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"On Target!"



March 2021

President's Message

Is Spring here? Maybe? Close?

As we welcome warmer days one has to ask—is spring here? Some days the temperature gauge says “yes” but as we look ahead at the long range forecast, we realize that maybe “not just yet”. As I compose this we have been blessed with temps in the 60s but yet the forecast for this week is wind, cold temperatures and possibly 2-4 inches of snow. Accordingly the Range was closed for two days. I for one won't certainly complain about more moisture coming our way as we are a long way from the monsoons starting.

What does this mean for WSC operations? Just this—we all must be aware that while we would certainly like to enjoy normal Range operations each scheduled open day, mother nature will always dictate reality. Springtime temperature variations coupled with windy days can create unpleasant conditions at the Range. That is why we must all be flexible, stay tuned to our local weather guessers and monitor the WSC website and Facebook page for current Range conditions. Even those efforts may not prove the most timely as weather conditions can and will sometimes change by the hour. As has been stated before, our RSOs have discretion to close the Range if current conditions warrant. So, if you happen to arrive at the Range on a scheduled “open” day and find the Range closed, it is entirely possible that mother nature was the driving force behind the Range being closed. Your understanding is always appreciated!

*Keith Heimes,
President WSC*

Announcements

Annual Ladies Shoot set for May 15th

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. 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 should 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 is 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 let them know. Again – it's FREE!

More information on this event will be forthcoming via email alerts, postings on the WSC website, and via the local newspaper.

Sporting Clays Range

Remains closed due to snow & muddy access roads.

WSC Trading Post – New Service for WSC Members

Do you have guns, ammo, reloading, or shooting gear you want to buy, sell, trade, or even just give away? We thought so. Starting this month send in what you want to buy or sell and an itemized listing will be generated and routinely attached to the WSC Newsletter. 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.

See page 7 for full details and the first set of items listed.

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.

March 10th Board Meeting Highlights –

- Ladies Shoot set for May 15th
- Annette Perkins provided an update on proposed Emergency Procedures and planning for a First Aid exercise.
- A proposed “WSC Members Recognition Day” was discussed.
- Two large pop up canopies for range events were acquired.
- The board was provided an update on the Phase Two Range Improvement Project plans.

- Future outside training will impact some range availability this summer. A proposal to add addition / alternative days for WSC members was discussed.

Next WSC Board meeting set for April 14th at 5:30 PM.

Range Improvement Project

“Phase II” Improvements List

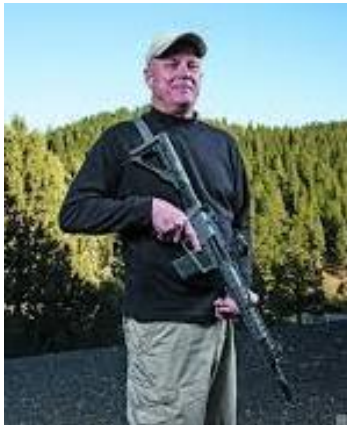
- Remodeling / reconfiguration of the existing pistol / rifle shooting benches.
- Grooming of the pistol impact berm, lateral berm, and down range surface area.
- Installation of two ‘Pistol Use Only’ ramadas with “Draw Boxes.”

The WSC has most of the required materials now and whatever else is needed will be identified, sourced, and procured. Stay tuned as a call for volunteers will be issued.

WSC Shotgun Activities

The Sporting Clays Range will be closed until we receive more drying weather—the access road is still quite wet and muddy—so again please be patient as we await sufficient drying weather to allow resumption of those Range activities.

Tactical Tips



Quotation by Clint Smith

Clint Smith, President and Director of Thunder Ranch®, is a Marine Corps veteran of two tours in Vietnam. His experience also includes seven years as a police officer during which he served as head of the Firearms Training Division as well as being a S.W.A.T. member and precision rifleman. Mr. Smith is noted for his common sense quotations about guns and personal defense.

"You can say 'stop' or 'alto' or use any other word you think will work but I've found that a large bore muzzle pointed at someone's head is pretty much the universal language."

Membership Report

New Members

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

Rick Brown Malik Brown Gary Weigand Pamela Weir



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

There are two frames of thought regarding Vaccines. Group A does not vaccinate, Group B Vaccinates. There is no judgment from me as to which house of thought you live in. If you are in Group A, you might skip this month's Medic's Corner (but, you are welcome to follow along as always). The tips for this month are for Group B. These individuals and/or families choose to vaccinate. Those of you who are or were active duty know that vaccines are given, especially before deployments. I know this because I was not only active duty but also a medic. I have given and received vaccines countless times. After the military, I spent the remainder of my working years in acute care hospitals. Guess what... Vaccines are mandatory in the civilian sector as well!

