



Williams Sportsman's Club

"On Target!"



October 2020

A Word from the President

The season is slowing turning and the days at the range are perfect. Come out and enjoy a fine day of shooting. Join us for a safe place to shoot from 9 AM to 1 PM, Wednesdays, Saturdays and the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month!

I am proud to report that significant range safety improvements were completed early this month. The work teams started Wednesday October 7th and the task was completed Tuesday October 13th. This involved the collaborative efforts of many people and entities. The renovation started at the entry gate itself and progressed all the ways to the backstops. If it needed fixing, painting, straightening, grading, cleaning, or moving out of the way we did it all! You will be most pleased I'm sure. And while the motivation was not just to spruce the place up – which we did – the PRIMARY focus was SAFETY. It covered the gamut from extending berm lines to protect non-shooters who pass laterally along the firing ramadas while transitioning to the pistol bays, adding mid-range impact berms to lessen the hazards of ricochets, straightening the lateral berms to better orient firing angles thereby increasing the certainty of fired rounds being captured by the impact berms, improvements to the parking area to make vehicle turning movements safer, and improved range safety signage. Whew! I must say that the team work of the WSC members who volunteered was outstanding, and for that I am truly appreciative!

As the entire club is excited about our ongoing achievements and range improvements I would encourage all WSC members to feel free to share our newsletter with your fellow shooting enthusiasts. Forward our monthly newsletter to them via email so they too can learn of our ongoing efforts to enhance shooting sports opportunities and activities in the Williams area. Better yet invite them to come out and shoot. As soon as they arrive it's quick and easy - the RSO will have them fill out the 'One Day Membership and Liability Form' and that plus a requested minimum \$5 donation is all it takes.

The 2020 elections are upon us. VOTE to protect your 2nd Amendment Rights and public safety.

Keith Heimes, President WSC

Announcements

Recent Gun Show in Williams

The large attendance at the recent Williams gun show was possibly driven by the ongoing concerns of the upcoming elections, troubling disorder in many cities, and the uncertain future of our 2nd Amendment Rights. While the gun prices were what you would normally expect, the very high prices and very low quantities of ammunition for sale were quite shocking to say the least. Folks were paying \$1 per round for factory .223 FMJ and 9mm ball ammo. One ammo dealer had a dozen or so select 50 round boxes of 9mm self-defense ammo listed for \$100 each and was even offering a handful of 50 round boxes of 'special' hollow points for \$150!

As a service to our WSC membership we will make an effort to announce future gun shows as we learn of them.

Range Activities

Range Schedule

Remember to check the website calendar for any changes and make note of any announcements on the notice board at the range entrance.

Range Improvements

Range Safety Enhancements and Improvements Completed

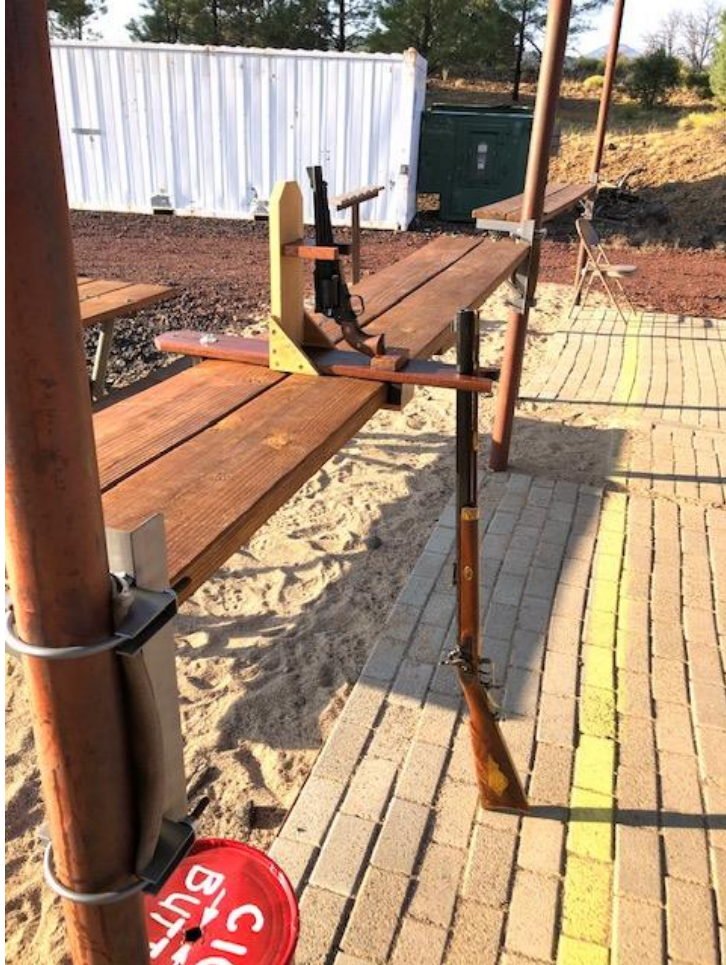
Berms groomed, Obstacles moved, and the Range looks GREAT!

