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"On Target!"



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

President's Message

Looking forward---

How can WSC make the shooting experience SAFE and more rewarding for our members? Safety is a mindset and must never take second seat to other desires while handling firearms. We all relish taking our newest purchase on a "test drive" on the Range—validating the \$\$\$\$ well spent (we hope) to increase our level of competence. WSC will soon be offering reactive target shooting for pistol and pistol caliber carbine shooters. These operations will be conducted on adjacent pistol bays with targets consisting of various steel targets. Obviously, this will require additional RSO support, and we will strive to announce in advance when necessary support is available—number of days per month when available will vary. Why do this you ask??? We all strive to shoot accurately with increasing speed—and shooting steel is always gratifying with instant feedback. The only "scoring" will be your own individual requirements—striving to improve your ability to engage multiple targets SAFELY and efficiently. This is a pilot program which we hope will be received with enthusiasm. As mentioned earlier, this effort will require on-site RSO support---and you are all aware of our need for more RSO help, so now is the time to raise your hand to lend a hand.

Keith Heimes
President

Announcements

Did You Forget to Renew your WSC Membership?

This newsletter is going out to all WSC members – those who have renewed their membership for 2022 and as a reminder to those that our records indicate did not. If you are one of those who do not renew immediately you will be dropped from our membership list and your Range access will be revoked! Yikes! So go to the WSC website, download a membership application, sign both sides and return it ASAP! www.williamssportsmansclub.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.

The February 9th meeting was postponed to the 16th as the Legion Hall was closed for maintenance.

February 16th Board Meeting Highlights –

- Ladies' Pistol Orientation discussed. There are 40 ladies on the interest list. It is anticipated that orientation sessions will be scheduled in the spring. Additionally several ladies from prior orientations had expressed a desire for 'Ladies Only' range time. It was proposed that a specific range day could be identified each month and that the ladies hours would be added beyond the normal closure time. An announcement will be crafted and sent out to gauge the interest level.
- The RSO enhancement / retention effort was discussed. Name tags and hats were approved with the final designs pending. Other items are still under evaluation.

Next WSC Board meeting set for Wednesday March 9th at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Got you all a 'Quicker Picker' Upper for Your Brass!

It's everyone's responsibility to pick up their brass before departing the Range. To help everyone with this dreaded knee bending task we now have a small broom and an accompanying pole mounted dust pan. This 'pick 'er upper' tool set should definitely help out.



It can be found in the target frame locker.

Take the brass home or dispose of it in the “Brass Bucket” at the RSO stand. Reloaders are encouraged to scrounge through it to their heart’s content!

Shotgun Range Activities

Sporting Clays

Effectively conducting a Sporting Clays operation here in Northern Arizona during the winter months is an exercise in tradeoffs. A situation of “good” news vs “bad” news. The good news is that mild weather has a grip on the area now which allows us to consider holding a shoot. The bad news is that this same mild weather pattern is not bringing the normal snow amounts which could eventually drive us into a significant moisture shortage in just a few short months. Which is best??? Winter moisture has significant impacts on our environment for many reasons and ranks high on the scale of importance so takes precedence over other benefits realized by a mild weather pattern. But we deal with what Mother Nature brings us---which means there might be a Sporting Clays shoot in the making soon. For those on the master email list for these shoots, you will be notified of upcoming shoots. If you want to participate but have not previously indicated your interest, let us know at our Club email, wscaz2020@hotmail.com and your contact information will be added to the list. Our course is small but not easy—ask anyone who has tried to master it!!!

Range Improvement Project

Range Safety Officer Work Station

Early this month Warren Weir (RSO & Sporting Clays Director) was able to secure the possession of a construction site strong box at no cost for the RSO stand. This will permit the RSO's to dispense with the task of dragging the dreaded "little yellow wagon" in and out of the WSC Conex box and up and back from the Range each day. All the club's shooting aids, gong paint, official forms and such will be here – safe, secure and protected from the weather. WSC President Keith Heimes estimates something like this on the open market would have cost the WSC about \$2,000. Thank you Warren!



Warren Weir assisted by Keith Heimes and Chris Mayer drove to Kingman to pick it up and bring it back to the Range for installation. Loading and unloading this thing from the back of a pickup truck must have been no fun for sure. Thank you for the effort – Much appreciated!

Project Planning

Now that spring will be here in a month or two the subject of continuing our anticipated or planned facility improvements are being dusted off. The one thing that we are striving to complete is the new RSO work station. Now that we have received the box the next items to check off will be brick paver flooring and chairs.



We've heard that Dale Vicari and Jack Douglas have suggested to Keith that the club install reclining chairs, a TV, coffee maker, and a small fridge. Next thing they'll want is a phone line installed so they can order a pizza delivery!

