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"On Target!"



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President's Message

I'm happy to report that my prediction in the last newsletter of new pistol bay ramadas being available for membership use would happen soon has come to pass. It took a concerted effort by many volunteers and a few "let's do it this way" discussions along the way, but the end result is a product we can all be proud of.

There are a few finishing touches such as installing pavers and equipment shelves that remain, but the pistol bay is ready for prime time.

The Club asks that all pistol shooting be accomplished in the pistol bays. By pistol we mean pistol caliber firearms. So your 9MM carbine does qualify for use in the pistol bays. As has been identified in past posts, our intent is to reduce ricochet potential on the rifle range from short range impacts.

Will there be times when the pistol bays are "busy" and there are shooters waiting to use these bays? Yes there could be and those situations will be dealt with by the RSO using a good dose of common sense.

The Club appreciates your patience while we struggled with finding resources to complete this project—all intended to make your shooting experience at WSC a productive and safe event.

One last item: The Kaibab and other surrounding forests are now in Stage 1 fire restrictions. This does not affect our Range operations now nor should it affect us if Stage 2 should go into effect. At least that is what we are hoping for now. As always County restrictions and other local conditions may prevail that could close the Range. WSC will strive to give widest dissemination of this information if Range closure is required.

Keith Heimes,
WSC President

Announcements

AZ Gov Ducey signs bill protecting state gun laws from federal legislation

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed a gun rights law in April that preemptively protects gun owners in the state from any federal gun control laws that are passed. Meanwhile President Biden announced several executive actions on guns and stating "No amendment is absolute" in reference to the Second Amendment.

State Rep. Leo Biasiucci, a Republican who sponsored the bill, said, "If the federal government does anything that tries to infringe on our Second Amendment in the state of Arizona, we're not going to comply." He added that he was elected to "protect our Constitution," saying the Biden administration wanted to "ban AR-15s, high-capacity magazines, and we don't think that's right. Our Arizona gun laws are strong and we believe that law-abiding gun owners have the right to bear arms." Yippee ki yay!

See *Quotable Quote* on Page 6

20 States now permit 'Constitutional Carry'

Constitutional Carry or permit less carry means that a permit is not required to carry a concealed handgun. There are states that are fully unrestricted - where no permit is required for open or concealed carry, some states are partially unrestricted - where certain forms of concealed carry may be legal without a permit, while other forms of carry require a permit. Each state sets the age limits as well other restrictions. The states below are fully unrestricted, except where noted:

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa (as of July 1, 2021), Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota (residents only and concealed carry only), Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee (as of July 1, 2021), Utah (as of May 5, 2021 for concealed carry only), Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming (for open carry and concealed carry for residents only. Concealed carry will be legal for all legal U.S. residents as of July 1, 2021.) It should be noted that carrying a handgun concealed in Vermont has NEVER been prohibited and that Arizona became the second in 2010. As always CHECK the current laws before traveling.

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

May 12th Board Meeting Highlights

- WSC to evaluate if membership recruiting at a future Williams Gun Show could be beneficial.
- Sporting Clays range and proposed shoot scheduling reviewed – see Sporting Clays on page 5 for more details.
- Range Improvements reviewed – see below.
- Impending Ladies’ Shoot event details reviewed.

Next WSC Board meeting set for June 9th at 5:30 PM.

Range Activities

Range Schedule – Check before you go!

Make it a routine to check the WSC website for closures and changes BEFORE heading out. We have one day in June that is closed so far, Wednesday the 9th. Remember – we don’t own the place or have the ultimate scheduling authority.

Range Improvement Project

“Phase II” Improvements in Progress

- 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.

The primary justification is for safety reasons with the goal of reducing ricochet possibilities. As beneficial consequence the Pistol specific ramadas will also create a functional separation of the two shooting disciplines – rifle from pistol – due to their differing tempos of firing, shooting positions, sighting, firing, and loading mannerisms. Construction was initiated April 30th and continued into the next day, Saturday May 1st. The WSC was donated most of the required materials and that combined with a ready cadre of volunteers to build it resulted in a Win – Win – Win - Win!



