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"On Target!"



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President's Message

There are countless benefits to living "in the mountains" of Northern Arizona. Clean air and definitive four seasons are two which allow us to experience the annual transformation trees undergo from their summer to fall foliage. We have a Silver Maple tree in the front yard that turns a brilliant red this time of year and provides a stark contrast to the pine trees that surround it. Sadly, this picturesque view only lasts a short time, and we must wait for Mother Nature to complete another life cycle next year.

With the coming of winter the WSC Range will switch to winter hours December 1st, 2021. The Range will be open the same days of the month but now opening at 10 AM and closing at 2 PM. This will remain in effect until we revert to summer hours April 1, 2022. This time change to one hour later in the day gives Mother Nature time to warm the air just a bit more to allow for more comfortable shooting conditions. But as we all know, Mother Nature does not always cooperate with our wishes and forces us to adapt to atmospheric conditions. Even the best of us "amateur weather predictors" don't always get it right when it comes to predicting what the weather will be at the Range. So, we must adapt. If inclement weather is forecasted we will proactively issue a Range closure the day prior on our website, Facebook, and via email. RSOs also have the authority to close the Range on short notice if unexpected weather conditions dictate. This action might result in WSC members arriving at a closed Range and for that we apologize in advance. As always your understanding is appreciated.

Stay SAFE and see you at the Range.

Keith Heimes, President

Announcements

WSC RSO's to the Rescue and Assist with Scout Rifle and Shotgun Shoot at Camp Raymond

The call went out, the call was answered and so the WSC RSO's grabbed their gear, mounted their ponies, and rode to the rescue!

Seems there was a significant shortage of trained personnel to “herd the cats” at a recent Scout event. The eager 140+ youngsters from throughout Arizona were there to take part in an annual competition that included archery, .22 rifle shooting, trap shooting and ax throwing!!! Yes that is right, ax throwing!!! For those old enough to remember the TV show “Lost in Space” and the words their robot would often voice----“Danger Will Robinson”!!! Well, most of our RSO's gave that event a wide berth.

Each Scout, in addition to throwing axes and flinging arrows, were allocated to shoot 20 rounds of .22 ammo at paper targets and 10 rounds of 20 gauge shotgun at clay targets. Over 2800 rounds of .22 and 1400 rounds of 20 gauge were sent downrange. The scores from all these events were tabulated and winners announced. Of course, these events all need qualified supervision—and this is where your RSO's saved the day. With their trained eyes bolstered with large doses of patience, they managed to keep the entire operation running smoothly and most importantly “safe”!!



The Scouts on the .22 rimfire rifle range listen as WSC President Keith Heimes presents safety and shooting fundamentals as fellow RSO's Wynn Simon and Chuck Corcoran watch.

Thanks go out to Matthew Fleece, Warren Weir, Chuck Corcoran, Jack Douglas, Wynn Symon, Chris Mayer and Keith Heimes for responding to a short notice “mayday” we need help call. Without their help the show most probably would not have been a success.

And the reality is that most if not all, didn't arrive via their ponies, but rather their Toyotas, Fords, and Chevys!!! I just have to say it - “Who was that orange vested man?”

The Friends of the NRA annual Fund Raiser in Williams a big success!

This event was sold out and raised much needed grant funds for local Ranges.

Range Hours change to winter schedule December 1st

The Range will be open the same days of the month but opening at 10 AM and closing at 2 PM.

Did you forget something at the Range?

We reunited a jacket with its owner but a rifle magazine, a nice walking stick, a shooting mat and black pistol rug with 9MM magazine are all still awaiting their owners to come claim them. They are in the WSC Range conex so will their owners please go see the on duty RSO or contact us at wscsz2020@hotmail.com

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.

October 13, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights –

- The presentation plaque was approved.
- Informational cards that provide WSC club information and Range info will issued to the RSO's. This will provide interested parties membership information and our website and contact info. They will be the size of a business card and will also permit the holder a complementary introductory guest shooting day upon presentation to the on duty RSO.
- The WSC Bylaws and SOP are undergoing review.
- New metal targets stands are positioned at the 100 and 200 yard lines.
- An AZ G&F Hunter Education class will be held at the Range Nov 13th. RSO's will be needed to assist.

Next WSC Board meeting set for November 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Expect 'Visitors' as deer season approaches

As deer season approaches RSO's and WSC members may need to be extra 'flexible' to accommodate those other authorized Range users who are not WSC members. Recently two gentlemen arrived to sight in their deer rifles but had forgotten that that particular day was a normally scheduled WSC use day. They were prepared to go away and come back at another time but the WSC RSO on duty was able to accommodate their sighting in shooting request.

Remember, the WSC is just one of several other user groups listed on the USFS special use permit issued to the City of Williams. Therefore if a member or two of one of those other authorized groups show up, please try to accommodate their request if at all practical.

Shotgun Range Activities

WSC and Scout Council Use Agreement – A Win Win!

A condition of WSC's Camp Raymond range use agreement is that Scouts shoot 'no charge.' This enables Scouts to engage in a more demanding form of clay target shooting which means they always come away with big smiles on their faces. Here's a recap of some recent action - August we hosted two Scouts from the oldest troop in Arizona - Troop 1 - from Prescott, AZ. Then in September 6 Scouts from Flagstaff Troop 134 tried their hand at knocking some of the elusive clays from the sky.

