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"On Target!"



January 2022

Membership renewal forms were mailed out to all WSC members in December and all applications are due by January 31, 2022.

President's Message

Well, here we are----Almost halfway through the first month of 2022!!! I certainly hope you all had a Happy New Year and are looking forward to enjoying more Range time in 2022. The Range has been closed a few days in 2022 already due to excessive snow conditions on both the access road and Range proper. Good news is that mother nature has melted most of those early snows and the Range is now open for business—at least until the next snow arrives.

Expect to see some minor changes to Range operations for 2022. Changes made to facilitate safety and operational efficiency. We will be asking shooters to pick up their brass and to remove paper targets from the cardboard frames after each use. Excess brass left on the Range surface creates a walking hazard and removing excess paper targets is a courtesy to the next shooter. Shooters will be allowed to pick up brass during a "cold range"—but there will be no handling of firearms as other shooters may be downrange attending to target maintenance. You may also pick up brass during a "hot range" if that activity does not create a safety hazard. Also, WSC will not allow any draw from the holster activity on the main Range for safety reasons. This activity will be allowed on adjacent pistol bays but only under the direct supervision of a WSC RSO.

WSC looks forward to seeing each of you on the Range in 2022 for more shooting and camaraderie.

Keith Heimes
President

Announcements

New Shooter Check in Procedure

Look closely at the new RSO work station and you will notice the hanging “CHECK IN” sign. There you will find our ‘WSC Range User Sign In’ sheet, the ‘One Day Shooter’ forms, ‘WSC Membership Application’ sheets, and our ‘WSC Range Standard Operating Procedures’ book. Please report here first thing to check in with the RSO so he/she is aware of your arrival. This also gives you the opportunity to inform the RSO of your intended shooting activities for the day. Things go much smoother and safer when we are all communicating!



New RSO Work Station and Shooter Sign In. The RSO stand has further improvements pending.

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.

January 12th Board Meeting Highlights –

- No Board Meeting was held in December.
- The latest revision of our WSC Standard Operating Procedure was reviewed and approved. RSO's please review the document on line and see page 4 of this newsletter for highlights.
- RSO recruitment and retention efforts were discussed. These include the issuance of identifying WSC RSO hats and nametags, be exempt from annual membership fees in consideration of the fulfillment of their monthly Range duties, and the further consideration of an annual RSO (and WSC Board) recognition gathering.
- Membership renewals are still coming in.
- The latest Range Improvements were discussed with the immediate focus on completion of the RSO stand and installation of a handrail at the range entry gate.

The next WSC Board meeting is set for February 9th, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Attention All WSC Members & RSOs – Standard Operating Procedure Changes

- Handguns will not be drawn and fired from the holster on the main range. WSC RSOs and other qualified (as determined by the on-duty RSO) individuals are allowed to draw and fire from the holster on the side pistol bays only. A WSC RSO will be present to supervise this activity. (This area encompasses the open shooting bays against the north hill not normally utilized by WSC shooters. Any activity there will depend on the availability of an RSO.)
- Shooters will pick up their brass before departing the Range. (For disposal please put it in the "Brass Bucket" at the RSO stand. Reloaders are encouraged to scrounge through it to their heart's content!)
- Shooters will remove their personal paper targets from the target frames. (This as courtesy to the next shooter and your RSOs.)
- Cold Range: Shooters will be allowed to go downrange for target inspection or replacement and pick up brass as required. (No handling of firearms at any time will be permitted.)
- Hot range: Shooters will be allowed to pick up brass as desired but you must not move forward of the RED LINE - and - as long as that activity does not create a safety hazard.

Hey Folks - Remember reading this article?

Got Cardboard? Do your part as this stuff does not just show up all by itself!

The Range is always in need of a steady supply of replacement target frame cardboard and more precisely, nice square pieces that measure 18½ X 36 (+/-) inches. Save these dimensions!

So if you have been to the range and blasted the center out of your target you should absolutely be contributing some replacement cardboard target material. The only requirement is that YOU must cut it to size at home first before you bring it. And please give us flat, decent quality cardboard for range use. The RSO's and your fellow shooters thank you! We don't buy this stuff folks so take a few minutes and do your part!



This is an action photo taken in early December of two of our loyal 'WSC Craft Services' troopers seen cutting away for several hours. The result was about 100 cardboard target backers. Wow! Thank you Keith Heimes & Warren Weir! They were given just an hour's notice that all this cardboard was available but only if they responded NOW to cut it to size and haul it off.

Shotgun Range Activities

Sporting Clays Experiencing Weather Challenges

Sporting Clays operations and Northern Arizona Weather don't necessarily exist in a harmonious world!!! At least not the operation WSC currently endeavors to operate at the Camp Raymond Scout Camp. Unlike my fond memories of hunting pheasants in Nebraska where I just trundled into a snow-covered cornfield and hoped the birds would fly, the WSC birds take a little more prodding to take to the air. The recent snows - now melting - continue to present issues regarding access to the Range and for the physical setup of the throwing

machines. Our December shoot was cancelled for “weather” and our January 23rd shoot status will be decided in the next week. Notification of pending shoots and cancellations, if required, is done through the Sporting Clays master email list. If you would like to participate, please notify WSC through our Club email, WSCaz2020@hotmail.com. Your contact information will be added to the list and with Mother Nature’s cooperation, we can engage in some clay busting soon!

