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"On Target!"



September 2023

President's Message – by Martin Martin

As we are just getting ready to start the Fall hunting season, make sure to come to the range and get sighted in. Even if your gun has been in the safe since last year, things may have gone out of adjustment. It would be terrible to miss an opportunity at a deer or elk because your sights are off. If you intend to use something other than the standard WSC target stands please pick them up and remove them after your use. Thanks!

We are getting a good number of new RSO's and are looking at expanding our range opportunities. This may include being open every Sunday and/or extended range hours and events. As always, if you are interested, please send an email to wscsz2020@hotmail.com.

Thanks to all those who helped with the WSC float for the Williams Patriots Day Parade. Everything looked great until just before the parade started and the rain came. Looking at the radar map, the only rain cloud for 50 miles was directly over Williams. We persevered and had a good time anyways. See pictures on pages 3 & 4..

The Board voted to expand Range days and we plan to be open EVERY Wednesday, Saturday and SUNDAY starting October. A letter notifying Williams PD has been sent.

And lastly I am sorry to report the passing of long time WSC member and RSO Jack Douglas.

Interment will be Tuesday September 26th 11 AM at the Nation Cemetery, Camp Navajo in Bellemont. See page 3 for directions. All are welcome to attend.

Martin

Remembering Jack Douglas – by Keith Heimes



Jack Douglas staffing the WSC recruitment booth at the 2022 Williams Gun Show.

The WSC said a sad farewell to BOD member and RSO Jack Douglas on September 11, 2023.

I met Jack in the spring of 2019 before the annual July membership meeting—and as fate would have it, shortly thereafter I assumed the President’s position of WSC. These annual meetings generally resulted in BOD changes and there was a position open for a director-at-large.

Despite only knowing Jack for a short time, I knew Jack was the man for the job. He was approved unanimously and served proudly and purposefully until health reasons forced his resignation as a BOD member.

Jack was a husband, father, a staunch patriot and a loyal friend. For sure, one always knew what was on Jack's mind. When the chips were down, Jack was the one you wanted on your side—once a Marine, always a Marine.

Jack, my friend, you left us much too soon—you fought the good fight against cancer and remained strong to the end.

Your spirit lives on—you will be missed.

Keith Heimes

Funeral Service at the National Cemetery at Camp Navajo Tuesday September 26th 11 AM

Camp Navajo is in Bellemont and the address of the National Cemetery is 14317 Veterans Dr, Bellemont, AZ 86015. Exit 185, turn right on Hughes Ave, follow signage to "National Cemetery," go straight through 4 way intersection, cross over tracks, just after building turn right and drive 1 ½ miles to cemetery. You do not enter the Camp or go through guard gate.

The WSC float as entered in the Williams Patriot Day Parade



L – R Vicki Spencer, RSO Kelly Spencer, President & RSO Martin Martin, Board Member & RSO Dale Vicari, and Bill Cannon. Pictures by Chris Mayer



Announcements – by Bruce Speirs

Friends of the NRA Fund Raiser Dinner – by Bruce Speirs

The recent fund raiser was attended by approximately 125 shooting sports enthusiasts from our area including many WSC members. Sixty five guns were either auctioned off or won as raffle prizes. This annual event, besides being fun and an opportunity to have a dinner with friends, raised significant funds in support of the Second Amendment and local Shooting Ranges. In fact our own WSC Sporting Clays Range received an NRA grant this spring for three new clay thrower machines and \$1,200 for associated equipment. It is clearly obvious that you need to 'put your money where your mouth is' if you want your shooting sports opportunities and 2nd Amendment rights to continue.



Civilian Marksmanship Program – Visit thecmp.org

CMP Matches at Ben Avery, M1 Rifles, .45 Pistols & Ammo Sale Info

Western CMP Games, CMP Pistol & CMP Highpower Rifle Matches October 10-15th. The competitions will be held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix and consist of four days of Pistol Matches including a Pistol Basic Class, CMP Match Pistol 2700, CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Match, CMP EIC Service Pistol Match, CMP 1911 As-Issued Pistol Match, Military & Police Service Pistol Match and the NEW CMP Service Revolver EIC Match.

