First Tuesday 5 pm: **PPC**
- Second Tuesday 5 pm: **Action Pistol League**
- Third Tuesday 5 pm: **Tactical Carry Action PL**
- Fourth Tuesday 5 pm: **2 Gun Action Pistol League**
- First Wednesday 6:30 pm: **General Membership Meeting** at PUD3 on Johns Prairie Road
- Second Wednesday 6 pm: **.22 Rifle Shoot**
- First Thursday 6 pm: **Steel Shoot**
- Second Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship**
- Third Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester Self Defense Marksmanship**
- Fourth Thursday 6 pm: **NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship**
- Friday 6 pm: **Bullseye**
- **Weekend Classes:**
See Training Schedule to the right.
- For the current schedule, please go to Masoncountysa.com and click on the “*Club Calendar*” tab.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Training Chairman Steve Worthington at 360-426-6486 or training@masoncountysa.com. Look for more in-depth descriptions of our programs in future Newsletters!

Newsletter

Regarding the content of this Newsletter, we gladly consider article submissions from any member on topics of their choosing! Please send your articles, ideas for future topics to cover, suggestions or feedback to lynnl@hcc.net.

The Training Schedule for 2017

As you can see, we have a pretty good opportunity to get some training this year in our range, with something offered every month. Phase 2 Basic Pistol will be in April, May, July, September and December. Personal Protection In the Home will be taught over a weekend in August. There will be a two day RSO class offered in July and 2 offerings for Instructors–Basic Instructor Training in June and PPOH Instructor Training in October.

April 29	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
May 6	Refuse to be a Victim®
May 27	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
June 23	Basic Instructor Training
June 24-25	Basic Pistol Instructor
July 22	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
July 29-30	Range Safety Officer Class
August 26-27	PPIH (Personal Protection In the Home)
September 23	Phase 2 Basic Pistol
October 27	Basic Instructor Training
October 28-29	PPOH Instructor Class (Personal Protection Outside the Home)
December 30	Phase 2 Basic Pistol

Training Chairman Steve Worthington says that there will also be classes offered that do not utilize the range, and will be scheduled as dates, times, and venues are available. He’s referring to classes like First Aid, CPR, Refuse to be a Victim, and so on. Please see Steve Worthington for more information, training@masoncountysa.com or 360-426-6486.

A Note About Patrick Henry



Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, “Give me liberty or give me death.” Here are his complete comments.

“An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.”

Bill Zeigler

Mason County Prosecutor Michael Dorcy Speaks to MCSA Members

By Carol Holum



Mason County Prosecutor Michael Dorcy visited The Ladies of Caliber Meeting on January 15, and the General Membership Meeting on March 1, 2017. The topics under discussion ranged from questions regarding concealed carry license (CPL) to use of firearms in self defense. Dorcy is a native “Sheltonian.” He is a graduate of Shelton High School, Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, and Willamette University, College of

Law. He returned to Shelton, where he resides with his family, after passing the bar examination. He worked for Settle Johnson Law firm, then joined the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office as a Deputy Prosecutor for six years. Dorcy was elected as Mason County Prosecuting Attorney in 2011. He is dedicated to serving his community and keeping our community a safe and desirable place to live. Dorcy is very well versed in criminal law and has worked closely with law enforcement agencies in Mason and surrounding counties to deliver justice in the cases he prosecutes.

MCSA members asked Dorcy a variety of questions about CPLs. The following are a few issues important to carrying weapons:

- WA is an open carry state which allows individuals to openly carry weapons, not concealed, unless they possess a CPL. There are posted areas in which weapons are not allowed even with a CPL.
- Individuals who carry weapons in their vehicles without a CPL cannot carry or leave a loaded pistol in a vehicle—at all—ever. It is always legal to carry/place an unloaded pistol in a vehicle. No CPL is needed. It’s also legal to leave an unloaded pistol in a vehicle as long as it’s hidden from view and locked-up. Rifles and shotguns ALWAYS must be unloaded while being transported, even if the individual possesses a CPL. If an individual carrying a concealed weapon is pulled over by a law enforcement officer, it is a good idea to inform the officer if in possession of a weapon.