Range Improvement Project

Project Planning

Due to the winter weather not much in the way of facility improvements are anticipated or planned for the immediate future. The one thing that we are striving to complete is the new RSO work station. Brick paver floor, cabinets, and chairs are planned. But standby as once spring and dry weather comes more great improvements will be possible.

Range Gate Safety Improvement – Handrail Installed!



For all those who have found the trapeze act of negotiating the cattle guard in the ice & snow such a fun challenge will be happy to find that our skilled WSC Craft Service troopers installed a handrail to make this process safer!

Thank you Keith Heimes, Warren Weir and Chuck Corcoran! Chuck was quoted as saying “Look Ma, no fall down go Boom!”

Range Safety Officers

Got Snow?

Remember that if a sudden nasty change in weather occurs you may close the Range. Who wants to shoot in a blizzard? Please contact Keith Heimes or Matthew Fleece via text or phone if this becomes necessary.

Revisions to our WSC Standard Operating Procedures – Important!

All RSOs are encouraged to review the latest revisions to the WSC Standard Operating Procedures as they relate to Range Safety and Operations. The revised SOPs will be posted on the WSC website and a hard copy has been printed out for each RSO and will be in the conex for pick up. Please stop by the range as soon as possible to get your copy.

Tactical Tips



*“Listen up cupcake! Here’s your 2022 New Year’s Resolution –
One - Rotate new ‘duty ammo’ into your carry pistols.
Two - Get out to the range and shoot up the old ammo up as practice.
Three – Get out to the range every month.
Four - Give your weapon a good cleaning.”*

You may see me at the range so stand by if I call out “Weapons Inspection Now!” If you fail inspection I won’t make you do push-ups but you may owe me a cup of coffee and a donut!

While humorous there is an important message here. To ensure a combat ready and capability force a USMC Officer was quoted as saying “If you **EXpect** it, **INspect** it.” Translation – if your life depends that your carry gun is ready and fully functional in case of a sudden deadly encounter then you are required to properly maintain it – clean, lubricated, and loaded with quality ammunition. This PLUS your commitment to regular training to maintain your proficiency.

Membership Report

It’s Membership Renewal Time!

Renewal letters and forms were mailed out to all WSC members in December and all renewal applications are due by January 31, 2022.

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 it to the on duty RSO.

And 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 wscsz2020@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

While the sun prevails, we have a mix of mud, snow, and ice wherever we go. I could skate on my patio, as the snow and ice melts, then freezes. That is why my family uses Yukon “Slipnots Traction Soles.” These traction aids slip over boots/shoes and provides traction on icy surfaces. Check out their website: www.yukonsports.com for pricing and size. www.amazon.com also has them. We purchased ours at “Peace Surplus” in Flagstaff. While there are other types of traction slip-ons these just seem easier to slip on and use. Prices range from \$10-\$15 a pair.

The second item recommended are trekking poles. You have the option to buy a single pole or two poles. I use a single pole for short walk-about and a pair of poles for more adventurous hikes. A single pole is approximately \$20 with pairs about \$40. Trekking poles ensure that there are always at least two points of contact with the ground!

The third tip is to keep “Ice Melt” handy. I use an empty (large) spice container, fill it with “Ice Melt” and when I find ice patches beside my car in parking lots I sprinkle the “Ice Melt” on the area. Once back to my vehicle that ice is now water.

The point of these tips is to prevent falls. None of us want to end up in the local Emergency Room with a fracture, head injury or worse. Give yourself extra time this winter for forays past your front door. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, and enjoy the outdoors!

Quotable Quote

“A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.”

Gun Shows Info

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

Jan 15-16	Phoenix
Jan 22-23	San Tan Valley, Kingman,
Jan 29-30	Prescott
Feb 12-13	Payson
Feb 19-20	Globe, Wickenburg, Las Vegas
Feb 26-27	Phoenix, Bullhead

Snap 'Shot'



Scuttlebutt has it that RSOs Jack Douglas and Dale Vicari are starting a covert operation to have a percolator full of freshly brewed coffee and a big box of donuts every morning at the Range. Could this be another change consideration for our Standard Operating Procedures? Just good old Cowboy percolated coffee, no double mocha latte micro foam here! Maple bar anyone?

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



It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

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 - Remington model 11-87 12 gauge shotgun, fires 3 inch magnum shells.



Bought it for my teenage son who I thought, wrongly as it turned out, was interested in duck hunting. It has a 28 inch barrel and I do have the full, modified and improved Rem Choke tubes with the wrench. This gun is designed for turkey, ducks, geese, pheasant, et. al. The action is therefore designed to function using heavier loads (meaning not dove and quail loadings). It has been in my gun safe for more than 20 years. I think it safe to say it's very close to new condition. I'm about to list it for auction with a starting bid of \$800 but I will sell for \$650 to a WSC club member.

Jerry Smiley 702-373-3210 or smiles304@gmail.com

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.' Private party sale – no tax.

\$500 each which includes shipping from Texas.

If interested contact Bruce Speirs 928 412-4129 or bspeirs1055@gmail.com