



WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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Big Gun Raffle News

The September prize in the yearlong gun raffle was won by none other than club president Mark Thue. Although Mark was delighted to win that new Browning BPS shotgun, I'm sure he'll be hearing it for a while, especially from those folks he sold tickets to! There are still a few tickets available, and 11 more prizes up for grabs. Contact the club by mail at the address on the header above, or stop down at the clubhouse during any shooting event to get your ticket if you don't have one already.

New Building Update

Work continues on the interior of the new clubhouse. We apologize for the premature announcement of the grand opening on September 28. There is still much to be done before the drywall finishers can get in and do their job. If you have some time to spare, the building committee could certainly use your help. The project is at the stage where a little push is needed to see this through to completion. Call Ed Stone at 874-9671 or Mark Thue at 791-2128 to find out how you can help.

To date \$ 117,000 has been spent on the construction project. We're looking stay under the budget of \$ 160,000. Stay tuned for a future announcement on the grand opening celebration.

Membership Information

Honorary	15
Charter	43
Associates (inc. apps)	1122
Charter Applicants	17

As always, call Rady Delgado at 735-2915 if you have any questions about your membership.

Staying In Touch

During the new building construction, you may have found it difficult to get in touch with the club. The phone service was disconnected before the old clubhouse was burned. The phone will be re-connected once the interior of the new clubhouse is finished. Also, our Internet server is changing, so you may have difficulty connecting to the club web site, **WWW.WWSC.ORG** for a while. When it rains, it pours! Meanwhile the best way to contact the club is by mail at the address in the header at top of this page.

DNR Deer Checking

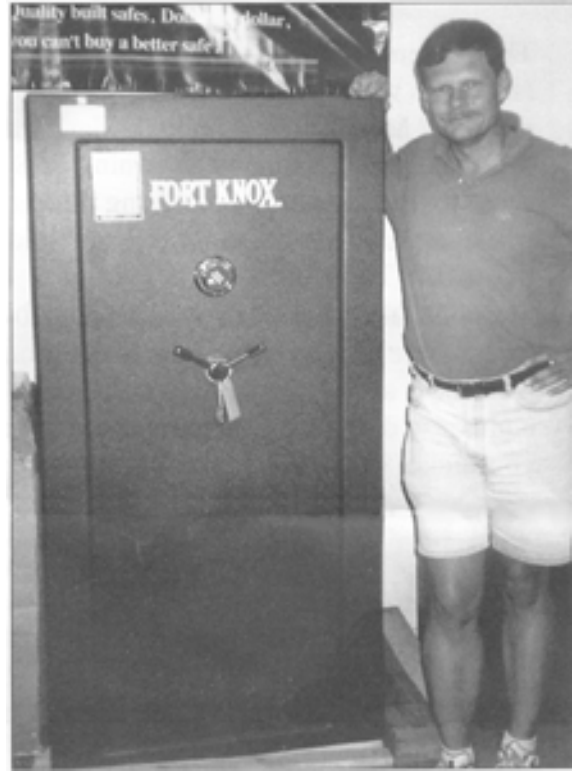
You can check in your harvested deer at the club on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The DNR will operate the check station two days per week (except holidays) into January.

Safe Gun Storage

I had the opportunity to visit with Tom Ziemer of Hoogerhyde Safe & Lock the other day at his place of business. Tom is the proprietor, having purchased the business from Bob Ryan in 1999. Bob had purchased the safe and lock company some years earlier from Jim Hoogerhyde Jr., the founder's grandson. Fred Hoogerhyde had started the business back in 1929 at the same location, 1033 Leonard Street NW, as an auto body and radiator repair shop. Soon thereafter, he began doing locksmith work, and sometime in the '30s began selling safes.

All of that history is quite interesting, but the reason for this article is to let you know about an aspect of Tom's business that each of us as responsible firearms owners should be made aware. Besides selling and servicing safes for storing a wide range of valuables, Hoogerhyde Safe & Lock carries several lines of gun safes. Everything from single handgun security boxes to vault doors for the ultimate gun room are available. Jim stocks several models in his showroom and can help a buyer customize his choice to best suit his needs.

As gun owners we have the most serious obligation to see that our firearms are kept safely and securely. In next month's newsletter, after Tom returns from his Ontario moose hunt, he will provide some guidelines for purchasing a gun safe. Meanwhile, you can stop by the shop and have a look around. If you do, be sure and tell him you saw his ad in our newsletter.



Friends of WWSC

As work continues on the new clubhouse, it is worth noting that besides the many hours of donated labor that have gone into this construction project, several local businesses have stepped up to donate materials. Here are some of the folks who have made your new clubhouse happen: **Elenbaas of Hudsonville, Kenowa Lumber of Jennison, and Stonetech Marble and Granite of Byron Twp.** Let these folks know you appreciate their generosity when you patronize their establishments.



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3 Deer Check 10 to 3	4	5
6 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	7 Deer Check 10 to 3	8	9 Trap & Skeet 9 to 11 AM 6 to 10 PM	10 Charter Meeting 7:30 PM Deer Check 10 to 3	11	12 Plate Shoot 10 to 2 Rifle Plate Shoot 10 to 2
13 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	14 Deer Check 10 to 3	15	16 Trap & Skeet 9 to 11 AM (6 to 10) PM	17 Deer Check 10 to 3	18	19
20 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	21 Deer Check 10 to 3	22	23 Trap & Skeet 9 to 11 AM 6 to 10 PM	24 Deer Check 10 to 3	25	26
27 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	28 Deer Check 10 to 3	29 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	30 Trap & Skeet 9 to 11 AM 6 to 10 PM	31 Deer Check 10 to 3		

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IHMSA 09/14/02 Match Report

Well, another great shooting season comes to an end with the writing of this match report. It's time to put the handguns away and get ready for the hunting season. It was a beautiful day for shooting, not too hot like our last match. Attendance was a little light but that is understandable, with the internationals last month and fall just around the corner, the shooting season for a lot of people has probably already wound down. We had 12 shooters come out and shoot 20 events.

Gary Essenberg, continued his climb to the top, shooting another perfect 40 in Big Bore UAS. He is now an International shooter. Congratulations Gary for an excellent first year in IHMSA. David Peabody advanced a leg up into AA, shooting a 20 in Small Bore Standing. Congratulations to you guys! Excellent shooting.

I would like to thank all of you shooters who came out to shoot with us at West Walker at our final match of the season. Your support is much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of the other shooters from around Michigan

who supported us throughout the season. Without the support we couldn't have an IHMSA program. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year. (Don't forget about our 2nd annual Iceman shoot in February.) Thanks again to Deb for her barbeques and cold drinks and thanks to Rick, Rich, Dave K, Chris, Dennis, and Dan for their help in running the match and setting targets.

Scott Larabel, Match Director

RIFLE PLATE SHOOT

The Rifle and Pistol committee will be sponsoring a Rifle fun shoot on the silhouette range **October 12, from 10 to 2**. This will be a non-sanctioned event opened to WWSC members and non-members alike. Steel plate targets will be shot at distances up to 200 meters, so this is a great opportunity to check out your deer gun. Bring along a non-member buddy too. Entry fee per 20 round match will be just \$5. Hot and cold beverages and snacks for donation. Paper targets and .22 targets will be available too. Bring the kids!