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Clubhouse Update

by Mark Thue, President

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

We are finally nearing completion of the interior of the clubhouse. As you know this project started with the demolition of our old facility on May 18th, 2002. The new building began to go up June 3rd, 2002. Since then a lot has been accomplished and by mid-February the interior should be finished.

There has been a lot of hard work by a number of people. Of the 50 charter members, 42 of them have contributed time to make our new facility a reality. In addition we have had a great deal of help from a number of our honorary members, some associate members and a surprising number of non-members. The non-members were family and friends of some of the charters who through the goodness of their hearts decided to give up some of their valuable time to lend a hand. We greatly appreciate their efforts.


This club project has also been blessed by a number of businesses that have made substantial donations of material or

have allowed us to purchase materials at greatly reduced rates. We will be recognizing these businesses in the near future and would greatly encourage you to patronize them when possible.

The last couple of months have been difficult as we are down to about seven or eight dedicated people who are trying to put the finishing touches on the building. The good news is we are finally going to get gas to the new building. After months of attempting to gain an easement from Consumers Energy to run a gas line under their power lines on the west side of our property, it has finally been granted and the gas to the building will be installed by the first week of February.


Carpeting for the main hall of the building will be installed the second week of February and the archery targets hopefully will be in place shortly thereafter. If you have access to the web (WWW.WWSC.Org) we will post details on archery as soon as we have them. Another thing you should be on the lookout for is the date of the open house. Information on this will be on the website as soon as it is available. The date of the open house will also be in the March Newsletter. ♣

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- 50 Charter members
- 15 Honorary members
- 7 Charter Applicants
- 1193 Associate Members

Rady Delgado will answer any questions you may have regarding your membership. He can be reached at: 735-2915. Rady would like to remind those signing up new members to be sure to have the applicant sign his/her membership application in order for it to be processed. As Vice President, Rady is head of the membership committee and is doing a great job of streamlining the application process. The goal is to get all new memberships processed as quickly as possible, so that there is no delay in receiving the newsletter and laminated membership card.

Big Gun Raffle

Derek Baldwin, holder of ticket number **276** was the January winner in our big gun raffle. Derek now owns a Browning BAR in .338 Winchester magnum. Congratulations! There are still some great prizes to be given away including a Remington Model 7400 in .308 that will be awarded at the February drawing on the 25th at 7:00. Good luck to all who entered and remember, all winning numbers go back into the hopper for the remaining drawings.

CCW and You

by **John Speck, NRA Instructor**

December 30th, 2002 saw House Bill No.6337 signed by Governor Engler. Its changes in the Michigan concealed carry laws take effect July 1, 2003. Here is a sampling of the changes the law brings. The license becomes a 5-year license (increased from 3 years) at the same cost of \$105.00. License renewals are also good for 5 years, meaning the renewal firearms safety class need only be taken every 5 years. I trust you are at the practice range **REGULARLY!**


Two other major changes in Michigan's CCW law are also part of this bill. First, the restrictions on carrying concealed in business establishments that serve alcohol were modified. Secondly, some non-criminal misdemeanors will no longer prevent an applicant from receiving a carry permit. (Ed's note: for a copy of the full text of this new law on the web, go to www.michiganlegislature.org).

If you would like to discuss issues regarding the new law, call Al & Bob's Sports Center, 245-9156, and they will refer you to me. Remember these changes go into effect July 1, 2003. There will be more on this topic next month. See you at the range.

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						1 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
2 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	3 Deer Check 10 to 3	4	5 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	6	7	8 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
9 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	10	11	12 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	13 Charter Meeting 7:30	14	15 Iceman Challenge Silhouette 10:00 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
16 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	17	18 7 Yd. Range Closes 4:30	19 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	20	21	22 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
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