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"On Target!"



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President's Message

Snow For Sale---

\$1.00 per truck load---buyer pays transportation!!! We doubt your WSC will get many takers on this deal, so we'll just have to figure out how to dispose of the merchandise another way!! For those that call Northern Arizona home, you are aware of the significant amounts of snow received so far this winter. That snow is all good moisture and always welcome. However it does cause issues with Range access and operations---to the point where WSC has only been open for membership use one day since 1 January 2023.

So how are we doing on getting the snow removed? First off we are very grateful to the City of Williams for bringing their heavy equipment out and clearing the access road and parking area. What remains now is the snow and solid ice in and around the shooting benches and downrange. Efforts were just made to clear those areas to permit safe operations to commence but we are now confronted with a snow forecast for Monday night and then into Tuesday. We'll go and have a look see at how much we got and then round up the usual volunteers to try again. To further frustrate things there is a possibility we have a storm this upcoming weekend. No rest for the weary!

But when will we open?? We will open once we have the Range cleared (again) and no immediate forecast of additional snow. If successful, all WSC members will be notified via email blast. Also check our website or Facebook. Your understanding is certainly appreciated, and Mother Nature permitting, we are striving to resume normal range schedules as soon as practical.

Keith Heimes
President

Announcements

Whoo Hoo - You've sent in your WSC Membership Renewal – Now What? Easy Peasy!

Here's the low down -

1. Give us a week to process the mail.
2. You go to the Range and see the RSO.
3. You ask for your new 2023 membership card.
4. If you do not have a signed liability waiver on file, you will sign one to get your card.
5. If your spouse does not have a signed waiver on file and you did not bring them with you they need to do #2 and #4.

Renewing your membership maintains our shooting sports opportunities! Thank you!



If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call your WSC Membership Director Chuck Corcoran. He is always willing to assist.

If you call or text Chuck at 928 864-8423 we guarantee you won't hear *"Please stay on the line. Your call is important to us."*

"Remember – Only YOU can Prevent Forest Fires" - Free 'print it yourself' target for kiddies!

See the last page. This USFS Smokey Bear poster encourages folks to use permitted and improved shooting ranges like our WSC Range. Shooting at the WSC Range is safer and reduces the possibility of ricochets igniting forest fires which is always a concern when folks do plinking off the side of the road. And there are too many OHV's and people wandering around out there! Who needs the worry and danger of misfortune?

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.

February 8th Board Meeting Highlights –

- A review of the new membership renewal process was held. It appears that this process is going smoothly and continues to be successful.

- The recent grant application to the FNRA for replacement clay throwers was discussed. Preliminary indications are that our grant request was approved however the exact level of funding remains to be announced. If the grant funding approved is below that required to fulfill the equipment replacement plan the board may consider supplementing the effort with other merger funds and donated proceeds.
- The City of Williams performed an exemplary job in clearing the deep snow from the entrance road and parking lot. The range and ramadas, however, need to be hand groomed. With the forecasts of follow on snows the prospect of if or when the range will open is undeterminable.
- A review of the updated WSC Bylaws draft was completed by the BOD and unanimously approved. The updated copy will be posted on the WSC website.
- The proposed “WSC Family Fun Day / Turkey Shoot” was discussed. As the Williams Gun Show was recently set for the same date – Saturday May 20th – it is most likely a new date will be identified. WSC RSO Wynn Simon is heading up the event and the necessary planning continues.

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

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Snow removal

We have been frustrated time and again by the weather with our snow clearing efforts. We get it cleared and then it snows again. We can't get it all and we need the sun to melt the slick ice at the ramadas. We hammer away at it but....ahhhh! We are as anxious as everyone else to have nice weather and no snow so we can resume our shooting sports activities.

