

MCSA NEWSLETTER



January 2023



"You'll never get bored
when you try some-
thing new.

There's really no limit
to what you can do."

~Dr. Seuss

CURRENT AVAILABLE- CLASSES

PISTOL FOR BEGINNERS \$60

February 11, 2023

March 11, 2023

NRA BASIC PISTOL \$100

March 25 & 26, 2023

NRA CONCEALED CARRY (2-Day series) \$270

February 10 & March 10, 2023

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CERTIFICATION \$100

April 29 & 30, 2023

Happy New Year !

The votes are in...

The MCSA 2023 Board

President: **Lynn Ludeman**

Vice President: **Gene White**

Exe Officer: **John Schute**

Treasurer: **Leslie Perrault**

Secretary: **Kassandra Nuxoll**

Trustees: **Keith Williams**

Terry Miller

Sue Albee



NEW FACES ON THE BOARD!

Gene White Executive Officer

Hello MCSA Members,

My name is Gene White Jr. and I am your newly elected VP and the new Volunteer Chairman. I became a member in October 2022. I would like to start out by telling you a bit about myself. My wife Jennifer, who is also a member, and I got married in 1990. We were blessed with 2 children, a daughter, Alexa, and a son, Gene the IV. We moved to Steamboat Island Peninsula from Yuba City, California in December of 2018 and as we all know, Covid then kicked off. So, we were stuck in the house for the first 3 years living here.



My wife and I are both retired, my wife worked as a Transportation Planner for the State of California and I from a Network Director Job for about 10 years at a bay area internet company and from being a paramedic for over 15 years in Northern California.

As your new VP please contact me whenever you need anything you think I can help with, if I can't help directly, I will find an answer and get you dialed in. I participate in the Tuesday night shoots and the Thursday night Winchester Bullseye, so I invite you to come to either or both nights and come talk and shoot with me. I am open to listening to your ideas, questions, or input on the club activities. I also attend all membership meetings. If you happen to see me at the club, please come introduce yourself as I am looking forward to meeting all club members.

I am excited to be your VP and looking forward to all our events this year. Also being the Volunteer Chairman, I hope to meet as many of you as possible to get you to volunteer for these events.

John Schute

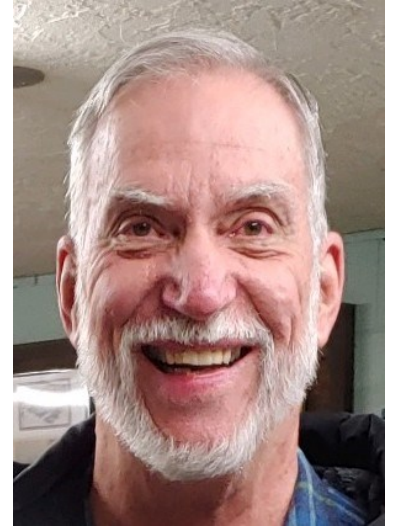
Executive Officer

In 1996 I moved to Shelton from Lynnwood, North of Seattle, after my wife Linda died. I worked for Don Small & Sons Oil Distributing Inc. on the Port property, close to MCSA range.

I joined MCSA for a short time then let my membership lapse. Remarried in 2003 and got involved in missions work in Romania, Honduras and Nicaragua, building small churches.

In 2020, I spent 19 days in Providence Hospital with COVID. After watching, "Warrior Poet Society", with John Lovell, I decided to involve myself in shooting.

In attending a membership meeting (Nominating Committee) no one spoke up for Executive officer so I did! And its been a great time meeting some wonderful people And seeing how the Range is run.



Leslie Perrault

Treasurer



My husband, Peter, has been after me to get a gun, for some time. Not being the least bit familiar with guns, I have been quite reluctant to do so. We retired almost 2 years ago. It has been incredibly busy with all the stuff that has to be accomplished after you have retired and moved to a new place.

Finally, we managed to catch our breaths and Peter found MCSA. Took the Pistols for Beginners class from Shawn and was impressed. Off we went to get our .22s. Turns out my hands are small, so it took a while to find one that fit me. Shooting became a new hobby for me along with glass fusing and crocheting. It has been a busy time! We have been going to the range every week to practice. I have been getting bet-

ter each time. I can take my gun (Ruger SR22) apart for cleaning quite easily. Now that we have time for volunteering, Peter and I have become RSO's. I am also the club treasurer, which keeps me busy.

