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"On Target!"



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President's Message

WSC has been hinting at providing a new and improved pistol bay for some time now. For those who frequent the Range regularly, you have been met with the same ole picture for much too long. That picture consisted of a pistol impact berm, some cinders scattered about and not much else. Well it looks like the wheels of progress are starting to turn once again. Thanks to the Coconino County Public Works folks, most noticeably Richard Cox from the Williams District, there has been four loads of cinders delivered recently that will allow us to continue with our project.

If the "plan" comes together, by close of business May 1st there will be two newly minted shade ramadas and shooting benches available for WSC pistol shooters. This will entail a number of man hours to complete, but there are "volunteers" that have committed their time and expertise to make this happen. Remember your WSC operates because of volunteers. And what about the raw materials used in the construction effort—this includes significant amounts of steel and wood. Well WSC is blessed to have a few "supply sergeants" that if asked, they can find and deliver almost anything—and that is the case for our new pistol ramadas. With exception of purchasing some hardware to bolt the whole thing together, all other material has been donated. And collectively amongst several members, there seems to be enough construction talent that will produce a sound end product that will add to the safety and comfort of WSC shooters.

The effort undertaken to build our new pistol bay was primarily for safety reasons—and that was to install a separate and secondary impact back stop much closer in at 35 yard with the intent of reducing ricochet possibilities when shooting pistols on the main rifle range.

So the next time you visit the Range and wish to shoot your handguns—anticipate that you will be using our new and improved pistol bays.

*Keith Heimes
WSC President*

Announcements

Lady's Only Shoot May 15th - Class is FULL – Signup List for Next Class Established

This is our annual outreach to the ladies in the area that may be interested in the shooting sports or just want to learn more about firearms. At this time we have over 30 ladies signed up. As has been past practice, it is **FREE** and includes classroom instruction, a complimentary luncheon, and then supervised firearms orientation training at our range. The ladies were told to bring the pistol they want to train with and at least 50 rounds of ammunition. If they do not have a pistol or ammunition the club will have some pistols and ammunition for use. A donation will be requested for the ammo. If you know a lady that may be interested in shooting sports, wants more hands on help, or even just basic training with a self-defense pistol **please** check in with Chuck Corcoran at cjc429@gmail.com as he is starting a signup list for a second class to be scheduled in the near future.

WSC website & email address

Please add our new website address to your favorites list so you can get updates on range status, shooting events, and more as the club keeps making improvements for the benefit of the membership. Got a question? Email us! Both the website and email address are listed at the top of the first page.

Club Management

Monthly meetings

WSC Board and General meetings are held the second Wednesday evening of every month starting at 5:30 PM at the American Legion Hall, 425 West Grant Ave, Williams. All WSC members and the public are welcome to attend.

April 14th Board Meeting Highlights –

- Presentation of planned May 18th Emergency Response Drill.
- Discussion of planned Range Improvements
- Announcement of impending Range Closure Dates

Next WSC Board meeting set for May 12th at 5:30 PM.

Range Activities

An “Atta Boy” extended to the WSC! Whoopee!

Williams PD has taken notice of the ongoing range improvements. The Atta Boy was expressed by a member of the WPD management team recently to WSC President Keith Heimes and WSC Chief Range Safety Officer Matthew Fleece. This of his – and his department’s – appreciation of the WSC and our members’ dedication in the upkeep and ongoing substantial range improvements. Give yourself a pat on the back!

Range Improvement Project

“Phase II” Improvements List a “Go!”

- Refurbishing / reconfiguration of the existing pistol / rifle shooting benches.
- Installation of two ‘Pistol Use Only’ ramadas on the main range.
- Grooming of the pistol impact berm, lateral berm, and down range surface area.

This effort to build our new pistol bays on the main rifle range is primarily for safety reasons with the goal of reducing ricochet possibilities. This will be accomplished by installing a separate and secondary impact back stop for pistol shooters much closer in at the 35 yard line. The additional ramadas will also provide functional separation of the two shooting disciplines – rifle from pistol – due to their differing tempos of firing, shooting positions, sighting, firing, and loading mannerisms.

The WSC has most of the required materials now and whatever else is needed will be identified, sourced, and procured. It is hoped the three items will be completed within the next 30 days.

WSC Shotgun Activities

Sporting Clays Range is Open!

