



Williams Sportsman's Club

"On Target!"



November 2020

A Word from the President

Thanksgiving

Being a sportsman's club and all it probably would have been most appropriate to have offered a Turkey Shoot for all our members this month. But with all the uncertainties of the pandemic and such we found the governor's proclamations unclear as to if the turkey target needed to wear a mask or not! And if we practiced the required 'social distancing' appropriate for a turkey target it may have required us to put it out to 1,000 yards! At that distance Tom Turkey would appear as a fly speck.

*I hope you have a hearty, healthy and safe **Thanksgiving!***

Keith Heimes, President WSC



Announcements

Winter Range Hours

We have now shifted Range operations to winter hours by moving range hours one hour later in the day to get us more into the warm sunshine. Just because the Grand Canyon Railroad has a Polar Express doesn't mean we need to follow suit! So mark your planners as starting in December the Range shifts to its "Winter Schedule" of 10 AM - 2 PM. Days the Range will be open remain the same – every Wednesday, Saturday, and the 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Membership Renewals Time Approaching – Get Ready!

Renewal letters and forms will be mailed to all WSC members mid-December and all renewal applications are due by January 31, 2021.

Remember - Annual memberships are set for renewal based on the calendar year. Regardless of what month you joined the WSC, everyone's membership renewals are in January.

Please help our membership Chairman Chuck Corcoran and carefully complete your application form. Please note that both sides must be completed. Of particular importance is the required waiver signature on the back side --this absolutely must be signed. Return the completed application form to the address on the cover letter along with your payment. As an option to mailing the form/payment just bring it to the Range and give to the on duty RSO.

And as incredible as it may seem the WSC is pleased to report that we have received our first renewal for 2021 from Randy Gomoll. Randy is to be recognized for this most timely effort!

Range Activities

NOTE – As we move into winter the weather may cause some issues so please check the website for any last minute range closure announcements. Also make note of any postings on the WSC Range gate bulletin board.

Cooler fall/winter weather is coming so a reminder that each RSO is empowered to use his/her discretion regarding opening or even keeping the Range open if inclement weather is in the forecast or if the weather suddenly turns unfavorable to outdoor activities. As soon as we learn of these conditions we will endeavor to make the "Range Closed" call by at least the day prior so folks are made aware. But being a weather forecaster is a tough job so we're sure that at least one time we will close the Range and then see nothing but sunshine, calm winds and 50 degree temps! Your understanding will be appreciated!

Range Improvement Project

New Range Stools

Intended to reduce the number of times shooters must use folding steel chairs. As the picture depicts, these are basically the same height as the existing Ikea chairs--but they are made of metal, have a wider footprint, and will provide a much more stable experience for shooters.



Shooters are encouraged to use them and please provide feedback as to their suitability.

Pistol Bay Cinders

Coconino County Road Department delivered 40 cubic yards of cinders late October. These will be spread out and ready for when the new ramadas specifically for pistol shooting are built. "Thanks" goes out to Sheldon White for coordinating with them on this effort. As the Coconino County Sheriff's Department is a regular user of the range this was offered as the county's contribution to our ongoing recent range refurbishment efforts.

Your Chance to Do Your Part! Yippee!

Do you know how to pound a nail or use a saw? If so we will be putting out a "Calling All Volunteers" message in the near future when we the new ramadas are build. For those of you who missed out on all the recent work, here's **your chance** to join in and do **your part** for **your club!** Let's spread the fun around some and the more volunteers that show up the faster and easier the process goes! Just think - a day at the Range!

WSC Shotgun Activities

Planning continues to evolve so stay tuned.

Range Safety Officers

Damaged Target Stand



This target stand was "found" in the condition you see hanging on the holding stand. How did this stand get destroyed after being in service for only one month? Is it a case of a shooter "not knowing what is beyond his or her target"? It appears that this stand was beyond a close in pistol target, the shooter was unaware of what was beyond his/her target and proceeded to destroy subject

stand.

Membership Report

Welcome new members!

