



# Williams Sportsman's Club

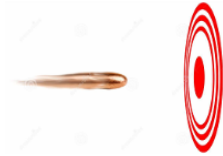
PO Box 131

Williams AZ 86046-0131

[www.williamssportsmansclub.COM](http://www.williamssportsmansclub.COM)

[wscsz2020@hotmail.com](mailto:wscsz2020@hotmail.com)

## "On Target!"



January 2021

### A Word from the President

***Happy New Year!***

*Here we are charging headlong into 2021 with enough uncertainty as to where our country is going to last a lifetime. Rest assured however that the WSC intends to continue providing a quality shooting environment for our membership.*

*WSC has made significant improvements to the Range facilities and to the administrative operations in 2020. And this year the club is committing to continuing additional Range and facility improvements—namely a covered pistol shooting bay designed to reduce ricochet potential.*

*On the administrative side we hope to improve communications between our members and the Club and streamline membership renewal efforts. Communication becomes very important when Range operations are curtailed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. WSC shares the Range facility with several other users that have priority on Range use. When situations arise that require us to close the Range to membership use, it is vital that we communicate that quickly to our members. To accomplish that we now have a new website, [www.williamssportsmansclub.com](http://www.williamssportsmansclub.com), a new email address, [wscsz2020@hotmail.com](mailto:wscsz2020@hotmail.com), and a Facebook page. Through the timely use of these mediums, we hope to keep the lines of communication open. This communication needs to be a "two way" effort in that WSC wants to hear from our members also.*

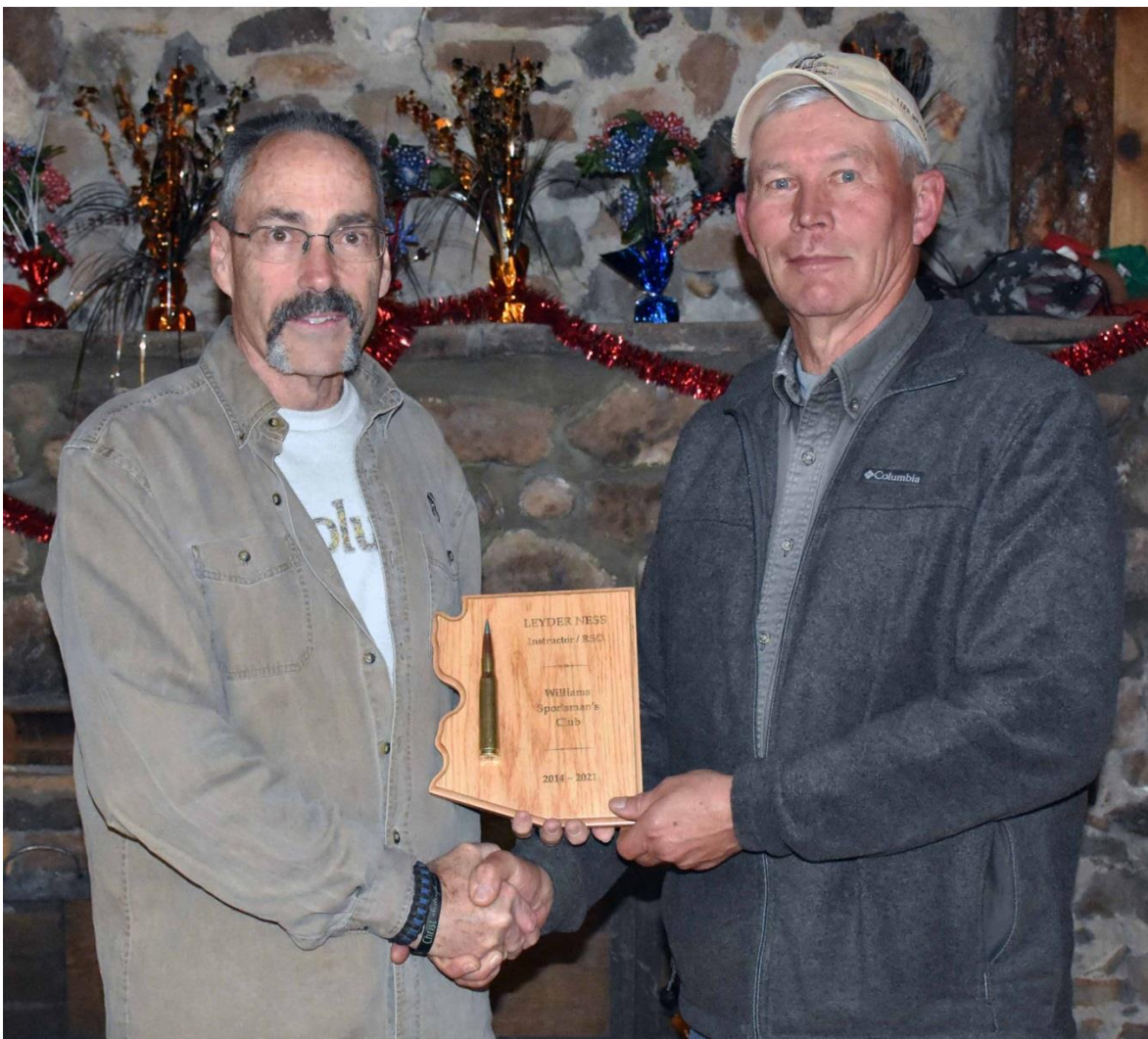
*Let us all strive to make 2021 a successful year.*