- CPLs must be kept on the person in possession of a concealed weapon.
- Gun owners must also be cognizant of laws when travelling from state to state.(RCW 9.41.050)

A much more complex issue Dorcy addressed was that of the use of force/deadly force in self defense cases. He summarized justifiable homicide as cited in RCWA 9A.16.050, as the right for everyone to defend self, family, or any other person in his presence when in fear of great imminent personal injury by individuals attempting to commit a felony. A person under attack does not have to retreat/flee if in a place where he/she has a right to be. Dorcy distinguished defending a person as opposed to property. An example would be if an intruder is fleeing a residence with a TV, the homeowner should not shoot the intruder to recover property, unless the intruder is armed and threatening the homeowner. Dorcy also emphasized the importance of not tampering with the “crime scene” before law enforcement arrives. Forensic science is so advanced that attempts to change or conceal evidence will certainly be discovered, which will not bode well for the individual involved. The problem faced by Dorcy and other prosecutors, is the fact that circumstances in such cases vary greatly. Seldom are cases black and white. Dorcy expressed concern that his comments might be misinterpreted. “Just because you can doesn’t mean you should,” he stated. He emphasized responsible gun ownership, which is an important purpose of MCSA. Those present for both presentations asked many questions, and learned a great deal. Dorcy said he would be pleased to do other such presentations.

Raffle Central

Did you know that the raffle net profits exceeded \$6,000 last year? They go a long way toward helping our association succeed. If you want to earn some volunteer hours, contact me or see me at a general meeting. Our current raffle is the 9 mm rifle, but only a few tickets remain, so **M&P Shield** if you would like some, see the detail poster of the Just Right carbine on line and call me and I’ll get you tickets. Also, just started is the raffle for the Smith & Wesson M&P Performance Center build Shield 9 mm pistol. It is a carry in concealment pistol and the most popular carry gun sold in 2016, according to S&W. It is a great semi-auto.



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Picking A Shooting Instructor

By Cameron Benz

Recently, one of the online groups I participate in had a question asked. The gist of it was that the individual wanted to know how to pick a firearms trainer as he had just taken a class from one that spent more time trying to “teach” more advanced level concepts and skipped over the fundamentals. So, a discussion began, on how to select an instructor.

Now for those who are unfamiliar, my training background is relatively extensive. Marty Hayes at Firearms Academy of Seattle, Massad Ayoob, Buck Doyle of Follow Through Consulting, Travis Haley of Haley Strategic, Matt Graham of Graham Combat, and Ernest Langdon have all influenced me through their classes. I didn't mention my first instructor as she has retired from the industry and moved on.

I've been fortunate to train with knowledgeable, skilled trainers, but in some cases that required traveling out of state. This is something that is out of budget for some, whether that is time related or money related. That leaves trying to find trainers who are local in many cases. Now I know many who swear they were taught by their grandpa/father/uncle who was a veteran of one of our various historical wars. The problem is, standards and techniques change. Even since I started training twenty years ago, I've seen changes in accepted practices.

So, what should you look for? Well, at the beginning level, NRA certifications are a good start. They are not however a guarantee as I've seen some I'd never set foot on the range with, and I'm aware of one who had his NRA certifications revoked. At the beginning level, you need an instructor who can teach safety and the fundamentals, and make corrections when you're doing things wrong. After safety, getting

a good basis in the fundamentals is the single most important thing you can do for yourself as a shooter as everything builds on those fundamentals.

The elements that make up the fundamentals are trigger control, sight picture, trigger press, grip, and stance. Other things that should be covered are weapon function, malfunctions, and loading/unloading of said firearm. So, if you run into an instructor who has an introductory class and it skips right to “shooting from retention,” which is basically shooting with the pistol tucked in close to the body, you have an issue.

There are several things to avoid in an instructor. Pretty much anyone who brags about having served with Army Navy Super Delta Spec Ops Seals is out. There are some legit guys out there but they can usually be figured out with some online research. Also avoid anyone who thinks a safety brief is a waste of time, and that is non negotiable as you don't want to suffer for their negligence. I also avoid anyone who spends an inordinate amount of time tearing down other instructors or who consider their way to be the only way.

In the end, don't be afraid to ask questions. If you get the feeling that they aren't what they claim, they probably aren't. Check them out online via Facebook and Google. Also ask around. Maybe people you trust can vouch for them. At Mason County Sportsman's Association, we have Steve Worthington who can get you taken care of. He can be reached by email at training@masoncountysa.com. Until next month, shoot safe.

