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## ***"On Target!"***



**January 2023**

### **President's Message**

#### **2022 In Review---**

By the time you are reading this, 2023 will be underway at a pace like 2022 and one wonders how we can slow things down? WSC has witnessed changes and improvements to the Club's operation for 2022—some that are readily apparent to you the member and some that are behind the scenes but serve to keep WSC running efficiently with SAFETY in the forefront.

The first thing you probably noticed upon arrival at the Range was the new check-in station along with our Range box and of course the RSOs outfitted with their red RSO hats and nametags. One new program started in 2022 was our Practical Pistol effort. The goal was to allow members to improve their handgun skills in a low-pressure environment while engaging targets other than paper. The response from members has been very positive and WSC will continue to offer the program in 2023. The Range has also been utilized for AZ G&F Hunter Ed classes and 4H activities throughout 2022—providing a secure and safe environment for teaching our youth.

The most important reflection on 2022 is that our membership has continued to grow and participation has increased accordingly. Thanks goes to every WSC member who visited the Range in 2022 for complying with established safety rules and keeping WSC an enjoyable venue to exercise your second amendment privileges.

Hope to see everyone at the Range in 2023.

Keith Heimes  
President

## Announcements

### It's Membership Renewal Time

Renewal payments are due by January 31, 2023. If you have already renewed – Thank you!

Remember - Annual memberships are set for renewal based on the calendar year regardless of what month you joined the WSC.

As an option to mailing your renewal payment, just bring it 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. See the **Membership Report** on page 6 and the Renewal info found on page 10. We also are emailing a renewal form along with this newsletter to those members who have not renewed as yet. Now that the holidays have passed let's "Get 'er done!"



For those who fail to renew this will be your last WSC Newsletter.

Seriously? What are you waiting for!

We have more improvements planned for this year at the WSC Range and at the Sporting Clays Range.

We truly appreciate all those who support the WSC which enables your club to keep our shooting sports opportunities going.

### Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> - Save the Date!

Your WSC will be hosting a "Family Fun Day at the Range!" The event will have lots of fun activities involving shooting sports and challenges for every member of the family. Large and small caliber rifle & pistol shoots, youth challenges, food, prizes, awards, fun, fun, fun!

More info forthcoming every month so stay tuned.

## 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.

## January 10th Meeting Highlights –

- The accomplishments of 2022 were reviewed.
- The RSO participation log was reviewed –
  - 19 RSO on staff
  - 173 RSO sign up assignments
  - Average RSO duty days by RSO per year = 9
- The WSC Standard Operating procedures manual final revision was reviewed and approved. It can be found on the WSC website.
- The FNRA Grant application for replacement clay throwers for the Sporting Clays Range was submitted and we are awaiting final review.
- The May 20<sup>th</sup> ‘WSC Family Fun Day at the Range’ was announced and the planning phase initiated. We will need volunteers to help.

Next WSC Board meeting set for February 8th at 5:30 PM.

## Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

### Winter Range Hours

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 mark your planners as starting in December the Range shifts to its “Winter Schedule” of 10 AM - 2 PM. Days the Range will be open remain the same – every Wednesday, Saturday, and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

*“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow....”* 

Well maybe not so much as that tune was supposedly written specifically for Christmas, sitting inside next to the fireplace, drinking hot chocolate, and not for shoveling snow at the WSC Range! As you can see there was snow the first part of January. Fortunately the City of Williams was able to grade the access road and parking lot clear but we needed to hand groom the shooting benches and pathways. The ‘volunteers’ were Keith Heimes, Warren Weir, Chuck Corcoran, Jerry Smiley, Bruce Speirs, and Bill Townsend – who gets a special thanks for the use of his tractor without which we'd probably still be out there scooping away - and to Bill and Kris Culbertson for answering the call from the membership - always nice to see folks step up and help. I vote for hot chocolate next time!