Membership Report

Welcome New Members!

Steve & Ramona Auld

Joshua & Melissa Brown

Michael Coleman

Scott Freedland

Gloria Montgomery

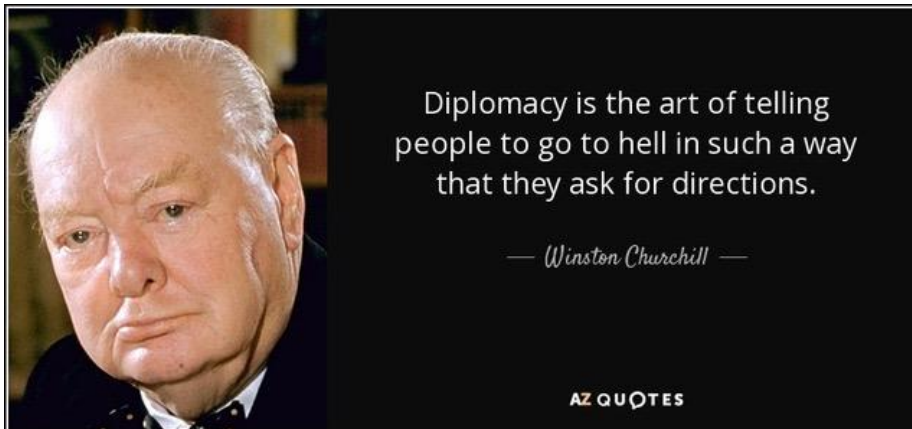
Marie Montoya

Amanda Radke

Lucinda Smiley

Dawn & Shelly Wrigley

Quotable Quote



Range Safety Officers

New RSO comes on board

Everyone please extend a well-deserved 'Congratulations' to Adal Lopez as our newest Range Safety Officer! If you recognize his name, or if you attended any of the "Stop The Bleed" classes in the last two years, then you met him there as our instructor. Adal comes to us with

an incredible wealth of knowledge as a former US Army Special Forces medic. He is currently employed by Guardian Air Medical Transport. Welcome aboard Adal!

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.

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!

Tactical Tips

Do You Carry a Spare Magazine or Revolver Reload?



"I know what you're thinking: Did he fire six shots or only five? Well, to tell you the truth, in all this excitement I've kind 'a lost track myself. But being this is a .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world and would blow your head clean off, you've got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky?' Well, do you, punk?"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc4b1WLL5Ak

I know of very few folks who carry on their person a spare magazine for their semi-auto pistol or extra cartridges to reload their revolver with. That said and from what information I could locate the typical amount of ammunition expended by a citizen in a self-defense scenario is three rounds. The typical distance is close range - 3 to 20 feet. You must also take into consideration that the vast majority of citizens – and those shooting statistics so generated –

occurred in high density to urban environments while we live in a low density to remote environment.

Our rural setting could mean we may exceed the average due to our setting which may increase the distances involved, allow for the use of cover, and may require more rounds to be fired as the likelihood of missing your target increases with distance. So as a 'word to the wise' - and as a minimum precaution - place a spare magazine or extra revolver cartridges in your vehicle AND a second set in the home where you keep your weapon ready for use. Most would agree that it is better to have it and not ever need it than not have it and suffer the consequences. And keep up your defensive firearms skill sets up so come on out and shoot!

Gun Shows Info

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

February

12 & 13	Payson
19 & 20	Globe, Tucson, Wickenburg
26 & 27	Bullhead, Phoenix

March

5 & 6	Cottonwood, San Tan Valley, Tucson, Yuma
12 & 13	Kingman, Parker, Queen Creek
19 & 20	Lake Havasu, Prescott
26 & 27	Safford

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



I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my highway exit.

How many of us have looked around our family reunion and thought 'Well aren't we just two clowns short of a circus or what here?'

Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Question – Where is the Largest Machinegun Shooting Event?

Answer - Big Sandy, Arizona – March 18, 19 & 20 & October 14, 15 & 16

A twice a year, located off AZ 93 south of Interstate 40, the trip is a 90 minute drive from Williams and is a three day weekend of friends, weapons, targets and gear in Arizona's high western desert. With a quarter mile long firing range, populated by hundreds of shooters, the Big Sandy is the largest machine-gun shoot in the United States. This NFA shooting range will test yourself, your weapon and your sights. Held in Northwestern Arizona, approximately 10 miles northeast of the town Wikieup, where you can get some distance on your targets. Some targets fly the length of the range at high speeds, some explode. If you're up to it, please come visit this uniquely American event. General Admission Spectator \$35 www.bigsandyshoot.com

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). 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 – 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

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