Here are six individuals and two families who have joined as new members since our October 2020 WSC membership meeting -

Kevin Perkins

Mathew Perkins

Brian Friedrichsen

Arthur Wrieden III

Derral Crance

Rick Remender

Badiang family (Robert & Michelle)

Lucus family (Brian, Erin, Kylee & Erin)

Quotable Quote

“Most evil men will not be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda or by legislation; however they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles.” - Jeff Cooper



The Medic's Corner

by Annette Perkins, BSN-RN-BC

Hello everyone! I hope those who had tags filled them, and those who had free time came out to the range! The focus of this month's topic is Basic First Aid and the advantages gained by attending a first aid/CPR/AED course. If it has been more than a year since you checked your home first aid kits, now is a good time to see what supplies you may need to rotate out or resupply. I often call a first aid kit a Boo-Boo kit. The purpose of this kit is to handle those pesky cuts, scrapes, minor burns, and possibly sprain or strain.

Here are a few tips -

Cuts and Scrapes: clean the wound with soap and water, or commercial wound cleanser. Apply antibiotic and cover. Check daily for signs/symptoms of infection (warmth, redness, tenderness to touch). If a wound has any of these symptoms seek medical care.

Cat/or other Animal Scratch or Bite: I have seen some gnarly cases of cellulitis develop from a seemingly, minor scratch/bite. If you notice the skin around the wound begin to redden and raise, seek medical attention. Spider bites also must be carefully watched.

Burns: We have all hit our hands on a hot stove, been splattered with hot oil, or forgot to use the oven mitts. I am speaking from experience on this one. Cool water, pat dry, apply a burn gel/ burn spray or if very minor, aloe gel to burn. Burns are classified by degree; a first-degree burn is redness of the affected area. A second-degree burn will blister with damage to the upper layers of skin. A third degree burn damages the deeper layers of tissue. Again, treat minor burns, and if the area has greater damage to underlying skin seek medical attention.

Strains and Sprains: Remember this -> R – I – C – E. R is for rest, I is for ice, C is for compression, and E is for elevation. The general first aid we all should remember is that for muscle, ligament, or tendon strain or sprain use ICE for the first 24 hours, 20 minutes on the affected area, 20 minutes off. Always use a cloth of some sort between the ice pack and your skin as this will prevent damage to the skin. For wrist/elbow/knee and ankle strains and sprains apply a compression dressing known to all of us as the 'Ace' wrap. Having more than one size is available is a good idea. Rest and elevate any extremity to reduce swelling. IF you are unable to weight bear or experience discoloring below the injury seek medical attention.

I advocate that everyone from young to old sign up for a First Aid course. Many are offered online (due to the Covid-19 Pandemic). The American Heart Association (AHA) offer CPR and CPR with AED instruction. CPR= Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, AED= Automatic External Defibrillation. There are new evidence-based, recommendations published every 2-5 years for the correct delivery of these LIFE-SAVING skills. If it has been more than two years since you attended a CPR/AED course, consider updating your skills!

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and I will see you at the range!

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Gun Shows Info

As we printed last month we will be issuing upcoming Arizona gun show dates and locations as reasonably possible. Go to www.arizonagunshows.net for the most up to date information before traveling.

November 21 & 22 Tucson, Bullhead & Kingman AZ

November 28 & 29 Tucson AZ

December 4, 5 & 6 Phoenix AZ (This is a BIG show)

December 12 & 13 Casa Grande & Tucson AZ

December 19 & 20 Queen Creek & Yuma AZ

Snap 'Shot'



*WSC Approved Counter COVID – 19 Assault Weapon!
Very timely and you may be able to write it off as a medical expense!*

WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

What is a 'Squib Load'? What is a 'Hangfire'? What's the difference?

Squib Load

The squib load is an extremely rare occurrence and is the result of the loaded round's propelling energy being less than necessary to push the projectile out of the firearm. This results in a handgun or rifle bullet, as the case may be, becoming lodged somewhere between the chamber and the muzzle - a condition that could cause you major problems if you keep shooting. That's because firing another round behind the squib might result in consequences ranging from a mortally damaged firearm to a very seriously injured shooter.