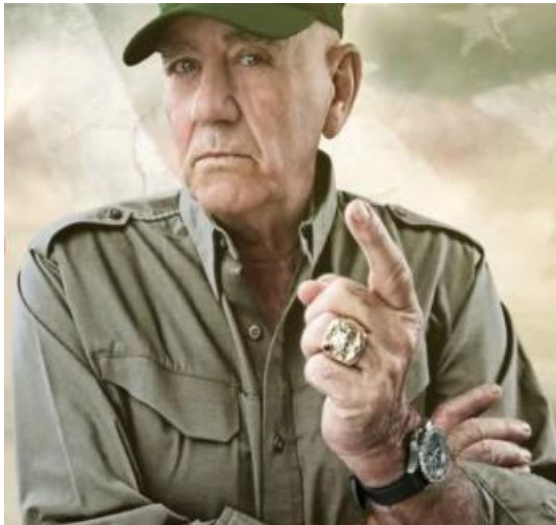
## Shotgun Range Activities

### Sporting Clays

Winter weather has certainly made its presence known recently forcing cancellation of our monthly Sporting Clays efforts. The snow levels cause issues with access to the Range and make setup efforts quite difficult. The snow/moisture is always welcome, and we will make every effort to hold shoots if conditions allow. For you regular shooters, we hope to know the status of our grant request for new throwers by this time next month. If granted, the new equipment will certainly enhance the shooting experience for everyone. Think we will all find an increased level of difficulty in improving our scores as the clays will probably be zipping along with a degree of speed we are not prepared for!! But with practice comes improvement so you'll just have to make it to the Range more frequently. Make it your 2023 resolution!!!

### Range Safety Officers

**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 run the Range and keep our WSC going so we need to hear your suggestions, gripes, and whatnot up front and timely. What can we do to make things even better?

You are the 'boots on the ground' so if we don't hear about it, there will be no fixing it!

### Tactical Tips

#### Concealed Carry Insurance – by Jerry Smiley WSC RSO

Let's talk about If you carry concealed and if you have ever thought about buying concealed carry liability insurance. Understanding what you are buying and what it covers is the foremost consideration. It seems the biggest player is Delta Defense which is part of the US Concealed Carry Association. I have carried a policy with them for several years. This coverage was for civil liability only and nothing towards any criminal charge. That said, USCCA sends the policy holder a wallet card with a number to call 24/7 in the event you are involved in a shooting

incident. That may well be your “one phone call.” They will quickly hook you up with an attorney whose practice specializes in this area of law. Additionally, the back of the card gives you advice on what to do/say to police when they arrive.

Today you can buy \$1.1 million for \$347 or \$2.2 million for \$500 in civil liability coverage. And, if I understand what I was looking at there is some coverage for attorney’s fees as well. It was not easy getting costs from the USCCA website. I found the above at [www.valuepenguin.com](http://www.valuepenguin.com). Of note for coverage to kick in you must use an attorney that they provide. In addition you can obtain coverage for criminal charges that may include bail bond funding, psych counseling, loss of income, etc. On the USCCA website you will find a full disclosure statement of all terms and conditions but be ready for a 15-page document. Much of it is standard boiler plate but it is must reading. You absolutely need to understand the coverage and limitations.

Listen folks, if you are prepared to intervene against an armed criminal then you must understand that even if you did the right thing your life is likely to become very stressful until the matter is fully sorted out. Therefore, all in all I think concealed carry insurance is a no brainer.

## **Membership Report**

### **New Members**

Here are seven new members who have joined since our December 2022 WSC membership meeting -

Greg King

Jamie Mace

Max Mitchell Jr

Darrin & Kimberly Welsh

Matthew & Nichole Yellen

### **“Senior” family membership for just you and the spouse? Here’s the ‘fix’**

No such ‘senior family’ membership category exists; just the ‘regular family’ membership at \$50. If you and your spouse are ‘seniors’ here’s the fix - just sign yourself and the spouse up as regular ‘senior’ members at \$20 each to save the \$10. Use a single Membership form if joining for the first time, or if renewing, use the Renewal form - but please make sure you make a note at the top of this dual senior membership request for Chuck Corcoran to see. And PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY as our eyes are not spring chickens no more! **See page 10 for full details.**



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

Happy New Year to All!