This year both my parents passed away and I had cataract surgery. Apparently, I have been shooting reasonably well while being half blind. I am enjoying the challenges of shooting! One of my bosses would keel over dead if he heard me say that! He was quite a "gun nut"! Anyways, at that time I wasn't into guns.

I collect rock specimens and have learned much about geology as a result. We go to Tucson every year because they host over 150 gem and rock and jewelry shows during a 3-week period. We also have a gem business, which is another reason to go. All our sales are on-line. When we started our business the first time, there wasn't an internet, so we opened a retail store. Since we didn't know what we were doing, we crashed and burned. On the plus side we learned a lot.

Kassandra (Kassi) Nuxoll

Secretary



I am 42 with three children and a wonderful husband, Jeff. I've been shooting for about 2 years with my husband. We came into the club to check it out. We liked what we saw and stayed.

I'm comfortable with just about any firearm, but my favorites are my Smith and Wessen .380 EZ, my Ruger .22, and my AR-15.

Keith Williams

Trustee

Hello, MCSA

Having been newly elected to a three-year term as a trustee, I thought I might take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Keith Williams, I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and am looking forward to the challenges of the next three years.

First, a brief personal history. My wife, Carla, and I have been married for 49 years. And during those years we have (happily) been blessed with four children ... Andrea, Keith, David, and Tracy. Frankly, it was a long-haul raising children, but they turned out great! I'll give my wife the credit for that. And, as is the natural order of things, we became grand parents to 10 grandchildren, seven girls and three boys. They are (currently) the joys of our lives.



We served 10 active years in the United States Navy. Me on Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines and my wife and kids on duty in Groton, Connecticut. Over the course of that service, we completed 10 deterrent patrols and four years in Radiological Controls. We finished our service with 10 years of reserve service that included time attached to an Auxiliary Security Force for Naval Submarine Base, Bangor. We retired from military service in 2000.

After our stint with the active navy, in 1981, we moved back to Washington state and settled in Shelton. We first worked as a reactor operator with the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPS). We did that for five years before the nuclear plants were mothballed, at which time I went back to school and eventually graduated from Saint Martin's College with a bachelor's in accounting. I went to work for the state of Washington and over the next 30 years spent 5 years in accounting (receivables, payables, and payroll), 10 years in budget (developing budgets for non-profit businesses, reporting on business activities to management staff, and analyzing legislative bills for fis-

cal impacts), and 15 years as a business manager for Engineering and Architectural Services, Real Estate Services, and Buildings and Grounds. We retired from the state in 2017.

Enough about that. What really has ignited our passions, post retirement, has been the wonderful people we have met. Yes, there are wonderful people all over Mason County, but we have found the most wonderfulest (sp?) right here in the MCSA. My wife and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet people as we volunteered for the Air Pistol Booth, took classes, and indulged ourselves with the fun of Winchester events. Everyone has been so welcoming and willing to work with us as new gun owners. After a while, I think we started to feel a little guilty about taking so much and giving so little. So, when the opportunity to serve, as a trustee, showed itself we knew we had to step up. We threw our hats into the ring, and now look forward to the next three years!

Thanks for your trust and thanks for this opportunity.

CHARITABLE GIVING

**This is last call for the Charitable Giving Fund before voting
We so far have the following places to donate to:**

- 1) Mason County S.O. K9**
- 2) Youth Connection**
- 3) Kitten Rescue**
- 4) VFW Veterans in need fund**

So, if anyone has any other projects they want to nominate for the fund, then please contact Gene the VP to add your project to the vote for the next membership meeting in February.



**We meet from 3 – 6 PM, 3rd
Sunday of the Month.**

**Cost for each event is
\$10 MCSA member/ \$15 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.**

February 19, 2023 AGENDA

GUN CLEANING CLINIC

We will be doing a gun cleaning clinic for the first part of our meeting. Bring your gun, gun cleaning kit and gun manual if you have it.

After we clean our guns we will go out to the range and shoot for the remainder of the meeting.

