

MCSA NEWS

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MCSA STATUS REPORT

Dear MCSA Members –

We are almost there! Mason County is approved to move into Phase 3 and Dave Windom approved Mark Gardner's proposal to open the range on a limited basis. The proposal, as well as all of the State mandated restrictions/requirements guided Mark's development of implementation plan. Because we are finally so close, I called an Emergency Meeting of the Board and Trustees for Monday afternoon (6/22). Here is the plan we came up with:

We will form a new committee, titled the COVID PREVENTION COMMITTEE, and are calling for Member Volunteers to populate this committee as Covid Prevention Officers or CPO. The CPOs will be responsible for managing the COVID requirements that enable us to finally open up again! They will NOT act as Range Safety Officers but will be trained on the COVID rules and disinfection requirements, which they will in turn let members know about and ensure it is done when they use the range and meeting room. Members wanting to earn their volunteer hours this way may sign up immediately by emailing training@masoncountysa.com or secretary@masoncountysa.com, or by calling Lynn at 206-406-3562. Training will be started as soon as we have a group of volunteers.

Once we have trained CPOs, members who want to shoot must make a reservation to use the range and the CPO will admit them. The reservation times are in 45 minute increments with a 15 minute allowance for the clean up and pack up process. Members may reserve one or two blocks of time, it will be on a first reserved, first served basis. Reservations will not be accepted until we have enough CPOs trained to handle the shooters.

There will be no classes or events while we are in Phase 3, and only member reservations will be accepted, no guests. The CPO will admit and check in shooters as they arrive in time for their range reservation. Members arriving early for their reservation time must wait in the parking lot but the CPO will have a copy of the reservations for their shift and will be looking for the next members at their reserved time.

Members may reserve time for up to 5 members. If there are single members reserving the range, please specify the distance you anticipate shooting from when making the reservation, so that we may fill the time slot with other single member shooters. (for example, 50' for rifles, closer for pistols)

If the CPO would like to shoot, they will make a reservation during another CPO's shift.

There will be a maximum of 5 shooters allowed in the range, the CPO will remain in the meeting room. Remember, the CPO does not serve as Range Safety Officer, Members are responsible to follow the range rules with no exceptions as stated in the club Standing Rules and SOPs.

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For now, this is for target practice only, no additional equipment will be used, no steel, barrels or other obstacles.

The CPO committee is studying the COVID rules, so there may be more than this, but what we know for now is that the range will be set up with 5 tables which will be used to help maintain the 6 feet social distance requirement as well as provide a place to shoot from.

Members are expected to wear face masks or shields as mandated by the Washington State Governor and will not be admitted for their reservation without one.

Shooters are expected to maintain the social distancing rules and all of the rest of the rules as described by the Governor's mandates. If you are sick, please stay home.

All surfaces touched are expected to be disinfected, the club will provide disinfectant spray and microfiber cloths. So keep in mind everything you touch! Target hanger clips, door handles and door surfaces, table, counter, etc. will need to be wiped down and the floors need to be swept with the microfiber mops after every reservation time. Shooters are expected to do this clean up after themselves.

Once there are CPOs to volunteer for shifts, we will begin taking reservations and you'll get another email with how to do that.

For those who find all of this exasperating, I think we are all on the same page! The many restrictions and requirements are somewhat confusing and in some cases contradictory. We are creating paper work documenting our COVID PREVENTION PLAN and will have it available to be shown to any random State Inspector who stops to look. Given what this club has gone through so far this year, it is likely such an event will occur. So yes, it really is frustrating and inconvenient, I know, but important that we follow every rule to the best of our ability. And at least we can finally use the range again, even if under this limited basis. **Please be patient with these requirements, We believe it is temporary and are hoping that before the end of summer, we'll be in Phase 4, with less restriction.**

Arne Anderson, MCSA President

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AmazonSmile Donations to MCSA

Recently MCSA was issued a \$35.67 donation (for activity January thru March) from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a direct result of members who have selected MCSA as their charity. As our group goes through these whacky times, every little bit helps. If you want to change your charity, here are some directions:

- Go to Amazon.com
- Click on "Hello" <your name>, "Accounts and Lists" at the top in the Amazon header bar.
- This will bring up a 2-column menu - look down the left column under "Lists" and click on "AmazonSmile Charity Lists" - on mine it was the 8th item down.
- Under the Amazon search bar, you will see "**Supporting:**" followed by the name of who you have been supporting. Click on that link.
- Then you will see the name of the organization you have been supporting and right after it "**Change**" in blue. Click on "Change".
- This will give you a search bar. Type in "Mason County Sportsman Association" and click the <Search> button.
- This should bring up our group and then you click the <Select> button. You should get a confirmation notice that looks like this:

You have changed your charity to Mason County Sportsman Association.

