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"On Target!"



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President's Message

WSC membership numbers continue to climb—we are rapidly closing in on 300 active members. Soon you will see 2023 renewal letters in your mailboxes. As always, we appreciate your consideration in renewing your membership for another year to help maintain YOUR CLUB strong and to provide a SAFE and enjoyable shooting experience.

How many members own/carry a sidearm for personal protection? An estimate puts that figure quite high. How many members find time or locations to engage in realistic training to improve their handgun handling in the categories of time and accuracy? Probably not enough? While no one wants to find themselves in a situation requiring use of deadly force with a firearm, if it does occur, we are obligated to ensure our individual proficiency will produce the desired outcome.

WSC has instituted a program called Practical Pistol Training (PPT). This is an effort to give members a chance to gain proficiency with their carry firearms in a SAFE and more dynamic shooting environment. Shooting paper targets at a controlled pace is OK for checking zero, but throw in a timer, a variable array of targets and maybe even a malfunction and our accuracy usually suffers significantly. And PPT will provide a chance for everyone to test their proficiency with the ever increasingly popular red dot sights. Members will be advised via email blasts and our website when PPT events will be held---for now we plan on holding one a month and conducted during normal Range hours. No special training is required to participate—this will be a “walk before we run” approach.

Come join us—PPT will be fun and will most certainly improve your sidearm handling capabilities.

Keith Heimes, President

Announcements

“The Weather is kind’a iffy outside so is the Range Open or Closed?”

As we move into fall the weather may cause some issues so please check the website for any last minute range closure announcements. Also make note of any postings on the WSC Range gate bulletin board for other important notices.

As a general reminder each RSO is empowered to use his/her discretion regarding opening or even keeping the Range open if inclement weather is in the forecast or if the weather suddenly turns unfavorable to outdoor activities. As soon as we learn of these conditions we will endeavor to make the "Range Closed" call by at least the day prior so folks are made aware. But being a weather forecaster is a tough job so we're sure that at least one time we will close the Range and then see nothing but sunshine, calm winds and 50 degree temps! Your understanding will be appreciated!

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.

October 12, 2022 Board Meeting Highlights –

- The WSC 501C7 Tax Exempt Status will be maintained annually by our new CPA.
- The WSC submitted a Range Improvement grant request to the NRA. No news expected until January.
- Another hunter education class with 15 students attending was held October 8, 2022, at the Range. WSC RSO and AZ G&F Instructor Bill Townsend was the lead instructor. Next class will be offered in the Spring of 2023.
- The next Practical Pistol Training (PPT) events will be Saturday October 15th and Wednesday the 19th. Further refinement of safety procedures is ongoing. A SOP section needs development for this event. For now only one or two PPT events will be held per month and held during normal range hours.
- Several outside range users have indicated upcoming training days. See the RSO Range calendar for full details. As always these indicated days are 'projected use dates and times' and therefore RSO's should extend the appropriate flexibility if another

organization arrives or is on scene other than what was scheduled. Remember – we don't own the place!

- Continuation Training for RSO's discussed. Ongoing training is essential as all skills are perishable.
- WSC bylaws and SOP need review and revision. Bruce Speirs, Annette Perkins and Keith Heimes were appointed to the by-laws review committee.

Next WSC Board meeting set for November 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Hunter Ed Class at Williams Shooting Range

Another successful Arizona Game & Fish (G&F) Hunter Education Class was recently conducted at the Williams Shooting Range. Saturday October 8, 2022 saw fifteen students from across the State in attendance with Chief Instructor Bill Townsend and six other G&F volunteer instructors providing necessary oversight to ensure a safe training experience for all. Students came from Show Low, Mesa, Alpine, Prescott, Bagdad, Chino Valley, Parks and Williams. Hunter Education is required for youth who wish to hunt in Arizona and consists of both online and field day portions. The field day includes shooting 22 rifles and other safe hunting practices. Mr. Townsend said despite a couple of weather-related interruptions the class was a total success for all participants. The next Hunter Ed class will be in the Springtime of 2023.

