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"On Target!"



October 2023

President's Message – Martin Martin, WSC President & RSO

Range Days Increased

The Board voted to expand Range days and we have been approved by Williams Police to be open EVERY Wednesday, Saturday and now all SUNDAYS which began October 1st. The WSC was also told by LT Romero that "The Williams Police Department is thankful for all that you guys do for the range." It is gratifying that all our ongoing efforts have been acknowledged however our care of the Range will continue and continuing improvements are planned.

The Passing of Jack Douglas

And lastly I am sorry to report the passing of Jack Douglas, a long time WSC member, Range Safety Officer, a US Marine who served his country proudly during the most difficult years of combat in Vietnam, and just a great guy who never hesitated to tell you what he was thinking or to offer a helping hand if you needed it. You will be missed.

Honoring Rodger Ely

Rodger was awarded a recognition plaque for his 15 years of service as a member of the WSC Board of Directors and as our Parks and Recreation Liaison. His personal involvement, beginning at the inception of the WSC and the Range in general, proved immensely crucial in cementing the WSC's existence and increased the Public's awareness and involvement in shooting sports activities.

We thank you Rodger for your efforts and many years of dedication.



Rodger Ely (L) receiving recognition plaque from WSC Membership Director Chuck Corcoran (R)

Announcements – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO

WSC to Host “Veterans Day at the Range” on Saturday November 11th 9AM – 1 PM

This event, to be held on Veterans Day, will invite all US Veterans, Active Duty Military personnel and all First Responders out to see the Range, shoot at no cost as guests, and partake in several free raffles which will provide many opportunities of winning some great gifts. The event flyer will be sent out to all WSC members so please forward it along to any Veteran, Military Personnel or First Responder, active or retired, that you know. With the world undergoing so much uncertainty, crime, war, and our homeland’s bleak times it is the least we can do to honor their dedication while they have been serving and protecting us here at home and abroad.

“The Weather is kind’a iffy outside so is the Range Open or Closed?”

As we move into fall the weather may cause some issues so please check the website for any last minute range closure announcements. Also make note of any postings on the WSC Range gate bulletin board for other important notices.

As a general reminder each RSO is empowered to use his/her discretion regarding opening or even keeping the Range open if inclement weather is in the forecast or if the weather suddenly turns unfavorable to outdoor activities. As soon as we learn of these conditions we will endeavor to make the "Range Closed" call by at least the day prior so folks are made aware. But being a weather forecaster is a tough job so we’re sure that at least one time we will close

the Range and then see nothing but sunshine, calm winds and 50 degree temps! Your understanding will be appreciated!

Club Management – Annette Perkins, Secretary & RSO

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.

October 11, 2023 Board Meeting Highlights –

- September meeting minutes approved.
- Rodger Ely presented recognition plaque for his years of service to the WSC.
- WSC Website, email, Facebook discussed.
- Finance report.
- Bylaws Revision – Tabled to November meeting.
- Membership report.
- CRSO reports hats, nametags, vests received. Keys issued.
- Sporting Clays reports NRA Grant acknowledged in Wms Newspaper.
- Practical Pistol format – No Report.
- Youth shooting Outreach Effort – Committee formed.

Next WSC Board meeting set for November 8th at 6 PM.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO

Attention all Black Powder Shooters - Rick Livingston would like to get a group together that would be interested in shooting primitive black powder on a regular basis. He is asking all black power fans to contact him as he wants to hear from interested people. 928-525-6428

Shotgun Range Activities – by Keith Heimes, Sporting Clays Director, Past Pres. & RSO

September 24th witnessed seven brave souls take on the elusive clay birds of Raymond with mixed results!!! But it is just like the game of golf; we always hope for better results the next time out!!!

The group held the 50/50 raffle once again and Chuck Corcoran came away the lucky winner. Congrats Chuck, you won yourself a free round of clays.

The next shoot is now planned for Sunday October 22, 2023 with a 9 AM start. As has been the practice we strive to limit the number of shooters to 12 and it is first come, first serve---so sign up early and avoid the rush. If more than 12 folks sign up a standby list will be developed in the event there are cancellations.

As I send out upcoming sporting clays shoot announcements via email so if you are interested contact me and I will put you on the list. Conversely if anyone wishes to have their name removed please let me know.

Range Improvement Project – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO

Dumpster still full? What’s an RSO to do?

Call Williams Waste Management (928) 635-9108. They usually schedule a pick-up in two or three days. If no answer, then please leave a voicemail. And please add this number to your phone contact list. It will also be posted at the Range RSO work station.