Keith Heimes, President, WSC

## Announcements

### Recognition of Service Award for RSO Leyder Ness

It is with much regret that the WSC is saying so long to longtime Club member, instructor, RSO, and friend Leyder Ness. The nuances of life will see Leyder and family relocating to the Midwest in the near future. Leyder has an extensive background as a firearms instructor and many WSC members have benefited from his superb instructional abilities. He had the innate ability to transform even a first time shooter into a confident shooter in minimal time. As a Club RSO, Leyder always maintained a safe and comfortable shooting environment for all participants. Not only did Leyder excel while engaged in Range activities, he was indispensable in keeping WSC administrative forms current for the Club.



*Leyder, from everyone here at the Williams Sportsman's Club, have safe travels and thanks for teaching the rest of us how to do it right.*

### **Recognition of Assistance to the WSC**

The WSC approved the issuance of Letters of Appreciation to Tim Pettit and Aaron Anderson of the City of Williams Public Works Division and Carl Fuller and Richard Cox of the Coconino County Road Maintenance Division. These four individuals and those two agencies were most supportive in assisting the WSC complete the recent 3 day range facility upgrade and safety improvements project. As the Police and Sheriff do not have the field maintenance capabilities and resources needed to perform this type of project, it fell upon these fine folks at the Williams Public Works and the County Road Maintenance to step in for their respective Law Enforcement agencies. The collaboration of the WSC, the City and the County in this effort resulted in the assembly of the necessary manpower, the appropriate heavy equipment and the amount of materials needed to complete the project.

### **WSC has new website & email addresses**

Please add our new website address to your favorites list so you get updates on range status, shooting events, and more as the club keeps making improvements for the benefit of the membership. Our old .org website was shut down January 6, 2021.

### **Membership Renewals**

Renewals went out in the December mail, memberships are due now, and they become delinquent the end of January. If you did not receive your membership renewal contact us at [wscsz2020@hotmail.com](mailto:wscsz2020@hotmail.com)

### **Range Activities**

#### **WSC Assists another Veterans Group zero in rifles for Elk Hunt**

William's Sportsman's Club hosted its second group of U.S. military veterans in December for an elk hunt sponsored by Combat Warriors Inc., a 501c3 non-profit foundation based out of North Carolina.

WSC member Mike Tierney, president of the group's Northern Arizona Chapter and owner of Cow Hill Outfitters in Williams, donated a week-long elk hunting trip in support of this effort. Mike set up a base camp off Spring Valley Road and coordinated with WSC President Keith Heimes for a visit to the Williams Shooting Range to sight in rifles.

Combat Warriors founder Bill Warren acknowledged Mike and Keith's efforts as indispensable and key to a successful week. Keith said he was happy to assist the group and introduce more visitors to Williams and the shooting range saying "That's one of the founding reasons the shooting range was created by the city — to entice visitation while also providing a resource to visiting hunters and an ongoing shooting sports venue to the residents of Williams and its outlying neighbors."



**Range Improvement Project**

**Status Report**

The Phase One portion of the Range Improvement project has been completed. We hope to start Phase Two planning efforts this spring. Under consideration are new pistol ramadas, additional follow-on range surface and impact berm grooming, parking lot improvements, the stockpiling of cinder material for future needs, installation of down range distance markers, wind flags, and additional safety signage.

