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"On Target!"



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President's Message

Range Facility Improvements

A primary focus of WSC in the past has been to improve Range facilities for our membership thereby affording everyone enhanced training opportunities. Most of us do not enjoy unlimited resources when it comes to our firearms training, so we must make the most of the time/space available. WSC recently added a small archery range (just one target for now) that will allow for shooting distances out to approximately 60 yards. This setup will be available to members during normal Range hours.

Practical Pistol Training

The latest event the Club will be offering is called "Practical Pistol Training." The concept is to provide more dynamic pistol shooting scenarios that will hopefully enhance shooter's ability to employ their carry firearms safely and with greater efficiency. This is a beta test program for now and feedback is solicited. More information can be found later in this newsletter. WSC is a "members" Club and while our physical constraints are significant, we are always open to new ideas on how to better serve our membership.

Announcements

Youth Hunter Education Class October 8th is Full – Next Class projected for the Spring

WSC RSO Bill Townsend will be the instructor for this AZ G&F class. The class has 21 registered students and is closed to further enrollments. The next projected Youth Hunter Education class will be in the in the spring of 2023. Those WSC members who think their children or grandchildren would be interested or benefit from this shooting sports opportunity may contact Bill Townsend via email at townsendb2000@gmail.com

In Arizona no one under the age of 10 may hunt big game and no one under age 14 may hunt big game without completing a Hunter Education course. While you must be 10 years of age to hunt big game, you may complete Hunter Education at the age of 9, however the Hunter Education completion card and certificate does not become valid until the youth's 10th birthday. Visit the Arizona Game and Fish website for more information - azgfd.com/Education/Hunting/

Practical Pistol Training planned for end of September

This is a hybrid of many pistol shooting disciplines designed to improve your skills with a pistol or pistol caliber carbine. WSC will be offering this event on a limited basis initially until the demand/usage factor is determined. See page 3 for all the details.

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.

September 2022 Board Meeting Highlights –

- WSC will provide gun safety instruction to BSA Pack 140 on September 13, 2022 in preparation of the scouts' attendance of the Kaibab BB gun shoot at Camp Raymond September 24, 2022. WSC will continue to assist the Pack with the development of any shooting sports related endeavors.
- BOD approved expenditure of \$250.00 to our CPA, Mr. Bill Weiss, to file the necessary IRS 990-N forms in regards to the club's 501 (C) (7) non-profit organization tax exempt status.
- In conjunction with our tax exempt status the WSC intends to pursue an NRA Range Improvement grant request for our Sporting Clays Range. A grant request of \$15,000 will be submitted for the purchase of 6 new throwers, a remote control system, a solar charging system, and six 12-volt batteries. If approved, we should be notified around February 2023.
- Upcoming Range Events:
 - Saturday Sept 10th, Hunter Education Class 1100-1500
 - CCSO will be utilizing the Range several days in September. As such RSOs need to consult the RSO Range calendar for further specifics.
 - Wednesday Sept 28th: Inaugural Practical Pistol Training (PPT) shoot. This will run concurrent with our normal Range hours.

- A short continuation training (CT) session for RSO's and board members was held. Discussed were various items that have changed since the latest SOP version (1-1-2022) was published.

Next WSC Board meeting set for Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Practical Pistol Training

In event you missed the August WSC newsletter here is a recap of what we envision the training objectives are for those who participate in **Practical Pistol Training (PPT)**. PPT is 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 of choice 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.

4H Youth Shooting Sports

On Saturday August 20th our WSC Ranged hosted a Coconino County 4H small bore rifle and small bore pistol shooting event involving three clubs – 'Page 4H' club, 'Boots & Buckles' (out of Doney Park), and 'Parks in the Pines' from, you guessed it, Parks. The 16 participants ranged in age from 9 to 17 years old. Each shooter fired 300 rounds .22 ammunition. First with rifles at six different sets of targets and then with pistols at three different sets of targets.

At the end of the training session a Grand Champion (1st Place) and a Reserve Champion (2nd Place) for each firearm category was determined. The Reserve Champion for pistol was Olivia Napoleon, a local Parks girl. Remarkably her first experience firing a pistol was in June. The names of the top shooters were announced at the recent Coconino County Fair and the WSC received public acknowledgement for supporting the program.



The group of participants. WSC RSO and AZ G&F Hunter Education Instructor Bill Townsend (rear row - orange vest) was instrumental organizing this opportunity for these local youths.



Two ladies with sharp young eyes firing the rifle course.



Olivia Napoleon (foreground) taking careful aim on the 25 yard pistol range. She was awarded the Reserve Champion award (2nd place) for her pistol qualification score.



Young man taking careful aim.



Safety briefing given to all participants.



Olivia Napoleon presented with the Reserve Champion (2nd Place) Award at the Coconino County Fair. Her pride is obvious and the award well deserved.

On the right is Bill Townsend who was instrumental organizing this opportunity for these local youths.

The WSC remains committed to assisting youth shooting sports activities.