Like Keith stated in his previous President's Message, it was a collaborative effort involving many people and entities. First we must thank LT John Romero, Williams PD, for approving our requests to make the repairs and safety upgrades. Then Aaron Anderson, City of Williams Public Works Department, approved our use of a large front loader, a road grader, and a dump truck for two days of non-stop use. The heavy equipment was operated by father and son team and WSC members Kevin and Matt Perkins. These two fine gentlemen - and most dedicated club members - actually took two days away from the family excavation business and subsequent loss of income to help us get this done for our club. And trust me when I say it wouldn't have gotten done without them. Then there was WSC member Bob Simoneau who loaned his 10,000 pound capacity hydraulic dump trailer we needed to move the cinders that Keith Heimes was producing using his personal rock screen and his tractor - also going non-stop. Lastly there were the 'foot soldiers' - Leyder Ness, Jack Douglas, and Bruce Speirs - who happily hammered, shoveled, raked, pushed, pulled and sweated. All this activity was captured by our official WSC photographer Chris Mayer. All this activity required water and lunches which the WSC provided.

At the end of the newsletter will be several pages of pictures showing many aspects of the activities. Please get out to the range and take a gander; we're sure you'll be impressed!

Black Powder Loading Blocks

More "WSC Range Enhancements" for those folks who live in a world where loading is measured in minutes, and one shot at a time is the norm before starting the reloading process all over again. To help speed up the shooting fun and rate of fire, WSC member Bill Vance, one of our new members and black powder enthusiast to boot, recognized this exact need after a



visit to the Range. Bill was there to limber up his trusty muzzle loader in preparation for an upcoming elk hunt. Knowing that it sometimes takes three or four hands to load a muzzle loader, Bill told WSC President Keith Heimes that a black powder loading block would be just the ticket. Faster than you can patch and ram a lead ball, Bill discovered he had graciously "volunteered" to 'MacGyver' a very nice 'muzzle loading block.' Bill was not satisfied with just one so he made two. These "Black Powder Loading Blocks" are designed for pistol or rifle use and provide stability to the reloading process while only using two hands! So for all you black powder guys and gals, the next time you visit the Range with your "smoke poles" just ask the RSO for the loading block and happy shooting! We're confident you'll find this device a vast improvement to the task. Thank you for your efforts Bill and we hope you had success with your elk hunt.

The Loading Block pictured with a pistol and rifle in place.

WSC Shotgun Activities

Agreement to Operate Sporting Clays Facility Secured!

The WSC has received official notification that the Boy Scouts of America, Phoenix Council, has approved an agreement permitting the WSC to operate the Sporting Clays facility located on the grounds of Camp Raymond. The agreement covers the issue of insurance and a modest per shooter fee arraignment. All the related equipment in place and necessary to operate the sporting clays range is the property of the WSC, the result of the recent consolidation of the Flagstaff Clay Target Shooters into the WSC. Warren Weir was appointed our WSC Sporting Clays Director. Next month information on directions to the range, days and times of operation, shotgun and shot information, and operating procedures and safety practices will be coming out. This expands the WSC's shooting sports opportunities available to our members

and making the WSC for our fellow shooting enthusiasts in the area a club worth joining. Let your shotgun toting, clay pigeon busting friends know. PULL!



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\$79²⁵ Calibers: .22 Long Rifle .38 Special

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SPORT MODEL WOODSMAN
\$69⁴⁰ Caliber: .22 Long Rifle

Holster adaptation of the Match Target model, with round 4½" barrel and quick-draw, holster-free front sight.



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It's never too early to start your Christmas gift planning! (1969)

Range Safety Officers

Calling all Potential RSO's!

Without RSO's the range cannot operate and right now we have a minimum number of RSO's. Seriously consider stepping up to the plate and joining the team. Do your part and volunteer for a 4 hour range duty commitment once a month – plus you schedule it for the day that's convenient for you. The WSC is your club and it takes everyone's participation in one manner or another to make the club fully successful. Plan on making it a point the next time you are at the range to ask the RSO for information. Gee, just think about it - you'll volunteer to spend a day at the range. Wait a minute, so you're thinking of making a commitment, an obligation, forcing yourself, to do what? To spend a DAY AT THE RANGE?!?! – now that's a Win Win!