The End

USPSA Match, March 6, 2017

By Carol Holum

Twenty two shooters participated in the March USPSA event. Bruce Bennett headed the event and said, “Everybody had a good time.” He referred to this event as the ‘Church of the Gun,’ as it takes place on Sunday mornings. The award goes to whomever shoots closest to 50% between the highest & lowest scores at the end of the event and they win a free match. The winner of the March match was Tom Goodwin of Bremerton. The following were winners of each category: Open - Bruce Wood, 100%; PCC - Todd Sherman, 100%; Limited 10 - Bruce Blair, 100%; Production - Bill Myre, 100%; overall winner was Tyler Virgil, shooting 100%.

Members are invited to come and observe this event. Anyone interested in participating must have a USPSA number, and bring their own guns. Prospective participants must also complete a safety check and sign a waiver to demonstrate they understand the rules and their responsibilities as a participant. Participant fees to shoot in matches are: Range Officer-\$20; non-range - \$25; Juniors under age 21 - \$20. Matches are held the first Sunday of every month. Rose Braden and Kathy Bragg served as volunteers at this function. Members can earn volunteer hours by donating time at this function and other events sponsored by MCSA.

Summary and Review of Competitive Shooting events at MCSA

By Lynn Ludeman

On the first Sunday of every month, MCSA hosts a United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) match. USPSA is the US division of International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). IPSC is the oldest, and considered the premier, competitive shooting organization in the world. USPSA scores are registered nationally and anyone can be a USPSA member and compete. We often have competitors from outside our area come to MCSA to compete.

In addition to USPSA, there are five more action type events at MCSA, available throughout the month.

The first Tuesday is a Practical Pistol Competition (PPC) match. The second Tuesday is the Action Pistol League (APL). The third is a Tactical Carry match and the fourth Tuesday is a Two Gun match using pistols and carbine rifles. And then, as reported in a recent newsletter, on the first Thursday of the month, we have a Steel Shoot match.

What all of these events have in common with USPSA is that all participants try to unite the three principles of precision, power and speed. All the shooters use a firearm of a minimum power (caliber) to

score as many points as possible in the shortest amount of time. Rules and scoring systems vary between events; some have different amounts of time allowed, or there may be penalties assigned for inaccurate shooting. In addition, the courses of fire, or “stages,” are shot individually for most of these disciplines, and there is movement involved, meaning that the shooter must move from a specified starting point, shooting under, over, and/or around obstacles, to reach the specified finish point. The courses are often designed so that the shooter can be inventive, so not every participant will solve the exercise in the same way.

If this brief summary intrigues you, consider attending any of these events as a spectator! You will be most welcome. The best people to answer your questions are the ones who are there doing it. Just remember to bring your ear and eye protection. Don't hesitate to help tape targets or whatever else seems to need to be done. That too, will be most welcome!

See Carol Holum's article on page 4 about the March USPSA match for her take on this event.



Yay! Yay! Yay! Welcome Valerie Martin!



As you may remember, in last month's newsletter Lynn asked for someone to step forward and take over the reins as editor of our newsletter and Valerie Martin is here!! Let us introduce you to her:

Val Martin grew up in upstate NY and moved to Bremerton in 1985 after falling in love with the area while visiting her older brother. An afternoon

invitation to the movies from a girlfriend ended up being an ATV ride in the Seabeck area instead. It was while ATV riding she met her husband Keith. Shortly after they were married, he gave Val a 357 revolver and taught her how to shoot. Once their son Daniel was born, she stopped shooting.

The family moved to Southern CA in 2001 when Keith started his job at Technicolor. Both Keith and Daniel have always enjoyed shooting and hunting. While "the boys" participated in speed shooting

competitions, Val would only go as a spectator, never mustering the confidence to try. Once Daniel became an NRA certified instructor, Val became interested in shooting again and would occasionally go to various ranges in the LA area when "the boys" decided it was time "to take Mom to the range."

Val and Keith moved to Island Lake this past September after 15 years in CA. When asked why she was volunteering to help with the newsletter, Val said she tends to be shy until she gets to know someone, so although she has attended most of the club meeting since they have moved to Shelton, she doesn't know anyone and figures this will be a good way to meet people and learn more about what the club is doing. She is hoping her Secretarial degree (rusty as it is) and experience as the editor for the SWS company newsletter, many years ago, will be helpful.

Now that her bookkeeping job has settled down to a fairly consistent routine, and it was just confirmed that Daniel will be relocating to the general area the first week in May, Val knows that there will be many trips to the range so Keith and Daniel can help Val work on her skills and build confidence.