Generate donations for your charity by placing orders here, at smile.amazon.com. [Shop now](#)

- If "Mason County Sportsman Association" doesn't come up in the search. Check your spelling, make sure it's Sportsman (not Sportsmen) and singular, not possessive. Also be sure there are no extraneous spaces within or at the end of the name.

**YOU NEVER REALIZE HOW ANTI-SOCIAL YOU ARE
UNTIL THERE'S A PANDEMIC
AND YOUR LIFE DOESN'T CHANGE MUCH**

From The Editor: THANK YOU to those who have been faithfully providing material for the newsletter. I love ya for it. I'd love to hear from the rest of you...

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FDA Warning - Hand Sanitizer

FDA advises consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico, due to the presence of methanol (wood alcohol), a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested. FDA has identified the following products manufactured by Eskbiochem:

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

FDA tested samples of Lavar Gel and CleanCare No Germ. Lavar Gel contains 81 percent (v/v) methanol and no ethyl alcohol, and CleanCare No Germ contains 28 percent (v/v) methanol. Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used due to its toxic effects.

Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol should seek immediate treatment, which is critical for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning. Substantial methanol exposure can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, permanent damage to the nervous system or death. Although all persons using these products on their hands are at risk, young children who accidentally ingest these products and adolescents and adults who drink these products as an alcohol (ethanol) substitute, are most at risk for methanol poisoning.

On June 17, 2020, FDA contacted Eskbiochem to recommend the company remove its hand sanitizer products from the market due to the risks associated with methanol poisoning. To date, the company has not taken action to remove these potentially dangerous products from the market. Therefore, FDA recommends consumers stop using these hand sanitizers and dispose of them immediately in appropriate hazardous waste containers. Do not flush or pour these products down the drain.



NRA

The following link leads to the page where you can sign up for alerts regarding proposed 2A legislation in Washington state. This is a source of information on proposed legislation and is for educational purposes only.

<https://www.nraila.org/sign-up/>

Basics of Binoculars

by Fred Nachbar

In last month's newsletter we discussed the basics of the two prism systems, Porro and Roof, and their advantages and disadvantages. In this month's continuing article, we will touch on some of the "add ons" that improve their performance or enhance their ruggedness.

ADJUSTMENTS

Let's start with the physiology of the human eye. Specifically, INTEROCULAR distance. Fancy name for the distance between the centers of the pupils of your eyes. Everyone's interocular distance is slightly different and that is why binoculars are hinged in the middle of their framing, to allow the eye piece to directly align with your pupil.

This same physiology limits the objective lens size on Roof prism binoculars as the center of the objective lens is also the center of the eye piece which is centered on your pupil.

Everyone's eyes have a different focal point and in one person each eye can have a different focal point. Due to this phenomenon the eye pieces are such that you can set each eye piece to focus slightly different so that you will see an equally focused image in each eye. Some binoculars have both eye pieces that can be focused individually and others have only one eye piece that can be focused individually.

In the center of the hinge of the binoculars is the CENTER FOCUS RING. This adjusts the focus of each tube of the binocular. As the distance to your object or target changes you must change the focus of the binoculars. The center focus ring does this simultaneously. It will be perfectly focused for both eyes if you adjusted the individual eye pieces discussed in the previous paragraph.

CONSTRUCTION

Binoculars are basically glass. Glass lenses and glass prisms. Not all glass is equal. For our purposes we are going to limit our discussion to three types of glass for the prisms.

BK7 is the oldest and most inexpensive glass for prisms. It is a good quality glass that has been and still is used in binoculars.

BaK4 is a superior glass. It transmits slightly more light than BK7. The difference is not huge but noticeable.

BaK4 (Chinese) This glass does not transmit light as well as the European standard BaK4 glass. It does, however, transmit better than BK7 glass and is less expensive than the European BaK4 glass.

All three glasses and the glass in the lenses transmit light. But do they, on their own, transmit as much light as they could? The answer is no.

When light strikes glass some of it is transmitted through the glass and some is reflected back into space. The light reflected is lost.

