



Williams Sportsman's Club

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"On Target!"



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President's Message

Recently I was browsing through past minutes from WSC BOD meetings. Must've been bored huh? The September 2019 minutes indicated that WSC membership was 124. Where is that number today? If you guessed 278 you would be correct! Why has our membership numbers more than doubled in 3 years' time? There are probably several reasons—world situation, demographic changes, personal reasons, improved range facilities, etc.

Whatever the reasons, with increased membership comes additional workloads for all the volunteers who keep the train pointed down the tracks. I'm sure there are many of you that have found yourselves shrouded in the cloak of volunteerism and wondered "just why did I do this to myself"?? As with most, volunteers do it because they believe in the cause, project, or effort enough to give freely of their time. WSC RSOs donate many hours of their free time to keeping the Range functional for our membership. How can you, the membership, help with the workload that RSOs face each day? A couple of very simple efforts such as picking up your brass after shooting and removing paper targets from target stands after each use. Easy enough tasks for each individual shooter but they can snowball in a hurry if individual RSOs find themselves engaged in these efforts solo after a busy day. If we all do a little, then a few won't have to do a lot! Thanks for your help in keeping the WSC range the best little Range in the West!

Keith Heimes
President WSC

Announcements

Williams Friends of NRA Annual Fundraiser

September 17TH, 2022 – 4:30pm

Miss Kitty's Steakhouse

642 E Route 66, Williams AZ 86046

*SEATING IS LIMITED!! **** Sorry no tickets available at the door!!!!*

For EVENT TICKETS and INFORMATION call:

PATTY: 928-853-4974 TYLER: 818-259-8739

Online: www.friendsofnra.org/az

Email: PWILLIAMSWEAR@GMAIL.COM

WSC Membership Recruitment and Community Outreach Booth at Williams Gun Show



The WSC staffed a booth for one day at the August 6th gun show in Williams. The booth was setup and professionally attended to by several WSC volunteers. Donuts and pizza were served throughout the day to entice the volunteer crew from deserting their assigned duty stations. This tactic worked--mostly. Attendance at the show was not robust but the Club still managed to entice 7 new members to sign up. Welcome to each of you. We also recruited a new RSO—Kurt Penttila who comes to us after recently retiring from the US Army and as a Range Master at the Camp Navajo Army Depot. Welcome Kurt, your willingness to help keep the WSC Range running smoothly will be greatly appreciated.

Correction

The editor regrets that in last month's newsletter the name of the Williams Lions Club was misspelled. This was in regards to the Board Meeting minutes acknowledgment of the Lions Club donation of straw bales in support of the WSC's new archery program.

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.

August 10th Board Meeting Highlights –

- BSA Pack 140 personnel expressed their desire to partner with WSC to further their goals. The WSC agreed to assist with safe firearms instruction for Pack members to include Range operations and other projects as they occur. Pack 140 will be attending the September 24, 2022 BB gun event at Camp Raymond Scout Camp.
- Membership Report: 278 active members.
- Archery Report: The Range is ready for use. The extra eight straw bales that were donated by the Lions Club will be offered to Camp Raymond if not needed by WSC.
- The Williams gun show netted 7 new members. BOD decided not to attend the Sept 10/11 2022 Flagstaff Gun Show.
- Upcoming events:
 - Hunter Ed Class: September 10, 2022. 1300-1700 at Range
 - An RSO Standardization proposal was discussed.

Next WSC Board meeting set for September 7th at 5:30 PM. **Note** - this date is one week earlier than normal.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

PPT is coming to a Range near you!

Logically you might be asking yourself, “What is PPT?” PPT stands for “Practical Pistol Training.” Call it a hybrid of other pistol shooting disciplines designed to improve your skills with a pistol or pistol caliber carbine (PPC). WSC will be offering this event on a limited basis initially until the demand/usage factor is determined. Our first “official” PPT event will be held Wednesday September 28th during normal range hours. The schedule will be rotated through our normal open days in order to give everyone an opportunity to experience this new event. Our goal is to provide a more dynamic pistol shooting environment to improve your pistol handling skills. These drills will be conducted on one of side pistol bays and targets will be a combination of steel, paper, rubber dummies and maybe a bowling pin or two thrown into the mix. It is

