

# Williams Sportsman's Club

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# "On Target!"





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### **President's Message**

#### Tis the Season

'Tis that time of year for giving.' This means the year 2021 will be sealed in history soon and most certainly evoke unique memories for us all - some good and some maybe not so good. Our giving spirit may be strained a bit this year as we all come to grips with empty shelves, higher gas prices, ever increasing inflation fears and just a general foreboding of our country's overall health. But the indomitable American Spirit will certainly carry us through 2022. There will still be 365 days in the New Year for each of us—and how we choose to use our allotted time is important.

And while on the topic of time permit me to tell you about a loyal segment of WSC members who always seem to find time to "get 'er done" where the day-to-day operations of the WSC Range is concerned. These folks are your Range Safety Officers whom the general membership sees every time they visit the Range. These same folks wear several hats---from "supply sergeant" as they scrounge for building supplies, to general contractors as they assemble those same building supplies into useful Range improvements. All WSC Range improvements are accomplished at a minimal expense of \$\$\$ to the Club, but with a significant outlay of time by our volunteers. So, as you make your 2022 resolutions think about including the WSC and its needs in your plan as you allocate your time for the upcoming year---the Club always needs a few good volunteers.

Merry Christmas to all,

Keith Heimes President

#### **Announcements**

#### Membership Renewal Time is Here – Get Ready!

Renewal letters and forms are being mailed out to all WSC members now and <u>all renewal</u> 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 <u>both</u> sides must be completed. Of <u>particular importance</u> is the required <u>waiver signature on the back side</u> --<u>this absolutely must be signed</u>. 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 it to the on duty RSO.

#### **Retiring Williams Chief of Police honored by WSC**



WSC President Keith Heimes and Membership Director Chuck Corcoran attended the November Williams City Council meeting where the retirement of Police Chief Herman Nixon was announced. The WSC awarded the Chief a commemorative plaque in recognition of his collaborative work with our club. Sergeant Tad Wygal was promoted the new Chief of Police. The new chief is a 16 year department veteran and also one of the agencies' designated firearms instructors.

WSC President Keith Heimes (left) presents retiring Williams Chief of Police Herman Nixon (right) a recognition award for his cooperation with the WSC in operating the Williams Shooting Range.

#### Winter Range Hours now 10 AM to 2 PM

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 tape a note to your coffee cup as the Range has shifted in to its "Winter Schedule" of 10 AM - 2 PM. Days the Range will be open remain the same – every Wednesday, Saturday, and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. And if you bring coffee to the range make sure you have an extra donut for the RSO!

#### **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.

#### No Board Meeting Held in December

As there was no December 2021 WSC Board Meeting the next WSC Board meeting is set for January 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

#### You too can share in the fun!

From the WSC Bylaws - Section 5. Rights, Privileges and Duties of Members

a) In that the WSC is maintained for the benefit of every member, each member should strive to share in the responsibility for its continued operation. Therefore, it is vital to the WSC that each member volunteer a portion of his/her time, knowledge and effort as is possible to achieve the goals and objectives of the WSC so the burden of operating the WSC is not consistently placed on just a few members.

#### Key phrases -

- Maintained for the benefit of <u>every member</u>....
- Each member should strive to share in the responsibility....
- Vital that each member should volunteer...
- So the burden is not consistently placed on a few members....

Do you have a skill that would benefit the WSC? We have lots of different projects and tasks that occasionally require some help. Stay tuned for 'Help Wanted' announcements.

## **Rifle & Pistol Range Activities**

#### Range Schedule - Check before you go!

As we move into winter the weather may cause some issues so please check the website for any last minute range closure announcements. And remember we share the range with other users and sometimes we may close early or even for the entire day. Also make note of any postings on the WSC Range gate bulletin board.

# **Range Improvement Project**

#### **RSO Ramada**

The ramada completion is awaiting materials.



Girls like guns too! And this might help some of you guys start the new year off right!

#### **Shotgun Range Activities**

#### Winter Weather will require Flexibility with Scheduling

Most of us have probably heard the phrase "flexibility is the key to indecision" which usually means, "Why can't someone just make a decision and let's get on with it!" As winter creeps up on us, and for those who frequent the Sporting Clays range, you might just hear that phrase again. Our goal is to hold our monthly shoots as scheduled, the fourth Sunday of each month with a 10 AM start time.

But 'Ole man winter' might force us all to become more flexible as each scheduled shoot looms on the horizon. The goal will be to make a decision on holding or cancelling a shoot at least 3 days in advance---but weather forecasting is not an exact science so situations could exist where a shoot is cancelled but then the weather turns out to be "ideal"! Just blame it on the management! Looking forward to another fun year of 'bustin' clays!'

#### **Range Safety Officers**

#### Calling all Potential RSO's! That's YOU folks!

All our WSC RSO's are **V** o **u** n **t** e **e** r **s** !!! Without RSO's the range cannot operate, you can't shoot, and right now we have a minimum number of RSO's doing all this. Seriously folks, consider stepping up to the plate and joining the team. If you are a little leery about it all consider partnering with a fellow WSC member and tag team the duty each month. 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 and **the extra benefits** and shooting opportunities the RSO's are authorized. 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!