Shotgun Range Activities

Sporting Clays

Fall is in the air—seems to be a favorite time of year for many. Leaves are turning brilliant colors, upland and migratory bird hunting is arriving soon—hard to maintain concentration on tasks at hand!!!



WSC's next clay shoot will be Sunday October 23 rd. For those coming out to test your clay bust'n prowess, please note that our start time will move back one hour to 1000 am - this to allow Mother Nature to dry the dew from the grass and take the fall chill off the air. One other note for our regular shooters, WSC has applied for an NRA grant to upgrade our clay target throwers and related equipment. When that grant money is received (positive thinking here), a

significant increase in clay launching reliability and unique flight profiles is anticipated—adding another layer of challenge for those shooters striving for the ever distant perfect score.

Come out and join us for a good time!

Range Safety Officers

Range Issues discussed at last Board Meeting

Problems continue with the various entry gate pad locks from all the range users being secured out of sequence. If an RSO encounters a significant problem gaining entry contact Keith Heimes immediately as there is a remedial action available.

The cost of spray paint continues to rise. Please use our existing supply sparingly when repainting steel. If any metal targets or stands are found damaged please report this to Keith immediately so repairs can be initiated and completed prior to the next scheduled range day.

Clarifications on what shooters should do upon range arrival during **hot** and **cold** range conditions was discussed. Safety is paramount.

Calling all RSO's – You are encouraged to attend Board meetings!

All WSC RSO's are highly encouraged to attend the monthly WSC Board meetings as a routine practice. This gives everyone the opportunity to be involved in the discussion of range operations. You are the 'boots on the ground' so we need to hear your suggestions, gripes and whatnot up front and timely. I you don't tells us about it there will be no fixing it!

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. All RSOs are encouraged to provide inputs for this effort.

Tactical Tips

All right people, did you comprehend the words of your President? No not that President (and I don't think it's possible sometimes!) I'm talking about your Keith Heimes in his WSC President's message! While you may or may not yet decided if you want to try running the PPT course Keith did point out some valid points on why you need to come to range on a routine basis regardless. Here's some of the hints he dropped –



- *Many members carry a self-defense weapon*
- *It's doubtful that many of those members actually practice any realistic, scenario based pistol practice*
- *While no one expects to find themselves in a situation in which their lives are threatened you have an obligation to practice if you carry!*

You don't expect to crash your car everyday but you dutifully wear a seatbelt, the car has air bags, and you insure it! Get out to the range and practice – and bring your spouse!

Membership Report

New Members

Here are 4 new members who have joined since our October 12th WSC membership meeting -

John & Candace Frankl

Oton & Anna Villegas



The Medic's Corner - by Annette Perkins, BSN-RN-BC, Former SSGT USAF

The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month

In a little less than a month Veteran's Day will be celebrated across the nation on November 11th, 2022. Some of us will remember this day when it was known as "Armistice Day", "Remembrance Day", and even "Poppy Day". These names have all been used to commemorate the date and time when the Treaty of Versailles was signed ending World War I, on November 11th, 1918 at 11:00 am.

In 1921 the first, unknown, American soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. This site became what we now know as the Tomb of the unknown soldier(s). There lies one Unknown Soldier from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. The remains of the unknown soldier of the Viet Nam War were identified and reburied with his name. It was in 1926, "Armistice Day" was coined by Congressional resolution to November 11th. In 1937 Armistice Day was declared a holiday.