The CMP currently has a selection of Field Grade M1 Garand Rifles available for mail orders until sold out. View details on the Field Grand M1 Garand Rifles at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/> Ordering information may be viewed at https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/ordering-information/

M1911 .45 ACP Pistol Sales - Round 4 Open for Orders. View details on the CMP 1911 Pistol Program on their website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/1911-information/>

More .30-06 surplus ammunition is available for purchase at the CMP Stores in Anniston and Talladega, Alabama. View CMP store details at https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/cmp-stores/

Club Management – by Annette Perkins

Monthly meetings

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

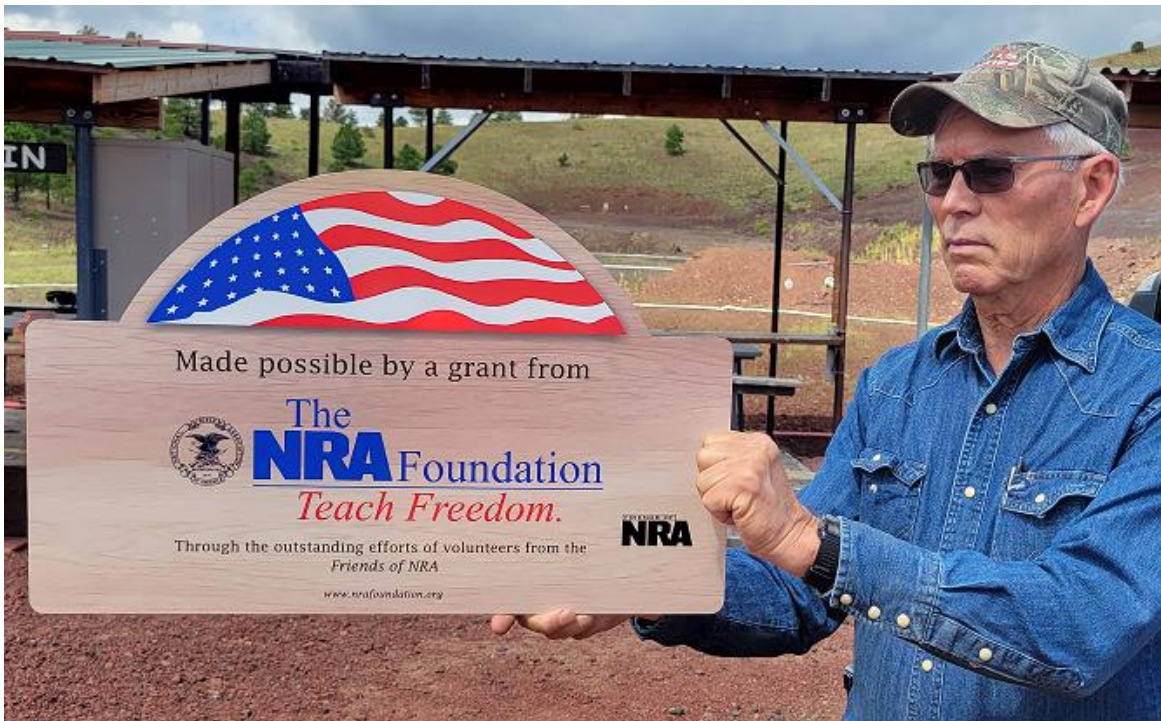
September 13th Board Meeting Highlights –

- Approval of Aug 2023 meeting minutes
- President Martin remarks
 - Passing of longtime member Jack Douglas announced
 - Bylaws revision in progress
 - Parks & Recreation Liaison position eliminated (pending Bylaws revision)
 - WSC Facebook, email & website discussed
- Finance Report Weir – None
- Membership Report Corcoran – 271 members
- Chief RSO Report Simon
 - RSO email group to be created for monthly briefings
 - Range keys issued to board members.
 - New RSO name tags, hats, and vests to be ordered.
 - RSO retention report briefly discussed. Will be reviewed in full at Oct meeting.
- Sporting Clays Report Heimes (via text)
 - 11 shooters, 50/50 raffle winnings returned to club, NRA Grant Recognition sign posted (cost \$263).
- Williams Patriot Day Parade – WSC entered float and it rained.
- WSC decals approved for purchase.

