



WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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Winter Shotgun Leagues

January is coming soon and so is the winter league. We would like to invite everyone join in the fun this season.

The league will be starting January 4, 2003. Something new for this year will be a father/child team category. Kids must be 14 or under, and may take all doubles as single birds. The following categories are offered:

- 12ga., 20ga., 28ga., 410 Skeet
- Trap
- 2 person team, both Skeet and Trap
- 5 person team, both Skeet and Trap
- Doubles Skeet and Trap
- Senior League age 62 and older

Any of the above categories will be omitted if there is not enough interest. The league will consist of 12 rounds of 25 birds, for a total of 300 birds. Women are encouraged to join! Remember, you must be a WWSC member to participate in the league. This is a great opportunity to get your non-member buddies signed up. Registration fees are as follows:

- \$30 for the first event
- \$15 per additional event
- \$8 per additional team event

You may also purchase a Pre-Paid card for all 12 rounds for \$48 (\$4 per round). Your first 4 rounds must be in by Feb. 9th, and there is a 1-bird penalty for going more than 2 weeks behind. You may shoot out at any time during the league. Call **Cory Jongsma**, Shotgun League Committee Chairman, with any questions or to sign up. **457-6241** ♣

November Big Gun Winner

Jim Heist is the latest winner in the Big Gun Raffle. Jim's name was drawn at the November board of directors meeting as the winner of a **stainless steel Knight Disk muzzleloader rifle in 50 cal.** Congratulations Jim. The December drawing will be for a \$100 cash prize. Good luck to all who entered. ♣

Steel Plate Season Ends

November 9th saw a few hardy souls show up for the last steel plate shoot of the season. Thanks to all who came out this past year to shoot our fast action pistol game. Matches will start again next year on the second Saturday in May. That should give you pistoleros enough time to reload a few thousand rounds! ♣

Internet Watch

These days it seems most of us have access to the Internet at home and/or work. Two websites well worth checking out are our own West Walker Sportsman Club site at www.wwsc.org, and The Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners site at www.mcrgo.org. Dan Larabel has been doing a great job lately revamping the WWSC site, making it more informative for our members. I know Dan would love to hear your comments and suggestions to help make the site even better. For information (See "Internet" page 2, column 2)

Gun Safes . . . Conclusion

This is part 2 of Tom Ziemer's article on purchasing a gun safe. As you recall, Tom is the proprietor of Hoogerhyde Safe & Lock. In this installment, we hear Tom's views on where to purchase your safe.

In "Part 1", we discussed physical features and other considerations when deciding which safe to buy. In addition to "what" to buy, many of these relate directly to "where" to buy the unit. If you are only interested in one specific brand, your choice of locations will be limited. I would recommend having an open mind about the brand, but be more concerned about the features and security offered on various models. Buy from a source that sells safes with hard plate steel, relock devices, and Group 2 locks.

Variety is a wonderful thing! Many places will offer a choice of green, green, or green, much like in the early days of Ford Motors, "any color as long as it's black". The same applies to size, and size does matter. If a store only offers one size, will you be happy with it? If you prefer a door with external hinges that swings open 180 degrees, don't settle for internal hinges if that's all the store offers. If the store does not stock what you want, will they order it? You will probably have this gun safe until you die, so make sure you get exactly what you want.

Consider the sales people. Are they knowledgeable? Can they answer your questions? Do you trust them? Will they and the store be available after the sale for help? Can they repair what they sell? The folks behind the sale should be a major consideration.

If the store can't deliver your safe, do you have the equipment to move it? Many who chose to move a safe themselves cause damage to the safe, or to doorways or floors in their home. Some end up with a gun safe in the living room because they can't get it (continued on page 4)

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on the latest legal issues affecting gun owners in our state, the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners website is an invaluable resource. Check out these two sites as you browse the web. ♣

Classes

As reported in last month's newsletter, Barry Anderson, NRA certified training counselor and instructor, is offering a **basic pistol class for women**. Barry has had some responses since last month but would like to add a few more students before forming a class. This is for first time lady pistol shooters with little or no handgun experience.

There has also been quite a lot of interest expressed in having WWSC offer a **CCW class** to fulfill the requirement for obtaining a concealed carry permit. Barry would like to hear from anyone interested in this type of class also. There are no firm dates as yet, but we would like to hear from you if you have a need for such a class so that we can plan accordingly.

You can contact Barry Anderson at:

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or

Barry45ACP@aol.com ♣

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1 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	2 Deer Check 10 to 3	3	4 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	5 Deer Check 10 to 3	6	7 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
8 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	9 Deer Check 10 to 3	10	11 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	12 Deer Check 10 to 3 Charter Meeting	13	14 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
15 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	16 Deer Check 10 to 3	17	18 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	19 Deer Check 10 to 3 No Charter Meeting	20	21 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
22 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	23 Deer Check 10 to 3	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Deer Check 10 to 3	27	28 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
29 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	30 Deer Check 10 to 3	31 New Year's Eve				

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into the basement as planned. If the store recommends a delivery service to move the safe, which party would be responsible for any damages? There is potential for disappointment even before you get to use it.

Don't forget to consider warranty issues, such as what is covered, who does the work, and what to do when you have a claim. Find out what happens if you need to ship the safe to the factory. How much will "free repair or replacement" cost you?

Price will naturally enter into your decision, but price should not be your primary concern. In general, a store's costs are higher when selling higher security safes, when carrying more inventory, when employing knowledgeable salespeople, when staffed

with technicians who can fix problems and do warranty work, and when offering full service and delivery. The dealer who offers the lowest price will most likely offer less of what you want.

The bottom line is: Buy your gun safe from the store that offers the highest value for the total package. ♣



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