hoped that WSC members would use this opportunity to improve upon your ability to engage targets accurately using your primary carry handgun, but you will not be restricted by that requirement. Caliber use will be anything up to .45 and PPCs are authorized. All shooting will be done from the low ready position from a fixed shooting box. Scenarios will be developed that require magazine changes and maybe a malfunction drill. This effort will require that a WSC RSO be present and SAFETY procedures will be adhered to by all. While “firm” days will initially be scheduled, don’t hesitate to ask the on duty RSO if PPT is being conducted when you arrive at the Range. We will strive to inform the membership via email blasts, our website, and on Facebook when PPT days are scheduled.

Archery Range Activities

Archery Range Construction Progress

The in-progress archery range construction and fixtures have been finalized.

Local Youths shoot Archery at WSC Range

On August 13, 2022, the University of Arizona, Coconino County Cooperative Extension 4-H held the 2022 Coconino County 4-H Archery Match at the Williams Sportsman Club Range facility. As our WSC facilities were still in flux they brought in their own targets and stands for the event. A total of 43 members participated, representing 4 clubs. The Page 4-H Club had 24 members with the rest coming from Flagstaff, Parks, and Williams. The competition was split by ages into Junior, Intermediate, and Seniors, and then by discipline categories of Compound, Recurve, and Genesis. To participate in the event the members must remain in good standing with the club and have had their archery leader’s sign off. The winners will be announced at the Coconino County Fair.





Shotgun Range Activities

Will it ever stop raining?

No complaints though as Northern Arizona has been blessed with ample rainfall keeping the threat of forest fires at a minimum. Not so good though for the folks downstream from the recent forest fire burn scars. Resultant from the plentiful rains comes rampant growth of the weeds/grass on the clays range which has required a considerable amount of time behind weed eaters manned by eager volunteers. And of course, there are now new crops of flying insects---mosquitoes the size of small birds that seemingly are everywhere! So, for those folks that will be shooting clays and braving the critter hazard anytime soon, be sure bring along some strong effective skeeter repellent. Look forward to seeing you brave souls on the Range soon.



Range Safety Officers

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 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 Standardization Effort

A test program will be initiated that will involve periodic "quizzes" sent to all RSOs for review. These will be non-graded with answers provided. Intent is to further standardize RSO procedures. RSOs are encouraged to provide inputs for this effort.

Tactical Tips

Weapon Maintenance



"If I've said it once I've said it a million times – A properly cleaned and maintained weapon is a happy weapon. Make me happy people! Get your

weapon squared away! If you rely on it you need to do your duty so it can perform flawlessly when your life or a family member's life depends on it. And get out to the Range and shoot!"

Arizona Permit to Carry Concealed Weapon – Info on Renewal Process Timelines

Like any organization there is a backlog on paperwork at AZ DPS. Keith Heimes and Dale Vicari both recently renewed theirs and are reporting that you may send in your renewal paperwork early but no sooner than 90 days prior to your current permit's scheduled expiration. If you send it in prior to the 90 days AZ DPS will send it back.

Membership Report

New Members

Here are five new members who have joined since our July 2022 WSC membership meeting -

John Milner
Teresa Kelly

Mile Harvey
Victoria Harvey

Jim McDonald

Gun Show Info

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

Sept 10-11	Flagstaff, Phoenix
Sept 17-18	Tucson
Sept 24-25	Mesa, Prescott Valley
Oct 1-2	Prescott Valley
Oct 8-9	Queen Creek
Oct 15-16	Kingman
Oct 22-23	Tucson, Wickenburg

The Grump – “Why has our sportsman’s club membership numbers increased?”



1. The RSO's are so friendly that folks just naturally gravitate to the range!
2. There are no mosquitoes at the range.
3. The coffee is free (but you have to bring it).
4. You can count on a visit by Jack Douglas. He makes my day for sure.
5. Most everybody there likes to talk guns.

6. Parking, like coffee, is also free.
7. The dress is casual and gun oil soaked T-shirts are in fashion.
8. All the fired .22 rimfire brass is free for the taking – PLEASE!

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – How it Works

Send the information to wscz2020@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.