

Williams Sportsman's Club

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President's Message

Change is in the Air!!!

Shorter days, longer nights and morning chills linger as we long for the sun's warmth to comfort us. Many of us have already limbered up our snow shovels as we contemplate a lower elevation hideout for the winter. WSC will endure whatever Mother Nature brings our way and we will adapt to best serve our membership. Our hours of operation will slide one hour later—10 AM to 2 PM starting December 1st to allow our friend the sun to take some of the chill off the early morning temperatures. If unfavorable weather conditions dictate we will close the Range to membership use. Informing the membership of closures will be accomplished through our website, Facebook and email blasts. Our goal is to post such closures at least 24 hours in advance—so make it a habit to check these information sources before heading to the Range.

The year 2022 has been a productive year for WSC. We welcome all our new members as we continue to provide a SAFE and enjoyable shooting environment. Happy Thanksgiving to each, stay safe throughout the holiday season and we look forward to seeing each of you at the Range in 2023.

Keith Heimes President



Being a sportsman's club and all it probably would have been most appropriate for the WSC to have offered a Turkey Shoot this month. But with all the uncertainties of the wobbly economy, skyrocketing gas prices and such it is unclear if the turkey had the gas money to get to the range. "Wishing everyone a hearty, healthy and safe Thanksgiving!" WSC Life Member Tom Turkey

Announcements

Mark your Calendar - December $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ the Range moves to Winter Schedule of $\mathbf{10}$ AM $-\mathbf{2}$ PM Effective December $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ the Range will start operating under our WINTER schedule of $\mathbf{10}$ AM $-\mathbf{2}$ PM $-\mathbf{a}$ shift of one hour later in the day to get us more into the warm sunshine. Just because the Grand Canyon Railroad has a Polar Express doesn't mean we need to follow suit! Days the Range will be open remain the same - every Wednesday, Saturday, and the $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ & $\mathbf{3}^{rd}$ Sundays.

WSC Membership Renewal 2023

Inflation has affected everyone—including your Club. To reign in the significantly increased postage costs associated with mail out the membership renewal, your WSC will be using an online renewal process for 2023. All of our current members will receive a notification letter via email after December 1, 2022, outlining the 2023 renewal procedures. You will be asked to mail you renewal payments to our Club address and your new membership cards will be available for pickup at the Range. We ask your cooperation as this is a "new" procedure that will save WSC several hundred dollars in postage and materials costs.

No Board Meeting Set for December

Due to the holidays, personal travel and family commitments, no board meeting will be held.

Your Board of Directors extends a hearty Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all WSC members!

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.

November Board Meeting Highlights –

 Practical Pistol Training (PPT) update: Program is progressing well. Range cart has new tires to facilitate moving steel to the Range. Range surface has been cleaned to reduce tripping hazards. Separate Range sign-in sheets will be used to allow for easier tracking of shooters. Range targets set closer to impact berm to ensure fired rounds are captured.

- WSC By-Laws Update: Review in progress. Target date for completion is first quarter of 2023.
- SOP Review: Nearly complete with minor changes being made. Effective date will be 1
 January 2023.
- WSC Family Day/Turkey Shoot. Discussion concluded that WSC would proceed with initial planning. Timeframe to be a Saturday in late May/early June to take advantage of good weather. Wynn Simon will be the event coordinator. Chuck Corcoran and Danny Gonzalez as assistants. Initial game plan to be presented at the January 11, 2023 meeting.

Next WSC Board meeting set for January11, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Practical Pistol Training



L to R: Sergio Mendez, Bob Carney, Stan Wnenta, Tim Topell, and RSO Adal Lopez



Stan Wnenta (R) runs the course under the watchful eye of WSC President & RSO Keith Heimes (L).



Jack Douglas engaging the dreaded "Rubber Dummies."



An enlargement from the picture above showing Jack Douglas' Glock pistol in full recoil. The expended 9mm casing was captured as it was leaving the ejection port.



Shotgun Range Activities

Sporting Clays

Winter is sneaking up on Northern Arizona fast bringing uncertainty in the weather and the monthly Sporting Clay schedule. We will continue to hold shoots the fourth Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted. Winds, low temps and moisture can prompt us to cancel shoots along with access road conditions. Shooters that have signed up for a shoot will be notified via email at a minimum 24 hours in advance if a shoot is cancelled.

Range Improvement Project

October 26th Range 'Spruce Up'

Keith Heimes headed up a group of loyal 'volunteers' to groom the parking lot and the large north side center pistol bay. The parking lot had several deep ruts from the down pour earlier this month filled in and the pistol bay had hundreds – probably thousands - of walnut to baseball sized rocks raked out of the way. These rocks had proven to be quiet annoying ankle twisters. The rocks also made the task of picking up expended brass much more of a challenge.



The now hand groomed, smooth surfaced, north center pistol bay. This bay is normally utilized by law enforcement agencies and the WSC has recently used it for our Practical Pistol shooting.



L-R Chuck Corcoran, Warren Weir, Bruce Speirs



L-R Warren Weir, Chuck Corcoran, Keith Heimes, Bruce Speirs

Not pictured was Chris Mayer (someone had to take the pictures), and Nate Hedges who took aerial pictures with a drone. Keith also donated his tractor to speed things along.

