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"On Target!"



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President's Message

Tis the Season

'Tis that time of year for giving.' This means the year 2022 will be sealed in history soon and most certainly evoke unique memories for us all - some good and some maybe not so good. Our giving spirit may be strained a bit this year as we all come to grips with empty shelves, higher gas prices, ever increasing inflation fears and just a general foreboding of our country's overall health. But the indomitable American Spirit will certainly carry us through 2023. There will still be 365 days in the New Year for each of us—and how we choose to use our allotted time is important.

And while on the topic of time permit me to tell you about a loyal segment of WSC members who always seem to find time to "get 'er done" where the day-to-day operations of the WSC Range is concerned. These folks are your Range Safety Officers whom the general membership sees every time they visit the Range. These same folks wear several hats---from "supply sergeant" as they scrounge for building supplies, to general contractors as they assemble those same building supplies into useful Range improvements. All WSC Range improvements are accomplished at a minimal expense of \$\$\$ to the Club, but with a significant outlay of time by our volunteers. So, as you make your 2023 resolutions think about including the WSC and its needs in your plan as you allocate your time for the upcoming year---the Club always needs a few good volunteers.

Merry Christmas to all,

Keith Heimes
President

Announcements

It's Membership Renewal Time

Renewal emails will be emailed out several times to all WSC members. The necessary renewal form will be included as an attachment for you to print out. If you've already paid up ignore them. NOTE - All renewal payments are due by January 31, 2022.

Regardless of what month you joined the WSC, all membership renewals are in January as memberships are set for renewal based on the calendar year.

As an option to mailing your renewal payment, just bring it and the renewal form to the Range and give it to the on duty RSO. Once your payment is processed your membership card will be at the Range for pick up about a week later.

Need a renewal form? Go to "Membership" on the WSC website and download one.

"Senior family" membership?

No such 'senior family' membership category exists. But if you and your spouse are 'seniors' (60+) with no children under 18 here's the fix - just sign yourself and your spouse up as 'senior' members at \$20 each to save the \$10. Use a single membership renewal form but please make sure you make a note at the top of this dual senior membership request for Chuck Corcoran to see. Questions? Call Chuck 928 864-8423. He's like the Maytag Repairman – just waiting to hear from someone!

Winter Range Hours now 10 AM to 2 PM

We have now shifted Range operations to winter hours by moving range hours 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! So tape a note to your coffee cup of "Range open 10 AM - 2 PM." Days the Range will be open remain the same – every Wednesday, Saturday, and the 1st & 3rd Sundays. And if you bring coffee to the range make sure you have an extra donut for the RSO! Super important so tape this info to the fridge door!

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.

No Board Meeting Held in December

As there was no December 2022 WSC Board Meeting the next WSC Board meeting is set for January 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

You too can share in the fun!

From the WSC Bylaws - Section 5. Rights, Privileges and Duties of Members

a) *In that the WSC is maintained for the benefit of every member, each member should strive to share in the responsibility for its continued operation. Therefore, it is vital to the WSC that each member volunteer a portion of his/her time, knowledge and effort as is possible to achieve the goals and objectives of the WSC so the burden of operating the WSC is not consistently placed on just a few members.*

Key phrases –

- Maintained for the benefit of every member....
- Each member should strive to share in the responsibility....
- Vital that each member should volunteer...
- So the burden is not consistently placed on a few members....

Do you have a skill that would benefit the WSC? We have lots of different projects and tasks that occasionally require some help. Stay tuned for 'Help Wanted' announcements.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Range Schedule – Check for Changes before you go!

Winter weather may cause some issues so please check the website for any last minute range closure announcements. And remember we share the range with other users and sometimes we may close early or even for the entire day.

Range Improvement Project

Range Gate Safety – Handrail Installed!



For all those who have found the trapeze act of negotiating the cattle guard in the ice & snow such a fun challenge you'll be happy to find that our skilled WSC Craft Services Troopers installed a handrail last season to make this process safer!

Thank you Keith Heimes, Warren Weir and Chuck Corcoran! Chuck was quoted as saying "Look Ma, no fall down go Boom!"

Damage to Pistol Gongs



Last week an RSO discovered both gongs on the pistol section of the main range severely cratered. Someone with a .223 rifle did this. The gongs on the pistol side are not rifle rated!

If you have a rifle use the 100 and 200 yard gongs on the main rifle range. PLEASE!

Shotgun Range Activities

Winter Weather will require Flexibility with Scheduling

Most of us have probably heard the phrase “flexibility is the key to indecision” which usually means, “Why can’t someone just make a decision and let’s get on with it!” As winter creeps up on us, and for those who frequent the Sporting Clays range, you might just hear that phrase again. Our goal is to hold our monthly shoots as scheduled, the fourth Sunday of each month with a 10 AM start time. This start time may change due to anticipated weather conditions. Signed up shooters will be notified via email of any changes.

But ‘Ole man winter’ might force us all to become more flexible as each scheduled shoot looms on the horizon. The goal will be to make a decision on holding or cancelling a shoot at least 3 days in advance---but weather forecasting is not an exact science so situations could exist where a shoot is cancelled but then the weather turns out to be “ideal”! Just blame it on the management! Looking forward to another fun year of ‘bustin’ clays!

Range Safety Officers

Calling all Potential RSO’s! That’s YOU folks!

All our WSC RSO’s are **V o l u n t e e r s** !!! Without RSO’s the range cannot operate, you can’t shoot, and right now we have a minimum number of RSO’s doing all this. Seriously folks, consider stepping up to the plate and joining the team. If you are a little leery about it all

consider partnering with a fellow WSC member and tag team the duty each month. 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 about 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's and WSC monthly Board Meetings – All RSO's are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly board meeting whenever possible. As you RSO's are essentially the ones operating the range your insights, observations, and suggestions are vital to keeping things running smoothly and safely. As the SOP has been revised it would very beneficial if you would attend the next WSC board meeting January 11th when we review it. A hard copy will be issued to each of you at that time.



And now a word from the Gunny about the Range.....

Unbelievable as it might seem the following conditions have become a routine greeting for our RSO's -



- Expended brass everywhere
- Target stands left out down range
- Wooden blocks left on the range
- Metal gongs fired on but not repainted
- Yardage marker signs fired on
- Entrance gate pad locks secured out of sequence

Your mother is not at the Range so pick up after yourself!

- Put the brass in the orange brass bucket
- If you see something broken or that needs attention please tell an RSO. We really hate surprises!
- Feel free to empty the trash can into the dumpster.
- If the dumpster is full help out and call sanitation for a pick-up 928 635-9108.

Retirement of RSO Greg Ribas

Greg has 'retired' and moved to Bullhead City, AZ. A WSC member since 2010 he was always approachable and friendly. We wish him and his wife well in their future endeavors.

Tactical Tips

Words and Phrases you'll be Hearing Come 2023

Things like *Shoot, Move, Reload; Bringing your Spouse to the Range; Its Dark 12 out of 24 Hours so Where's your Flashlight?; Situational Awareness; Extra Ammo; Use of Cover; Clearing the Area, and lots more good stuff.*

Membership Report

New Members

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

Greg King Darrin & Kimberly Welsh



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

Once again, our own RSO Adal presented an amazing "Stop the Bleed" course for 17 attendees. The training took place at the "Shed" in Williams on 7 December 2022. It is good to remember that after six months, we only remember approximately 60% of what we've learned. This makes reviewing and practicing the principles and methods of "Stop the Bleed" a priority!

Not everyone will always be available to attend training in person. Life gets busy. The American College of Surgeons' "Stop the Bleed" program has an online training course with videos, which is an excellent option for those unable to attend the in-person training. I encourage everyone to check out the "Stop the Bleed" website at:
<https://www.stopthebleed.org/>

A personal first aid kit may be as simple as gloves and a tourniquet, adding duct tape, shears, and a small roll of Kerlex gauze gives the individual added tools in an emergency. These items can be carried in a baggie on your person (the best place to carry) or in a purse or backpack. The most essential piece of equipment (after putting on gloves) for stopping an arterial bleed on a limb is a tourniquet. When applied properly it will stop the bleeding. Keep in mind our bodies have approximately 5 liters of blood circulating through our body. It only takes 3-5 minutes for an arterial bleed to drop the amount of circulating blood to half that amount. The injured person will die from the loss of blood. How do we know if the bleeding is from an artery? If a bleed is: Squirting, Spurting, Soaking, or Pooling, apply a tourniquet, above the limb wound until there is no further blood loss. Once a tourniquet is placed Never remove it! A

tourniquet may remain in place for 6 hours, use a sharpie to write "T" for the tourniquet and the time it was placed somewhere on the patient. Tourniquets can only be applied to arms or legs, for other arterial bleeds direct pressure should be applied to the wound and held until Emergency Services arrive. Kerlex gauze can be packed into a wound and aids in clot formation use your gloved finger to apply direct pressure to the artery and pack (tightly). Once the wound is packed with gauze use duct tape to secure the bandage. The shears are nice for removing clothing that may be obscuring the source of bleeding. Chest Seals are used for chest wounds to prevent air from entering the chest cavity and potentially, creating life-threatening conditions such as Tension Pneumothorax. They are easy to use but it is wise to learn how to use them properly. If you carry these items, get proper training. Attend a "Stop the Bleed" course, these classes are FREE and take the whole family! The even simpler solution is to visit the "Stop the Bleed"

Where to purchase items for your kit? It is important to note that many tourniquets are made cheaply and do not function well. I recommend two online businesses that only sell recommended Gen 7 C-A-T tourniquets which are made in the USA vs the knockoff made in China.

North American Rescue @ <https://www.narerescue.com> this company sells individual items and pre-made kits. One C-A-T tourniquet retails for \$29.99. They also sell premade kits however, putting your kit together is more reasonable.

The Tactical Medic @ <https://thetacticalmedic.com> is a company located in Mesa, Arizona. This site offers many items that make carrying a personal first aid kit easy.

My personal favorite is the AFAK (ankle first aid kit) by Ryker nylon. It retails for \$60 unstocked. A stocked AFAK runs \$100. I'm not a fan of the tourniquet included in the stocked AFAK. The C-A-T Gen 7 tourniquet that is available retails for \$37. Mini-shears 3 ½ in. are \$1 and Trauma shears are \$5.95. If you need items shipped, you will have to arrange this feature. The Hy Fin Vent Compact Chest Seal Twin Pack is great for chest wounds and retails @ \$20.

Gun Shows

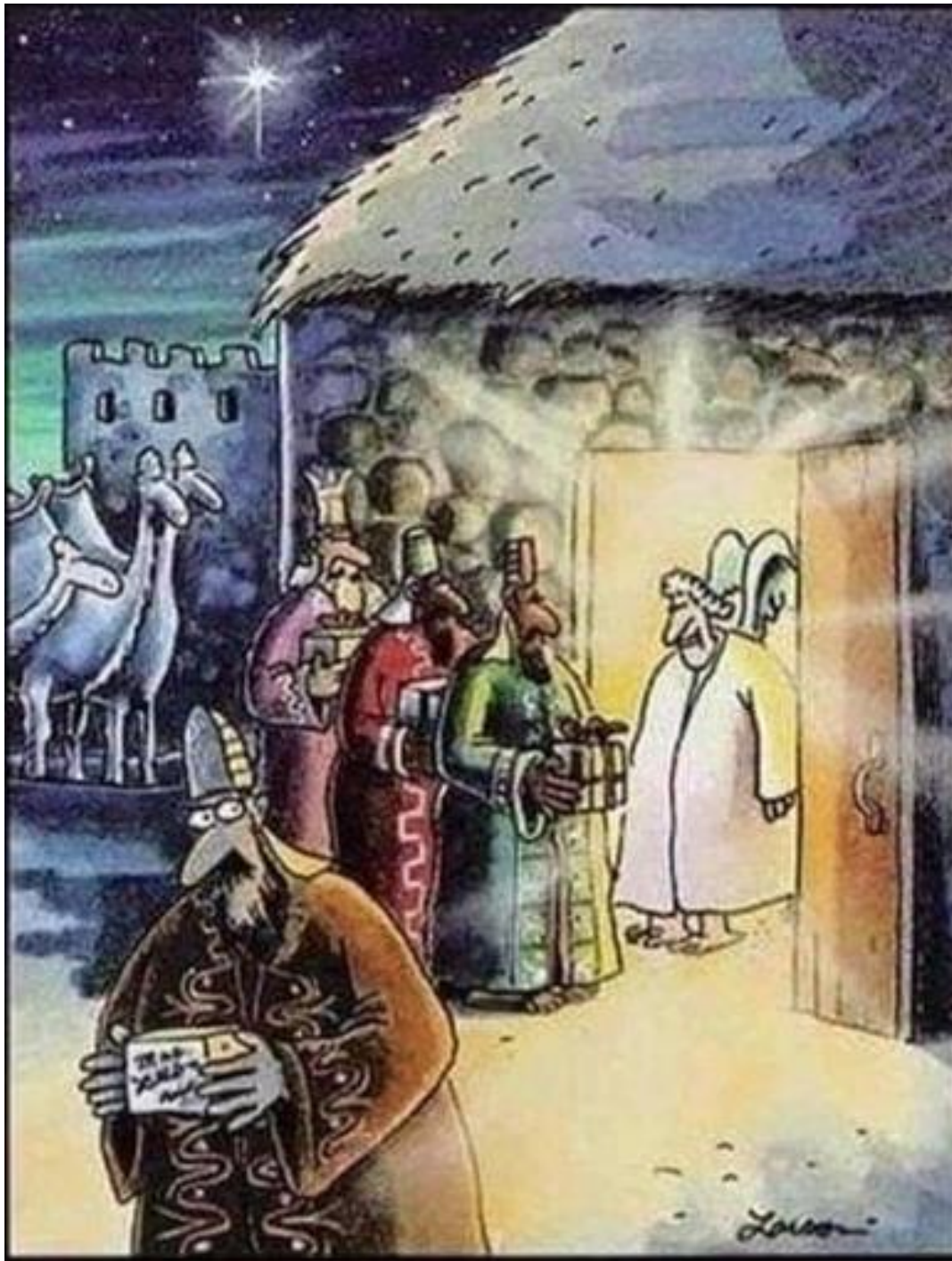
Go to arizonagunshows.net and/or gunshowtrader.com for the most up to date information before traveling.

Dec 17-18	Tucson
Dec 31-Jan 1	Lake Havasu
Jan 7-8	Glendale, Kingman, Tucson, Yuma,
Jan 14-15	Kingman, Mesa
Jan 21-22	Phoenix
Jan 28-29	Prescott

Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

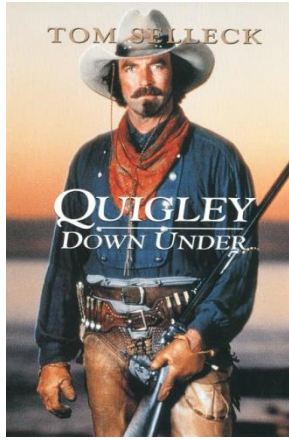
Question – Was there a fourth Wise Man at Bethlehem?

Answer – Yes there was but unbeknownst to most theologians he was turned away for bringing fruit cake.



Snap 'Shot'

"Quigley Down Under" 1874 Sharps Rifle shows off its stuff at WSC Range!



Shilow Rifle Manufacturing Co 1874 Sharps Rifle
Caliber .45-110 centerfire
Weight 14 lbs
34 inch heavy octagon barrel
Double set triggers

Now before all you Tom Selleck fans descend on the Range for an autograph it was just his rifle that was at the range. More precisely it was an exact twin of the rifle Tom Selleck used in the movie "Quigley Down Under." While the rifle was made famous by Hollywood in 1990, it was really in 1874 when it proved what it could do as recounted in "The Shot of the Century." It was made by buffalo hunter Billy Dixon at Adobe Walls, a small trading post on the South Canadian River in the Texas Panhandle. Dixon and a handful of other buffalo hunters had been under siege for three days by a massive force of between 700-1,200 Comanche, Kiowa, and Cheyenne warriors who'd united in a bloody effort to drive out the invaders from their hunting grounds. Behind those walls, Dixon fought for his life alongside 27 other men and one woman. On the last day Billy Dixon shot an Indian off his horse at a distance later surveyed to be 1,538 yards. This impressive feat ended the siege.

www.rockislandauction.com/riac-blog/what-is-the-sharps-rifle-quigley-down-under



Here's the rifle in action peppering the 200 metal gong with ease. True to its form there was no scope on this classic rifle just a Vernier tang sight and front bead.

Good eyes help too!



So have you been Naughty or Nice?

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



My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient!

Trading Post

How the WSC Trading Post 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. The condition of firearms, parts and accessories to be listed shall follow NRA standard rating categories. <http://www.nramuseum.org/gun-info-research/evaluating-firearms-condition.aspx>

FOR SALE: 250 Rounds of .40 Cal. 180 Grain Hollow Point. \$150.00

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



FOR SALE: The following are all for sale by Bruce Speirs 928 412-4129 or 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, law-enforcement 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 Model 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