**Police Chief praises recent Range Improvements**

Williams Police Chief Herman Nixon visited the range while RSO Chris Mayer was on duty and told him that he was very impressed with the recent facility improvements performed by WSC members. The WSC, by continuing the progressive improvements and proper stewardship of the range facility ensures our continuing access, use, and enjoyment of our shooting sports activities.

**‘Before & After’ Range Photo Comparisons –**

Please take a look the pictures on page 5 & 6. They certainly show how the recent safety improvements made our Range even better! Thank you to all who assisted in this effort!



**Before** - Notice the crooked berm as it slowly turned inward toward the ramadas and the resulting loss of 1/3 of the useable down range firing area, the unusable and obstructive mound that consumes most of the available parking area, and the need to re-position the WSC conex box to accommodate berm re-alignment.



**After** - The corrected berm lines and expanded range. Note the freshly cindered parking area, the straightened berm line, the resulting increase in usable firing area, the repositioned WSC conex, and the new installation of 100 yard and 35 yard impact berms (difficult to discern in this picture).

## **WSC Shotgun Activities**

### **Sporting Clays Shooting**

By now you are probably saying “yea sure”, these WSC guys said way back in October 2020 that sporting clays were on the way!!!! Well now it is January 2021 and still no clays flying over Northern Arizona? Or are there? Well yes there have been but these have all been in a beta test situation. Seems there is a whole lot more to bringing the idea, the mechanics and the administration of a new adventure to fruition. The “idea” was easy---reach an understanding and run with it. The administration part required more time than anticipated as we forged an agreement with the Boy Scouts on Camp usage and reimbursement details. Then the challenge of the clay throwers as some needed repair, others a tune up, and a fix to an intermittent electrical supply problem. To add to our woes the on hand supply of clays were exhibiting an unacceptable rate of instantaneous disintegration upon launch – “Houston, we have a

problem!” This evolved into a trial and error approach to find a solution to which (we think) has been found in a more robust clay. Just a few more trial runs to confirm the reliability factor and we will be “open for business”. Now we need interested ‘customers’ – all you shotgun toting clay shooters - to email your interest to WSC at [wscz2020@hotmail.com](mailto:wscz2020@hotmail.com). Tell us the days/times that work best for you and we will compile groups of shooters with available range dates. We look forward to busting some clays with you soon.

## Range Safety Officers

### Not enough shooting days each month to satisfy you?

What’s a group of dedicated WSC members to do? How about seriously considering to become an RSO’s? More RSO’s would enable more Range coverage which could provide the possibility of more Range shooting opportunities! Most of your RSO’s only pull Range duty about 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 [wscz2020@hotmail.com](mailto:wscz2020@hotmail.com) I’m glad I did and I think you will find it fulfilling too!

## Listen up people! – “Tactical Tips” – A new monthly Newsletter topic



### Various firearm and tactical instructors’ quotes –

Starting next month the newsletter will post instructive snippets you may find useful.

## Club Management News

### 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. All members and the public are welcome to attend.

### January 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

A brief outline of Items discussed or actions taken –

- Approval of November board meeting minutes
- Administrative items
- RSO duties and benefits

- Sporting clays
- Finance report
- Website report
- Membership report
- Citizen recognition
- Next meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM @ Legion hall

In the future the full board meeting minutes will be available for review on the WSC website.

## Membership Report

### New Members

Here is the list of 13 new individuals who have joined as members since our November 2020 WSC membership meeting -

Joseph Cowsert	Brad Jacobs	Walter Jones	Jack Pritchard
Helga Hauptmann	Jack Jacobs	Spurr Pote	
James & Janet Leger family	William & Judy Ledoux family	Paul & Katrina Granstrom family	



### **The Medic's Corner** - by Annette Perkins, BSN-RN-BC

Happy New Year to All! This month's Medic's Corner will focus on being prepared for winter conditions at home and on the road. Keeping the home fires burning is not only necessary, but potentially, an accident waiting to happen. If you use a wood burning stove, be mindful of keeping your chimney well-maintained and clean. The unchecked, accumulation of creosote can rapidly lead to a fire in the chimney, which can spread to the roof. Hot stoves are their own source of injury. It is wise to have a charged, fire extinguisher in every household and know how to use it. In the event of an accidental burn, keep burn gel and Aloe Vera gel in the family first aid kit. The kit should be placed in an easily accessible location and checked every so often, to ensure that the contents are not expired, and needed refills are added.