The Sporting Clays Range is open for the season. The snow has melted, the access road has dried and all equipment readied for action. See the WSC website, Williamssportsmansclub.com for further details.

We are striving to build a “contact list” for all interested sporting clays shooters. We need folks to email WSC at wscsz2020@hotmail.com and let us know your desire to shoot sporting clays

and which days work best for you. The actual shoot schedule will be determined by staff personnel and shooters informed via email or phone.

Is the ammo shortage keeping you away? WSC has a limited supply of 12 ga ammo suitable for clay shooting for sale at \$7.50/box. When that supply is exhausted you will be informed. The course requires 50 rounds of ammo. Shooters requiring ammo should specify their need when a shoot is scheduled.

Our Sporting Clays course is limited in physical size, but that does not mean it is "easy." Come on out and see for yourself. Try it, you'll like it!

Range Safety Officers

Range Procedure for all shooters – IMPORTANT!

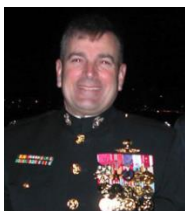
Please check in first with the RSO as soon as you get to the Range and before you bring your firearms out. The Range may be "Hot" and the RSO busy so be patient and give them a minute to work you into the action. And for you shooters on the line you may be asked to help out by accommodating the occasional intermission of a "COLD" range being declared to let our fellow WSC shooters set up and join in. Let's all work together to keep our range activities safe!

Not enough shooting days each month to satisfy you?

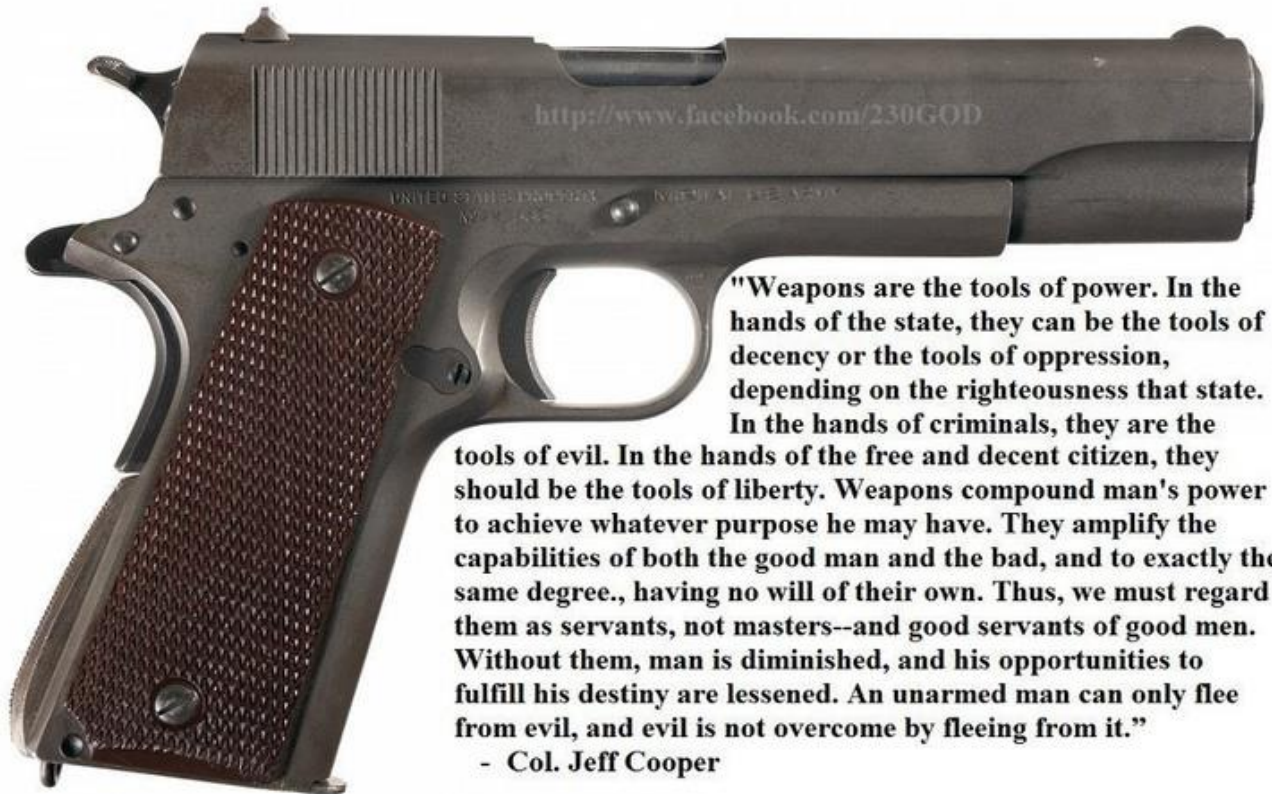
What's a group of dedicated WSC members to do? How about seriously considering becoming a WSC Range Safety Officer? More RSO's would enable more Range coverage which could provide the possibility of more Range shooting opportunities! On average most of your RSOs pull Range duty one day per month. Now think about this - What better excuse is there to enjoy a day at the Range than signing yourself up to go to the range! So have you considered becoming a Range Safety Officer (RSO)? As a benefit of becoming an RSO you are given the authority to conduct off day range shooting and expanded use of the range facility. Whoopee! Contact WSC Chief Range Safety Officer Matthew Fleece for more information at wscsz2020@hotmail.com I'm glad I did and I think you will find it fulfilling too!

