



Williams Sportsman's Club

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"On Target!"



June 2023

President's Message

Just yesterday---

Or so it seems that access to the Range was impossible due to excess snow! Now we are looking at temps reaching the high 80s with dry dusty winds that seem to never stop. Time slips by far too quickly bringing with it numerous changes—some we can plan for and some not so much.

Demand for Range time spikes this time of year from all users. The Williams Range plays host to numerous user groups that have priority on Range time over the Williams Sportsman's Club. Efforts are made by user group schedulers to forecast their range requirements well in advance, but sometimes short notice requirements do pop up. These requirements sometimes impact WSC's schedule, and we make every effort to accommodate our members—again it is a user priority issue. WSC does not enjoy a great deal of "priority"—in fact we rank very near the bottom.

To mitigate member inconvenience when short notice events occur, WSC will strive to inform members through email blasts, FB posts and postings on our website. Recommend you check these sources before you depart for the range—especially for those who drive a significant distance. Arriving at the Range and finding it in use by a higher priority group is not a good way to start one's day.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Range soon.

Keith Heimes
WSC President

Announcements

WSC President Keith Heimes not seeking Re-election - stepping down effective June 30th.

At that time WSC Vice President Bruce Speirs will assume the duties of President until election of our new President at the July 12th meeting.

WSC Board Nominations Committee Report

Per the WSC Bylaws and at the President's direction, Vice President Bruce Speirs formed a nominations committee to provide suitable candidates for upcoming board officer vacancies when their terms end at the conclusion of the July 12th WSC Board meeting. The nominations committee members are Speirs, Warren Weir, Wynn Simon and Chuck Corcoran.

The candidates to be nominated and the offices to be filled are –

Martin Martin for President

Warren Weir for Treasurer

Annette Perkins for Secretary (vacating her present position as Officer at Large)

Chris Mayer for Board Member Officer at Large

Have a Question?

If you have a question regarding WSC activities or the Range please shoot us an email at wscsz2020@hotmail.com

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.

June 21st Board Meeting Highlights –

- Presentation of \$200 Turkey Shoot checks each to Williams Pack 140 and Parks 4H Club.
- Current WSC membership now at 230.
- Finance report accepted.
- The Board voted to staff a membership recruitment booth at the upcoming Flagstaff Gun Show to be held at Ft Tuthill Park for Saturday only, August 12th. Bruce Speirs and Chris Mayer will be coordinating details and requesting volunteers to staff the booth.

- Practical Pistol Steel Challenge shoots were discussed and approved twice monthly.
- Discussion regarding WSC T-shirts, patches and stickers tabled to July 12th meeting.
- Sporting Clays \$5 shoot increase due to inflation approved.
- The Family Fun day & Turkey Shoot was briefly discussed. Those WSC who staffed the event are requested to write up a brief “What went right, what needs to be changed and what did we miss” recap so the next event will go even smoother. Unused donations to be retained and used at the next event.

Annual Elections Meeting July 12th

The membership is invited to attend our next WSC Board meeting set for July 12th at 5:30 PM as we elect several new board members.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities

Practical Pistol Steel Challenge

These specialized shoots will now be conducted the second Wednesday and the following Saturday each month. We know some members enjoy them and others have just discovered this fun shoot challenge that builds good skill sets. A club wide email alert will go out about a week prior along with this notice here in the newsletter and a notice on the WSC website. We also want to hear back from the membership if they like it, what day or days work best for them, more days wanted, what? We need to hear from you!



Practical Pistol Practice Steel Challenge will be conducted the second Wednesday and the following Saturday each month. Come on out and give it a try.

Hunting Season Rifle Sight Ins

The club will be making known to the public that hunters are welcome – as one day shooters – to use our range to sight in their hunting rifles.

Shotgun Range Activities

Our Sporting Clays Program

Williams Sportsman’s Club (WSC) acquired our initial sporting clays throwers and associated equipment in June 2020 from what was then the Flagstaff Clay Target Shooters. Our two Clubs merged with the intent to provide a sporting clays venue for WSC members and non-members in a user-friendly location at Camp Raymond Scout Camp. Our first “official” shoot was held May 2021 and we have conducted monthly shoots since then weather permitting.

Those folks who have shot the course on a regular basis know that the reliability of those original throwers left something to be desired at times. WSC applied for and received a grant from the NRA to upgrade our throwers and associated equipment, and this modernization effort is now in place and functional. The list of new equipment includes 6 new Atlas throwers, a remote-controlled launching system, solar panels and batteries to power the throwers.

The debut of this equipment occurred at our May 2023 shoot and results were very positive. Launch reliability was greatly improved with unique flight profiles and there was a noticeable lack of generator noise due to our new throwers being 12-volt battery powered. Minor adjustments to the throwers will continue to enhance the shooting experience for everyone. Our shoot schedule will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month with a 0900-start time with options to accommodate special groups—in interested just let us know. Come out and enjoy a round of clays and meet some fine folks.

Due to the increasing cost of clay pigeons the shoot costs for members and non-members has risen by \$5 to \$20 and \$25 respectively.

Sporting Clay Shoot List – Get on Keith’s List!

Please email WSC at WSCAZ2020@Hotmail.com with you interest and RSO Keith Heimes will add your contact information to the master email list.

Curious are you? It’s Fun! How To Shoot Sporting Clays - Tips for first timers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqia71jwGIM>

Range Improvement Project

Looking for---

A few good hangers---not the kind used to hang your favorite shirt on, but those that support the steel gongs on the rifle range. Heavy duty mud flaps work well for this purpose, or any similar material. Little known fact, but WSC members do at times miss the intended steel gong and instead punch holes in the gong hangers. This happens with enough regularity that hangers need replacement approximately every six weeks. So please bring any gong hanging material you have to the Range—we'll put it to good use.

Range Safety Officers

New RSO

Welcome Kelly Spencer as our newest RSO.

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. If we don't hear about it there will be no fixing it!

Staffing Saturday Assignments -

When it comes to filling RSO duty assignments 'Saturdays' remain the biggest challenge for the club over Sundays and Wednesdays. RSOs are encouraged, especially those whose schedule or retirement time permit, to sign up for a Saturday - maybe every other month.

Tactical Tips

Do You Carry a Spare Magazine or Revolver Reload?



"I know what you're thinking: Did he fire six shots or only five? Well, to tell you the truth, in all this excitement I've kind 'a lost track myself. But being this is a .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world and would blow your head clean off, you've got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky?' Well, do you, punk?"

I know of very few folks who carry on their person a spare magazine for their semi-auto pistol or extra cartridges to reload their revolver with. That said and from what information I could locate the typical amount of ammunition expended by a citizen in a self-defense scenario is three rounds. The typical distance is close range - 3 to 20 feet. You must also take into consideration that the vast majority of citizens – and those shooting statistics so generated – occurred in high density to urban environments while we live in a low density to remote environment.

Our rural setting could mean we may exceed the average due to our setting which may increase the distances involved, allow for the use of cover, and may require more rounds to be fired as the likelihood of missing your target increases with distance. So as a ‘word to the wise’ - and as a minimum precaution - place a spare magazine or extra revolver cartridges in your vehicle AND a second set in the home where you keep your weapon ready for use. Most would agree that it is better to have it and not ever need it than not have it and suffer the consequences. And keep your defensive firearms skill sets sharp! See you at the Range!

Here is the YouTube link for you Dirty Harry fans - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc4b1WLL5Ak

Membership Report

New Members

Welcome 16 new members who have joined since our June WSC membership meeting -

Harry Cobasky

Caleb Kjerstad

Danielle Ryndak

Andres Alvarez

Rick Livingston

Dave Thomson

Alvin (Skip) Corson

Sergio Martinez

Kevin Volant

Marc Francechi

Ryan Mondonedo

Anthony Wolscho

Kevin Heier

Clay Reid

Bruce & Patricia Sobczak



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

The heat is on!

The days have been warming up nicely here in the Northland. The wind has been blowing steadily, and the sun at high altitudes can be deceiving. There are several ways you can combat the effects of summer weather on your health and well-being.

First and foremost is to remain well hydrated. I keep a small cooler in my car filled with water and also carry electrolytes when I am venturing into the great outdoors. Everyone should have water with them whether they're visiting the range or on a summer expedition.

The next personal preparation would be to dress appropriately for outdoor activities. This may include a light, long-sleeve shirt, light pants, a hat, a buff/bandana, and close-toed shoes which will protect yourself from the harmful UV rays. It is also sensible to keep a jacket with you in case you're caught out in the coming monsoon season as storms pop up quickly at higher elevations.

Polarized lenses are the best defense in the bright sun for eye protection from UV light and blowing dust. I have prescription sunglasses that work well year-round.

I'm also certain that the epic pine pollen this year has gained your attention. One over-the-counter medication is Zyrtec, it relieves allergy symptoms without the drowsiness of Benadryl. As always, check with your medical provider/Pharmacist to ensure there will not be any potential medication interactions. This year a visit to my ENT (eyes, nose, throat) MD, has been a lifesaver. Sometimes a good prescription nasal spray or inhaler beats all the over-the-counter medications.

I hope you are all enjoying a great summer! See you on the range!

Snap 'Shot'



Keith,

Please tell me why and exactly what, What, WHAT in the heck were you thinking putting Bruce in charge of the Williams Sportsman's Club for 12 entire days the first part of July?!? It's obvious you've spent too many hours inverted in an F-16 and then performing repeated extreme snap rolls and pull ups with a helmet that was so loose it let your brain bounce around in your skull like a BB in a coconut shell!!

Gun Show Info

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

July 1-2 Payson
July 8-9 Kingman, Lake Havasu
July 15-16 Kingman, Phoenix
July 21-22 Snowflake, Glendale
July 28-30 Casa Grande
August 5-6 Tucson
August 12-13 Flagstaff, Las Vegas (NV)

Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit

Question – What can the WSC do to get us more Range hours and days each month?

Answer - Not enough shooting days to satisfy you? Have you considered becoming a Range Safety Officer (RSO)? That's what it will take as more RSO's = more Range coverage = the possibility of more Range shooting opportunities! Most RSO's only pull a 4 hour Range duty about once a month. The minimum obligation is six times a year. What better excuse is there to enjoy a day at the Range than signing yourself up to go to the range! Plus RSO's have the benefit and authority to conduct off day range shooting and expanded use of the range facility. Contact the WSC Chief Range Safety Officer Matthew Fleece for more information at bmfleece@hotmail.com I'm glad I did and I think you will too!

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



I'm been asked to be Best Man at my old buddy's second marriage. Would it be OK for me to start off my dinner speech with "Welcome back everyone!"

My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy. I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

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.

Gunsmithing Services

New WSC member Michael Coleman is offering his expertise right here in Williams. He lists Gunsmithing, Insurance Appraisals, Transfers, Custom Ammunition and Custom Guns. Give him a call at 928 899-4431.