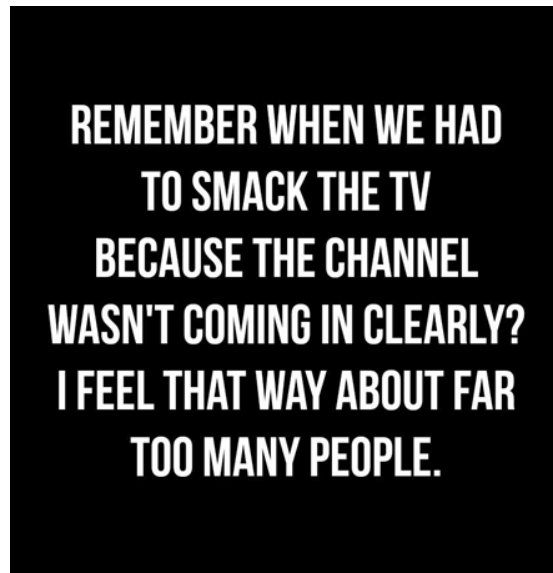
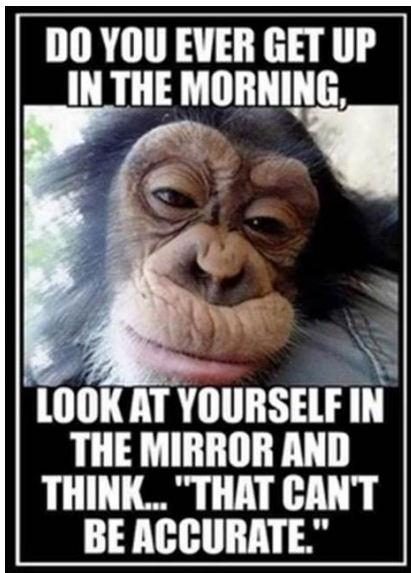
Ten years later in 1947, the term, "Veteran's Day" was associated with November 11th by a World War II veteran named Raymond Weeks. He organized the first "National Veteran's Day" to honor all veterans of the armed services with a parade, in Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Proclamation changing the name of "Armistice Day" to "Veteran's Day". Since that time, November 11th is recognized as a day to

commemorate all Veterans for their service. Still, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a moment of silence, a wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, and Taps continues to remind us of the historic ending of World War I, the “Great War”. Today these somber ceremonies continue to honor all servicemen and servicewomen, of all wars, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

This Veteran’s Day, I encourage you to commemorate both the origin and the evolution of Veteran’s Day. As history teaches us there is far more to Veteran’s Day than a free meal or a discount. Remember veterans past and present even if only by a moment of silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Quotable Quote



Gun Shows Info

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

- Oct 22 & 23 Wickenburg, Tucson
- Oct 29 & 30 Lake Havasu, Glendale
- Nov 5 & 6 Cottonwood, Yuma, Tucson
- Nov 12 & 13 Mesa, Safford, St. Johns
- Nov 14 – 16 Casa Grande
- Nov 19 & 20 San Tan Valley, Bullhead

Snap 'Shot'



Here's a snap shot of a dutiful WSC member performing the most difficult task we all are expected to do at the range – Picking up brass! The truth being most of you folks this do but please notice he is using the broom and dustpan that is kept in the target locker to make this much easier. Almost to the point of being enjoyable!

If you shoot .22's you'll find this a life saver for sure!

And a shout out to Matthew Fleece for providing the equipment! Our knees thank you!

The Grump – *"Here's my opinion – ought to be yours!"*



If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of US tax dollars, 2,500 US military deaths, thousand more soldiers wounded with some crippled for life, and four US Presidents to replace the Taliban controlled country of Afghanistan – a sanctuary for Al Qaeda - with the Taliban controlled country of Afghanistan again a sanctuary for Al Qaeda. They now have millions of dollars in hard cash and \$87 billion worth of brand new Humvees, machineguns, armored vehicles, mountains of ammunition and explosives, and the 200+ aircraft we left them. The only upside is the Taliban will now be getting those pesky tele-marketing calls for extended Humvee warranties!

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.

For Sale - Cabela's Spotting Scope: 20 x 80 HD in Original Box \$250.00. New cost \$600.00
Call or Text Keith Heimes 602-550-5996. Thanks for looking.