**Contact Kim 360-507-0009 or
Bonnie 360-490-7911, Bonniejubb@msn.com**

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Ladies of Caliber at MCSA



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March 19, 2023 AGENDA

Introduction to AR-15 presented by Matt Crane

An AR-15-style rifle is any lightweight semi-automatic rifle based on the Colt AR-15 design.

Matt will do a show and tell on AR-15 style rifles. Matt will explain basic parts and components, and how they function.

We will then get the opportunity to shoot a .22LR and 9mm version so you have a basic understanding of where all the controls are, and how they work.

This being an introduction, will be at whatever pace and speed the individual is comfortable with. Ammo needed to shoot these rifles would be 9 mm and .22 LR, bringing ammo is not required, but would be appreciated.

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BACKSTOPS EXPLAINED

By Terry C Miller; Chief Range Safety Officer: MCSA

The Steel Backstop consists of several steel plates placed at a 45 degree angle. A portion of the bullet's energy is to be delivered to that steel plate, followed by a ricochet of the bullet down into the sand pit. Here, the rest of the energy is a downward force into the sand. This can result in some sand, old lead, & other debris being kicked out of the sand box.

The Steel Pipe in the center of the backstop supports the approximate 40 foot span of roof truss over the pit area. This pipe is critical to that support since the back wall is non-existent here. The back-wall is made up of the sloping steep plate, which adds to the roof load rather than supports it. The partial wall carrying the three fans also add to the overall load as much as supporting the roof load.

The 4 x 4 sandbox face, (yellow), merely holds some of the excess sand in place and catches a portion of what may be kicked out of the sandbox.

The Steel Target Carriers utilize a 'strong arm' pulley system to rotate the targets hanging over the pit area 90 degrees & back to edge the targets at the end of a timed firing period. Primarily used for competition, rotating the targets by 90 degrees starts and stops the competitive shooting period. The all steel assembly also adds a load to the back wall trusses.

The Steel Safety Plate extends from just below the ceiling up into the attic space. This steel plate is a safety measure designed to prevent an errant shot from passing through the ceiling, entering the attic space and exiting the south end of the building or hitting the exhaust fans. Similar steel plates protect the LED target lights.

Acoustic Tile Sound Baffles hang down from the ceiling and are used to reduce the inherent echo from gunfire. While they do not reduce the initial sound from gunfire, reducing the reverberation traveling down range and back, reduces the perceived sound by reducing its duration.

None of these elements is a target. Other than sponsored events, you are required to bring your own targets and they must be either paper or cardboard. No other target material may be used except when provided at sanctioned events by MCSA. Targets can be hung from the Steel Target Carriers. The only element designed to safely take the initial impact of your gunfire is the Steel Backstop. Shooting anything other than a properly positioned target falls into one of three categories. They are: Intentional, negligence, or insufficient skill resulting in negligence. Additional training is always available and will help even the newest shooter build the skills, knowledge and attitude to stay on target and prevent damage to the facility or injury. Our goal is to replace the existing backstop system with a newer up to date system. When completed, it will be even more important to ensure all impacts hit only the designed impact area.



We are looking for volunteers
to chair or co-chair
the ANNUAL BBQ EVENT.

If you are interested, you can contact
Gene White by phone or email:

Gene White Jr.
Home 360.819.4741
Cell 360.701.3763
masoncounysa.com





Click to Check Out The Club Calendar

[MCSA Calender](#)



Note:

If you have problems accessing the calendar, please contact
Lynn Ludeman, 206-406-3562, president@masoncountysa.com.



Another way to help raise FUNDS for MCSA

...AMAZON SMILE!

**Do you order from Amazon? If you do, there is a way to
generate money for the club.**

- 1. Go to: smile.amazon.com, sign in with your Amazon credentials.**
- 2. For your charity, choose Mason County Sportsman's Association.**
- 3. Shop as you normally do and Amazon will donate a portion of each purchase to MCSA.**

IT'S THAT SIMPLE!!

WINCHESTER PROGRAMS

Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$15.00

NRA .22 Pistol Marksmanship

First Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring revolver or semi-auto .22 pistol and 100 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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cell phone 530-262-1893

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MCSA 2023

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