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"On Target!"



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President's Message – Martin Martin, President & RSO

Looking back over last year your WSC has had a lot of different things happen in that time. Lots of changes at the range, updates to our By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures, increases in membership and overall, just good things happening! Somehow I got roped into taking the President position, which is a big shoe to fill after all the work Past President Keith Heimes did for the club. We cannot thank him enough for all his hard work and time he devoted to the club.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we have quite a few things lined up for the club. Foremost is the effort by Chief Range Safety Officer Wynn Simon to get all our RSO's trained and operating the Range in the same manner. This will take some effort and time but the goal is for RSOs to continue to provide a professional range services.

Dale Vicari has step into his new position as 'Rangemaster,' along with a great group of volunteers, to tackle ongoing Range Maintenance. As you may have noticed, the pistol and 100 yard berms have new cinders on the face thanks to a donation of material by LP's Excavating. And thanks again to Keith Heimes for using his tractor to spread them out on the berms.

This year we will be checking ammunition more often as we have had some gongs damaged by the use of steel core bullets. Just as a reminder for all, firing armor piercing, green tip, and other types of hardened ammunition is not allowed on the range.

Other members of the club are organizing a youth shooting activity, updated practical pistol events, ladies day(s), and other fun events. So keep track of the calendar.

As winter has arrived in northern Arizona remember to check our website or Facebook page to verify the range is open. We may close due to snow, mud or any combination that makes range access impassable or would create damage to the road.

Lastly don't forget to renew your membership and hope to see you at the range!

I would be totally remiss if I failed to mention the great loss the WSC has suffered with the passing of Keith Heimes. He was a great leader, determined, principled, and always focused on increasing shooting sports opportunities and professionalizing the club's operations.

In Remembrance of Keith Heimes – by Martin Martin, WSC President & RSO



Keith Heimes passed away January 4, 2024

Keith will be known for his most generous dedication of time and extraordinary efforts devoted to the Williams Sportsman's Club (WSC). His acceptance to become our President was at a most critical point. Under his four years of superlative leadership the Range was completely reconstructed, the Sporting Clays facility became part of our club and substantially upgraded, our community outreach and public recognition skyrocketed, our operating procedures were professionalized, and the shooting sports opportunities for our membership was vastly increased.

In addition to his many contributions to the WSC, a passion of his was introducing youth to the shooting sports. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts shooting program and was currently working on introducing a Scholastic Clay Target Program to the WSC.

He personally touched many lives and built lifelong relationships with those around him. He will be greatly missed.

Announcements

It's Membership Renewal Time - by Chuck Corcoran, Board Member, Membership Director & RSO

Renewal emails have emailed out several times to all WSC members. The necessary renewal form was included as an attachment for you to print out. If you've already paid up just ignore them. NOTE - All renewal payments are due by January 31, 2024 as regardless of what month you joined the WSC, all renewals are due now as memberships are based on the calendar year.

As an option to mailing your renewal payment, just bring the renewal form and check or cash to the Range and give it to the on duty RSO. Once your payment is processed your membership card will be at the Range for pick up by the following month - and remember our winter range hours are 10 AM to 2 PM. Need a renewal form? Just print out page 13 of this newsletter or go to "Membership" on the WSC website and download one.

Is there a "Senior family" membership? No such 'senior family' membership category exists but if you and your spouse are 'seniors' (60+) with no children under 18 here's the fix - just sign yourself and your spouse up as 'senior' members at \$20 each to save the \$10. Use a single membership renewal form but please make sure you fill in both names and contact info and make a note of this dual senior membership request for Chuck Corcoran to see. Questions? Call Chuck 928 864-8423. He's like the Maytag Repairman – just waiting to hear from someone!



For those who fail to renew this will be your last WSC Newsletter.

Seriously? What are you waiting for!

We have more improvements planned for this year at the WSC Range and at the Sporting Clays Range.

We truly appreciate all those who support the WSC which enables your club to keep our shooting sports opportunities going.

Youth Shooting Sports Outreach Spring 2024 - by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO

The WSC is working on a plan to create shooting sport opportunities for our area's youth. We are working on outreach, course curriculum, securing instructors, and such. We plan to start out with a basic .22RF rifle marksmanship program and progress up to target matches and steel target shoots. Chris Mayer, Board Member & RSO, is the Committee Chair and is being assisted by Chuck Corcoran, Bill Townsend, Sonya Clauer, Michael Coleman, and Thomas Sanders. The behind the scenes work has started. We'll keep everyone updated as it moves forward.

Club Management – by Annette Perkins, Secretary & RSO

Monthly meetings – Note new Time – 3 PM

WSC Board and General meetings are held the second Wednesday evening of every month starting at 3 PM at the American Legion Hall, 425 West Grant Ave. All WSC members and the public are welcome to attend.