- Additional Range Days Proposal – Simon & Speirs. Approved. Letter to Williams PD for notification. Will be open every Wed, Sat and Sun starting Oct.
- Bylaws Update Speirs – In progress
- Practical Pistol Report Simon - Tabled to Oct.
- Youth .22 Shooting Proposal Mayer & Speirs - Tabled to Oct.

Next WSC Board meeting set for October 11th at 6 PM.

Shotgun Range Activities – by Keith Heimes



RSO and WSC Immediate Past President Keith Heimes displays sign acknowledging the Sporting Clays Range improvements were funded by a generous donation by the NRA Foundation.

Sunday August 27 2023, saw 11 Sporting Clay shooters, braving 80-degree temperatures and calm winds at Camp Raymond, determined to master the fine art of clay busting. Results were mixed for sure---with several "mumblings" heard after the clay continued downrange unscathed. "No way I missed that" or "must've been the wind"?? Remember the calm wind statement just above??? But as is usual with any clay busting attempt, be it skeet, trap or sporting clays, rarely does a clay reach its final resting spot - on Mother earth - in one piece. Something about the ground and rocks being harder than clay composites!!! But regardless on individual scores, everyone had a great time, and some new friends were made.

The fun continued with a 50/50 raffle being held with WSCs very own President Martin Martin being the lucky winner. Feeling in a generous mood, Martin donated his winnings back to the Sporting Clays effort and will be used to purchase more clays. Thanks Martin!!! WSC Sporting Clays events are normally held the fourth Sunday of each month at the Camp Raymond Scout Camp with a start time of 9 AM or later depending on forecast temps.

Range Improvement Project

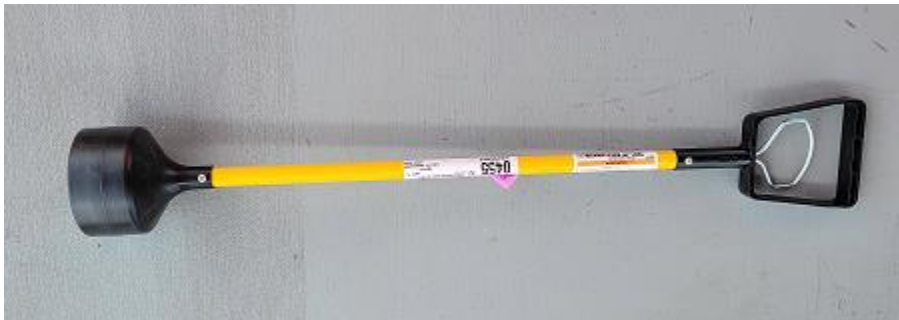
Target Frames – by Keith Heimes

As of now all the wooden target frames in the target locker have the 48" verticals with the cardboard stapled so the top rises to approximately 54". The remaining 48" verticals in the conex are to be used up before we transition to the 54" verticals.

From this point forward all new verticals made should be cut to 54" high and 3/4" wide. If anyone has some scrap 2X4 or 2X6 lumber that is reasonably straight and you want to donate it to the Club, just drop it off at the Range and I'll take it from there.

Also please ensure that the 8"X8" wooden blocks are placed in front of the metal target frames to reduce inadvertent bullet impact damage.

Steel Cartridge Case “Picker Upper” available at Range – by Bruce Speirs



For those of you who shoot steel cased ammo we have a magnetic “picker upper” in the RSO box. Whoever donated it our ageing backs say “Thank you!”

And remember all shooters are required by our USFS permit to pick up their brass after shooting. As the saying goes “Your mother doesn’t work here so pick up after yourself” and it is NOT the job of the RSOs to do so.

Tactical Tips – by Bruce Speirs

Your Self Defense Weapon and You - A few years back an acquaintance of mine was bragging (and he bragged about everything!) about what a great self-defense handgun he had. It was a

high end Kimber .45ACP semiautomatic pistol. I found this absurdly paradoxical as even though his wife regularly carried a pistol he rarely, if ever, did. I asked him where it was to which he replied *"It lives in the gun safe."* With a slight smirk and a great deal of inner satisfaction I told him *"Your Kimber is worthless!"* He gasped and became red. I said that *'if the pistol is always in the safe it can't be a self-defense weapon'* and he *'might as well sell it.'* He did not take this well.

What's the point here? To be effective it must be available and ready for immediate use. That requires that it functions, is maintained, is loaded, and the operator is familiar and experienced shooting and reloading it, and it is usually carried or immediately available. In other words you need to 'talk the talk' and (contrary to the braggart above) 'walk the walk.' Have your pistol ready and be experienced in its operation. Besides just shooting practice, do magazine changes until it becomes natural. I was taught that if in a gun fight to be assertive and that *"If you are not shooting you should be moving. If you are not moving you should be reloading. If you are not doing any of that you're &%#@?ed."* Go to the Range and shoot a box!

Fall is Here = Dusk Lighting Conditions – So what's up? Notice that the summer sun is not out to 8 PM anymore? - That's what! And as the days move further into winter it will be getting darker sooner. So why is that important? To see you need light, conversely, to see – and shoot effectively – you need effective light. That means you must have a readily available and capable flashlight. You need a gun for a gun fight and you need that plus light for a night gun fight! You'll probably never need it to shoot but finding the door lock at night is a good thing.

My Glock has 'rails' so I can slip on a Streamlight weapon light. Or sometimes I also carry a small 'tactical' type pocket flashlight. You carry a pocket knife? Get a flashlight!



Flashlight



Slide on Weapon Light

These new lights are not your grandfather's old D cell camping flashlight. These have high intensity LED or Xenon bulbs and are quite bright. But they cost more but you are getting more too! The old "You get what you pay for" come true. In the future I'll write up an article on these things but in the meantime at least get a good tactical type flashlight.

Range Safety Officers – by Wynn Simon

Please welcome two new RSOs - Jon Montgomery and Tom Peckinpaugh.

More RSO red hats, name tags, and vest are on order. If you need a name tag tell me how you want it - first and last name, or just first name, and either pin, Velcro or magnetic backing.

Also I will be crafting a monthly RSO briefing so everyone is kept abreast of changes and any news of importance.

And I encourage ALL RSOs TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS! We need to hear from you!

Membership Report – by Chuck Corcoran

RSOs - Can't find a Member listed in the Roster at the Range? Or their Card? What to do....

As an RSO at the Range have you ever had a person come to sign in and they do not have a membership card nor can you find them listed in the membership roster? That's could be because of the lag time between their joining and my listing of them on the roster as printed out monthly and maintained at the Range.

The Fix - It's OK to let them shoot but to cover the liability issues have them sign a "One Day" waiver form. And when you sign up a new member go to the roster in the binder and on the last page write in their name. Remember the roster is updated only monthly so if this new member shows up again the following week the next RSO can look their name them up in the roster.

New Members

Welcome 15 new members who have joined since our August WSC membership meeting -

Matthew Ronayne

Tom Peckinpaugh

Jose Cortes

Dane Bridge

David Ochs

Steven Richardson

Jennifer Traber

Phillip Whisnant

David Butterfield

Linda Lopez

Braxton Finegan

Josef Ray

Victor Sanchez

John Holcomb

Gordon Schroeder

And congratulations to Gordon Schroeder the winner of the Flagstaff Gun Show WSC Recruitment Booth raffle! His 2024 dues are now paid up! An early Christmas gift!

Come and Get Your Membership Card! - There are still many membership cards at the range for folks to pick up. Attention RSOs - Should someone show up and if their card is not in the card box go to the yellow folder which contains those members membership cards attached to a blank waiver which needs to be signed. Once signed give them their card and that's it. If you have any questions, please call Chuck.