Range Safety Officers

The Practical Pistol Training (PPT) offering is progressing well. The north center pistol bay's range surface has been cleaned to reduce tripping hazards. A separate Range sign-in sheets will be used to allow for easier tracking of shooters. Range targets are to be set close to the impact berm to ensure fired rounds are captured. The yellow Range cart has new tires to facilitate moving steel to the Range if needed.

Tactical Tips

Concealed Carry and the Potential for Liabilities – Consider Insurance

With the privilege of carrying a concealed weapon comes the responsibility of its proper and prudent application when so warranted and justified if involved in a deadly force scenario. In any use of force or violent encounter, whether the weapon was fired or not, creates an exposure for liability. Most criminals and violence prone individuals are quick to shift blame in an attempt to get themselves off the hook or a reduced sentence. Your exposure may extend

beyond the momentary street encounter and into a month's log civil court hearing. Many suggest acquiring some form of stand-alone 'concealed carry' insurance or inquiring with your insurance broker if your home owner's policy extends liability protection to cover a use of force encounter. Many companies offering 'concealed carry' coverage can be found with a quick Google search.

Membership Report

New Members

Here are nine new members who have joined since our November 2022 WSC membership meeting -

Danny Connell
John & Candace Frankl
Robert Zavala & Family

Bruce & Karon Nunes & Family Kenneth Bowen & Family Oton & Anna Villegas & Family



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

A Tribute to All Veterans this Veterans Day

In Flanders Fields



The poppy is universally recognized to honor WWI service members. Even now in 2022, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) promote the wearing of a poppy. How did a poppy become the symbol of WWI?

In 1915 Lt. Col. John McCrae enrolled with a Canadian Expeditionary force, following the outbreak of World War I. A trained physician and a poet, he fought in the second battle of

Ypres in the Flanders region of Belgium, where the German army launched one of the first chemical attacks in the history of war. They attacked French positions north of the

Canadians with Chlorine gas on April 22, 1915, but were unable to break through the Canadian line, which held for over two weeks. Alexis Helmer, a close friend of McCrae was killed during the battle on May 2. 1915. As Lt. Col. McCrae performed the burial service for his friend. "He noted how poppies quickly grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres". The next day, he composed the poem, "In Flanders Fields".

In Flanders Fields By John McCrae

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields

Quotable Quote

It's better to have a gun and not need it than to need a gun and not have it.

Gun Shows Info

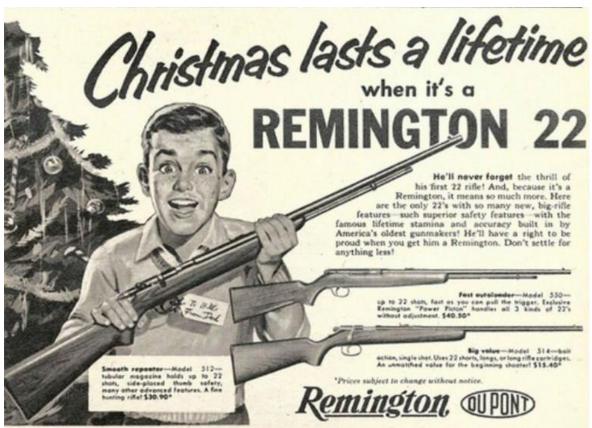
Go to arizonagunshows.net and/or gunshowtrader.com for the most up to date information before traveling.

Nov 12-13	Mesa, Safford, St Johns
Nov 19-20	Bullhead, San Tan Valley
Dec 2-4	Phoenix
Dec 10-11	Casa Grande
Dec 17-18	Bullhead, Tucson, Lake Havasu

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



"Oh how I wish I was that young man again back in 1960 celebrating my Christmas gift of a new Remington .22 rifle"



Snap 'Shot'



Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – How it Works

Send the information to wscaz2020@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: 250 Rounds of .40 Cal. 180 Grain Hollow Point. \$180.00

Contact: Keith Heimes 602-550-5996 Phone or Text



The following are all for sale by Bruce Speirs 928 412-4129 bspeirs1055@gmail.com

Bianchi black leather belt holster - Right hand, fits S&W J frame "Chief" five shot revolver, thumb snap, high quality, used but clean \$10



Glock Model 23 .40 S&W magazines - 13 round capacity, used, work fine, \$20 for all three



Uncle Mike's Sidekick 'Kodra' Hip Holsters with Retention Strap - All Right Hand Draw

Uncle Mike's pioneered the use of nylon in holsters more than 20 years ago and truly revolutionized the industry. Through countless days in the field – with hunters, lawenforcement agencies and the military – this incredibly tough, tightly woven material has proven itself up to the test. It's lightweight with a medium-high ride design. Keeps moisture off your sidearm and bolsters durability. Material: Nylon

Fits Glock compact models 26 9mm or model 27 .40 S&W, brand new \$10





Fits S&W, Colt or Ruger medium frame 6 shot revolver, 2" barrel, brand new \$10





Fits S&W, Colt or Ruger medium or large frame 6 shot revolver, 4" barrel, brand new \$10

I have five of these holsters





Fits S&W, Colt or Ruger medium or large frame 6 shot revolver, 6" barrel, brand new \$10