Despite our lack of snow, there is no lack of cold and ice! Patios, driveways, parking lots and sidewalks frequently thaw during the day and refreeze again at night. Kitty litter, sand, and cinders are options for these icy spots. I keep a pair of Yak Trak's for serious ice; these slip over shoes or boots and give you something to grip the icy slopes with. Dress in layers - remember wool is an excellent insulator. As always keep a spare blanket or sleeping bag in your car just in case. I keep one in my car year-round. Keep your vehicle(s) winterized and ready for our changing weather systems.

Until next month, stay warm, stay safe, and keep working on personal preparedness skills.



## Quotable Quote



*"Aim at a high mark and you'll hit it. No, not the first time, nor the second time and maybe not the third, but keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect."* - Phoebe Ann Moses (Annie Oakley)

## Gun Shows Info

Go to [www.arizonagunshows.net](http://www.arizonagunshows.net) for the most up to date information before traveling. Many have cancelled or delayed due to Covid issues.

Jan 16 & 17    San Tan Valley  
Jan 23 & 24    Kingman  
Feb 6 & 7        Yuma  
Feb 13 & 14    Casa Grande and Kingman  
Feb 20 & 21    Phoenix and Wickenburg  
Feb 27 7 28    Bullhead & Tucson

**Snap 'Shot'** -> What to do when it is 30 degrees and the wind is 30 MPH?





**Answer** - You follow Jack Douglas’ example – He invites out his fellow Marine Corps veteran and good buddy Walt Jones and wife Debbie to the Range for a ‘nice’ day of blustery shooting. Walt had so much fun he joined the club.

The dress code survival secret for the day -> layering, hoodies and gloves.

*“That Jack is a real buddy!”*



*“A buddy? To me it looked like he was using his friends as a wind break!”*

## **WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit – Where’s the Ammo?**

Here’s the answer – Courtesy the NRA

[www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2020/12/1/ammo-shortage-will-last-deep-into-2021](http://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2020/12/1/ammo-shortage-will-last-deep-into-2021)



### ***Ammo Shortage Will Last Deep into 2021***

*by Guy J. Sagi - Tuesday, December 1, 2020*



*Comments made by Vista Outdoor CEO and Director Christopher Metz during the company’s quarterly earnings call in November indicate ammunition will continue to be scarce well into 2021.*

*Happy New Year!*

*“We currently have over a year’s worth of orders for ammunition in excess of \$1 billion,” he said in his opening remarks. “This is unprecedented for our company. With demand far outstripping supply and inventory levels in the channel at all-time lows, we see strong demand continuing...”*

He cautioned there are notable differences between today’s low-cartridge inventories and that of 2016, which may indicate the current situation may be longer lasting. Metz explained the volume of new shooters is one driving factor.

*“According to data from the NSSF, there are 6.2 million new shooters in 2020. This rate is more than twice the number of new shooters in the former surge. Anecdotally, there is no shortage of reports of sold out shooting ranges and backlogged firearm safety classes around the country.”*

In addition, the broader demographic of enthusiasts, *“...has led to an increase in participation as they learn and enjoy their new purchases,”* he said. *“Data from the NSSF indicates these shooters are more diverse, with large increases in both women and people of color entering the sport.”*

*“We have cleaned inventory in all retail and wholesale locations,” Metz said. “Despite us producing flat out for 6 months, there is no buildup of inventory at any of our customers. In fact, every one of them would like significantly more. Simply put, consumer demand continues to outpace our ability to supply.”*

The good news is that Vista Outdoor has purchased the ammunition factory in Lonoke, AR—formerly owned by Remington Outdoor—and churning it back toward production at or near full capacity. The *Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette* reports 300 employees furloughed by the former owner of the plant will soon be recalled to join nearly 400 still working at the facility.

Regardless of manufacturer, demand is heavy and inventory low. The trend began early in 2020 and as early as August—during Olin’s quarterly report (parent company of Winchester Ammunition)—company CEO John Fischer warned investors that, *“We expect this elevated level of demand to continue at least until the end of the year.”*

## The Grump



Now that it is January I thought I should fulfill my New Year’s resolution of getting fit & trim. Not that it would take much work mind you but I thought I would seek out someone who stays in shape – a real Adonis. Like a flash the svelte Keith Heimes instantly came to mind so I asked him for some help.

Keith agreed.

After a few minutes I was sobbing away uncontrollably.

I cried out *“Keith, no! I’m not going to let you hurt me again!”*

Rolling his eyes Keith said *“It was a sit up. You did one sit up!”*