

# MCSA News



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Apr/May 2018

## Busy Week

By Val Martin

It's been a busy week for MCSA!

Wednesday, May 2, was the Jr Awards Ceremony at the beginning of the regular monthly meeting. Most of the participants in the program attended the meeting. While it was a small group this year, Coach Bragg was pleased with how well the team members progressed. Coach Bragg thanked all the RSOs and other coaches that assisted. He thanked Anita for all her assistance as liaison with the high school. She is retiring from the school district at the end of this year, but will be returning to MCSA in the fall to help with the Jr program as a coach. Please see the article on page 4 for more on the Jr program.

The Matlock Old Timers Historical Fair was the weekend of May 5 & 6. It was a HUGE hit! The modifications to the booth worked really well and were much appreciated by the numerous volunteers as they loaded pellets, took money, handed out eye protection. I am not sure whether the kids or adults had more fun!

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with the setting up and tearing down (twice) of the booth, and those that helped over the weekend where ever they were needed, I know everyone who came to the booth at Matlock appreciated it and it made the running of the booth much smoother. Marv Voskuhl and Keith Martin were able to give the booth a fresh coat of paint and it looks great!

Bill Zeigler reported that Alex was selling raffle tickets like crazy on Saturday and Sunday at Matlock...no wonder Alex is the #1 raffle ticket seller. Speaking of which, check out the beautiful wall hanging Alex received for being the #1 raffle ticket seller for 3 years in a row. Arliene Zeigler out did herself again!

## Raffle Central

By Bill Zeigler

The S&W Performance Center pro series optics ready 9 mm semi-auto pistol raffle tickets are "Going... Going... Almost Gone". I have 3 dozen and Verle's may have a few then they are all sold out. Thanks to all the members.

At the May 2nd General Meeting, we introduced the next raffle, which is the CZ P07 compact carry semi-auto 9 mm pistol. I printed 1,200 tickets and they are \$2 each. Earn working hours and help fundraising for the club by taking 25 or 50 tickets at the meeting to sell to friends or neighbors or.....

Bill

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## Ladies of Caliber

Meetings are 3 to 6 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Cost is \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

Bring your unloaded firearm in a box or a bag, 50 rounds of ammunition and don't forget the ear and eye protection! A brimmed hat is also handy to have.

### Schedule of Events:

May 20	Chief Deputy Sheriff Ryan Spurling will talk about thinking defensively.
Jun 17	Back to Basics and plenty of practice time.
July 15	Come have a try at a Steel Shoot. (38 special, 9mm or larger caliber)
Aug 19	Guest Speaker (to be confirmed).
Sept 16	Firearm Choice and Fit clinic with Gary Mills of Curly Wolf Guns.
Oct 21	Gear and Holster clinic.
Nov 18	Gun Cleaning and Fit Modifications Clinic with Gary Mills of Curly Wolf Guns.
Dec	No meeting

Contact:

Melinda with any questions at 360-999-8463

## MCSA Event Schedule

<b>First Sunday</b>	9:30 am: USPSA Match
<b>Third Sunday</b>	3 pm: Ladies of Caliber (see schedule)
<b>First Tuesday</b>	5 pm: Practical Pistol Competition
<b>Second Tuesday</b>	5 PM: Action Pistol League
<b>Third Tuesday</b>	5 pm: Tactical Carry Action Pistol League
<b>Fourth Tuesday</b>	5 pm: 2Gun Action Pistol League
<b>First Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm: General Membership Meeting
<b>Second Wednesday</b>	6 pm: .22 Rifle Shoot
<b>Third Wednesday</b>	6 pm: Plate Race
<b>First Thursday</b>	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Pistol Marksmanship
<b>Second Thursday</b>	6 pm: Steel Shoot
<b>Third Thursday</b>	6 pm: NRA Winchester .22 Rifle Marksmanship
<b>Fourth Thursday</b>	Winchester Defensive Pistol, .380 or larger cal pistol
<b>Fridays</b>	6 pm: Bullseye

Please go to [Masoncountysa.com](http://Masoncountysa.com) and click on "Club Calendar" tab for the current schedule.

Those who came to the April meeting had the opportunity to win a beautiful flag quilt made by Arliene Zeigler...just for attending! Lynn was the lucky winner!



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## Training Schedule for 2018

If you have ever thought about getting some additional training, check out the opportunities below:

May 12/13	NRA Basic Pistol
June 9	Pistol for Beginners
Sept. 8	NRA Basic Rifle Course

For full details on each of these classes, go to [www.masoncountysa.com](http://www.masoncountysa.com), click on Training and Education tab. You can also email us at [training@masoncountysa.com](mailto:training@masoncountysa.com).

## Volunteers Needed

By Lynn Ludeman

The Volunteer needs of the club are a little bit different than usual right now. We are in need of 2 board members, a Vice President and an Executive Director. If you are interested in either position, please let a Board member know.

### 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. Please send to [vmartin91360@gmail.com](mailto:vmartin91360@gmail.com)

## Air Pistol Booth Renovations

Thank you to the volunteers who setup the air pistol booth next to the range. This has enabled repairs to be done, the booth to be painted and some modifications to be made.



White parts (before being painted) are new enter/exit doors and front wall (no more metal fencing).

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## Junior Program Wrap Up

By Fred Nachbar

Well folks the junior rifle team competitive season comes to a close with a record of three wins and five losses.

This year was a struggle for the teams. To start, at the beginning of the school year Shelton High School did not have their traditional "Climber's Day". This is where the activity clubs gather in the Commons and vie for new members. Partly due to this omission, the turnout for the teams was very light. We usually have 25-30 new students come to the range to see if they would like what we have to offer. This year turnout was around 10.

By the end of October to mid-November we see about 60-70% drop in participation due to various factors. Some students find that they are not there to plink and a lot don't want to put in the effort to be a competitive shooter. Also, as high school is a "shaking out" process, some students leave to pursue other sports or activities.

Currently, we do not know if the current cultural climate is a factor in the low turnout. We do not know if the school is, or is not, promoting competitive shooting as a sport, or if other factors are hindering interest in joining the teams.

Despite the current climate, there have been some very encouraging events happening to our core team members.

Walker Geary, in March, attained his goal of 100 points out of 100 points in both precision rifle and precision air rifle. This is no mean feat! A lot of work and some frustration made this milestone possible. His goal now is to attain a constant 85 points in off hand. From there we will work on 90 plus points in off hand.

We have a home-schooled shooter, Justin Sillars. Justin is every bit as dedicated as Walker. Justin, in March, met a milestone of two consecutive scores of 99 points out of 100 in prone position with the .22 precision rifle. Again, no mean feat! He is working hard on gaining that elusive point.

Another milestone was accomplished by

Alex Estebon. In March he shot a three-position air rifle score of 272 out of 300. Well done Alex! Chase Jellison is hot on the aforementioned heels of Walker and Justin. His goal is to improve in the offhand position.

Miss Hanna Binder has been working on tightening her groups. Coach Fred Nachbar, at the most recent practice session, taught her a new technique to improve her shots and she immediately started working on this technique with some early success.

Just recently we have had a new female shooter join the team. Coaches Allen Bragg and Fred Nachbar have been working with her to get her ready for next year's competitive season. Welcome aboard!

To them and other team members who stuck it out this year – A HEARTY WELL DONE!!

(Editor's note: see group picture page 8)



Justin Sillars & R Walker Geary



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# Friends of the NRA Banquet

By Fred Nachbar

At the invitation of Allen Bragg, Bill Zeigler and I attended the “Friends of the NRA Banquet” held at the Emerald Queen Casino in Tacoma, Washington on March 3, 2018.

This event is held annually and it benefits local and regional NRA entities. It is mostly a raffle event, much like our own Christmas party, with table after table of prizes laid out with colored buckets that correspond with the colored tickets you receive as part of your entry fee. You also have the opportunity to purchase additional ticket packages.

Bill and I had some special treatment at the door as Allen’s daughter was taking tickets and we were routed to her and were able to enter the hall a little faster.

Some of the benefits derived from the event are: grants for our range, grants for the juniors program, training and ongoing defense of the Second Amendment.

The buffet style dinner of prime rib, steamed veggies, fresh hot rolls and tossed salad was excellent. Later a wonderful cart of desserts was rolled out with a large selection of sweets. Add to this all the coffee or tea you can drink, plus an open bar to purchase the “Redeye” of your choice.

Top line, bottom line, we had fun. Bill and I plan on attending the next “Friends of the NRA” event and we hope you will join us for friends, fun and food.



Bill Zeigler, Fred Nachbar



Bill Zeigler, Fred Nachbar, Allen Bragg



Allen Bragg

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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

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## Washington State Gun Owners Targeted by Another Misguided Ballot Initiative

From [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org)

Washington's gun control ballot initiative industry has recently announced its latest measure, "The Reduce Assault Weapon Violence Initiative," intended for the November 2018 election. According to the proponent, the Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility (WAGR), this initiative will address "the root causes of recent tragedies."

As was the case with WAGR's previous ballot initiatives – I-594 (2014) mandating a "universal background check" for gun sales, loans, gifts and other "transfers," and I-1491 (2016), imposing gun surrender and seizure based on allegations of threats of harm – this latest effort follows the rejection of bills proposing similar restrictions and bans by the state's legislature earlier this year.

Key features of this 22-page Initiative are:

- Adopting an excessively broad definition of "semiautomatic assault rifle," being "any rifle which utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round, and which requires a separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge."
- Raise the minimum age to possess or purchase an "assault rifle" to 21 years of age. Limited exceptions for possession will apply to persons between 18 and 21 years of age.
- Besides the increased age limit, another new requirement for eligibility to purchase an "assault rifle" is proof of mandatory training that meets the requirements set out in the Initiative.
- "Enhanced background checks," new waiting periods and fees. The Initiative refers to a new "statewide firearms background check system," as yet to be established, that would potentially be "more comprehensive" than the federal NICS check and apply to all firearm sales and transfers. A waiting period of ten *business* days for sales and transfers of "assault rifles," where "transfer" includes a loan, gift or other change of possession or ownership. To "help offset" these new administrative requirements, the Initiative authorizes a \$25 fee on each purchaser of an "assault rifle," which fee may be increased periodically.
- New "Safe Storage" Crimes. Any person who fails to secure a firearm faces potential criminal liability for the new crime of "community endangerment" should a prohibited person gain access to the firearm. There is a limited exception where a firearm is acquired as a result of an unlawful entry, but this applies only if the theft is reported to law enforcement within five days.
- Enhanced framework for a state gun registry. Washington State's Department of Licensing already collects paperwork on handgun sales and transfers (and the same forms must be transmitted by the dealer to local law enforcement). Under the Initiative, the same documentation requirements – listing the make, model and manufacturer's number of the weapon along with the purchaser's personal information – would apply to "assault rifle" transactions.
- Expanded enforcement authority by administrative agencies. The Initiative directs the state's Department of Licensing to develop a process to verify, "on an annual or more frequent basis," that persons who acquire handguns or "assault rifles" remain legally eligible to possess a firearm, and to notify law enforcement to "take steps to ensure such persons are not illegally in possession of firearms." In developing this process the Department is authorized to "consult with individuals from the public and private sector" through an advisory committee, or otherwise.

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While this Initiative promises an “enhanced background check system” for “assault rifles,” it contains a clear sign that, regardless of whether the Initiative succeeds, WAGR and its supporters aren’t convinced that these background check “enhancements” will be sufficient, and will continue to press for additional restrictions in future initiatives: Section 3 authorizes “the state, through the legislature or initiative process, [to] enact a statewide firearms background check system” that is even “more comprehensive” than the federal National Instant Background Check System (NICS).

Residents of Washington State are poorly served by such “common-sense solutions” to prevent gun crime that promise much but [deliver little](#). Those who followed the developments related to 2014’s Initiative 594 will recall that it was promoted on claims that expanding background checks to private firearm sales, as well as loans and gifts, would make “a huge difference when it comes to the rate of gun violence,” yet the [first prosecution for a violation](#) did not occur until more than two years after enactment and was based on a transfer that was already prohibited by federal law; the [second reported prosecution](#), in 2017, also involved alleged conduct that was already illegal. A [2017 study concluded](#) the law had “little measurable effect.” And last month, in a discussion of a new gun control ballot measure, Washington State’s Attorney General Bob Ferguson, a supporter of the Initiative, was asked whether I-594’s “intensive background check” included rifles and [replied](#), “I don’t have an answer for how that Initiative worked on that issue.”

Supporters of this latest attack on the Second Amendment will be collecting valid voter signatures to make the November ballot and spending an [avalanche of money](#) to publicize and promote the Initiative. Voters, however, should remember that despite the repeated assertions that accompany each new Initiative – that these “comprehensive,” “[evidence-based solutions](#)” will “[ensure safer schools and neighborhoods](#)” – the major discernable impact, should this Initiative pass, will be to drive up the costs of lawful gun ownership, burden firearm businesses with even more paperwork, impose ever-more complex compliance obligations, and pave the way for new and even greater restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

## News Update

- The proposed By-Laws change to Article XI Second Paragraph passed by a narrow margin. So the paragraph will be modified to include “ The Trustees shall inform the membership as to the direction this organization is going.” The other proposed change was withdrawn by Gene Scherer.
- A motion was made and passed to donate \$400 to the Jr program to cover the shortfall between the cost of the new rifles and the NRA grant that is coming.
- There will be a “surplus item” sale at the next meeting, so bring your cash!
- There are now 280 members (216 memberships) in MCSA!
- Watch out for Initiatives 1637 and 1639 that will be looking for votes. Kris Kord recommends against the initiatives.
- Although the Jr program is finished for the season, there will be a need for Coaches and RSOs in the fall....please give some thought to coming and helping out with this rewarding cause.
- There have been 24 adult matches since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and there have been an average of 12 participants at each match! Great so see the participation at the matches...come and try something new!
- A 1<sup>st</sup> Aid **Refresher** Class is scheduled for Nov 17 9 – 3:30; note must already have 1<sup>st</sup> Aid card.



May 13<sup>th</sup> is the big day. Don't disappoint the Mother of your children by forgetting the flowers, chocolates and raffle tickets. A fist full of tickets will warm her heart.

## Air Pistol Booth at Matlock “Old Timers Fair”





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## Junior Awards





**2018 Juniors Program**