

Williams Sportsman's Club

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"On Target!"

July 2021

President's Message

Your Range, the Williams Sportsman's Club (WSC), has seen significant improvements over the last two years. For new members that have not seen this transformation first-hand, may I suggest you browse through past Club newsletters on our website to better appreciate the scope of improvements. Also, next time you visit the Range, take a look at the Range bulletin board for a pictorial of past projects.

These improvements have all served to make your shooting experience at WSC a safer and more enjoyable event. Think of it as doing a remodeling job on your house—the scope of the work may seem daunting at first, but so long as you keep the end result in focus, the time and labor, sometimes frustrating, will probably be well worth the trouble.

The membership numbers have grown at WSC and that of course brings an increased usage rate which is welcome. More folks at the Range necessarily means more "housekeeping" to keep the facilities up to your expected standards of cleanliness. The WSC "housekeepers" are known by another name—and that is Range Safety Officers (RSOs).

Let's all help the RSOs maintain the Range by picking up your expended brass before leaving the Range. It is far easier for each shooter to accomplish this task than for one to do for the many. Follow the camping motto, "leave it better than how you found it."

Keith Heimes WSC President

Announcements

WSC Membership Recruitment Booth at William's Gun Show a Big Success!

The club set up a recruitment booth at the recent gun show and fortunately it was perfectly positioned just inside the entrance. This allowed us great visibility and resulted in many public

contacts. As expected numerous folks stopped by to chat and many of them were totally unaware that WSC even existed! Interest was surprisingly good resulting in 15 new members signed up, and of which 4 folks were also interested in our Sporting Clays operation. We also noted the potential of several future memberships due to the number of brochures and applications taken home. And even more important was the "public awareness" factor that the Club will benefit from going forward.



L - R WSC membership recruiters Wynn Simon, Jack Douglas and Keith Heimes manning the booth on Sunday. Fifteen new members were signed up. Our booth was also visited by the Mayor of Williams. Picture by Chris Mayer

This effort was headed up by Keith Heimes who oversaw the Friday set up as assisted by Bob Swisher, Chris Mayer, Warren Weir and Bruce Speirs. They collectively supplied pictures, a table covering, and other shooting related items to get things looking inviting. The booth was staffed by WSC Range Safety Officers – in chronological order – by Annette Perkins, Warren Weir, Bruce Speirs, Jack Douglas, Chris Mayer, and Wynn Simon. So as not to miss out on all the action Keith Heimes, your WSC President, then also attended both the Saturday and Sunday efforts!

Williams' Mayor John Moore visits WSC Range and our Gun Show Booth



WSC membership recruiters had a coincidental meeting with Williams Mayor John Moore. The Mayor said he had been to the range recently and was amazed at all the improvements we had completed. It was pointed out to the mayor that the WSC was the largest club in Williams – way ahead of the VFW, Elks, etc. He was very surprised at that. The Mayor is a strong 2nd Amendment supporter and vowed his continuing support of the club's range improvement efforts. We think our membership should know that too so the next time you see the Mayor say "Thanks!"

Friends of the NRA annual Fund Raiser - Mark your Calendars!

Saturday September 18, 2021 at Miss Kitty's Steakhouse 642 E. Route 66, Williams, AZ

This event <u>always</u> sells out and there are only about 75 seats left. They can sit groups together (4-8-12, etc.) and are always looking for Donations to auction off and Volunteers to work the event.

Go to www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Details/3?eventId=58550 or contact Patty Williams at (928) 853-4974 or pwilliamswear@gmail.com for more information.

See the last page of this newsletter for the ticket application form.

Club Management

WSC Board Elections

The election for your WSC Board of Directors was held at the July meeting. All the officers were reappointed to their current positions.

Board of Directors

President - Keith Heimes Vice President – Bruce Speirs (and Newsletter Editor) Secretary - Sheldon White Treasurer - Matthew Fleece (and Chief Range Safety Officer) Parks and Rec Liaison - Rodger Ely Board Members-at-Large Chuck Corcoran (and Membership Director) Annette Perkins Jack Douglas Sporting Clays Director - Warren Weir

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 WSC members and the public are welcome to attend.

