



Williams Sportsman's Club

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"On Target!"



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President's Message

Take a kid---

Shooting!!! They are the future of the shooting sports, and the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights. We (the older generation) have a responsibility to teach our youth the pleasures of safely engaging in the shooting sports. A quick survey of WSC's membership lists and watching the daily attendance rosters, indicate there is a significant lack of youth coming to the Range. Yes, there are numerous extra-curricular activities vying for kid's time these days, so it becomes even more important that efforts be made to steer them towards the shooting sports. WSC has partnered with local 4H groups providing safe controlled Range facilities for their practice. One local chapter will be sending some of their shooters to 4H Nationals in June 2022. This will be an excellent opportunity for these kids to grow and interact with other 4H shooters—meeting new folks and enjoying the comradery of like-minded individuals. So, as you might expect, these programs are mostly funded through donations and money generating events. If you ever find yourself with an extra dollar in your pocket, the 4H shooting programs would be grateful for your support.

Keith Heimes, President

Announcements

WSC Researching an Archery Range so if you will use it please let us know.



Recently a proposal to establish an archery range was presented to the Board of Directors. If you would like such a facility please contact Dave Richards who has volunteered to coordinate this effort. The club needs to know if members are interested so please email Dave at granite3391@pm.me

Ladies Shoot

The WSC just held a ladies first time shooters orientation shoot as this newsletter was going to print. The event is designed as help ladies who are new to the shooting sports and who have little to no experience. The club anticipates holding more such events in the future. If you are interested or know of someone who would be you may contact us via email at wscsz2020@hotmail.com and let us know of your interest.

WSC will be at Williams Gun Show Sat & Sun May 21 & 22 – Stop by & Say Hi!

Come on out and visit with your fellow WSC members at the Williams Gun Show. The WSC will be staffing a booth for membership recruitment and community outreach Saturday and Sunday.

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.

May 11th Board Meeting Highlights –

- A proposal to establish an Archery Range was presented by WSC member Dave Richards. Currently the WSC has no course of fire for those members seeking archery practice. Archery is an authorized AZ G&F hunting method and the closest archery range is in Flagstaff. The current WSC Range facility has a large unutilized area in the north east corner that could safely accommodate such a use. While there are archers in the WSC the number interested in such a facility needs to be further explored. The anticipated costs are anticipated to be low. Dave will explore the feasibility of establishing an archery range and will report back with cost estimates and projected interest levels from the membership.
- Due to his longtime support and dedication to the club the Board approved an Honorary membership to be bestowed on Leyder Ness. Leyder now lives in Indiana.

Next WSC Board meeting set for June 8th at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Expect Increased Range Usage as Summer has Arrived

Now that we have better weather the WSC may experience some Range schedule challenges as other authorized users of the Williams Shooting Range vie for range time. The WSC understands and respects the training needs of the other organizations. As always we will send out any schedule changes via email notices and post them on our website. Please make it a routine to check first – gas is too expensive!

Fire Season – Let’s all do our part

Our area and the Range are under Stage One Fire Restrictions. We are open as usual but please use due caution. Do your part by using the WSC Range facility and not shooting in the forest areas. It is much safer here and less likely to cause an unintended fire.

Shotgun Range Activities

Next WSC Sporting Clays shoot Sunday May 22nd 9 AM start time

So just how fast and erratic can a clay pigeon fly?? If one had been engaged in the sport the last few days, it would’ve been wise to just stow your scattergun and return another day. Unprecedented winds in Northern Arizona have been the norm recently—which contributed to clays traveling downwind setting new airborne speed records and jinking like never seen before. The good news is that the forecast winds for the May 22nd shoot are reasonable. Let’s hope the weather guessers have that aspect of their forecast correct. Also the effort continues to make our “rabbits” jump higher and faster—giving an added degree of difficulty to preventing them from reaching the end of the rabbit track. Come on out and enjoy meeting new folks—a good time is always had by all.

Tactical Tips

Situational Awareness – What’s that? My mom had it, your mom had, all moms forever and to



this day have it. Moms have eyes in the back of their heads! I know you’re all grown up now and don’t need watching – but oh yes you do! YOU need to watch out for YOURSELF! In today’s uncertain world that’s called “Situational Awareness;” the practice of scanning your surroundings to determine if something out of the ordinary is occurring. And then if so, how you plan to respond to it. Adding to this list of

sensory survival traits are your “Sixth Sense” that something just isn’t right, the hair standing up on your neck or arms, noticing a strange noise or smell. Primeval warnings sent to your brain. If uncomfortable get out of the area, return to your car, watch to see if you are being followed, have your phone and/or carry pistol readily, survive!

Membership Report

New Members

Here are six new members who have joined since our May 2022 WSC membership meeting -

Loretta McKenney

Ken "KJ" Olmscheid

William & Kristan Culbertson

William Culbertson IV

Scott Meadows

Quotable Quote



"OK, Last night you washed the dishes, this morning you took out the trash, now you are folding the laundry. So what kind of gun did you buy and how much was it?"

Gun Shows Info

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

May 21 & 22 Williams, Kingman, Springerville

June 4 & 5 Flagstaff, Tucson, Yuma
June 11 & 12 Queen Creek, Show Low
June 25 & 26 Mesa

Snap 'Shot'



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



Sometimes the Universe puts you in the same situation again to see if you’re still a dumbass.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is, once you get old you stop being polite and just start being bluntly honest.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – How it Works

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.