

MCSA NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2022

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BBQ

From Val Martin

When:

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Where:

**The Mason Lake Camp, 1052 E. Mason Lake Drive West
(Green Diamond)**

Please join Susanna Jones and me as we navigate the planning and implementation of a summer BBQ.

**** All ideas and help are welcome! ****

Do we want food catered? Or do we have volunteers who will do the actual BBQ?

Do we want to bring a dish to pass....or cater part of it?

Do we want to do the door prizes like in the past? (If so, we need to start getting some....etc).

Please consider joining us as we make our 1st ever **MCSA BBQ Bash** a "something to remember"!

My email is vleriejean91360@yahoo.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

CURRENT CLASSES:

- Pistol for Beginners
March 12, 2022 **SOLD OUT**
- NRA Basic Pistol
March 26/27, 2022 **SOLD OUT**
- Pistol for Beginners
April 23, 2022
- Pistol for Beginners
May 28, 2022
- NRA Concealed Carry
1st class — May 27, 2022
2nd class—June 24, 2022
ALREADY SOLD OUT
- NRA Basic Pistol Class — July
9/10, 2022



***** Announcing New Class *****
NRA
Concealed Carry

This new class is scheduled for May 27th and June 24th **but is already full!** If you are interested in this class say so! More interest will determine how soon we can get another set of classes scheduled.

The classes will each be held at our range, from 10 AM to 6 PM. The cost for this series of two classes is **\$270.00**, pre-registration and payment is required.

In order to attend this class, you must be legally able to possess a firearm and have already attended a Pistol for Beginners or NRA Basic Pistol course.

This course is split into two days, 1 month apart to accommodate procuring equipment if needed. The complete 2-day class covers gun safety, pistol nomenclature, selecting a pistol for self-defense, ammunition & selection of defensive ammunition, basic defensive pistol skills, drawing from concealment, loading & stoppage remediation, mindset, carry modes & pistol concealment, firearm cleaning, sport shooting and training activities and NRA course of fire, live fire practice.

For more information about this class, please contact Dan McCarty, Training Chairman at

training@masoncountysa.com or 206-947-2038.

Speak up if you are interested!!!

CPR / FIRST AID CLASS

For those who want a First Aid Certificate or those who need to be renewed, a CPR / First Aid class has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16, tentative time from 9 am to about 4 pm. (exact hours of the class to be confirmed soon). Location is at Mason County Public Works building, 100 W Public Works Dr, Shelton, WA (near the Shelton Airport off Hwy 101).

Attendees will need to bring a lunch.

The class will cost \$30 + the cost of the book (\$4.91) for those who want a book. A limited number of books will be available at the class. (See link below to order your own).

FIRST AID CPR

<https://www.aedsuperstore.com/aha-20-1126-2020-heartsaver-first-aid-cpr-aed-student-workbook.html>

Because space is limited, students must pre-register and make their payment, either cash or a check, made payable to the instructor Amy Carpenter. Lynn has volunteered to organize the registrations but this is not a MCSA sponsored training event, so **please, no payments to MCSA for this class!** To sign up, please contact Lynn at lynnl@hcc.net or call 206-406-3562.

Name

Phone

Email address

Please indicate your preference for acquiring the book (\$4.91):

Yes, I'll purchase at class _____ No, I'll order my own _____

Help is needed to sell raffle tickets!!
One hour credit of volunteer hours
for every 10 tickets sold!!

**MASON COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION
RAFFLE**

\$ 3.00 TICKET



**WINNER MUST BE 21 AND LEGAL TO
OWN A FIREARM IN WASHINGTON
STATE AND HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
PASSED THE BASIC FIREARM
SAFETY COURSE IN ACCORDANCE
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**EACH \$3.00 TICKET GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN THIS
PRE-OWNED **RUGER MINI 14 RIFLE** WITH 1-5 ROUND
MAG AND A 2-7 SCOPE COMPLETE PACKAGE VALUED AT
OVER \$800.00**



**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT MASON COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S RANGE
521 W. BUSINESS PARK RD SHELTON
MCSA IS A 501 (C) 3
DRAWING ON MAY 4, 2022 7:00 pm
AT MEMBERS MEETING
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN ONLY 1000 TICKETS PRINTED**

Our 2022 Adventure – Front Sight & SCI

By Dick Krase

After being cooped up by the Covidians for two years (702 days, Mr. Inslee, as I write this), Linda and I finally took off to the Las Vegas area in January for a week.

After arriving, we drove to Pahrump, NV for a two day Defensive Handgun class at the Front Sight Firearms Training Institute. I had purchased a four day tuition at the last Friends of NRA auction we were able to attend, pre-COVID, representing MCSA. We decided to split it for the two of us.