July 14th Board Meeting Highlights –

- The WSC Board approved a membership recruitment table at the Williams' Gun Show held June 26 & 27. The cost was \$75 and 15 new members were signed up. Eight RSO's collectively staffed the booth and the public outreach was well received. It was recommended that the WSC staff a booth at all future Williams' gun show events whenever possible and as appropriate. More club info brochures will be purchased.
- The Ladies' Shoot program was discussed. A committee was formed to look into options and report back to the board.
- Next Sporting Clays events scheduled for Sunday July 18th & 25th see article beginning at the bottom of this page for further information. Our supply of 12 ga. ammo is diminishing quickly therefore the WSC will only sell ammo to Club members.
- Annette Perkins presented basic details on a proposed "Honor Health Emergency Response" class. She will chair a committee and provide further details at the next meeting for the board to consider.
- The next Range Improvement Project will be the construction of a Range Safety Officers' booth. Stay tuned for details.

Next WSC Board meeting set for Wednesday August 11th at 5:30 PM.

Range Activities

Both the Williams Rifle & Pistol Range and the Camp Raymond Sporting Clays Range were closed for two weeks due to recent wildfire and the enactment of Stage 3 Fire Restrictions by the USFS. The ranges were reopened July 5th as permitted with Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

Range Improvement Project

RSO Range Booth / Parking Lot Improvements

The Board approved the construction of a booth for the RSO's to use when performing their range duties. It is intended to provide a shaded vantage position for the RSO to utilize thereby freeing up one of the Rifle ramadas that has historically been repurposed as the sign in station, membership information stand, sanitary hand wash location, and the trauma kit position.

The parking lot will be the focus of an organized layout scheme with concrete parking stops. The tables, target stand racks, signage and other items will be repositioned as necessary.

"The fun just never stops!"

WSC Shotgun Activities

With the Kaibab and Coconino Forests now down to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions means our scheduled Sporting Clays shoots for July 18 and 25 will be held as scheduled. Please plan on arriving early enough to allow for registration and safety briefing prior to our 1000 start shooting time.

While the National Forest closures in June scrubbed our scheduled shoot for June 25, 2021 the monsoons, however, have added some moisture to the forests—but also have created more lighting fires. Let's all hope the much needed moisture continues with minimal increase in wildfires.

Note - Both the July 18th & 25th shoots are currently booked full---but we are taking "standbys". For those on the primary list, please advise if you will not make the scheduled shoot so those on the standby list can be notified of an opening.

For the remainder of 2021, these are the dates we anticipate holding shoots - August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28 and December 26. Of course, as winter approaches shoots may be cancelled due to weather conditions.

The shoots are gaining in popularity, which is good for WSC, but this means shooters need to make your preferences known in a timely manner to ensure your spot on the primary list.

If your name/email is not on the master email listing, just send an email to <u>KHeimes@Hotmail.com</u> and it will be done. Reservations are requested, will be honored on a first come first served basis, and if the demand for slots increase a second monthly shoot will be entertained. Requests for special shoots may be submitted for groups of 5 or more.

Also note that the club's supply of 12 ga ammo is diminishing quickly therefore the WSC will only sell ammo to Club members at \$10.00 per box. We do not have other gauges available. Thanks for your understanding.

Travel Note for those shooters coming from the Williams area - Due to the waterline installation work on Garland Prairie Rd it is recommended you continue east on the 40 and use the Parks exit 178 versus the Garland Prairie exit 165. Using the Parks exit will add a few more miles to your journey but most probably save time and reduce your stress level.

Tactical Tips

Shoot, Reload, Move = Survive!

If you end up in a gun fight -

If you're not shooting you should be loading,

- If you're not loading you should be moving,
- If you're not moving you're dead.
- Be assertive!
- Engage the danger!

And none of this will happen when you are under stress unless you repeatedly train your body to perform these actions as a second nature, automatic response. Shooting skills are perishable!

Range Safety Officers

Walter, our warm and lovable Range Safety Officer says....