Welcome, January! A mix of mud, snow, and ice wherever we go. I could skate on my patio as the snow and ice melt and then re-freezes. Here are some important items you should use to prevent falls. None of us want to end up in the local Emergency Room with a fracture, head injury, or worse. And give yourself extra time this winter for forays outdoors.

This year I have switched to YAKTRAX Snow Trax micro spikes. They easily slip onto my boots or shoes for better grip in snow and icy conditions retailing for about \$15 and available at Amazon or sporting goods stores.



The second item that I recommend is trekking poles. I use a single pole for short walkabouts and two poles for more adventurous hikes. They cost about \$20 each. Trekking poles ensure that there are always at least two points of contact with the ground!

The third tip is to keep the "Ice Melt" handy. I use an empty (large) spice container, fill it with "Ice Melt" and when I find ice patches beside my car in parking lots I sprinkle the "Ice Melt" on the area. When I return from the store or business the ice is now water.

While you are out, be sure you are carrying a first aid kit, car Trauma Kit, water, food, extra socks, a blanket, and the aforementioned items in your car. Slide-offs happen (a lot) and winter is a time to be prepared for road closures, injuries, and changing weather conditions!

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, and enjoy the outdoors!

### Snap ‘Shot’



This is a bear paw from a grizzly bear that has been sedated and is about to be tagged and released. Yikes!

Knowing they’re not roaming your property at night here in Williams lets you sleep better at night ....

Health tip - When visiting Yellowstone or Alaska don’t use any bacon or honey scented deodorant! Much safer to see them at Bearizona.

### Quotable Quote



*“Hey, hey, Mr. Park Ranger. How about one more picnic basket please!”*

This is an actual action photo taken of Yogi Bear at the USFS Kaibab Lake Campground.

### Gun Show Info

Go to [arizonagunshows.net](http://arizonagunshows.net) and/or [gunshowtrader.com](http://gunshowtrader.com) for the most up to date information before traveling.

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| Jan 21-22 | Phoenix                         |
| Jan 28-29 | Prescott Valley                 |
| Feb 4-5   | Fountain Hills, Prescott Valley |
| Feb 10-12 | Casa Grande, Payson             |
| Feb 18-19 | Globe, Tucson, Wickenburg       |
| Feb 25-26 | Bullhead, Phoenix               |



## Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

### Question – What are ‘Gunsite’s Cooper Rules’?

#### Answer –

*All guns are always loaded. Even if they are not, treat them as if they are.*

*Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy. (For those who insist that this particular gun is unloaded, see Rule 1.)*

*Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target. This is the Golden Rule.*

*Identify your target, and what is behind it. Never shoot at anything that you have not positively identified.*

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



*Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.*

*If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.*

*Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?*

*America is a country whose citizens will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.*

## Trading Post

### WSC Trading Post – How it Works

Send the information to [wscsz2020@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**Your WSC annual membership dues are delinquent effective January 31st.**

**TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DO THE FOLLOWING –**

- 1. Print out the renewal form that accompanied this newsletter.**
- 2. Send completed form with your payment.**

**\$30 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** – 18 to 59 years.

**\$20 SENIOR MEMBERSHIP** - 60 years or older. If you are turning 60 in 2023 please indicate Name & DOB and include the note with your payment.

**\$50 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - Includes spouse and all children under 18. Please list their names and DOBs and include the note with your payment.

**\$100 CHARTER MEMBERSHIP** - Good for five years.

**\$400 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

**NOTE** – Your new 2023 WSC membership card will be **at the range** about a week after receipt of your renewal payment. Exception - If you or your spouse did not provide a signed waiver in the past you will be given one for signature. You'll receive your card(s) upon its completion and return. Questions? Call or text me.

Thank you,  
Chuck Corcoran, Membership Officer  
(928) 864-8423

**NOTE** – **For folks wanting to join as NEW members** go to our WSC website and download the two page MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION form. PLEASE PRINT clearly and SIGN the waiver! A legible email address is critical.

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