



# WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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## Open House

A few finishing touches remain for completion, but the new clubhouse will be ready for your inspection **Saturday, March 15**. The main room is carpeted, the tile has been laid, and the trim work has been completed. Most importantly, the gas line has been laid, and there is heat in the building! Thanks to the generous donation of time and materials from so many club members and supporters from the business community, the dream has been realized. What started as a demolition project last June is now a modern facility to serve club members and their families for many years to come.

We will be hosting a gala open house on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from **10AM to 4 PM** that is open to everyone, members and non-members alike. You can enjoy **free hot dogs and soft drinks**, with **door prizes and raffles** throughout the day. Plan now to join us and bring your friends!

## Big Gun Raffle

The February winner in our yearlong gun raffle is **Ron Kobel**. Ron holds ticket number 213, which was drawn for a Remington 7400 autoloader. Congratulations Ron. For the March drawing, we'll be giving away a Winchester Model 70 in 7mm Mag. The big gun raffle, which runs through August, has been quite a success. We will be running a new raffle starting in September. Current ticket holders will be notified by mail and given first opportunity to purchase tickets.


## CCW and You

by **John Speck, NRA instructor**


For the next few months, Michigan residents will be deciding whether to get their CCW application in sooner or wait for the smaller, 5-year version available starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no wrong answer. You can get a license as soon as possible, or wait for the new version. Speaking of when, what about who? Most of our classes are made up of 90% men, when statistically, women are more likely to be the victim of a violent crime. **LADIES SHOULD CONSIDER GETTING A LICENSE TOO.** Our CCW classes are well equipped to handle inexperienced shooters, both male and female. Call Al & Bob's Sports Center for more info.

Already have your license? Remember your training: Keep the pistol concealed, zero tolerance for alcohol, tell a policeman first thing if you are stopped and have a pistol in your vehicle or on your person, stay alert for gun-free zones, and keep your marksmanship "tuned up" with regular range practice. Another topic needs to be addressed – avoidance of confrontation. You have a pistol, now let's keep from having to use it! Next month we'll offer some hints on keeping away from a potential threat. See you at the range.

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## IHMSA 02/15/03 Match Report

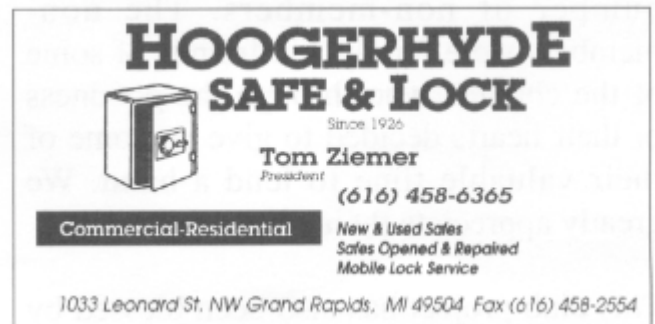
and come out again. Joe Gonzales from Quincy MI. and Scott Banfield from Angola Indiana each This years winter shoot certainly lived up to its name. Just a few days before the match winter roared in with a heavy snowfall, urying the range with nearly two feet of the white stuff on the level, and even deeper drifts. The night before, Chris, Dennis, and myself were looking for and digging out the target rails. Luckily, the club has a 4wd tractor with a blower and blade on it. We worked into the night and the next morning to carve out shooting lanes. Luckily, the week before, when it was still mild and little snow on the ground, a bunch of us built a warming shelter and some wind breaks. The sun popped out a few times, but the temperature still hovered around ten degrees with a wind chill below zero. With a heater in the warming shack, and Deb Heyt serving up hot chili and coffee on the stove, it was bearable. Now that the stage has been set, I'll tell you about the match. W had a good turnout despite the weather, with about twelve shooters staying most of the day. It was good to see some familiar faces and some new ones also.

Jaime Hinojosa came back after a year off and still shooting well. Doc. Jeff Smith also showed up and also helped set targets. Dee Wolters was one of the brave ladies who also shot. Greg Tompson and Steve Kupris are new to the sport and came out to check it out and shoot a couple rounds. Hope they get the bug traveled across the state to check out the action and enjoyed it enough to join IHMSA. Thanks Guys. Fellow club member Dan Schultz stopped by for a bit and shot a round just for the fun of it and to help support the club. There were some good scores turned in despite the conditions, with Gary Essenberg firing off a perfect forty in Big Bore. Obviously the freezing conditions didn't

affect him, or he just knows how to block it all out and get in the zone. Wish I could find that zone. By the way, he shoots forties in the summer too. Of course we can't forget Bill Clark, who always comes out to shoot come rain, cold, heat, or snow! It was really good to see everyone

and we hope to improve upon and continue to host this event. I want to personally thank Dan, Dennis, Rick, Chris, Dave K, Michelle K, and Deb for setting targets and helping to set up and put away everything afterwards. Deb, you need to get some warmer winter boots. Casual street boots just don't do the job, as you found out. I really appreciate all the help and I'll make it up to everyone this summer with a pool party at my house. You can check out the pictures of the Match on our web site at [WWW.WWSC.ORG](http://WWW.WWSC.ORG). See you all at the April match.

P.S. Our August match is now on again. Our club field day and open house has been moved to the weekend before our match, which everyone is invited to. Yes, bring your guns because there will be many shooting events.  
Scott Larabel  
Match Director



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## CCW Class

This is a CCW class for WWSC members. The date is Saturday, April 5, 2003 from 8AM to 4 PM. Due to members who have already signed up, those responding now will be required to complete the range portion on Sunday, April 6. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the West Walker Clubhouse fund. For a class flyer and application, please contact: Barry Anderson, NRA Training Counselor/ Instructor/ Charter member. PO Box 141362, Grand Rapids, MI

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
<b>2</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
<b>9</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>13</b> <b>Annual Charter Meeting 7:30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Open House 10 - 4</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
<b>16</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	<b>17</b> St. Paddy'	<b>18</b> 7 Yd. Range Closes 4:30	<b>19</b> Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
<b>23</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Board Meeting/Gun Drawing 7:00 PM	<b>26</b> Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
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**Charter members take note:** The March meeting on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> is the annual meeting. Voting for officers and directors will take place. Also, any proposed changes to the by-laws will be considered. Be sure to attend.

## Membership

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