



MCSA NEWSLETTER 2nd QUARTER 4/1/2026

**Hello to all MCSA members and welcome
to our 2nd Quarter Newsletter.**

John David Sorel

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the MCSA Community it is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our own staff. John (David) Sorel went home to be with the Lord, Friday, February 20th. His wife, Barbara, survives him. Dave received an unexpected diagnosis of a rapidly progressing and aggressive cancer, surprising everyone with how swiftly it appeared.

Dave, as he was affectionately known, honorably served in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam War and served two tours of duty there. His military service was a defining chapter in his life one he carried with pride, humility, and a deep respect for his fellow servicemen.

An avid outdoorsman, Dave had a lifelong passion for hunting and a true love of adventure. He especially cherished his three trips to Africa – experiences that brought him joy, fulfillment, and stories he loved to share. Neighborhood kids would love to see his trophies hanging in the garage. Whether in the field, traveling abroad, or spending quite time

with those closest to him, he found peace in nature and purpose in living fully.

Dave enjoyed retirement in Florida and made lasting friendships at Martin County Sportsmen's Association.

Dave was a well-known figure at MCSA serving both as a Range Safety Officer and as our club Treasurer. One could not miss him fulfilling his duties as an "RSO" in his red shirt and his full-blown white beard as he moved about the range. He was well versed in the proper safe handling of firearms and enjoyed helping those new and old alike with firearm proficiency.

Rest in peace, Dave. You will be missed.



Membership Renewal

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2026. If you have not taken care of this yet, please note that it will have to be accomplished in the Range Office.

GENERAL MEETING, SWAP MEET AND PICNIC

On, Sunday, March 15th MCSA held its annual Swap meet, General Meeting and Picnic. A very good time was had by all. “Mission Barbecue” catered the event again this year with plenty of food to go around.

The swap meet provided plenty of “stuff” for members to shop looking for bargains and other related material.

The General Meeting, led by President Neal Chianese Jr., reported on the current improvements and state of affairs. Four MCSA Board Directors were up for re-election, Neal Chianese, David Fischer, Bubba Glass and Eric Von Seelen all ran unopposed and were re-elected.





Opening on Board of Directors

We have an opening on the Board of Directors and are looking for someone who is willing to put in the time and work for the benefit of the Club. One of the main needs is in day-to-day administration functions. Please see one of the BOD members or send an [email](#) if interested.

MCSA Range Safety

As a repeat from the last Newsletter once again, we have had several impacts on the Safety Baffle on Range 1. We cannot have anything leave our range as it could jeopardize the existence of MCSA. To quote from the New Member Orientation Range Safety Booklet, “The purpose of the MCSA range safety rules is to promote safe and responsible gun handling and target shooting. Safety is the primary responsibility of every member using the range.” One set of the impacts was from the attempt to sight in a pistol. Please remember the zeroing procedures from the Orientation Booklet:

Start close: Long Guns Range 6 25 yards, Handguns Range 7 25 feet

1. Bore Sight: look down the barrel and align the sight/optic to visual POI
2. Shoot a group: long gun 25 yards, handguns 25 feet
3. Make necessary adjustments to that POI = POA

4. Move to desired distance and finalize Zero: long gun 50/100 yards, handgun 15/25 yards.

Here is a photo of the impacts:



We have installed impact sensors on several of the Safety Baffles which will cause a light to flash for a short period after impact. If you fire a shot and see the light flashing, please stop shooting and determine what mistake caused the strike. In addition, if you see the light flashing after someone else fires a shot, please point this out to them. We have to stop the impacts on the Baffles.

Again, per the Orientation Booklet “In the event of any Negligent Discharge, and or Baffle Strikes, you must notify the RSO on duty” This is not to cause you any embarrassment we just need to make sure we know what caused each strike.

Range 4 Deck Rebuild

The deck was rebuilt under the direction of BOD member Paul Verga. This provided a much more level surface to stand on.



RANGE CLOSURES

There are a few range maintenance items planned which have not been scheduled yet which will require a Range or Ranges to be closed for a short time. Keep an eye out for the Eblast announcement once project has been scheduled.

Archery Range

Did you know we have an Archery Range at MCSA? The area between Range 7 and the parking lot is used as our Archery Range. Please see page 13 of the [New Member Orientation Range Safety Booklet](#) for details of the rules and operation of this range.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Orientation Classes are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month. Class attendance is by invitation and prior confirmation only. It needs to be noted that Private Orientation Classes are no longer offered.

MCSA WEBSITE

Please check the CALENDAR tab on our website as we post scheduled updates and upcoming events.

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

SCHEDULED MONTHLY SHOOTING EVENTS

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

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

The PRS Style .22LR match is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. on Range 5.

Steel Shoot is scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on Range 2. For the steel shoot to continue to be a success we need volunteer help in setting up and tearing down before and after the match. It is you, the volunteers that help contribute to a successful and enjoyable match. Thank you all.

5Th Saturday Multi Gun Match is an exciting new match. It was spearheaded by BOD member Paul Verga with an assist by BOD member Eric Von Seelen. The match requires a Handgun, PCC and a 22LR Rifle. The match will be held in every month which has a 5th Saturday.

Muzzleloaders Shoot is scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Range 6.

ENJOY THE CLUB