While squibs are usually attributed to faulty powder charges, which in turn are attributed to reloading errors, they can happen with any ammunition. Your newsletter editor has only experienced a squib load once and that was with a M1911A1 semiautomatic pistol while firing reloaded ammo. Fortunately for me the bullet stopped in the barrel throat and the second round would not fully chamber. If the bullet had gone just a hair farther down the bore before stopping I would not have known, the following round would have chambered and I would have fired. It could most certainly have caused some damage and maybe even injured me. I was truly lucky. But this begs the question - Why didn't I notice something was amiss? Possible contributing factors - I was on the firing line wearing ear muffs with multiple other shooters firing a multi round timed combat course. Lots of noise, so I didn't notice a reduced report, and the handgun did recoil and the slide extracted the spent case and came forward picking up the next round from the magazine and almost fully chambered it. It all 'acted' normal like it should have. However as it did not fully chamber the round I thought I had a routine 'failure to feed' issue. I worked the slide to correct the situation and again I experienced another failure to fully seat the next round. There I stood perplexed until the rangemaster came over to see what the difficulty was. We came off the line to examine the weapon. I field stripped it on the bench and low and behold there it was, a 230 grain lead slug stuck in the bore just past the front end of the chamber. I went home and drove it out with a brass rod and a mallet.

To safely and properly "fix" a squib load situation, first pay attention when you're shooting! As soon as you noticed any difference in the sound or feel of a shot, stop. Unload the firearm. Then disassemble it, if possible, and examine the barrel by looking through it. For a revolver, open the cylinder and place a finger over but not blocking the forcing cone and then look down the barrel from the muzzle end. If there's an obstruction, take a properly sized wooden dowel (it should be close to the diameter of the bore, but should move freely in the barrel), and place it through the muzzle or chamber end to determine where the stuck projectile is located in the bore. Then gently tap the bullet out from the closest end of the barrel to it.

Hangfire

Even rarer, but potentially more dangerous if proper safety rules aren't observed is the "hangfire." A hangfire is defined as a delay in the detonation of the propellant (gunpowder), which in turn results in a delay in the firing of the cartridge. The delay can be as long as seconds, but is often almost undetectable. It's evidenced by just the "click" of the firing pin or hammer falling instead of a bang, but can also occur when you hear a much-lighter-than-normal sound upon the firing of your firearm. Like squib loads, hangfires are often blamed on poor reloading practices, but can occur amongst any type of ammunition, including factory

manufactured rounds. All my experiences have been with .22 RF and I surmise were either caused by light firing pin strikes or defective ammunition.

The safest way to get past a hangfire is to keep your muzzle pointed on target (safe direction), wait for several seconds, and then clear the chamber. How long do you wait? Opinions vary widely from five to 60 seconds.

Regardless if you encounter a squib load or a hangfire, paying attention to what you're sensing when shooting will help you identify a serious situation. Just keep in mind that firearms, and ammunition, are man-made, mechanical products, and rare as it is, they can malfunction. The good news is, once you understand the malfunctions, you'll see that you have the power to manage many of them, and above all, to stay safe while doing so.

(By Bruce Speirs. A portion reprinted from *NRA Family - How to Handle Squib Loads and Hangfires* by Il Ling New - Sunday, March 3, 2019)

The young Gunslinger and old Woman Prospector



An old woman prospector walked up and tied her mule to the mercantile store's hitching post. As she stood there brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young desperado stepped out of the saloon with a six gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, "Hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No,... I never did dance... Never really wanted to."

As a crowd had gathered the gunslinger grinned and said "Well, you old bag, you're going to dance now," and started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector -- not wanting to get her toes blown off --started hopping around. Everybody was laughing.

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his now empty gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and coolly cocked back both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air and the crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels pointing directly at his mid-section.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands as she quietly said, "Sonny boy, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "Why no ma'am... But I've always wanted to."

There are five lessons here for all of us:

- Never be arrogant.
- Don't waste ammunition.
- Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- Always make sure you know who has the power.
- Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid.

Old Guy Rants



"Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience."