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"On Target!"



July 2023

President's Message – by Martin Martin

First of all, let me say that the Williams Sportsman's Club (WSC) is full of wonderful men and women that make everyone feel welcome and are always willing to help out with whatever needs doing at the ranges.

But first a little background about me. I grew up in northern New York in dairy country, working on farms, and hunting and fishing in my spare time. Went to college in the Adirondack Mountains for Forestry and Surveying and worked there for a few years logging in the winter and surveying in the summer. My claim to fame at that time was when we surveyed some venues for the 1980 Olympics, primarily the Luge Run and the Speed Skating Oval. We actually went to the general store to buy poker chips to mark the lanes for the skating oval!

I moved to Arizona in 1981 and to Flagstaff in 1985. Got married and started my own surveying business about that time and have been surveying in Northern Arizona ever since. I spend way too much time outdoors and am spoiled rotten being able to work and play around here! My wife and I have two kids, both grown and married and two grandchildren, who all love the outdoors.

I joined WSC about two years ago and was planning on just being a "helper bee." I had just finished being the primary person running Flagstaff Archers for 15+ years. During that time we accomplished increasing the membership from about 120 members to over 400, put on numerous "club" events each year, managed the newsletter and membership data, and worked with other volunteers on Range maintenance.

Somehow due to Bruce Speirs' insistence and persuasive talking, I accepted the club's nomination for President. I feel humbled and a little overwhelmed as I believe there are members in the club that know a lot more of the history and the running of the club than I do. But, I will give it a shot. The outgoing President, Keith Heimes, has done a tremendous job and has put in an extraordinary amount of hours working for the club. He will be a tough act to follow, but with the Board and membership's help I'm sure we will do our best to continue the work he started.

One of the first acts of business I would like to do is require name tags for everyone as I am terrible at remembering names and faces. I apologize in advance for that. And I'm only half kidding about the name tags.

Anyway, thank you for welcoming me into the club, thank you for your confidence in nominating me as President and I will do whatever I can to continue WSC's path into the future.

Announcements – by Vice President Bruce Speirs

WSC Board Nominations Submitted and Vote Conducted

Per the *WSC Bylaws Article V, Section 1 Elected Officials and other officials* – Here are the candidates as submitted by the Nominations Committee for the listed officer vacancies.

WSC Vacancies and Candidates –

President – Martin Martin

Secretary - Annette Perkins

Treasurer - Warren Weir

Board Member at Large – Chris Mayer

The above nominated candidates were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

At this time the Presidency was relinquished by VP Bruce Speirs to our new incoming President Martin Martin.

The following collateral duty assignments were then assigned or re-assigned as follows -

- Warren Weir is stepping down from his duties as Sporting Clays Director.
- Keith Heimes, immediate past President, will assume the duties of Sporting Clays Director and continue his RSO assignment.

- Matthew Fleece, former Treasurer, is stepping down from his Chief Range Safety Officer assignment but will retain RSO and webmaster duties.
- Wynn Simon will assume the duties of Chief Range Safety Officer.

WSC to host Flagstaff Gun Show table August 12th – by Board Member Chris Mayer

Your WSC will staff an outreach table at the Flagstaff gun show Saturday August 12th. Please stop by and say hello. Bring a friend over too as we will also have a free raffle drawing for those new members who sign up. RSO Chris Mayer will be the coordinator for this annual WSC effort.



Crew from 2022 L-R Wynn Simon, Chuck Corcoran, Jack Douglas, Annette Perkins

Range Schedule – Check before you go! – by WSC Web Master Matthew Fleece

Make it a routine to check the WSC website for closures and changes BEFORE heading out. Remember – we don't own the place or have the ultimate scheduling authority.

Friends of the NRA Banquet – Saturday August 26, 2023 starting at 4:30 PM

Join other champions of the Second Amendment for dinner, games, auctions, and fun with a chance to win exclusive NRA guns, gear, décor, and collectibles!