Help, it’s fallen and I can’t get it up!

Not to fear the WSC Board just approved the creation of the Range Work Task Force. It will be headed up by RSO Dale Vicari and he will have a cadre of able assistants to call upon as needed. Just call Dale (his contact info will be posted on the RSO Work Box) and advise him of the issue. RSOs remain expected to inspect, repaint, and repair the metal target gongs while Dale and his crew will be handling other items such as routine ramada maintenance, grading, painting, general range up keep, and future improvements.

Range Safety Officers – by Wynn Simon, Board Member, Chief RSO

New Range Safety Officer

Congratulations to Bill Cannon our newest RSO.

RSO Hats, Name Tags, Vests

New RSO hats and name tags have arrived and will be issued out. New, higher quality orange vests sized M, L, XL, and XXL have arrived. The larger sizes will cover heavy winter jackets.

Use of Eye and Ear Protection on the Range

One of the issues we as RSOs all share is the need to continually assure our members are performing safe practices. Our eagle eyes should be on the lookout to prevent injury to themselves and others.

This month's spotlight is **Eye** and **Ear** protection. Besides watching out that members are handling weapons safely another key issue is keeping fingers off of triggers until the firearm is pointing in at the target. And the same goes when loading, unloading or manipulating any firearm for various reasons. We also need ensure folks are using eye protection – both shooters and spectators. If the RSO sees someone not using protection they should in a command voice call out 'EARS' while pointing to and tapping on his ear protection. The same goes for 'EYES.'

Simply stated- Keep those 'eyes' and 'ears' on folks.

Tactical Tips – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO



Elmer Keith was instrumental in the development of the first magnum revolver cartridge, the .357 Magnum (1935), as well as the later .44 Magnum (1956) and .41 Magnum (1964) cartridges. He has been credited as "the father of big bore hand gunning." Here he is pictured in a posed combat shooting stance with a 4" .44 magnum in each hand. While Elmer may have been a prolific writer, hunter, and hand gun enthusiast, this staged photo, while hugely impressive, may give some

the false impression this a proper use of handguns in a self-defense mode. But the truth being it is wildly impractical! Just how realistic is it to believe one can control the recoil and muzzle blast of a .44 magnum one handed? Not even to mention the one fired by 'the weak hand.' How is one supposed to reload, initiate a move to protective cover with both hands full, or do anything except just stand there? And stand there while smoking a pipe! This is just like Hollywood hype and the studio pistols or rifles that magically shoot forever, do not recoil, and never need reloading. Impractical, fanciful - and if you believe this hype it will get you killed.

Be smart, practical and realistic - Practice front sight, trigger control, proper grip and stance. Use cover, move, reload. Invest in a box of ammo each month. Invest in yourself. Survive.

Membership Report – by Chuck Corcoran, Board Member, Membership Director & RSO

New Members

Welcome six new members who have joined since our October WSC membership meeting -

Michael Branson

Alexander Coleman

Gary Dyer

Jayson Dyer

Dan & Connie Palmer

The issue of members forgetting their membership cards came up at the Board meeting. It was revealed that a WSC member had taken a picture of his card and keeps it in his phone's picture file. Great idea!

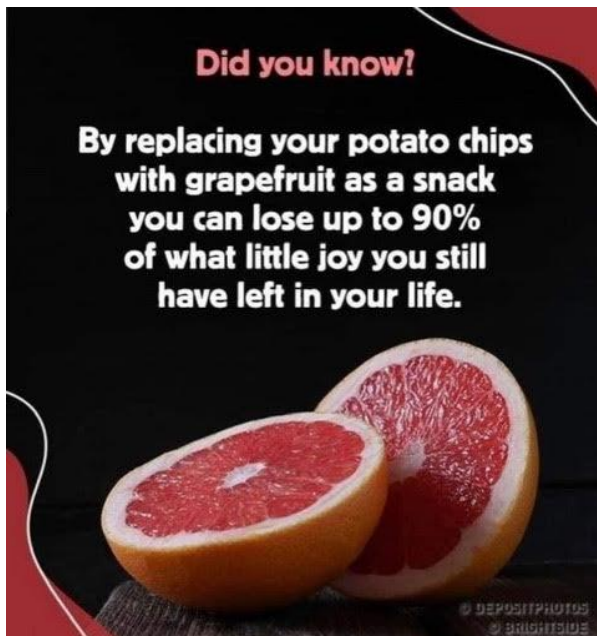
Gun Show Info – by Chris Mayer, Board Member & RSO