To further strengthen our relationship with the Scout Council and as an illustration of our cooperative spirit we are offering those Troops out there that wish to take part in some fun and dynamic Sporting Clays action to send us an email at wsc2020@hotmail.com and we'll work out a time to make it happen.

Range Improvement Project

The completion of the RSO ramada is awaiting brick pavers and other materials.

Range Safety Officers

WSC monthly board meetings

All RSO's are encouraged to attend as your input and suggestions are vital to keeping the operation on track and the board aware of issues and concerns.

New Range Items

As a reminder the WPD routinely asks RSOs to produce their WSC RSO card when checking out range keys so make sure you have yours. The WPD is provided updated RSO rosters as required.

Individual metal target stands are now located in front of each shooting bench as a test.

Target stand racks have been moved out to the 100 and 200 yard lines for those using those distances. They are filled with newly constructed target stands.

Additional chamber flag holders are now mounted on the ramadas.

Lost & Found

There are four items in the conex that were left at the range - a shooting mat, a loaded rifle magazine, a pistol rug with magazine, and a walking stick. As their owners show up, please report which item has been claimed.

Range Standard Operating Procedures

The Range SOP is undergoing an update / revision so dig yours out and look it over as now is the time to provide input. We have several new RSOs and a fresh look is always welcome.

Tactical Tips - TAB + 1

T = Treat every firearm as if it were loaded

A = Always keep the muzzle in a safe direction

B = Be sure of your target and beyond

+1 = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot

We can never talk enough about Safety

Membership Report

New Members

Here are seven new members who have joined since our September 2021 WSC membership meeting -

Brent Browning
Christian Dieterle
Mary Jones

Truman Jones
Brad Lough

Bill Townsend
Robert Zavala Jr



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

This month's Medic's Corner will focus on K-9 first aid. First aid for our furry friends is like first aid on a human, but there are some important differences! Let's start with the types of tools/resources needed for our K-9 friends.

1. A good fitting muzzle is essential as an injured animal may be expected to bite out of pain or fear. I prefer a mesh or nylon muzzle. This must be the correct size for your dog. I went through three different types of muzzles before settling on the nylon mesh. The dog must be accustomed to this muzzle before it is needed in an emergency. Practice with your K-9 frequently. A small bit of Peanut Butter placed in the muzzle, is a great incentive. Once the muzzle is on praise your pup/dog take a short walk around the yard. Then reward your K-9 when you take off the muzzle. They cannot tell us what hurts or how much.
2. If your favorite K-9 is bleeding profusely (Squirting, Spurting, Soaking or Pooling) - Stop The Bleed! Apply a tourniquet if the injury is on a limb. Place it high and tight and not over the

wound or a joint. If the bleeding is on the head or body, use ‘Kerlex Gauze’ and apply pressure directly over the wound. Walmart sells these rolls for about \$4. On a body wound apply an Ace bandage to secure the gauze dressing. Call your Veterinarian to let them know you are on your way and the nature of the injury.

3. Sprains and fractures (Limping, refusing to stand) – If you have a large dog I found that you can convert a drop cloth to a makeshift carry sling. Again, call your Vet, let them know you are on your way and the nature of the injury.
4. Poisoning- This is a hard one. Recently, the monsoon rains of summer produced a variety of mushrooms. I did not see my dog eating mushrooms but her symptoms pointed to poisoning. There was a change in her pupils (dilated) & she behaved oddly. I called the vet and was told, “a half teaspoon of Hydrogen Peroxide will make the dog vomit if you know that’s what she ate.” The main thing is to keep your pet hydrated and peeing. This was easily accomplished with 50% ‘Pedialyte’ and 50% water. My dog drank this like it was the elixir of life! I followed this with small feedings of boiled chicken. I did put out a yard directive and there was a mushroom eradication of several acres.
5. K-9 First Aid courses are offered and include K-9 CPR. The most important point is to be prepared for anything!



Have a small K-9 first aid kit available wherever you go with your dog. Here’s a sneak peak of my own K-9 kit.

Typical contents of a basic K9 First Aid Kit – Muzzle, ‘Ace’ bandage, 6” ‘Kerlex’ gauze roll, tourniquet, trauma shears, tweezers, latex gloves, ‘Coban’ wraps (1 in & 6 inch) first aid tape, disposable rectal thermometer, wound seal, peroxide, antiseptic wipes, and antibiotic ointment. Also copies of dog’s registration, rabies, and distemper vaccinations, and your veterinarian’s contact info. All contained in a nylon pouch.

Quotable Quote

"There are hundreds of millions of gun owners in this country, and not one of them will have an accident today. The only misuse of guns comes in environments where there are drugs, alcohol, bad parents, and undisciplined children. Period." - Ted Nugent

Gun Shows Info

Go to arizonagunshows.net and/or gunshowtrader.com for the most up to date information before traveling.

Oct 29-31 Casa Grande
Nov 6-7 Tucson, Yuma

Nov 13-14 Mesa (this is a big one), San Tan Valley, Cottonwood
Nov 20-21 Kingman, Wickenburg

Snap 'Shot' - Our intrepid WSC field construction unit at work!



Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Question – “Do I need a rifle sling?”

Answer – “Yes, they are necessary and here’s How to Use Them Properly”

Gunsite instructor Bob Whaley shows why a sling is a key component of a well-outfitted modern sporting rifle and not simply an optional piece of equipment. Check out this great Gunsite Academy Firearms Training video -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0ylOnylgSAGunsite>

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



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

I really don’t mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment but now it feels like a small vacation.

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – Got something you want to sell, trade, or are looking for?

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.