Location

Miss Kitty's Steakhouse
642 E Route 66
Williams, AZ 86046

Contact

Patty Williams
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For further details go to www.friendsofnra.org/events/event-details/?eventId=59455

Club Management – by Secretary Annette Perkins

Monthly meetings – Note – We now meet at 6 PM

WSC Board and General meetings are held the second Wednesday evening of every month now starting at 6 PM at the American Legion Hall, 425 West Grant Ave. All WSC members and the public are welcome to attend.

July 12th Board Meeting Highlights

- Annual Election and results -
 - President – Martin Martin
 - Treasurer – Warren Weir
 - Secretary – Annette Perkins
 - Board Member at Large – Chris Mayer
- Board accepts financial report.
- Keith Heimes now Sporting Clays Director. Monthly report to President & newsletter.
- Treasurer report on funds received for surplus trap machines.
- Board approved \$200 donation to AZ Clothe a Child from Turkey Shoot revenue. A motion to match donations for all three groups with WSC funds was approved.
- WSC Decals and embroidery examples and costs – Tabled to August meeting.
- Membership now at 240.
- WSC booth at Flagstaff discussed. Travel costs to be reimbursed at standard IRS rate.
- A motion to form a Bylaws revision committee was approved.
- The June 18, 2023 Range Incident Report was reviewed and filed.
- Sporting Clays Grant Funding closure actions reviewed. Due by November, Heimes to handle.
- President suggested & Board approved moving monthly meeting time to 6 PM.

Next WSC Board meeting set for August 9th at 6 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities – by Chief RSO Wynn Simon

Pistol Challenge

This twice a month opportunity now has a set schedule of the second Wednesday and the following Saturday every month. For July that was/is the 12th and 15th. For August it will be the 9th and 12th.

I will be talking with our RSOs about their thoughts on incorporating challenges that go beyond just knocking down steel plates. Options could involve self-defense challenges, things to sharpen your self-awareness skills, threat level assessments, practical and real life personal defense shooting challenges, and the realities of which is best - ‘open” carry vs “concealed” carry. Expect more to come as we work to formulate good learning and shooting skills for our WSC members.

Those of you who have been shooting the Practical Pistol Challenge please give us a shout out about what you like or want to see.



Practical Pistol Steel challenge and Tactical Pistol Shooting

Shotgun Range Activities - by Sporting Clays Director Keith Heimes

New Clay Target Throwers

By now most of you probably know that WSC's sporting clays operation has benefited from an NRA grant that allowed upgrade of our entire sporting clays endeavor with six new Atlas DC powered throwers and a remote-controlled launching system. When combined, these improvements have provided an improved shooting experience for those that have tested their clay busting abilities with the new setup. Have the scores improved? The jury is still deliberating on that issue!!

But the shoots are flowing nicely with fewer interruptions, and we are looking for some newcomers to join us. Our course is small (50 rounds) and presents challenging flight profiles. You do not need to be an "expert" to come shoot with us—just a willingness to have a good time with fellow shooters. Safely engaging those sometimes-elusive clays.

If interested, just send an email to wscsz2020@hotmail.com and we'll take it from there. Our shoots are held on the fourth Sunday of each month with a 0900 (summer hours) start time. Shoots are held at the Camp Raymond Scout Camp located at the south end of Garland Prairie. Directions can be found on the WSC website, www.williamssportsmansclub.com.

Range Improvement Project – by Vice President Bruce Speirs

You too can share in the fun!

Range improvements never end and we are always in need of help. Do you have a skill that would benefit the WSC? We have lots of different projects and tasks that occasionally require assistance. Stay tuned for 'Help Wanted' announcements.

A Message from YOUR 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....

Range Safety Officers – by Chief RSO Simon and a message from President Martin

Chief Range Safety Officer Wynn Simon – Attention all RSOs - You are the ‘boots on the ground’ so we need to hear your suggestions, gripes and whatnot up front and timely. What are our members saying? Asking for? What needs improvement? If we don’t hear about it there will be no fixing it!