Tactical Tips –

The Colt US Army M1911AI .45 Automatic Pistol



"The 1911 was the design given by God to us through John M. Browning that represents the epitome of what a killing tool needs to be. It was true in 1911 and is true now."- Col. Robert J. Coates, USMC



"Weapons are the tools of power. In the hands of the state, they can be the tools of decency or the tools of oppression, depending on the righteousness that state. In the hands of criminals, they are the tools of evil. In the hands of the free and decent citizen, they should be the tools of liberty. Weapons compound man's power to achieve whatever purpose he may have. They amplify the capabilities of both the good man and the bad, and to exactly the same degree., having no will of their own. Thus, we must regard them as servants, not masters--and good servants of good men. Without them, man is diminished, and his opportunities to fulfill his destiny are lessened. An unarmed man can only flee from evil, and evil is not overcome by fleeing from it."

- Col. Jeff Cooper

Membership Report

New Members – Welcome!

Here are ten new individuals who have joined as members since our March 2021 WSC membership meeting -

Robert Blasi

Diane Forst

Richard Jones

Michael Clark

Terry Johnson

Robert & Caren Swisher

Mike & Gayle Denton

Paul Jones



The Medic’s Corner - by Annette Perkins, BSN-RN-BC

On April 18, 2021 a gathering of your Williams Sportsmen’s Clubs’ Range Safety Officers (RSO’s) arrived at the range to participate in our first ever, trauma-response scenario training. RSO’s Annette, Keith, Matthew, Chris, Chuck, Jack, Dale, Danny, and Bill received a four-hour training session that was organized and led by Adal Lopez, Paramedic and Manager for Guardian Air Transport. The WSC range trauma kit that is kept on site and its contents were inspected, and

the skills associated with the fundamentals of “STOP THE BLEED” tourniquet application, wound packing, basic cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and patient assessment were reviewed. Reviewing and practicing these fundamental but perishable skills is essential to providing immediate and effective care to a victim.

The next portion of our training was learning the basics of ‘**M.A.R.C.H.**’ - **M**assive Hemorrhage (Bleeding), **A**irway, **R**espiration, **C**irculation, **H**ypothermia & **H**ead Injury. The #1 cause of traumatic death is Hemorrhage. While we have approximately 5 liters of blood continuously circulating in our bodies it only takes about 5 minutes to lose over half our blood supply due to an arterial bleed. The RULE of ‘THUMB’ - if it is SQUIRTING, SPURTING, SOAKING or POOLING apply a Tourniquet high and tight on the extremity. Holding pressure on a packed wound is required, 3 minutes for Hemostatic gauze and 10 minutes for plain gauze packing. Once we practiced managing the bleed we progressed on to Airway, Respiration and Circulation management. The final portion of our training was managing Hypothermia and Head injury. Culminating the training was role-playing a Medical Emergency. We did well for our first, but not the last scenario training. A huge ‘Thank You’ to Adal for taking time out of his busy schedule to help us become an asset in an emergency.



Left - Chief RSO Matt Fleece and WSC member & EMT Martha Simoneau practice on WSC President Keith Heimes. **Right** – RSO’s Bill Tocci, Annette Perkins, Chuck Corcoran and Keith Heimes practice on fellow RSO Danny Gonzalez. This while RSO Jack Douglas (background) makes simulated 911 phone call. Photos courtesy of WSC RSO Chris Mayer.