There are a few vaccines available to prevent unwanted illnesses in older individuals. The following is for the over 50 crowd. Vaccines recommended for individuals over 50 include the annual flu vaccine, the Shingles vaccine (Herpes Zoster) which protects against complications from the disease, TD (tetanus, diphtheria), Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and the newest, COVID-19 vaccine. Please be sure to speak with your family provider regarding these vaccinations, possible side effects and/or any adverse reactions that may occur. Always be well informed about your preventative healthcare needs.

Stay healthy, Stay happy, Annette

Snap 'Shot' -> Keith Heimes and Warren Weir spending another day at the range.....



Gun Shows Info

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

- March 13-14 Queen Creek, San Tan Valley, Kingman
- March 27-28 Wickenburg
- April 3-4 Winslow
- April 10-11 Kingman
- April 17-18 Yuma

Quotable Quote - *“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity: an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” Winston Churchill*

WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit - How long is my stored ammo good for?

The answer is – Do it right, and just like a Tootsie Roll, it will last “A long, long time.”

How Long Does Ammo Last?

Ammunition's shelf life is largely predicated on the conditions under which it is stored. Most ammunition will last for decades if it is stored under ideal conditions. There are countless tales of military surplus ammo that was properly stored and then fired without issue many decades after it was manufactured.

How to Store Ammo

The basic rule for ammunition storage is to **keep it in a cool, dry, and dark place**. Heat, humidity and moisture, in particular, are the most common culprits when it comes to ammo becoming unusable. Exposure to the elements speeds up the clock on ammunition's shelf life.



First - Your best option for protecting new ammo against humidity is to keep it in its original boxes and then immediately place them in waterproof military-style ammunition storage boxes. These products have air-tight seals and are built to last. Heavy-duty plastic ammo cans are also a viable option. It can be wise to also include silica gel packets inside to remove any moisture residue.

Second - Keep your storage containers somewhere dark and cool as extreme heat causes accelerated degradation of powder.

Ammo used for Concealed Carry

While it isn't difficult to effectively preserve ammunition in storage containers for a lifetime, those who utilize a concealed carry firearm must take special precautions. It's mandatory that the ammunition you've loaded into your concealed carry pistol, spare magazines, home defense shotgun, or the rifle in your pickup truck's rear window rack, be rotated out every year. The ammo's regular exposure to humidity from carrying it concealed, the sun beating down on the car's trunk roasting the spare ammo stored there, and excess lubrication attacking primers can potentially cause issues down the line. Make it a rule to rotate the ammunition every year and set a date you'll remember to do this – like your birthday.

OK, I've got new fresh ammo, now what?

Take the old ammo to the range and use it up in practice. Then give your weapon a good cleaning and reload it with fresh ammo. Get used to this annual practice like your life depends upon it!

Here's a 'Quick Tip' YouTube Tutorial – 'The Do's & Don'ts of Ammo Storage' courtesy of Brownells - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFE-pECYosc>



All together now.....

"I'm no fool, no siree, I'm going to store my ammo properly!

I'm no fool, no siree, I'm going to change out my ammo annually!"

The Grump – "Here's my Opinion – Ought to be Yours!"



Have you ever had the feeling you've heard these promises and assurances from looney politicians before? Have you ever had a bad experience buying from a used car lot? Were you hoodwinked and sold a piece of swamp land in Florida? Well if so here's a big whopper for you to digest.

Please excuse me while I continue to dig holes in my yard.....



I remember the promise that the Social Security tax taken from our pay checks was to be given back to us tax free at retirement, to be kept in a trust fund and not messed with, and not to be given out to 'immigrants' who never paid a dime into it!



Really? That reminds me. I am due for my colonoscopy!



Trading Post

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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.

Send the information to wscsz2020@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).

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.

First listing of WSC members’ for sale items

Free to good WSC Home



Excellent condition ‘BIANCHI Model 59 Special Agent’ brown leather holster for a Colt Officer Model .45 ACP pistol. While the picture shows it sporting a Glock this holster is specifically sized and is so marked for a ‘Colt Officer’ pistol. It will not fit the larger Colt Commander nor the Government Model pistols. Trust me, I tried. Retail price \$60. The Bianchi exclusively contoured, non-slip adjustable paddle offers a variety of carry options. Rotate forward or rearward, move up and down, and wear either strong side or cross draw. With nearly infinite adjustability to fit your individual torso size and carry needs. Open muzzle design. FREE

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

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.

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For Sale - Winchester Large Rifle Primers



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 .17 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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