January 10, 2024 Board Meeting Highlights – VP Speirs chaired the meeting

- President Martin Approved Actions & Requests –
 - A Moment of silence in Remembrance of Keith Heimes.
 - President Martin requests to be included in all committee discussions / emails
 - Re-assignments - Warren Weir to Sporting Clays Director, Chuck Corcoran to Co-Chair Youth Shooting Sports.
 - Jamie Mace & Leyder Ness awarded WSC Life Memberships, and Rick Batson, Marty Pena & Thomas Sanders each awarded WSC 2024 one year memberships, per Bylaws Article III, 3, D & Article IV, 2, B in recognition recent contributions to the WSC.
 - Board action of Dec 22nd ratified – Approval of NRA training for CRSO Simon.
 - WSC insurance coverage – Tabled until Feb 14th meeting.

- RSO Bill Townsend approved to initiate discussions with AZGFD regarding start of Scholastic Clay Target Program.
- Martin & Speirs to meet with WPD Jan 18th 9 AM at Range.
- Finance report by Weir given
- Membership report by Corcoran -
 - Renewal notices out again.
 - Membership forms for 2024 finalized.
 - Info brochures now printed in-house.
- Chief RSO report by Simon -
 - Practical Pistol Training Program formalized and Bill Cannon appointed Lead RSO
 - Audit 2023 RSO Staffing and Member usage discussed. Will re-work figures for Feb meeting presentation.
- Sporting Clays by Weir –
 - Volunteers for Clays group to be recruited for help.
- Rangemaster Report by Vicari
 - Impact berm resurfaced / groomed.
 - New gate latch installed, now also has a new handle & all users advised.
 - Solar Black box on conex door to warm spray paint under construction.
- Youth Shooting by Mayer
 - Request the committee to meet after next meeting. Email to go out.
- Public Situational awareness program by Coconino Sheriff update by Smiley
 - WSC to Co-Host event. Will request CCSD pick primary and secondary dates in April or May. WSC will then contact City to request ‘The Shed.’ WSC to have sign up table and considering announcement of another ‘Ladies Shoot’ to attendees.
- Memorial or Recognition for departed WSC members for their service. Will be on Feb agenda for further direction from President Martin.

Next WSC Board meeting 3 PM February 14th.

Rifle & Pistol Range Activities – by Wynn Simon, Board Member & Chief RSO

Practical Pistol Training (PPT) Course – It’s designed for You – Please come out!

As an alternative to shooting at fixed targets and to advance WSC members’ skill sets, the WSC is offering a Practical Pistol Training (PPT) course as an additional opportunity. As the title implies, the course of fire is designed to impart ‘practical’ or a somewhat limited ‘real life defensive use’ of a pistol or pistol caliber carbine. The WSC Board is enthusiastic about the value of this course to our members and to ensure consistency of operations Bill Cannon has been designated as the Lead RSO to manage these monthly shoots.

This is not an organized training event where a WSC member would be receiving direct instructional training by a WSC RSO. However it is designed to provide any WSC member the opportunity to sharpen their shooting skill by providing a course of fire that challenges them with scenarios which may include differing targets and target types, reloading demands, movement challenges, timed fire, moving targets, barricade positions and the opportunity to utilize differing standing, kneeling and prone shooting positions. Members may shoot the course as many times as they desire but if multiple of members are in attendance we will use a rotational order. The course shall be laid out by the RSO designated to oversee the activity for that particular day. There is no set course outline and as such, WSC members may ask and engage all or only certain challenges. This is designed to be a fun, learning experience for those who carry a defensive pistol so don't panic. Bring a box of ammo and a spare magazine or two.

The WSC intends to offer this opportunity ever month and more frequently as possible. To further member participation, the dates the course will be offered shall be posted on the website, in the newsletter, and at the Range.

Mark your calendars - January it will be Saturday the 20th and February Saturday the 10th.



Recently departed past president Keith Heimes, left, was a vocal supporter and heralded the benefits PPT offered our WSC members to sharpen their practical pistol skills. This course is fun to shoot and it sure is more realistic than just poking holes in paper. Makes you think real world and completes the circle of grip, trigger squeeze, sight alignment, firing. And then reloading and possibly – for you to choose – moving and shooting from cover or a different position. Try it, you'll like it!

Shotgun Range Activities – by Warren Weir, Treasurer, Sporting Clays Director & RSO

With the sudden passing of Keith Heimes I have stepped into his shoes as Sporting Clays Director. Our next shoot is scheduled for some time in March due to winter weather.

Range Improvement Projects - by Dale Vicari, Rangemaster & RSO

On the morning of December 19th your WSC received an early Christmas gift from WSC member Jamie Mace, Field Operations Manager for LP Excavating in Williams. He approved the donation of 4 loads, approximately 50 cubic yards, of fine cinder material for delivery to our range. This material was needed to groom the face of the 35 yard Pistol and 100 yard Rifle impact berms. Bill Cannon and I were on scene early to coordinate with the driver. On the following Thursday Keith Heimes brought his tractor out and placed the material on to the face of the berms.