Shotgun Range Activities

Sporting Clays

Not many “birds” flying at the Camp Raymond Sporting Clays Range these days!!! For those shooters that live “up north” well you know very well why—for those that live “further south” you might be wondering what the problem is? After all your driveway is free of snow and the temps are hovering around 55 with mild winds so lets get this show on the road already!!!! The good news is that since the “big dump” of snow that buried the access road and range, the sun and milder temperatures have helped to shrink some of the snow but then winter is not in the rear view mirror just yet. Our shoot for January was cancelled for snow and February is not looking much better. Those on the Clays email list will be notified soon regarding the February shoot. In the meantime, keep your powder dry because Spring is just around the corner and

soon the “birds” will awaken from their winter hibernation and take to wing giving us all opportunities to sharpen our tracking skills.

Range Improvement Project

No Activity

Due to the current snow and ice conditions further improvements are on hold.

Range Safety Officers

WSC Members’ 2023 Membership Cards

In the RSO range box. See Chuck if you have questions or problems.

Tactical Tips

In 2022 a total of 331 police officers were shot in the line of duty. And starting off this year 34 were shot in January. Add to this that every year over 50,000 police officers are assaulted in some fashion. Not trending very well is it? And with crime climbing the police are busy, staffing is low as many police officers are quitting or retiring early, recruitment efforts are lagging, and morale is sinking. The good old days of our police having the time for patrolling neighborhoods to deter crime are long gone. Today they don’t have free time to patrol; they just respond from one crime to the next. A sad state of affairs.

Why are we talking about this? Because this means that today YOU are the best protection you have. So WHAT is the best way for YOU to protect YOURSELF?

- Situational Awareness – a constant check on your surroundings, people, what is happening around you.
- Predetermined Responses – pre-thought out courses of action for uncertain or dangerous conditions.
- Equipment – a cellular phone, flashlight, 1st Aid Kit, weapon, a vehicle in good condition, and the essential items for Northern Arizona.
- Training – the art of scanning, keeping a low profile, equipment that is ready and that you are familiar with, keeping your defensive skill sets up.

In upcoming WSC Newsletters we will examine this subject starting with Situational Awareness.

Membership Report

Member Renewals

So far 167 members have renewed their memberships for 2023.



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

This month's Medic's Corner will focus on being prepared for winter conditions at home and on the road. Keeping the home fires burning is not only necessary, but potentially, an accident waiting to happen. If you use a wood burning stove, be mindful of keeping your chimney well-maintained and clean. The unchecked, accumulation of creosote can rapidly lead to a fire in the chimney, which can spread to the roof. Hot stoves are their own source of injury. It is wise to have a charged, fire extinguisher in every household and know how to use it. In the event of an accidental burn, keep burn gel and aloe vera gel in the family first aid kit. The kit should be placed in an easily accessible location and checked every so often, to ensure that the contents are not expired, and needed refills are added.

If you utilize a propane gas stove for heating, ensure that all connections are secure and that the heater is in a good serviceable condition. A build-up of carbon monoxide within your home can be fatal. Every home should have functional fire and carbon monoxide alarms. Check the batteries and/or electrical connections seasonally. Hot water heaters (propane) require a clutter free area around them. Dryers (electric/gas), require frequent cleaning of accumulated lint. This includes the vent exhaust tubing. Managing a few, monthly maintenance practices will help to ensure the safety of your family. A charged fire extinguisher is recommended in areas where these appliances are kept. Ensure that all family members are taught how to use the fire extinguishers you have. Have a fire preparedness plan in place and practice the planned actions at least twice a year.

Until next month, stay warm, stay safe, and keep working on your personal preparedness skills.

Quotable Quote

"In a perfect world, you wouldn't need guns. This is not a perfect world." - Sheriff Ben Johnson, Volusia County, Florida

Gun Show Info

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

Feb 18-19	Sat-Sun	Globe, Tucson, Wickenburg
Feb 25-26	Sat-Sun	Bullhead, Phoenix
Mar 4-5	Sat-Sun	San Tan Valley, Cottonwood, Tucson
Mar 11-12	Sat-Sun	Yuma, Kingman
Mar 18-19	Sat-Sun	Lake Havasu, Mesa
Mar 25-26	Sat-Sun	Queen Creek, Safford