The Medic's Corner – by Annette Perkins, BSN, RN (retired)

NOTE - *The Medic's Corner will be changing to a quarterly guest column in the WSC Newsletter.*

This month - Recognizing the signs and symptoms of a stroke

One of the easiest methods to remember what to look for is the acronym: **F.A.S.T.**

According to the American Stroke Association, *“Strokes are the 5th cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. On average 19 million brain cells die every minute that a stroke goes untreated. Stroke is an Emergency and 911 must be called immediately.”*

The sooner signs and symptoms of a stroke are recognized do not delay in calling 911. *“Early treatment of strokes leads to higher survival rates and lower disability rates.”*

To learn more about the different types of strokes visit the American Stroke Associations Website [www.stroke.org>about-stroke](http://www.stroke.org/about-stroke)

The infographic features a title in large, bold, dark red font: "Acting F.A.S.T. is Key to Stroke Survival". In the top right corner is the CDC logo. Below the title are four circular icons, each representing a part of the F.A.S.T. acronym. Each icon is accompanied by a label in bold red text and a question in black text. The icons are: 1. A face with one side drooping. 2. An arm drifting downward. 3. A person with a speech bubble. 4. A clock face.

FACE	ARMS	SPEECH	TIME
Does one side of the face droop when smiling?	Does one arm drift downward when both arms are raised?	Is speech slurred or strange when repeating a simple phrase?	If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

Thank-You for taking the first steps in raising awareness of Strokes and the Warning Signs and Symptoms.

Lock, Stock & Barrel Trivial Pursuit - Does length matter!?!

Question – I have two .30-06 rifles, one has a 22” barrel the other a 24” barrel. Will one give me better accuracy and ballistics?

Answer - Longer barrels are generally not more accurate. If anything, it’s quite the opposite as shorter, stiffer barrels tend to vibrate more consistently and are probably more accurate on average. And who shoots rifles using only iron sights anymore? Optical sights vastly improve YOUR accuracy. Case in point about 20+ years ago the Marines were considering a wholesale replacement of the M16A2 rifle with the M4 carbine, which would have reduced the rifle’s 20-inch barrel to the M4’s 14.5-inch tube. The obvious loss of velocity, and thus reduced energy and effective range, concerned many. This was before the Marines had fully embraced optical sights, and the concern was based on the loss of the riflemen’s accuracy using iron battle sights with the M4’s much shorter sight radius. The Marine riflemen kept the longer barrel but then that changed in 2015 when optics arrived and, as influenced by urban combat conditions, they switched to the M-4 with the Trijicon ACOG (Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight) 4x32 fixed power compact riflescope with a dual-illuminated reticle (tritium and fiber optics).

As far as ballistics first consider velocity. Longer barrels generate higher velocity because the propellant burns more completely. However, there are diminishing returns with extra-long barrels, depending on cartridge, caliber and propellant. It is often said we can expect a velocity change of about 20 to 25 fps per inch of barrel loss. This is approximate, but not far off, if we start with an “average” barrel of about 23 inches. Most factory ballistics are based on 24-inch barrels so if you have a 22-inch barrel, you probably aren’t achieving published velocities. Most non-magnum cartridges do fine with 22-inch barrels so don’t worry about it. Most magnum cartridges do well with 24-inch barrels. They may do better with 26-inch barrels, but is there any game animal or target that will recognize a difference of 100 fps?

Gun Show Info – by Chris Mayer

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

Sept 16-17 Tucson
Sept 23-24 Mesa
Sept 30-Oct 1 Glendale

Oct 7-8 Scottsdale (Colt Collectors Assoc.), Queen Creek
Oct 14-15 St Johns, Gilbert, Kingman, Las Vegas (NV)
Oct 21-22 Tucson, Wickenburg
Oct 28-29 Glendale, Lake Havasu, Prescott Valley

Quotable Quote - by Annie Oakley



Aim for the high mark and you will hit it.
No, not the first time, not the second
time and maybe not the third. But keep
on aiming and keep on shooting for only
practice will make you perfect. Finally
you'll hit the bull's-eye of success.