**RSO's and WSC monthly Board Meetings** – All RSO's are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly board meeting whenever possible. As you RSO's are essentially the ones operating the range your insights, observations, and suggestions are vital to keeping things running smoothly and safely. As the SOP has been revised it would very beneficial if you would attend the next WSC board meeting January 12th when we review it. A hard copy will be issued to each of you at that time.

#### **Recent Range Notes -**

• Chamber Flags – Recently two .22LR rifles were encountered that had loading ports so small that our standard chamber flags would not fit. Solution – Improvise and Adapt!

Just ensure the chamber is empty and the weapons' loading port is open and facing up.

- New member but no email address Two gentlemen joined last month but did not have an email address we require on the application. After some inquiry it was revealed that their wives did. So as a fix they were instructed to have their wives email us at wscaz202@hotmail.com ASAP so we would communicate via her email address.
- "Senior" family membership No such 'senior' membership category exists; just the 'regular' membership at \$50. The fix Just have the senior sign themselves and their spouse up as regular 'senior' members but at \$20 each to save the \$10. Use a single membership form but please make sure you make a note at the top of this dual senior membership request for Chuck Corcoran to see.

#### **Tactical Tips**

#### Red Dot Laser vs. Burglar



"So a burglar broke in to my house last night. I put the handgun's red dot laser on his chest. The cat did the rest....."

#### **Membership Report**

#### January WSC Membership Renewal Period



Did you move in 2021? If so did you send us your new address? If not your WSC renewal paperwork may be coming back to us with the dreaded "RETURN TO SENDER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN" stamp. Just send us the new info via email to wscaz2020@hotmail.com

With 250 members our membership director Chuck Corcoran will be very busy, busy, busy so please do your part. As Elvis would say "Thank you, thank you very much....."



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

Annette is off this month so the Grump has volunteered his advice.

"Start your day off right with a large bowl of oatmeal, a big bran muffin, and two large glasses of prune juice." The management suggests you stay close to home and the facilities.

#### **Quotable Quote**

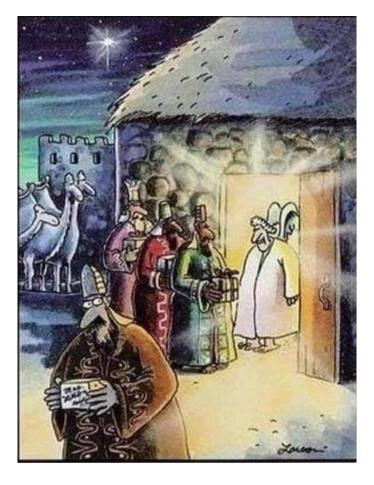
"There are hundreds of millions of gun owners in this country, and not one of them will have an accident today. The only misuse of guns comes in environments where there are drugs, alcohol, bad parents, and undisciplined children. Period." - Ted Nugent

# **Gun Shows Info**

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

Dec 3-5	Phoenix (this is a big show)
Dec 4-5	Bullhead
Dec 11-12	Casa Grande, Yuma
Dec 18-19	Queen Creek, Tucson
Jan 1-2	Lake Havasu, Yuma
Jan 8-9	Tucson

# **Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit**



**Question** – Was there a fourth Wise Man at Bethlehem? **Answer** – Yes there was but unbeknownst to most theologians he was turned away for bringing fruit cake.

#### Snap 'Shot'



#### The Grump — "Here's my opinion – ought to be yours!"



- #1 Talk to yourself as there are times you need expert advice.
- #2 Clothes that are 'In Style" are those that you have that still fit.
- #3 You don't need anger management; you just need people to stop pissing you off.
- #4 Your people skills are just fine, it's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

# **Trading Post**

#### **How the WSC Trading Post works**

Send the information to wscaz2020@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. The condition of firearms, parts and accessories to be listed shall follow NRA standard rating categories. http://www.nramuseum.org/gun-inforesearch/evaluating-firearms-condition.aspx

For Sale – More HBAR Upper Receiver Assemblies – Your choice Colt, FN or Bushmaster



With an NRA rating of 'Good Condition' these M16A2 HBAR uppers have 20" heavy barrels marked "B MP 5.56 NATO 1/9 H BAR," with fixed carry handle, fully adjustable A2 rear sights, bolt forward assist, case deflector, dust cover, birdcage flash hider, bayonet lug, front swivel, Nitride finish, with a barrel twist of 1 rotation in 9 inches. The upper DOES NOT include bolt, bolt carrier or charging handle. These are 'take offs' from a LE trade in. Specify which make you want - Colt, FN, or Bushmaster. Note — some of the Colts are the early 'large' takedown pin version for those desiring to build a 'retro rifle.'

\$500 each which includes shipping from Texas.

If interested contact Bruce Speirs 928 412-4129 or <a href="mailto:bspeirs1055@gmail.com">bspeirs1055@gmail.com</a>