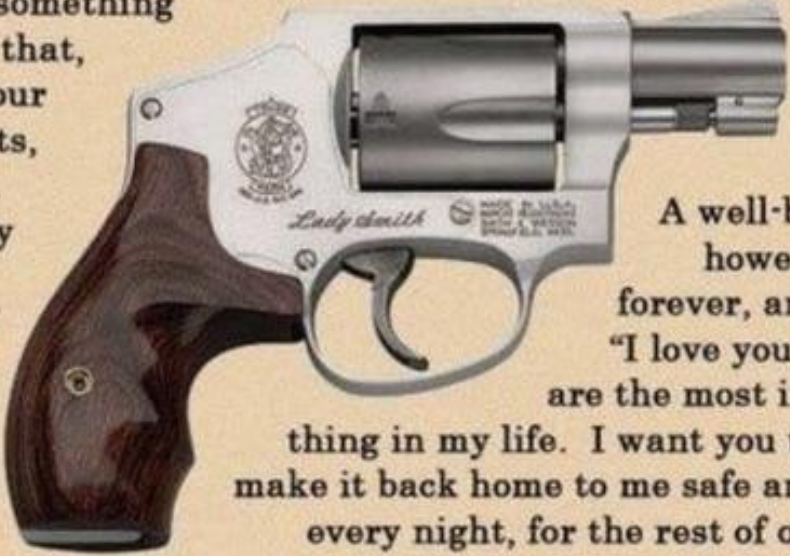
Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Question – What’s a good Valentine’s Day gift for my girl?

Answer -

This is the most romantic gift you can give to a lady.

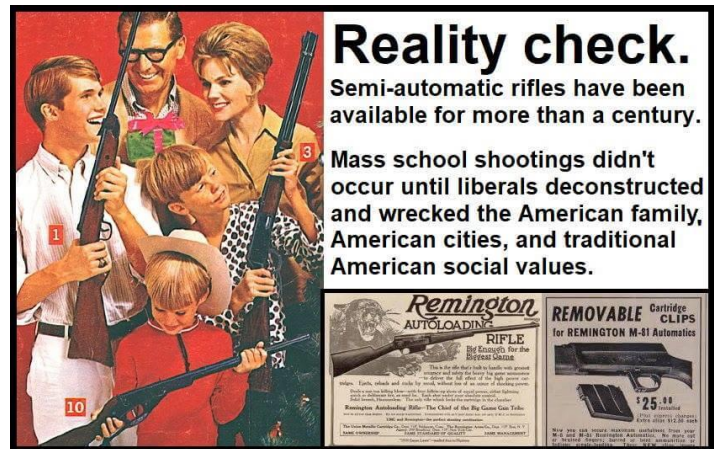
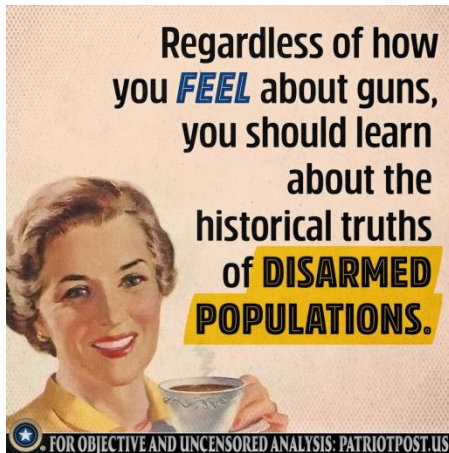
A rose is something beautiful that, despite your best efforts, soon dies. Not a very pleasant symbol of your love for her.



A well-built gun, however, lasts forever, and it says "I love you, and you are the most important thing in my life. I want you to always make it back home to me safe and sound, every night, for the rest of our lives."

Firearms are the ONLY gifts that say "I love you forever".

Snap 'Shot'



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



Chivalry is NOT dead – It’s just a dying art!

Doing the right thing when nobody is looking – It’s called integrity.

My parents spanked me as a child and as a result I now suffer from a psychological condition known as “Respect for Others”! Question - Does this mean I’m not eligible for a carefree lifetime receiving federal disability money like those clinically declared ‘morally dysfunctional and socially incorrigible’ dregs of society? Dang it!

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – Got something to Sell? Here’s 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.

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