We at the WSC want to extend a hearty "Thank you & Merry Christmas!" to Jamie and LP Excavating for this much appreciated consideration and "Thank you" to Keith for the tractor work – Again!

Please see action pictures on pages 11 & 12 of this newsletter.

We also have a new entry gate pad lock setup. For year we have been struggling with padlocks being incorrectly relocked. Remember, we are not the only user of the Range or the gate, just the most frequent user.

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

To the select few who ordered the Red knit caps with the RSO lettering, they have arrived!!! Chris Mayer orchestrated this project with the same gentleman who embroidered our RSO hats. Thank you Chris! The total out the door price for each cap is \$16.00. The caps were distributed to those RSOs in attendance at the January 10th meeting who ordered them. The unclaimed caps will be at the range and in the Range box. Again, the honor payment system will be used.

Tactical / Practical Tips – by Bruce Speirs, VP & RSO

I have decided to expand this area of discussion to include 'practical' aspects when thinking defensive strategies and situational awareness. 'Tactical' infers preparations for today, the current conditions, where you are, while 'Practical' infers actions you can take that are more strategic, preemptory in nature for the long term. Disaster management professionals have this broken down in to 4 phases - Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

Too wordy for me so let's look at it using this example involving winter road travel –

- Ensure your vehicle is in good working order and the tires are OK to keep you moving, on the road, and warm. (Mitigating the hardship of being stuck, stranded somewhere you don't want to be, and cold as the engine is dead and the heater isn't working.)
- Ensure your vehicle has plenty of gas, a charged up cell phone, a heavy jacket and gloves, water, snacks, a snow shovel, and a blanket in case things get ugly. (Preparedness efforts you made to ensure you'll be OK 'Just in case.'")
- You get stuck but you have a phone to call for help, a shovel if you think you can clear the snow, and jacket and gloves to protect you while you are outside the vehicle. (Response to the situation to get going again while properly clothed to endure the climatic conditions.)
- You get back on the road and head to the nearest town for gas and food, maybe a hotel if it has been 'a day from....' well, you know. (Recovering from the incident and getting yourself warm, fed, and rested, and your vehicle gassed up and looked over for any damage.)

In the future we'll cover these two topics separately – Tactical & Practical - and when appropriate do so combined. All good stuff so stay tuned.....

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

New Members

Welcome 8 new members who have joined since our December 2023 WSC membership meeting -

Deborah Mayer

Vickie Dyer

Deanna Hueston

Fabrizio Mariotti

Matt & Chelly Brown

Adam & Desiree Iniguez

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.

Jan 20 & 21 Quartzsite, Phoenix

Feb 3 & 4 Fountain Hills, Kingman, Wickenburg

Feb 9 & 10 Casa Grande

Feb 17 & 18 Tucson, Globe

Feb 24 & 25 Bullhead, Phoenix

Snap 'Shot' - A very Merry Christmas Wife!

Here is Yvonne Ziegler trying out her new brand new, well-deserved rifle – Colt M4 Carbine, flat top upper, fold down iron sights, EOTech Holographic sight, Streamlight front stock mounted flashlight, sling, suppressor, suppressor cover - and all the ammo she wanted to shoot....



All you WSC Husbands take note!

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



When us old folks say “Enjoy them while they are young” we are talking about our knees and hips and not your kids.

To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the porch.

Do y’all remember before the internet people thought the cause of stupidity was a lack of access to information? Yeah, well, it wasn’t that was 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.

For Sale

.35 Remington ammunition \$20 per box

Factory ammo - one box of 220 grain soft points the other box 150 grain soft points. One box has 19 rounds. Contact Warren Weir (909) 816-1144 or email him at warrenweir6@gmail.com





The first of four loads – totaling approximately 50 cubic yards of fine cinder material.

The load above was for the 25 yard Pistol impact berm.



The next three loads went to the 100 yard Range impact berm.



Material then being spread evenly over the face of the berms.



The 100 yard Rifle berm work completed. Thank you Keith!



Santa said we were good!



Williams Sportsman's Club Membership

Renewal Form

PLEASE PRINT!

Please complete and return this form with your payment to the Range or mail to Williams Sportsman's Club, PO Box 131, Williams, AZ 86046

Your name: _____

Member # from your WSC ID card _____

(If you can't find your card it's OK)

Membership (circle) Single \$30 Senior \$20 Family \$50 Life \$400

Do you want to change your membership status?

If so please indicate your preference here: _____

Your Phone

E-mail

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Spouse / Significant Name

Phone

E-mail

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Current Mail Address / Leave blank if no change

Do you have a question? I will help you so call or text me.

Thank you,

Chuck Corcoran, Membership Officer

(928) 864-8423

-----To be filled out by RSO-----

Received by _____ Paid by: Cash _____ Ck _____

Date _____