The first day was a VERY early morning, but we arrived at the gate on time (early) and were the second entrants. As part of our registration, there was a criminal background check, personal recommendation and extensive information provided to the facility and in turn, a very complete set of instructions on what to do upon arrival, protocols for carry on the facility, etc.

We wore our firearms constantly for the time we were there, unloaded and with empty magazines and magazine wells except on the range. The first order of business was a weapons check where our pistols and holsters were checked for function and compliance. We had some time to roam the immediate facilities before the first lecture which included the Ammo Bunker, complete Gunsmithing and Armorer shop and a Pro Shop with everything from bling to targets, manuals to holsters.

As one might imagine, the overarching emphasis was on safety, especially given the breadth of student capabilities and backgrounds which included complete newbies to law enforcement and military. Some doctrine differed somewhat from NRA protocols, for example, the three (3) 'Always' rules were headed by ensuring the weapon was unloaded until ready to use; muzzle control was demoted one spot. The fourth 'Always' was added – ensuring that the path to your target and beyond was understood. Note my use of the word 'weapon' which differs from the NRA

doctrinal of 'firearm'; this was not a mistake because the theme of this instruction is defensive use of a weapon in practice. Think gunfight.

One absolute in gun handling at Front Sight, which expresses their promotion of loaded condition, was chamber and magazine checks EACH time the pistol was drawn or holstered or at intermediate steps in the lessons. The instructors were emphatic in their enforcement of this requirement.

The instructors were outstanding – very communicative, engaging, positive and observant. Our group was on Range #1 which had 22 target positions. We were paired with another student (couples were encouraged to split up) with whom we traded off as coach and student on the firing line. There were 21 students and rarely less than 3 instructors and often 4 for the group so they were able to do a lot of one-on-one since only 10 students were on the firing line at a time. The instructors ranged from 30-somethings to mostly reformed crusty drill instructor types.

In line with the overall theme, many of our exercises included presenting from concealment and their doctrine on handling concealment clothing was very specific as were the specific physical movements from holster to target. Toward the end of the second day, we were presenting the pistol from holster and placing two rounds in the thoracic cavity in 2.5 seconds. Had we taken the 4 day course as a prerequisite for more advanced classes, this would have been a required metric.

All in, we each burned just about 200 rounds of 9mm and learned a huge amount. In addition to range time, there were a couple lectures per day that were focused on dry practice, situational awareness, conflict avoidance and post-incident guidance. One thing that we were heartened to learn was that LegalShield does offer plans in Washington State. They are a 'pre-paid' legal plan for firearms owners, rather than insurance which avoids Washington's anti-gun Insurance Commissioner. We will be signing up.

Our takeaway from the Front Sight experience – we wouldn't have missed it and may well do it again, but would look at the 4 day course for pistol and (I) probably will look at the rifle course, too. Be nice if it were closer...

The balance of the week we spent at the Safari Club International convention in Vegas proper. It was held at the Mandalay Bay and we stayed at the Luxor so it was about a mile each way which we did twice daily, not to men-

tion seeing the amazing sights in the convention itself. 15-20,000 steps per day!

Yeah we did book a trip – fishing in Belize come next December which looks tremendous. Bought a few knives, some hunting clothing and whatnot and just had a great time chatting with all the outfitters and vendors. Amongst the banquet entertainment were Larry the Cable Guy and Donald Trump Jr. with MOH recipient Ed Byers. Because of an early flight, we passed on the Saturday festivities which were headlined by Tucker Carlson.

Addendum:

When we returned home we both came down with the Rona; Linda first and then I. For each of us it was a degree or two of fever, minor congestion, minor cough and some truly impressive body aches and headaches. Lasted 3 days each, but it took a lot out of us, stamina-wise. Natural immunity – done and we are both feeling good and looking forward to resuming post-isolation practice and life in general.



WINCHESTER PROGRAMS

Members: \$8.00

Non-Members: \$10.00

NRA Pistol Marksmanship

First Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring revolver or semi-auto .22 pistol and 200 rounds.

NRA Winchester Bullseye

Second Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring .22 pistol and 100 rounds.

NRA Rim Fire Rifle Marksmanship

Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 to 7:30 pm . Bring your .22 rifle and 100 rounds and any equipment you need for rifle bench rest position.

NRA Defensive Pistol Marksmanship

Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring revolver or semi-auto .380 caliber or larger and at least 60 rounds.

If you have **articles, stories, pictures, classified ads, or ideas** for the newsletter please send them to **Suzy Sands....**

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