Basics of Binoculars continued...

To enhance the performance of the glass, manufacturers of the prisms and lenses coat the lenses and prisms with extremely thin coats of substances to cut down on the reflected light. These coatings enhance the relative brightness of the image by allowing more light to be transmitted through the glass. Most binoculars have at least one coat and more expensive ones have multiple coats.

You can tell if a lens has at least one coat by looking at the objective lens. The lens will have a pretty hue to it.

ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF BINOCULARS

As with all things in life as the quality goes up so does the price. Let's examine the quality of binoculars in ascending order.

1. BK7 glass coated -- This means the lower quality glass and a single coating usually put on the outside of the objective lens and eye piece.
2. BK7 glass multi-coated -- The lower quality glass, multi-coatings but still only on the outside surface of the objective lens and eye piece.
3. BK7 glass fully multi-coated -- The lower quality glass, multi-coating on every air, glass interface.
4. BaK4 (Chinese) coated -- Mid-grade glass and again single coating on the outside of the objective lens and eye piece.
5. BaK4 (Chinese) multi-coated -- Mid-grade glass, multi-coatings on the objective lens and eye piece.
6. BaK4 (Chinese) fully multi-coated -- Mid-grade glass, multi-coatings on all air, glass interface.
7. BaK4 coated -- Superior glass, one coating on objective lens and eye piece.
8. BaK4 multi-coated -- Superior glass, multiple coats on objective lens and eye piece.
9. BaK4 fully multi-coated -- Superior glass, multiple coatings on all air, glass interfaces.

CHOICES

When you are in the market for binoculars, you need to know something about your priorities.

1. What am I mostly going to use it for.
2. How often am I going to use it.
3. How much do I want to spend.

EXAMPLES

1. I am mostly going to use it from my home windows to occasionally watch birds. You could possibly get away with Number 2 or 3 on the chart. An inexpensive but good quality binocular should do.

Basics of Binoculars continued...

2. I plan to hunt big game in rugged deep forests. Probably the choice you want is Number 9 on the chart in Porro prism with upgrades of the body being rubber coated and (around here) waterproof. With the best glass, multiple coating and size appropriate objective lenses you would be better able to spot your quarry in the dim light of deep forests or in fading light.
3. I want binoculars to use on my boat. If you have the space on the boat a very good choice is a Porro prism, Number 9 on the chart. Upgrades of rubber armor, waterproof and possibly an incorporated compass would be desirable.
4. I like hiking and watching wild life. A possible choice would be a Roof prism Number 6 on the chart with an upgrade of rubber coating on the body.

You can see from the choices section no one binocular does it all in all situations. You have to research features and answer your questions like weight vs. light gathering power vs. magnification vs. ruggedness and amount of usage vs. expense.

CARE OF YOUR BINOCULARS

It's very simple:

Don't submerge non-waterproof binocular in water.

Don't roughly abuse binoculars that are not designed for rugged use.

Lens care is easy. Out in the field if the lens gets dirty first blow on the lens to remove loose debris then take lens paper and clean off smudges. If the smudges are stubborn, use exhaled breath to lightly moisten the lens and use lens paper. **LIGHTLY RUB IN A CIRCULAR MOTION. DO NOT USE PAPER TOWELS OR TOILET PAPER.** These can be mildly abrasive. This abrasiveness can scratch the coatings on the lenses.

Biologics can live on glass and etch or otherwise erode the coatings and the glass. They show up as a spot with a small halo around it. To get rid of them use alcohol sparingly with lens paper, rubbing **LIGHTLY** in a circular motion. If the spots are stubborn repeat the process. When not in use clean every six months to control biologics.

Keep your lenses covered as much as possible consistent with their use.

General cleaning of the lens as recommended by the manufacturer keeps lenses clean and reduces scratching adding years to your investment.

WHAT DO THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?

When you buy binoculars, you will note or be told some information that you may not be familiar with.

You will see on the binoculars a set of numbers such as 7x50 or 12x80, etc. The first number is stating the magnification. In the case of the 7x50, magnification is seven times; the object looks seven times closer. The second number is the size of the diameter of the objective lens measured in millimeters, 50 millimeters.

Basics of Binoculars continued...