Shotgun Range Activities

The Northern Arizona weather has reached that magical time of the year with bright sunny skies, low humidity and favorable winds means it's a great time to be on the Sporting Clays range to demonstrate one's ability to track and pulverize the sometimes elusive clays. Those that have been shooting with WSC for a while know that our aged throwers get a bit cantankerous—such was the case at the August shoot. Our throwers are quite old and are “needy” when it comes to maintenance. Sort of like the relative age of most shooters that visit the Range!!!

Back to the August issues though---thrower #3 was behaving poorly at the last shoot, but after a few hours of trouble shooting by Warren and Keith, the culprit (weak spring) was replaced and we are now hopeful that reliability will be back to normal. WSC will be submitting an application for a FNRA grant to replace our throwers so keep your fingers crossed for that approval.

Range Improvement Project

Archery Range

Initial single target constructed. Further improvements are under consideration.

Range Safety Officers

Passing of RSO

WSC just received word that fellow RSO and friend Glen Gilbert has passed away. No further details are available at this time. The WSC and Range staff extends our condolences to his family.

Tactical Tips

Situational Awareness



Never discredit your gut instinct. You are not paranoid. Your body can and does pick up on bad vibrations. If something deep inside of you says something is not right about a person or situation, trust it. Keep your head on a swivel. Look at their eyes. You'll notice 90% percent of people avoid eye contact, especially women, and almost none ever really become fully aware of what other people are doing more than an arm's length away. If you become aware of a person intently staring at you or following your every move they very well could be considered a potential threat. Leave the area. You can always come back later.

Membership Report

New Members

Here are twelve new members who have joined since our August 2022 WSC membership meeting -

Travis Hedglin
Chris Kimbrough
Robert Mercer
Beverly Mott

Steven Rambur
Davette Thomen
Howard Rogers Jr.
Kurt & Lisa Penttila

Theo Soumilas Family
Marty & Rebekah Morales

Recruit a Member

All WSC members are encouraged to spread the good word about all the shooting sports activities and the continuing improvements made to our range facility. You are free to forward our monthly newsletters to those like-minded individuals who are not yet members.

Quotable Quote

"We have been here since the American Revolution. We will always be here, waiting in the shadows 'til America needs us again. We are United States Veterans and we love America more than our own lives."

Gun Shows Info

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

Sept 17 – 18	Tucson
Sept 24-25	Mesa, Prescott Valley, Springerville
Oct 1-2	Prescott valley
Oct 8-9	Queen Creek, Yuma
Oct 14-16	Casa Grande
Oct 15-16	Kingman
Oct 22-23	Tucson, Wickenburg
Oct 29-30	Phoenix

Snap 'Shot'



Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Question – “What does the term lock and load mean?”

Answer – The term "lock and load" refers to “the procedure used for readying an empty M1 Garand semiautomatic rifle for action. In order to prepare the weapon for firing, the bolt must first be ‘locked’ back to the rear. That to enable an ‘en bloc’ clip of eight cartridges to be loaded into the rifle’s fixed internal magazine. Once the clip has been inserted the bolt can be released to move forward to strip the off top round, chambering it, and thereby leaving the rifle loaded and ready to fire.”

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



“And so ends another week without becoming unexpectedly rich.....”

“Remember how when you were little you could just rip off your diaper and run around naked and everyone thought it was so cute and funny? Anyway, I need bail money.”

“I’m not so sure about an inner child, but I have an inner idiot that surfaces every now and then.”

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.

Shotgun, Pistol, Rifle for Sale

Contact - Tom Chesterman
tom_chesterman@hotmail.com
907-782-6470

“As many of you know I have sidelined many of my shooting activities and it seems appropriate to pass along a couple of guns to someone who can use them. Tom”

The 3 firearms and descriptive information follow on pages 10 – 12 ➡

Shotgun - Blaser F16 - 28" - \$3000 o.b.o. This is a really nice field or sport shotgun. Handles like a dream. It's been used very lightly - three pheasant hunts out at Holbrook and 2-3 trips to NASR for skeet. I can throw in a couple of cases of shells.



Pistol - Chiappa Rhino (revolver) - 4" 9mm - \$750 o.b.o. By far the most interesting revolver you will see outside of a museum, plus it's a really good shooter. Included are a bunch of moon clips, sight adjustment tool, moon clip tool and a holster. The low bore alignment makes it a soft shooter and the trigger is as good as one can get in a factory trigger - much smoother than my stock S&Ws.



Rifle - Spartan Precision rifle in .260 Match chambering - \$3000. This is the ideal set up for NRL, PRS or any long range practical rifle shooting. This barrel has only 236 rounds through it, and comes in at 3/8 MOA (if the shooter can). I know from experience that this rifle will do the job out to 1,200 yards hitting a 12" plate ten out of ten times. Defiance action, Bartlett barrel, etc., all top of the line, put together by Marc Soulie of Spartan Precision. Scope and rings not included (but being sold separately for \$2000), but I will include a good supply of Lapua Brass, loading dies and other loading equipment. I even have some ammunition loaded if you want it.

