



MCSA NEWSLETTER 1st QUARTER 01/01/2024

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

First of all, the Board of Directors and Range Officers of MCSA would like to give a big **THANK YOU!!!!** to all MCSA members for their understanding and cooperation with intermittent range closures and matters with all the demolitions and new construction taking place at the range. We are in full speed mode with MCSA upgrades as you can see daily. Due to the recent influx of people moving to Florida the building industry is swamped trying to meet the demand of new Floridians moving into the area. We too are dealing with supply chain issues such as getting concrete poured, delivery of items, etc.

This past November, one of the oldest ranges at MCSA has successfully been removed and preliminary work of ordering materials for its replacement has commenced. Armadillo Dirt Works was hired to remove and prepare the site for new construction.







Eden Screen and Construction Co. secured the contract for covering and weatherproofing the Range #1 superstructure.







Guests are allowed at MCSA. The paperwork required to bring a guest is in a large black mailbox that has temporarily been moved from Range #1 to the picnic pavilion located by the entrance to the Orientation Classroom alongside the Range Office Building. So that the Range Officers can maintain proper safety guidelines we are asking members to only bring 2 guests max per visit to the range. The guest fee remains at \$20.00. Inside the mailbox is the necessary guest form. Please have the guest fill out the guest form and sign. Bring a credit card or cash to the RO and the guest will receive a GUEST sticker.

MCSA is currently undergoing our annual membership renewal process. Please Stay informed. You can help by letting us know if there is a change of e-mail address, mailing address, or contact phone number. As most information is sent by e-mail blasts to members, having your correct e-mail address is very important.

The Club has received new t-shirts. The shirts are in the new classroom. Ask the on-duty RO for access to the shirts. Price for a t-shirt is \$18.00. Several have already been sold. A new order has been placed and we should have new colors the next time around.

Inconsiderate members are still placing steel and aluminum spent casings into the brass buckets. The brass buckets are the small white buckets next to the big gray trash cans.

MCSA WEBSITE

The CALENDAR tab on our website is operating and we post scheduling updates to it.

If you have not visited our website, check it out at: <https://mcsa.cc/>

RANGE CLOSURES

Except for Range #1 there are currently NO range closures. HOWEVER, as Range improvements continue, there may be closures on a day to day basis. Even some half-day closures for the safety of all.

SCHEDULED MONTHLY SHOOTING EVENTS

The Precision Shoot is scheduled the 1st Saturday of each month. Arrive on Range 1 at 8:20 a.m. for set-up. Match begins at 9:00 a.m. Contact Glenn Wegman at: fighterent@netzero.net with any questions.

Steel Shoot is now scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on Range 2. In order for the steel shoot to continue to be a success he need volunteer help in setting up and tearing down before and after the match. Just want to give kudo's to Steve Prece, guest Chip Prece, PJ Prece, Glen Gareau, Eric Von Seelen and Paul Verga. If I missed any other volunteers I apologize but Kudo's to you as well. It is you, the volunteers that help contribute to a successful and enjoyable match. Thank you all.

Bowling Pin Shoot is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on Range 7.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Orientation Classes are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month. Class attendance is by invitation and prior confirmation only.

SAFETY RULES & REMINDERS

Our range is a safe range. In order to keep the range a safe place to shoot, we will continue to address trends or concerns that Range Officers see and deal with daily.

With the location of the new Range Office AND the signage posted at several locations that remind members to check-in with the on-duty RO, we are seeing many members going past the RO office without checking in. PLEASE check-in when you visit the range. It is for your safety as well as the safety of all members.

RO's have noticed an increase in members not displaying proper muzzle control. Proper muzzle control is keeping the muzzle pointed downrange at ALL times. THIS IS A SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE. RO's are aware of the problem and will deal with each incident. A reminder that the ON-DUTY RANGE OFFICER has the final say in this matter. You may be asked to attend an Orientation Class to continue to be able to shoot at MCSA.

RO's have also noticed a trend on Range 3. As the Club has grown and welcomed new shooters and guests, there is more basic instruction to those needing assistance. And that is a good thing. Range 3 is a great range to help a friend or family member learn. But it needs to be

done safely. It is NOT SAFE to stand in front of the RED FIRING LINE and to the side of a table. It puts a person into the 180 Degree zone that greatly exposes such person to being swept by a firearm or worse.

Currently the most common SAFETY VIOLATION we are seeing is firearms uncased away from the firing line. This is one of the MOST UNSAFE ACTIONS a member can do. I REPEAT. This is one of the MOST UNSAFE ACTIONS a member can do. Firearms are to be uncased or cased AT the firing line when the range is HOT. Uncasing a firearm BEHIND the firing line and bringing the firearm to the firing line is NOT ALLOWED. This is a TOP PRIORITY of the Board of Directors and RO Staff.

The Board of Directors and the Range Officers continually meet with club members to help make their experience safe, fun and as enjoyable as possible in their shooting experience at MCSA. All we ask of the membership is to help in taking care of the equipment that we provide for your use. We ask that when you are done shooting please clean up your area the way you found it. That is not the Range Officers responsibility. If you are shooting the long range rifle plates at long distance please do not target the bolts or straps holding the gongs in place. When they are broken they may not be repaired until replacements can be secured.





There have been benchrests provided for use at various ranges, especially range 1, 5, & 6. There really is no need to disassemble them. If you find it necessary to disassemble them then

please put them back together when finished. Members coming after you have may not know how they were assembled and eventually they will end up with pieces missing.







VERY SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT

REMINDER

**PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THE MCSA GATE CODE TO YOUR GUESTS.
IF YOUR GUEST IS GOING TO ARRIVE SEPARATELY, HAVE THEM WAIT FOR
YOU OUTSIDE THE GATE.**

NOT DOING THIS GREATLY AFFECTS MCSA SAFETY AND LIABILITY.

MCSA RO'S COMMENT

**WE ARE RECEIVING SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF SOME 22
SHOOTERS ON ALL RANGES NOT PICKING UP THEIR BRASS.**

IF YOU ARE SHOOTING 22, PLEASE PICK UP ALL OF YOUR BRASS.

The Board of Directors hope that you enjoy the quarterly newsletters to keep you more informed about your club. MCSA makes a great deal of effort to keep our members up to date with Club operations. We do this with our newsletter and by sending out e-mail blasts. Take time to read them as it will make things easier for all of us. If you have not been out to the Range for some time, review our New Member Range Orientation Booklet on our website [HERE](#) to see what rules may have changed and other safety information. If you do not get email blast, check into your SPAM folder and place mcsaebblast@gmail.com into your contacts. Contact us know if you have a change of e-mail address.

The Board of Directors and all RO's

hope MCSA members had a

HAPPY and SAFE

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We hope you will continue to enjoy MCSA safely for 2024!!!