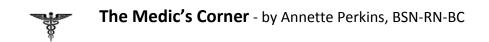


Membership Report

New Members – Welcome!

Here are 29 new individuals who have joined as members since our June 2021 WSC membership meeting -

Ron & Cindy Bernstei	n Thomas & Mary Brooks	Steve Colf
Joe Ellison	Lawrence Fox	Raul Galvez
Alan Gibson	Kevin Gould	Jim Gray
Robert Groninger	Vistor Hoy	Ted Martello
Mark Middleton	Doug Osthreim	Wayne Radke
Mark Raymond	Henri Saldain	Tim Saldain
Ray Straub	William & Brittany Anslow family	Rick & Indra Remender family



Hello Everyone!

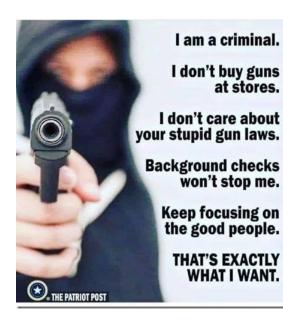
It has been a crazy two months with hot, dry weather leading to complete forest closures, fires throughout Arizona and evacuations. Today, our monsoon rains are a very welcome respite! Our forests are open (with some restrictions) and our range is back in use!

This month, I would like to remind everyone how important it is to be in the best possible health and condition. Keeping yourself fit and healthy will improve your overall well-being and readiness capabilities. I am happy to say that Northern Arizona has some of the best hiking trails I have ever used. I am back up to 4 ½ mile hikes (after too long being idle). It has made a wonderful change in my attitude and motivation. The important items to remember when out in the wilderness is to follow these simple steps: proper attire, plenty of water, snacks, first aid kit, phone/GPS, and of course your EDC. Check your weather outlook, always tell someone where you will be hiking and when to expect you back. If you take your dog(s), be sure that you carry enough water for their needs too as well as a leash and your K-9 first aid kit!

Next month I will go into depth on K-9 First aid and why it is essential to our 4-legged friends!

Looking forward to seeing you out on the range!

Quotable Quote





Gun Shows Info

Go to arizonagunshows.net and/or gushowtrader.com for the most up to date information <u>before traveling</u>.

July 17 – 18	Winslow
Jul 23 – 24	Snowflake
Jul 24 - 25	Tucson
Jul 3- Aug 1	Prescott
Aug 7 – 8	Phoenix, Payson
Aug 14 – 15	Lake Havasu
Aug 21 - 22	Flagstaff, Tucson
A	Mislandarum Cofford

Aug 28 - 29 Wickenburg, Safford

Snap 'Shot'



Bob Swisher thinking that Warren Weir, Keith Heimes and Chris Mayer may have been in the sun too long and haven't stayed sufficiently hydrated!

The official WSC Fact Checker Team evaluates the "Used Car Salesmen" concept.



The Grump – "Here's my opinion – ought to be yours!"



I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat in a public restroom is worse.

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" isn't a correct response.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

Trading Post

Do you have something to sell or trade?

Send the information to wscaz2020@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 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.



GRAND CANYON COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER Saturday September 18, 2021 at Miss Kitty's Steakhouse 642 E. Route 66, Williams, AZ

Doors open at 4:30 PM. Dinner tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Specify Ribeye Steak or Salmon (Vegetarian Available)

Name (please print):		Date:				
Address:	City	,	State, Z	′ip		
Phone:	E-mail:					
Totals -			Qty	Price		
Dinner reservations: Each \$65.00	Stk	Fish	-			
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – Purchase your Tickets BEFORE Saturday, August 14, 2021 & get a chance to Win a \$500 Raffle Ticket Package						
2021 Table offer (8 dinner tickets and an AR-	StkFis	h\$2500.00)			
Ticket Packages \$100, \$200, \$300, \$500, \$100 Sponsorships \$300 - \$12,500 Call for Spec						

Contact Patty Williams, 928-928-853-4974 Your Dinner and Raffle tickets will be waiting for you at the door!

Payment by – CASH, CHECK#, or Credit	Card / TypeTotal
Credit Card #	Exp date
Signature:	Sec Code
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