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

- Oct 21-22 Tucson, Wickenburg
- Oct 28-29 Glendale, Lake Havasu, Prescott Valley
- Nov 4-5 Cottonwood, Fountain Hills, Tucson, Yuma
- Nov 11-12 Kingman, San Tan Valley, Mesa, Safford
- Nov 18-19 Bullhead

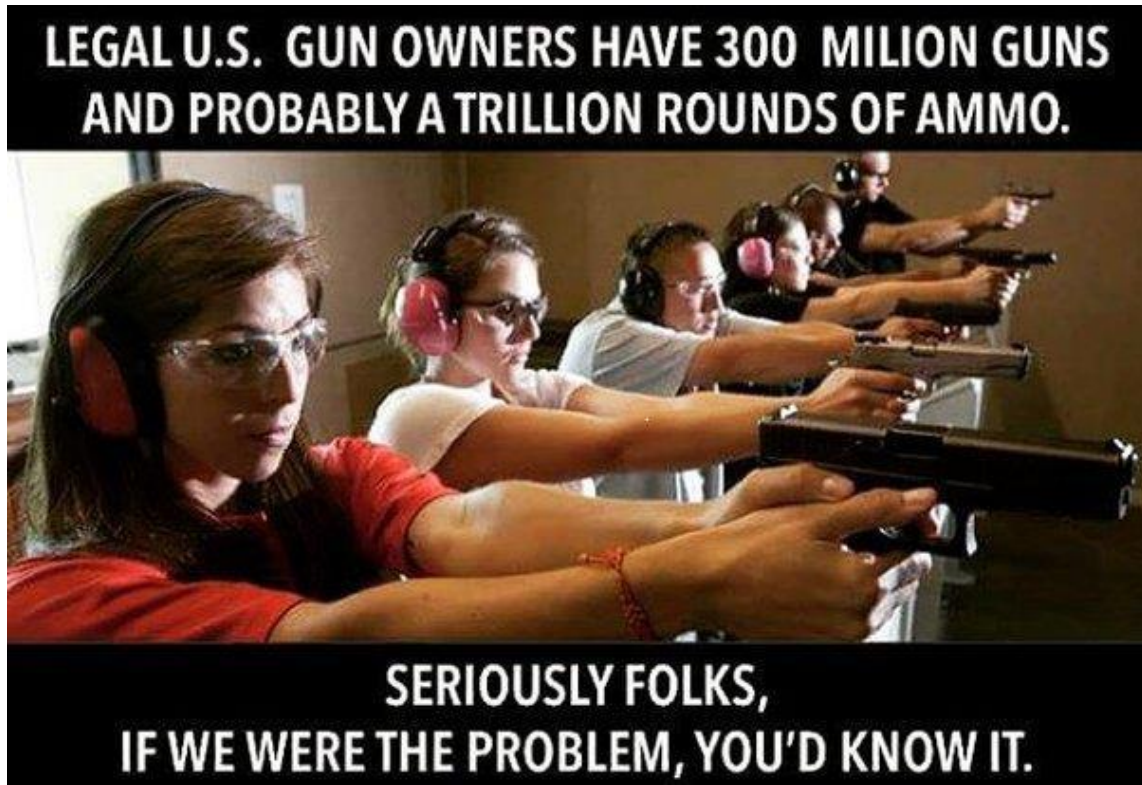


Medical Advice - by the Grump. Do not try this at home.



“Which leg is it?”

Quotable Quote



Snap 'Shot' – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO



Sung to the tune of *Take It Easy* by The Eagles

*I was standing on the corner in Williams Arizona
and such a fine sight to see,
It's Martin, my Lord, towing a load, slowing down to take a look at me.
And it was Dale and Vicki, Kelly and Bill, being towed by a royal blue UTV
all throwing candy at me!
Come on Martin, I see you behind the wheel,
Just tap the brakes, they'll give me a toss, and off to the range I will be!*

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



I thought my wife was losing her hearing so I went about 20’ behind her and asked “Can you hear me?” No reply so moved to 10’ and inquired again. Not a single word. A few inches behind her ear I again asked “Can you hear me now, honey?” This time she turned her head, looked at me quizzically and said “For crying out loud and for the third time yes, Yes, YES!”

WSC Logo Decals Available



They come in two sizes 1” and 3”. The 1” are free and the 3” are \$1 each. Great for your gun safe door, truck rear window, Christmas stocking stuffers, refrigerator, anniversaries, you name it. See the on duty RSO and load up.

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.