Contents of **Basic** Individual Bleeding Control Kit

Annette Perkins advises that the NAR Individual Bleeding Control Kit is available to WSC members to help save lives. It provides lifesaving bleeding control equipment such as tourniquets, pressure dressings, shears, and gauze bandages. It retails for \$53 and is available from North American Rescue.

<https://www.narescue.com/community-preparedness-products/public-access-individual-bleeding-control-kit-vacuum-sealed.html>

Quotable Quote - *“The world is filled with violence. Because criminals carry guns, we decent law-abiding citizens should also have guns. Otherwise they will win and the decent people will lose.”* - James Earl Jones

Snap ‘Shot’ -> *“Now I lay me down to sleep...”*



WSC President Keith Heimes spends so much time at the range he has been known to sleep over. Pictured here is Adal Lopez is gently waking him as we need the keys to open the range conex box.

Gently - that’s step one. (It should be noted that Jack Douglas’ repeated demands to use a bugle or Dale Vacari’s suggestion of a flash bang grenade were decided not to be a wise course of action!)

Step two - Hand Keith some fresh coffee and a plate of piping hot Belgian waffles!

Gun Shows Info

Go to www.arizonagunshows.net for the most up to date information before traveling.

May 1 & 2 Tucson
May 15 & 16 Williams, Wickenburg
May 22 & 23 Kingman
June 5 & 6 Tucson
June 26 & 27 Mesa, Williams

WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Pistols or Shotguns or Rifles – Which One?

(Now repeat this like you're singing "Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!" from the Wizard of Oz)

The answer is - Well, it Depends....

PISTOLS

Pistols are smaller and light weight (in comparison to rifles and shotguns. Because of their size, they're the most popular option for self-defense and home defense.

They are lightweight, accurate and concealable. Pistols excel in close-range shooting, but not so much long range. If you need to hit a target that's further away, then you might want to take a look at a rifle.

Advantages: Compact, easy to carry on your person, if carried as a routine practice they are good for immediate response, good in confined areas (home defense), and can be fired with one hand.

Disadvantages: Ammunition is low-powered compared to long guns. Caliber chosen may be poor choice for self-defense - too small (low powered / ineffective) or too much (excessive recoil / muzzle blast).

SHOTGUNS

Of the three types shotguns have the most power.

One unique feature of the shotgun is its ability to shoot in a spread pattern. Instead of a single bullet, shotguns fire a shell that contains small pellets that spread out to cover more area when the gun is fired. Shotguns are a popular hunting option for small game, including waterfowl, turkey, and with rifle slug or buck shot ammunition it can also be used for larger animals as well. "Low Recoil" tactical ammunition has enhanced its ability for repeated follow-on shots.

They are often used as a home defense weapon, although despite the shotgun's ability to carry a wide range of ammunition (birdshot, buckshot, slug), it can't hold many at one time.

Advantages: Intimidating when displayed, intimidating if it is a pump action and you rack the slide, devastating amount of power per round, and many ammunition type choices.

Disadvantages: Hard to maneuver in tight spots, needs two hands to operate, only 5 to 10 rounds ammunition capacity depending on model chosen, recoil may be a problem for smaller shooters, must be kept readily available nearby, and is considered a short to mid-range weapon.

RIFLES

Rifles are intended for mid to long range hunting or target use. Rifles are a powerful self-defense option for your home.

Rifles offer more ammunition capacity, customization and better accuracy. However, it requires two hands to operate. So if space and size are a priority for your self-defense needs, then a rifle might not be the best fit.

With that said, there's nothing like the versatility of an all-around rifle. A .22 caliber rimfire rifle can be a great introduction to target practice and hunting. Then you can decide to upgrade to a larger caliber. If you want to improve accuracy be sure to throw on a scope.

Advantages: Powerful, accurate, generally higher capacity with large detachable magazines, great for long-distance work;

Disadvantages: Needs two hands to use, harder to maneuver in tight spots (home defense), must be kept readily available nearby.

In Review

Each gun owner has his or her own specific set of circumstances and priorities when it comes to their firearm of choice. A pistol, shotgun and rifle each have their own benefits and drawbacks.

Pistol – Close in use - Best used for home defense, concealed carry, and self-defense in town.