The Crew – L to R Bruce Speirs, Dale Vicari , Jack Douglas, Warren Weir, Keith Heimes, and Chuck Corcoran. Not pictured Matthew Fleece, Rick Brown. Picture by Chris Mayer



Aerial view showing the freshly groomed range surface and impact berm, and the newly framed Pistol ramadas. Picture by Nate Hedges.



The framed and now roofed new Pistol ramadas on the main range. Picture by Keith Heimes.

A second communication from the WSC to our membership will be forthcoming which will provide a chronological pictorial of the construction efforts.

WSC Shotgun Activities

Sporting Clays

WSC has established a schedule for shooting Sporting Clays. Events will be held at the Camp Raymond facility the fourth Sunday of each month until such time that weather dictates otherwise.

This day was selected after coordination with the Flagstaff Action Shooters who usually conduct shoots on Saturdays and with anticipated Scouting activities at Camp Raymond. The shoots will strive to start at 10:00 AM and be completed by 1:00 PM.

An email listing has been generated to remind potential shooters of each shoot and also for notification of schedule changes. Information regarding shoots will also be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. We ask interested shooters to RSVP if possible to allow us to better anticipate the number of shooters.

Please email WSC at WSCAZ2020@Hotmail.com with you interest and to have you contact information added to the master email list.

Tactical Tips



Pick the gun that you plan to carry concealed that is right for you. A .22 derringer or .25 ACP is very easy to carry but considered by most to be worthless. A .44 S&W Magnum is extremely capable but for almost everyone impractical to conceal, manage, or master. Find the right fit of caliber, cartridge capacity, and size that works for you. Then practice and carry it!

(Left – Famed pistol shot Bill Jordan of the US Border Patrol)

Membership Report

Recruit a Member

All WSC members are encouraged to spread the good word about all the activities and improvements made to our range facility. You are free to forward our monthly newsletters to those like-minded individuals who are not yet members.

New Members

Here are 15 new individuals who have joined as members since our April 2021 WSC membership meeting -

Gene & Jamee Price

Larry Geyman

Adal Lopez

Martin & Suzanne Martin

Brian Collup

Kris Melliott

Keith Mellick

Charles, Autumn, & Deborah Hoag

Bill Vance

Luke Gremling

Russell Hall



The Medic's Corner - by Annette Perkins, BSN-RN-BC (Annette is traveling so *The Grump* has supplied his version of helpful advice for the month)



"I'll give you something for gas."



"No, it's not water. You seem to be retaining food."

Quotable Quote

"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a safety hazard don't see the danger of the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use this same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like." - Alan Dershowitz

Gun Shows Info

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

May 22-23 Kingman

June 5-6 Tucson, Yuma
June 26-27 Williams, Mesa

Snap 'Shot'



50 Million kids being schooled in the homes of gun owners, and not one school shooting.

It wasn't the guns after all.



Today this former President, pictured here April 19, 1961 in the Oval Office with an early production XM-16E1, would be considered a fascist by the left as he was a war veteran and NRA member. He approved production of the fully automatic version of the AR-15 rifle, the M-16, for our military.

WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit - Is It OK to Store your Magazines Loaded?

The answer is – YES

The debate has raged, probably since the invention of the first detachable box magazine. Can you store a loaded magazine for long period of time? Or will the spring fail and lose its ability to feed reliably? Brownells Firearm Support Tech Caleb Savant says that modern high-quality tempered magazine springs will take a bit of a set but after that they can sit loaded for a VERY long time before they fail. Springs wear out more from use - many repeated compression / expansion cycles - than from being stored compressed. In fact, loaded mags have sat for many DECADES, and then fed just fine when used! Caution: You get what you pay for; cheaply made mags may have cheap, poorly tempered springs, and they may fail after long-term loaded storage.



Check out the Brownells video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgLxVqN9chY>

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



Someone just used my
driveway to turn
around and now I'm
standing outside with
two open beers and
lonely face

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post

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). 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.

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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