— Annie Oakley —

AZ QUOTES

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



A quiet man is a thinking man. A quiet woman is usually mad.

Sometimes the first step towards forgiveness is realizing the other person was born an idiot.

When chickens communicate do they use foul language?

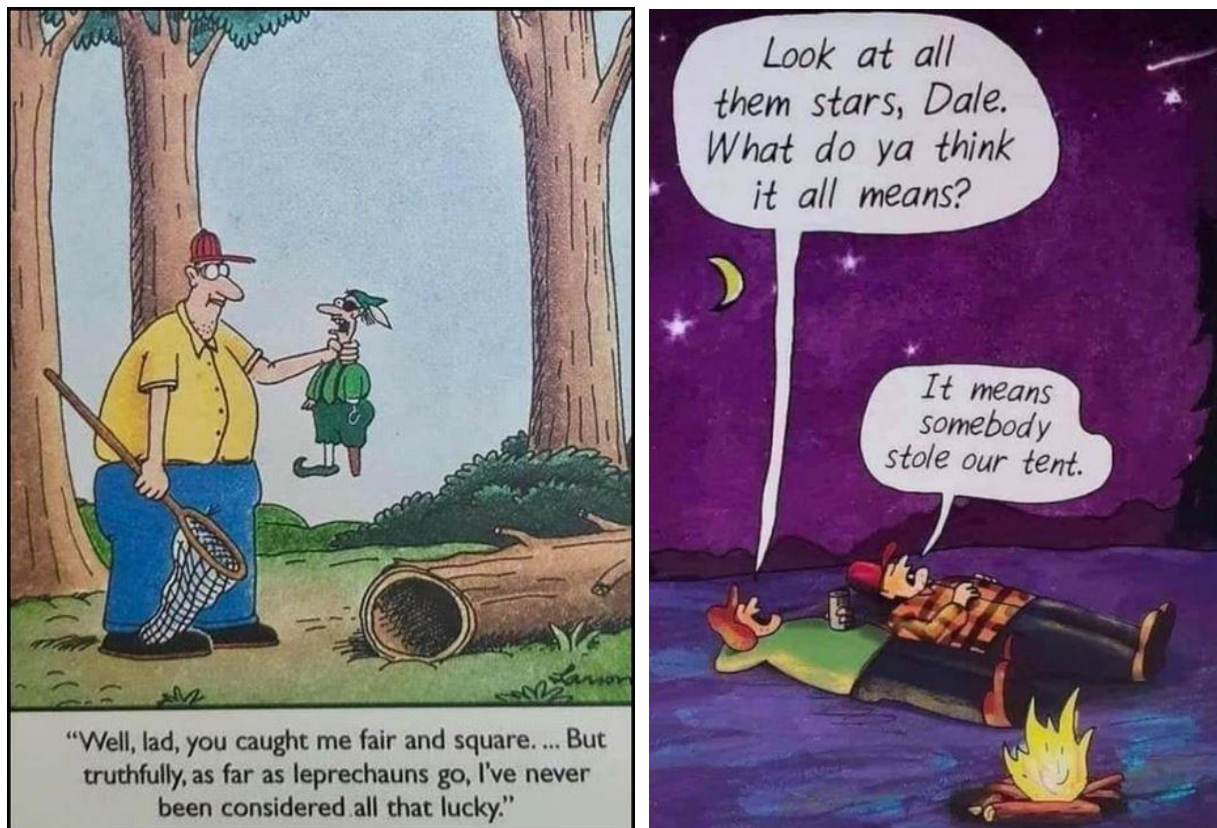
Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water. Hey, this is Arizona! Haul water is like Gold!

Snap 'Shot' – by Bruce Speirs

Lucky is.....



Unlucky is.....



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.

For Sale 9mm Pistol

A very nice somewhat rare shooter and pretty to boot. Kahr PM 9, Black Rose Edition. This pistol has the finest striker fired trigger of any strikers I have fired and I've fired hundreds.

Includes 3 extra mags of which 2 are extended. Also will include 3 holsters 2 left handed and one right. Less than 300 rounds fired. \$900.00

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