Shotgun – Medium distance use - Best used for moving targets in the air like waterfowl, turkey hunting, and home defense in urban and rural areas.

Rifle – Medium to long distance use - Best used for hunting, target shooting, long distance shooting, and serious, tactical self-defense in rural, open ranch land, and remote areas.

Final Word – Diversify!

Be smart and take the time to get to know your options before purchasing your first firearm. Whatever you choose, and with the right training, you'll be on your way to becoming a

responsible and knowledgeable gun owner. Once you become proficient and more comfortable there is wisdom in diversifying your self-defense options. Many folks carry a pistol AND have a shotgun or rifle readily available too - the best of both worlds. So think about it as we do live in a very rural area. And for crying out loud don't cheap your life out! Buy a quality firearm, spend the money on plenty of ammo for training, and go to the range on a regular schedule - like your life or a loved ones' life depends on it!

The Grump – “Here’s my opinion – ought to be yours!”



“Now tell me, is the therapist supposed to say ‘Wow!’ or OMG! that many times in your first session? Not really sure myself but there we were. He seemed very frustrated but I sensed a weird or even perverted intrigue on his part. He scribbled away furiously on his notepad as I impressed him with my philosophies on life. You should have seen the wide eyed look on his face at times! Finally he said he wanted to determine if I was an optimist or a pessimist and set a half a glass of water in front of me. He then asked if I thought the glass was half full or half empty. Never one to miss an opportunity I stirred in several heaping spoon fulls of Metamucil fiber and drank it. I then proudly told him I was a problem solver – and a regular one at that!”

The Grump gets a check up.....



"Yes! That was very loud but I said I wanted to hear your HEART!"



Trading Post

Send the information to wscz2020@hotmail.com with "Item for Sale" in the 'Subject' box. Be sure to include your name, email, phone, a good description, price, and a picture (optional). Notification to the WSC that the item is no longer available and should be stricken from the listing is the responsibility of the member. All sales or exchanges shall be considered private party transactions and compliance with mandated transfer requirements, if any, shall be the responsibility of the individual parties.

In Fairness to all, the Users of the WSC Trading Post shall use the official "NRA MODERN GUN CONDITION STANDARDS" listed here when describing their item -

NEW: *Not previously sold at retail, in same condition as current factory production.*

PERFECT: *In New condition in every respect (Many collectors & dealers use "As New" instead to describe this condition).*

EXCELLENT: *New condition, used but little, no noticeable marring of wood or metal, bluing perfect, (except at muzzle or sharp edges).*

VERY GOOD: *In perfect working condition, no appreciable wear on working surfaces, no corrosion or pitting, only minor surface dents or scratches.*

GOOD: *In safe working condition, minor wear on working surfaces, no broken parts, no corrosion or pitting that will interfere with proper functioning.*

FAIR: *In safe working condition but well worn, perhaps requiring replacement of minor parts or adjustments which should be indicated in advertisement, no rust, but may have corrosion pits which do not render article unsafe or inoperable.*

For Sale - HBAR Upper Receiver Assemblies, Complete



Good Condition Colt HBAR uppers, complete with bolt, bolt carrier & charging handle with 20" heavy barrels marked "B MP 5.56 NATO 1/9 H BAR," fixed carry handle, fully adjustable A2 rear

sights, bolt forward assist, case deflector, dust cover, birdcage flash hider, bayonet lug, front swivel, Nitride finish, barrel twist is 1 rotation in 9 inches. These are 'take offs' from a LE trade in. Currently 3 available @ \$500 each.

If interested contact Bruce Speirs 928 412-4129 or bspeirs1055@gmail.com

For Sale - Winchester Large Rifle Primers – Price Drop!



I have for sale or trade 3 cartons of Winchester Large Rifle Primers. 1000 primers in 10 trays of 100 in each carton. I could use some Magnum Small Pistol primers and am willing to trade straight across for, say, 500 plus or minus. Or, you can just buy the rifle primers for .14 cents each minimum of 500 if you prefer. If you are interested in buying, know that I prefer cash and assuming we all live in the Williams area we can easily meet in town and transact our business. Also, let me know what you might need in reloading. I do have a few powders I don't really use as well some bullets I won't be loading either. I could use some powder though: Hogdon H4831SC comes to mind.

Lastly if you are really hard pressed and desperate I can let you have a couple hundred Large Magnum Rifle primers. :)

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