New RSO comes on board

Everyone please extend a well-deserved 'Congratulations' to Daniel Gonzalez, AKA Mojito, who is our newest Range Safety Officer!

Club Management News

The “Who's Who” of the WSC -

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

The WSC meets every second Wednesday, 5:30 PM at the American Legion Hall, 425 W Grant Ave, Williams. Members are welcome to join us.

Membership Report

Welcome new members!

This is a list of the new members who have joined since our September 2020 WSC membership meeting. While we originally wanted to recognize everyone who joined as new WSC members since January this proved to be a challenge. As a compromise we will announce new members monthly as they come aboard.

Recent signups as received by the October 14th meeting –

Eva Janes Logan Snyder Michael Tierney
Douglas Ruhland Pam Schabacker Charles, Deborah & Autumn Hoag

Membership Renewals

As a note to all - Your WSC membership renewal fees will be due in January. Make that item #1 on your New Year's Resolution List!



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




Welcome to the Medic's Corner! This month's column is on the importance of getting "Stop the Bleed" training. The first and foremost reason for attending a "Stop the Bleed" Training course is that, "Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma." (For more info check out www.BLEEDINGCONTROL.ORG) We denizens of Northern Arizona tend to be outdoor people; we cut wood, we drive on the interstate (a lot), we love our animals domestic and wild, we hunt, we hike, and we live in a rural area that may or may not be near a trauma center. It is of critical importance that individuals learn the skills of how to stop the bleeding of a traumatic injury. The "STOP THE BLEED" program was created by the American College of Surgeons and Committee on Trauma. It was designed to train as many individuals as possible to recognize and take action to save lives – and even their own! This includes children, teens, and all adults (young & old). The WSC RSO's were privileged to attend and actively participate in two recent "STOP THE BLEED" courses taught by Adal Lopez, Paramedic and Clinical Manager for Guardian Air in Flagstaff. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 limited seating precautions the WSC was not able to open these courses to the general membership. However there will be a "STOP THE BLEED" course taught by Adal Lopez and hosted by Timberline Firearms and Training on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6 pm. They are located at 11972 N. Hwy 89, Flagstaff. If you are a Facebook user go to their page and under

their Upcoming Events is a link to Eventbrite to Register. And while it is a FREE course the seating is limited to just 12. If you are not on Facebook PLEASE call Timberline at 928-526-7900 and register with the staff. They run a nice gun shop and are very friendly folks. Check out their website - www.timberlinefirearms.us

Next month Annette will discuss the importance of Basic First Aid and CPR training.

Snap 'Shot' -> *"Protecting the Williams homestead from the days gone by!"*



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Quotable Quote "A man can never have too much red wine, too many books, or too much ammunition." - Rudyard Kipling

WSC Lock, Stock & Barrel Twist Trivial Pursuit

"How are shotgun 'gauges' determined?"



Common shotgun gauges are 10-gauge, 12-gauge, 16-gauge, 20-gauge, and 28-gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the larger the shotgun bore. Gauge is determined by the number of lead balls of size equal to the approximate diameter of the bore that it takes to weigh one pound. This does not hold true for the .410 shotgun as .410 is really the BORE measurement in inches.

The use of GAUGE contrasts with rifles and handguns, which are almost always measured in "CALIBER", a measurement of the internal diameter of the barrel measured in millimeters or inches and, consequently, is approximately equal to the diameter of the projectile that is fired.

So while the shotgun BORE is calculated in GAUGE and not by internal diameter in inches or millimeters you may expect a follow on question in the future where we will explore other fun anachronistic measurement equivalences like the AVOIRDUPOIS DRAM (for Shotgun shell loads) and the AVOIRDUPOIS POUND, which is equal to 7000 GRAINS (for weights of smokeless powder and bullets).

Old Guy Rants



The Evening News is where they begin with 'Good evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Range Safety Improvements



Before



Crooked berm lines and "C" container in the way of realignment



After



Realigning berms



Berm straightened and extended to enhance safety



Mound behind firing ramadas that limited parking is going, going.....



... gone!



*Moving WSC
"C" container
to facilitate
berm
straightening*



*Grooming the
newly
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range firing
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Got rock?



*New 100
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and 25
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*Grooming
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Keith was in his prime and loudly singing "You load sixteen tones and what do get? Another day older and deeper in debt....."



The finished product – Now THAT is a Shooting Range to be proud of!



Close-up of Firing Ramadas and new 25 and 100 yard impact berms



Your WSC Range Improvements work crew (L to R) Keith Heimes, Bruce Speirs, Leyder Ness, Matt Perkins, Jack Douglas, and Kevin Perkins. (Not pictured Chris Mayer and Bill Tocci)