Next important will be field of view which is usually stated in degrees such as 5°, 8°, etc. The bigger the number the wider the field. Many binoculars will also state this in actual width such as 400 feet at 1,000 yards. There is another factor I want to point out. To get the most benefit out of the light gathered by the objective lens there is a simple formula to use if the binocular you are contemplating on buying is able to deliver the maximum amount of light to your eye. Divide the power into the diameter of the objective lens. Example: 7 into 50 as in a 7x50 binocular. The answer is 7.14. This number is the exit pupil (eye piece) diameter. This is important as the average pupil opens to 4 to 5 millimeters. As you can see the 7x50 delivers an ample amount of light. Popular 10x50 delivers a 5 millimeter exit pupil. The minimum exit pupil that should be considered is 4 millimeters as this is the lower threshold of the eye's pupil.

Remember this article is basic information and not intended to support one system of prisms over another or 7x50s over 10x50s over 7x35s. This primer should enable you to make an informed decision on a pair of binoculars.

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A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar...

The bartender asks the rabbit, "What'll you have?"

The rabbit says, "I dunno, I'm only here because of autocorrect."

So let me get this straight...
There's no cure for a virus that can be **KILLED** by sanitizer and hand soap?

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them.

Those would be helpful right now.

Whoever decided a Liquor Store is more essential than a Hair Salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.

Loading a New Database of Defensive Gun Use

by Amy Swearer

www.dailysignal.com/2020/04/20/loading-a-new-database-of-defensive-gun-use/

The Daily Signal published a monthly series highlighting lawful gun owners who used their firearms to protect their liberties, lives, or livelihoods. The incidents are selected from hundreds of similar examples. The Heritage Foundation is introducing its Defensive Gun Use Database, with an interactive map featuring news accounts from police reports.

According to CDC-P most studies on defensive gun use found these instances occur 500K to 3 million times a year. This database features cases that can be verified through public sources, where there's no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of the gun owner. This database is an important tool proving the "good guy with a gun" is not a myth.

These gun owners are not vigilantes who went looking for trouble; they did not intentionally place themselves in dangerous situations. Many of them even fail to fit the caricature of "typical gun owner." They're working jobs and living lives in our neighborhoods. They are:

- young mothers defending their children
- disabled persons whose firearm enabled them to stand toe-to-toe w/criminals
- abused women who protected themselves from violent ex-lovers
- elderly men outnumbered by would-be thieves
- mothers, daughters, brothers, sons, neighbors, friends, and co-workers.

Good Guys, Guns and Vigilance

Recent Cases from the Database

April 5, 2020 - Spokane, WA

Alleged burglar shot by homeowners said he was 'doing their dishes'

Alleged burglar was sent to the hospital after being shot in the leg by the homeowner, who won't face charges. Homeowners said they heard a noise in their kitchen late at night, the husband grabbed his shotgun and went to investigate. He saw Caldero using his microwave. The homeowner told Caldero to leave, who said he did not understand why he was so mad, and that he was just doing their dishes. Caldero then approached the homeowner and struggled for the shotgun. A shot went into the ground, the homeowner loaded another round, shot Caldero when he approached again. Investigation continues - no charges will be filed against homeowners. Caldero was hospitalized and faced charges of first-degree burglary.

April 7, 2020 - Newcastle, WA

Police: Burglar caught, held at gunpoint until officers arrive

A Seattle man was arrested after police said he broke into three homes in Newcastle over the weekend. The 38yo man broke a woman's glass door with a flower pot and entered her home around 1:30 p.m. The woman yelled and screamed until he fled. The woman

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then called a neighbor who spotted the man and held him at gunpoint until officers arrived. Suspect had the woman's credit cards and five fake \$100 bills on him when arrested. He denied knowledge of the burglary or how the victim's personal items got into his pocket. Upon investigation, police learned the man had entered the homes of two other neighbors.

April 22, 2020 - University Place, WA

Man Shot After Allegedly Attacking a Couple in University Place

When police arrived they found the boyfriend with a gunshot wound to the leg and suspect lying in grass with gunshot wound to chest. The couple told detectives they were walking together when they noticed 2 men were following them. One suspect grabbed the boyfriend by the throat, saying "This is how it's gonna go down." The boyfriend told officers he was afraid for his life and shot the other man once or twice, before the second suspect fled.

June 7, 2020 - Elk Plain, WA

Suspected burglar shot, killed by resident in Pierce County

A suspected burglar was shot and killed by a resident of Elk Plain at about 5a.m. Sunday morning. The suspect was dead of a gunshot wound, inside the home. The occupants included an elderly woman and her adult son. The homeowner's son awoke to the sound of rustling inside their home; he armed himself with a handgun and found a burglar standing next to a safe in the home. The resident confronted the burglar, who came at him. The resident fired at the suspect, striking and killing him.