President Martin is “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. Like Wynn said - If we don’t hear about it there will be no fixing it!

Tactical Tips

Summer is here! And so are the ‘folks who live in their cars.’ Add to this the impact on Williams that Interstate 40 and all the types of travelers it brings. Untold thousands and everything else that goes along with this as people move to and from California and the all points east of us. Last year I noticed an uptick in crimes reported by WPD which even included a couple of robberies and a shooting.

When in crowds put your head on a swivel and watch for any person who is doing likewise. Could be they’re just practicing good situational awareness too or they are evil doers looking for a victim? Whatever the case, you need to size them up. Are they sketchy and somewhat disheveled looking? Do you have an uneasy feeling about them? If so keep your distance and your companions alerted. Avoidance means no conflict, no worries. You can come back later.

Membership Report - by Membership Director Chuck Corcoran

New Members

Please welcome 10 new members who have joined since our June WSC membership meeting -

Anthony Armas	Crystal Bublikova	Jacquelyn Gibson	Steven Hood
Srdjan Maksiuovic	Egle Rvcci	Alan Saunders	Jason Sota
Johnny & Pamela Grantham			



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

This month I will present a trauma scenario that occurred in my neighborhood and how the injuries were treated by this immediate responder (pre-EMS). This is an article that was submitted on 8/2021. It deserves to be re-run. This past weekend the neighborhood was flooded with recreational vehicles: Quads/UTVs, Razors, and e-bikes. Every summer there seems to be more and more people out in all-terrain vehicles and bikes. One thing I noted was missing from all individuals was a lack of protective equipment i.e. helmets and seatbelts. I have taken care of many individuals who incurred serious head injuries due to a lack of helmets, crashing at high speeds, or losing control of their ride. I would also bet my last dollar that very few of these individuals had either a personal (wearable) trauma kit or that a larger trauma kit was secured in/on the recreational vehicles. The point, wear protective gear, practice safe driving/riding, and have some type of kit that can be used to stop bleeding (either for yourself or another person(s) in your group. Don't become a statistic.

On a quiet Saturday evening, neighbors called me to help with a bicycle accident. I arrived at the neighbor's home, grabbed my trauma kit, and made my way to the injured person. The 55 year old female was sitting on the cinder driveway, clutching her right arm in obvious distress. I noticed that the right knee had a large 4 to 5 inch gash which had minor bleeding and was quite deep and full of cinders and dirt. There were several family members and a young child surrounding the patient. What would your first action be in this scenario?

The first step with any trauma is to Assess the scene for safety, don gloves, and begin the ongoing assessment of the individual. One of the bystanders was on the phone with 911 requesting an ambulance. Another assisted the children away from the scene as they were becoming quite upset. These actions left two, able bodied adults to assist as needed. The injured person was able to describe how her injuries occurred and what hurt (right arm which she was clutching to her side, and right knee).

In a trauma situation, the acronym **M.A.R.C.H** is used to manage the steps of trauma treatment.

M - Manage Hemorrhage (bleeding). The question asks – “If the bleeding is spurting, squirting, soaking or pooling?” Stop the Bleed Training recommends the application of a tourniquet or a pressure dressing. In this scenario, I chose to flush the wound with a Normal Saline Spray to better visualize the wound. The bleeding from the wound did not require a tourniquet but, did require a roll of gauze packing and the application of a T3 pressure dressing which are available through any number of reputable medical supply businesses. In a pinch, an ACE wrap can be used to apply pressure over the gauze wrap, to apply pressure to a wound.

A - Airway. The question asks - “Does the individual have a clear airway?” Our scenario patient did have a clear airway (she was talking to me throughout the interventions).

R - Respiration. The question asks - “Is the individual breathing in a normal manner, too fast or too slow?” This individual was breathing too fast. Normal respirations for an adult are 16-20 breaths per minute and I counted 28-32 breaths per minute. This is not unusual with trauma victims. It is best to calm the patient and remind them to breath in through the nose and exhale through their mouth. Pain and anxiety are often the cause of rapid breathing.

