

## WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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### What a Success!

Our first annual **West Walker Sportsman's Banquet** was one heck of a good time, and by all accounts, a phenomenal success. The brainchild of Mark Thue and Ed Stone exceeded everyone's expectations by a wide margin. Saturday night, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, saw more than 175 people enjoy dinner, drinks, and the chance to win some great guns and other prizes like the fine wildlife print above. It was all for the purpose of jump-starting our building fund and to help start what is hopefully a tradition of great events in our new clubhouse.



Our lovely ticket sellers were happy to help our guests with their purchases, and also with the distribution of prizes. Once dinner was finished, it took almost three non-stop hours to award all the fine guns, camping equipment, optics, and more.

To those of you who attended, you have our sincere thanks for making the evening so special. And if you couldn't make it this year, then make plans now to attend next year's banquet, tentatively set for March '04.





See you next year! \*

#### **Perch Charter**

Member Tom Myers is organizing a perch fishing charter on June 14<sup>th</sup> with Captain Nichols out of South Haven. The cost is \$35 per person. As in past years, all those attending will be invited to the club for a fish fry afterwards. Call Tom at 453-4262 for more details or to make reservations.

## **Hunter's Safety**

WWSC will be hosting two Hunter Safety classes this year. After 25 years, Jim Riemersma will be conducting his last regular class July 26, 29, 31, and August 1. Call Jim at 538-9119 to reserve a seat. Also if there is interest in a special Hunter's Safety class for kids 10 and up, Jim will be happy to form one. Just let him know.

Ron Kobel will teach the second class on September 13, 16, 18, and 20. You can reach Ron at 453-3645.

Remember, classes are only offered at these times during the year, so if you have a youngster interested in turkey hunting next year, now is the time to take the class.

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#### **CCW** and You

by John Speck, NRA Instructor

Are you enjoying the spring weather? I sure am. Walks, biking, trout fishing, and ballgames are some of the great activities that come to mind. Spring also means some changes are in order for the CCW holder. We have to be careful our lighter clothing does not allow attention to be drawn to our concealed firearm.

Fanny packs, bellybands, inside-the-pants holsters with the shirt untucked and lightweight vests are in vogue for warm weather wear. There are other options as well. A regular holster could be covered by an untucked shirt worn like a vest (be sure to practice the draw) or an inside-the-pocket holster with a smaller firearm could work nicely.

Think about remaining discreet in your summer carry. Next month we will discuss firearm choice. Now, one final tip: Don't wear an ankle holster with your summer shorts! Ha, ha. See you at the range.

#### Raffle Winner

Ed Schneider won the April prize of \$100 dollars with ticket #202. Congratulations. The May prize is a Remington 700 BDL in 7mm mag. Good luck.

## **Indoor Archery**

The target backstops are finally ready, so we can offer indoor archery in the new clubhouse. The rates are \$4 per hour for members, and \$6 per hour for non-members. Shooting times are the same as for Trap and Skeet. Check the calendar for specifics. Bring a friend! •

	May					
Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
4 Archery, Trap & Skeet	5	6	7 Archery, Trap & Skeet	8	9	Archery, Trap & Skeet
10 to 2			9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	Charter Meeting 7:30		10 to 3
Mothers Day	12	7 yard range closes 4:30	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	15	16	Silhouette Steel Plate Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 3
18 Archery Trap & Skeet	19	20	Archery Trap & Skeet	22	23	Archery Trap & Skeet
10 to 2			9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM			10 to 3
Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	Memorial Day	Board Meeting/Gun Drawing	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM	29	30	Archery, Trap & Skeet
Archery, Trap	(observed) 2	7:00 PM 3	6 to 10 PM  4 Archery, Trap & Skeet	5	6	Archery, Trap & Skeet
& Skeet 10 to 2			9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM			10 to 3
8 Archery, Trap & Skeet	9	7 Yd. Range Closes 4:30	Archery, Trap & Skeet	Charter Meeting 7:30	13	Archery, Trap & Skeet
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# **Sevens Award**

At the April meeting, Ron Mulka was given the John Sevens award for his contributions to the club over the past year. As the new building was going up, Ron was the "Go To" guy whenever there was a task at hand. Although many hands helped out, Ron always seemed to be there when help was needed most. Congratulations.

#### **New Member Drive**

Here's a great way to get a free year of membership a WWSC. From now until December 31, 2003, each Associate member who signs up three <u>new</u> members (sorry, no renewals) will have his membership extended for one additional year at no cost! We'd like to reward our members who spread the good word about our club and invite their friends and neighbors to join. Give it a try!

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