



WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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APRIL

2003

Sportsman's Banquet

Now that we have a new clubhouse, let's put it to use! For many years, WWSC has lacked a facility large enough to hold a sportsman's banquet like the ones sponsored by Ducks Unlimited or other wildlife conservation clubs. Many of you have been to this type of event and know what a good time they are, and that you can win some great prizes as well. WWSC would like to start a tradition of its own with our **first annual sportsman's banquet**.

The big event will be **Saturday, May 3rd, 2003** in our brand new facility, of course. We promise to have good food, reasonable drink prices, and a host of great prizes including:

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Everyone attending will receive a nice door prize with our thanks for helping to make this inaugural event the rousing success we know it will be.

Besides the dinner and door prizes, the evening will feature silent auctions, blitz raffles, Chinese raffles, and more! The **doors will open at 6:00 PM**, and **dinner will be served at 7:00**. There will be a **cash bar**.

Tickets are going fast, so get yours now. You can send your request to the address in the header above by April 15th and include \$40 per ticket. Be sure to list your return address so we can get your tickets mailed promptly. You can also call Ed Stone at 874-9671, or Mark Thue at 791-2128, or see any charter member at the club to purchase tickets.

This banquet promises to be a great event that we know will grow ever more popular in years to come. Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to win some great prizes. See you May 3rd. ♣

Membership

Honorary	17
Charter	47
Charter Applicants	6
Associates	1171

One of our Charter members, Duane DenHof passed away recently. Our sincere condolences go out to his family. He will be missed.

On a happier note, two charter members were recently made honorary members of WWSC. Enjoying their honorary status now are Dick Kuk and Jim Riemersma. Congratulations men.

You can call Rady Delgado for information about your membership status. 735-2915

Support our troops

West Walker Sportsman's Club would like to let it be known that it supports our troops in this time of war. Pray for their speedy and safe return.

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by John Speck, NRA Instructor

The focus this month is on avoiding confrontation. First, a couple of obvious reminders: avoid areas where crime is likely. Don't be involved in drugs or around where they are sold. This will keep you away from 90% of problems.

Next, consider some less obvious thoughts. No matter how a situation affects your honor, back away. You're carrying a firearm, therefore you must exercise greater self-control while driving, walking the streets, and even making your home secure.

Statistics show that most face-to-face crime happens after dark, in remote locations, and quickly, often from behind. The key is to stay alert. Notice any potential threat and take a responsible counter action, e.g. step into a crowded store or move to the other side of the street.

Don't just look at people around you, try to see them. Does someone look out of place? Does he hide his face or avoid eye contact so as to be unidentifiable later? Does he look at your chin or groin? He may be deciding where best to hit you. Use your peripheral vision to detect a sneak attack or possibly an accomplice.

You might carry a throw wallet, something old, replaceable, no Ids and just a few dollars to get the attention of the crook while you get away. It is a great alternative to confrontation and could help keep your gun holstered.

As a closing thought, if the unthinkable happens, despite all your best intentions, and you have to use your gun, the police will arrive eventually. Their reaction to the situation depends on what you do. Refrain from negative verbiage directed at the assailant, keep your hands in plain sight, and fully cooperate with the officer. Hopefully it will never happen, but be prepared and stay in practice. See you at the range. ♣

April


<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
6 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	7	8	9 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	10 Charter Meeting 7:30	11	12 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
13 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	14	15	16 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	17	18	19 Silhouette Steel Plate Trap & Skeet 10 to 3 Spring Cleanup
20 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	21	22 7 Yd. Range Closes 4:30	23 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	24	25	26 Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
27 Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	28	29 Board Meeting/Gun Drawing 7:00 PM	30 Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	May		2
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Big Gun Raffle

The March winner in our big gun raffle is Richard Felker with ticket #183. Richard won a Winchester model 70 in 7mm magnum, with synthetic stock. Congratulations. The April prize, to be drawn on the 29th, will be \$100.

Officers Elected

At the annual meeting in March, the current slate of officers was re-elected by unanimous consent.

President	Mark Thue
Vice President	Rady Delgado
Treasurer	Greg Doxstader
Secretary	Chuck Tenbrink

Also elected were Leon Steele, 2-year trustee and Scott Bylsma, 1-year trustee.