C - Circulation. The question asks - “Does the individual have pulses at all four extremities (arms, legs), is the skin color normal, flushed or pale, is the temperature of the skin normal, warm or cool?” This individual had good pulses at her feet and at the left wrist. The right wrist pulse was thready. The individual had severe pain to the upper, right arm. My assessment was that there was a fracture of the arm and/or a dislocation of the right shoulder. I treated this injury by immobilizing the entire right arm with a sling without any repositioning of the arm or shoulder. I also applied ice packs to the right knee and right shoulder area.

H - Hypo or Hyperthermia/Hypovolemia. This question asks - “Is the patient too warm or too cool?” In all trauma situations, it is vital to protect the individuals body temperature. I carry a lightweight, reflective ‘blanket’ (during warm/hot months) and a much warmer ‘blanket’ (during the cold months). This protects the patient from environmental heating or cooling. Also, this is a standard care for treating a patient in shock or at risk for shock (especially if there is blood/fluid loss).

Once these assessments and interventions were completed, I positioned myself behind the patient to support her in a position of comfort until the paramedics arrived while continuing to monitor/observe all the points of M.A.R.C.H. and to monitor for shock. The fire department and ambulance arrived in about 20 minutes. The EMT’s only had to load the patient onto a gurney, receive the report of the mechanism of injury (fall from bicycle), observable injuries and the treatments that were applied to the injuries prior to their arrival.

The individual did require surgical debridement twice, placement of two drainage tubes and a wound “VAC” to the injured right knee. This VAC can gently pull fluid from the wound, reduce swelling, may help clean the wound, remove bacteria, helps pull the edges of the wound together, and it may stimulate the growth of new tissue that helps the wound close. The knee was immobilized post operatively and required physical therapy and wound care. The right, upper arm was fractured and required immobilization, surgical shoulder replacement, and

ongoing physical therapy. I have included a photo of the trauma kit I carry/use, and of the right, knee wound for visuals.



So, did your responses to this scenario, align with mine? Do you have the training and tools to be an immediate responder? Every person is capable of the interventions outlined in this scenario. Consider a Basic First Aid course and/or attend a Stop The Bleed presentation. Until September, be safe and enjoy our monsoon weather!

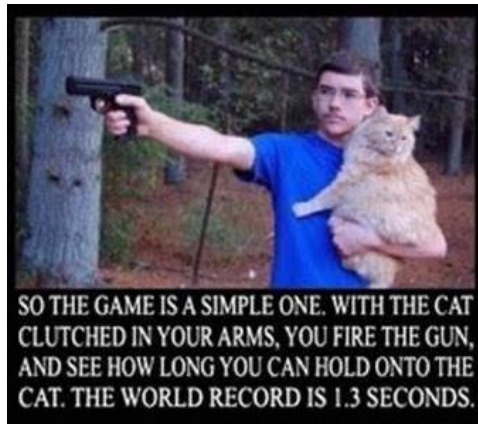
Looking forward to seeing you out on the range! Practice safety daily!

Gun Show Info

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

Jul 15-16	Kingman, Phoenix (State Fairgrounds)
Jul 21-22	Snowflake
Jul 22-23	Phoenix (Ben Avery)
Jul 29-30	Casa Grande, Overgaard
Aug 4-5	Bullhead, Tucson
Aug 12-13	Flagstaff, Las Vegas NV
Aug 19-20	Prescott, Mesa

Snap 'Shot'



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



I finally got my driveway cleared of snow, then all the water ran off, and now that the mud has dried up it's too hot to go outside! Where is my sunscreen – I mean scalp screen?

And just like that it went from subzero blizzard white outs, to water over the hood, flying mud, to total road dust brownouts!

You want the monsoons to start? Wash and wax your car!

I paid off my college debt in 1962. Can I get a retro refund check? Huh? Maybe? Just look at me. I'm so.....deserving!

Cheer up! You could be living with me!

Trading Post

WSC Trading Post – How it Works

Send the information to wscz2020@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.