Carry a weapon because a police officer is too heavy...

Negligence With a Gun Produces Yet Another Serious Injury

Read full article at: <https://bayourenaissanceman.blogspot.com/2020/06/negligence-with-gun-produces-yet.html>

Utah - A man accidentally fired his gun while trying to dismantle it and struck a woman who was three bays over at the range. The bullet went through both of her legs. She was in her 50s and is expected to make a full recovery.

To refresh your memory:

1. **All guns are always loaded.** Even if they are not, treat them as if they are.
2. **Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.** (For those who insist that this particular gun is unloaded, see Rule 1.)
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.** This is the Golden Rule. Its violation is responsible for 60 percent of inadvertent discharges.
4. **Identify your target, and what is behind it.** Never shoot at anything that you have not positively identified.

This incident was a breach of Rule 2, and probably Rule 3 as well. Guns *don't* just "go off by accident" unless someone's fiddling with them, and it's all too easy to let one's finger stray too close to the trigger.

To Mask or Not To Mask

A local school board was considering whether or not to make kids wear masks at school and asked what people thought. Here's how One mom thinks requiring masks might work in elementary school:

- Please don't snap Billy's mask in his face.
- Your mask is not a necklace, bracelet, or any other form of jewelry. You should not be using your mask as a slingshot. Please put it back on your face.
- Please do not chew on your mask.
- Your mask should be on your face, not on the back of your head.
- I'm sorry your mask is wet, but that's what happens when you lick the inside.
- I'm sorry you sneezed. Here's a tissue. Wipe out the snot as well as you can.
- No, you may not blow your nose in your mask.
- Why is your mask soaking wet? You just came back from the bathroom?
- And you put it back on your face after you dropped it?
- I'm sorry you broke the elastic on your mask by seeing how far the band would stretch. Now you'll have to hold the mask on your face ... or use this duct tape.
- Please take the mask off your eyes and watch where you're walking. I don't care if you have X-ray vision.
- Please take the mask off of your pencil and stop twirling it.
- I know the mask fits over your pants like a knee pad, but please take it off of your leg and put it on your face.
- What do you mean you tried to eat your lunch through your mask?
- Please don't share your mask or trade masks. I don't care if you like Ingrid's mask better than yours.
- I'm sorry, but your mask is not school appropriate.
- We're not comparing our masks to other kids' masks... everyone's mask is unique and special.

To Mask or Not To Mask continued...

- No, you may not decorate your mask instead of doing your work. I don't care if you have a Sharpie.
- You're not a pirate, please take your mask off your eye.
- Try to get the gum off as much as you can.
- Please don't use your mask to pick your nose.
- I'm sorry you tripped, but that's what happens when you put your feet inside the elastic of your mask.
- No, your mask doesn't make it hard to get your work done.
- Your Mom will need to get you a new mask since you chewed a hole in that one.
- Why is there a shoe print on your mask?
- No, you cannot eat the snow through your mask.
- I don't care if you were in art class and being creative; we do not decorate our masks.
- We do not beam other kids in the face with balls. No, their masks don't make it not hurt.
- Please don't plug your nose holes with your mask.
- Who's making that noise?
- I'm sorry your ponytail is stuck, that's what happens when you see how many times you can wrap it around your mask.
- I'm sorry to tell you, but your child thought her mask made her a superhero. She tried to fly off the jungle gym at recess ...
- I'm sorry your breath stinks in your mask, maybe we should all try to brush better.
- Please take those cookies out of your mask. No, you are not a chipmunk.

Virus funnies to brighten your day...

- I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. The children will be called the C-19 Babies & the #1 baby names will be Charmin & Scott.
- Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
- If these last few weeks have taught us anything - it is that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.
- Just wait a second - so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this, is directly linked to the Common Sense of others?
- People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.
- If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything, Raise your hand... Now slap yourself with it.
- Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.
- The spread of COVID-19 is based on two factors:
How dense the population is.
How dense the population is.
- People start coughing and worry they have "the virus".
I cough and just pray I don't pee myself...
- Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever. Well, wish granted. Happy now?
- It may take a village to raise a child, but it's going to take a whole vineyard to home-school one.
- I did a BIG load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

