



# WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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## Corporate Outings

Would your business or organization like to have a fun day at the range here at WWSC? Our Trap and Skeet fields are available for corporate or group outings. We can provide other amenities as well for your day at the range such as the outdoor grill or meeting room. Our new clubhouse can handle groups as large as 300. Small groups are welcome too! Contact Ed Stone at 453-5877, Monday through Friday, 7 to 10 AM.

## Big Gun Raffle

Number 181 was drawn for the **Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 Synthetic** as the **October** prize in our yearlong gun raffle, but it was unsold! According to our raffle rules, any prize drawn to an unsold ticket will go into the last month's (August, '04) drawing as a bonus prize. All guns and cash remaining at that time will be awarded. So, as it stands now, there will be at least two drawings in August. If you or someone you know would like a number, we have a few remaining. So far, only one of the 12 prizes has been awarded, so it's not too late to get in on the action. Remember, there are only 300 numbers in the drawing, and you can win more than once! Next month's prize is a **Browning BPS 12ga. in Shadow Grass Camo**. Contact **Scott Bylsma** at **460-0019** to reserve your number.

### Whitetail Fact:

In most hunted deer populations, less than two percent of the animals are more than five years of age! Source: whitetails.com

## NRA Membership

WWSC members are encouraged to send their National Rifle Association (NRA) membership renewals, upgrades, and new memberships directly to WWSC for processing. There is no difference in price; however, the Club receives a donation from the NRA for processing. Support of *your* club is appreciated. Send your NRA paperwork and check (made payable to NRA) to:

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## Rifle Fun Shoot

by Scott Larabel

Our Rifle fun shoot held October 18<sup>th</sup> was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. The weather was a little on the cool side with some fog early on. The combination made for a hunting-like setting. Quite a few folks came to sight in their hunting rifles at 150 and 200 meters, taking advantage of this special event. Others brought out their sporting rifles to have a go at the various steel plates in all shapes and sizes set out at the longer distances. We also had many enjoy shooting .22s at steel silhouette targets set at 100 yards.

Hot barbecues and cold pop were served up as everyone enjoyed the day. Just about all who attended wanted to know when we would have such an event again. Some suggested a monthly shoot. We'll see how the schedule looks, and we may be able to have a couple more. Stay tuned to the website for more details.

Thanks to Dan and Chris for helping set up and run the event.

### Another Whitetail fun fact:

Deer are quick and skillful swimmers, often taking to water when frightened. Deer can easily swim across lakes or rivers at over 10 miles per hour.

Source: [camohunter.com](http://camohunter.com)

## Reminder

Just a reminder that there will be no Trap, Skeet, or Indoor Archery during the Deer Gun Season, November 15th through 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the **Deer Check** Station at WWSC is open from **10 to 3 Mondays and Thursdays**, but will be closed on Thanksgiving.

## Youth Archery Classes

The Board of Directors at WWSC has been contacted by a group interested in starting a class for young archers or prospective archers. Details need to be worked out, but the classes would most likely be held Saturday mornings on our indoor archery range. Stay tuned to the newsletter or website for more details.

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## New Member Drive

We're getting down to the wire on the new member drive, which ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you can sign up 3 new members (remember, renewals don't count) your membership will be extended free for one year. Give it a try!

## Did You Know?

Michigan ranks among states:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> in annual deer kill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in number of licensed hunters
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in whitetail population
- 1<sup>st</sup> in number of bow hunters
- 1<sup>st</sup> in number of muzzle-loading hunters

Good luck and have a safe hunt this year.

# November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  10 to 3
<b>2</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  10 to 2	<b>3</b> Charter Range closed 10 - 6  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>6</b>  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  10 to 3
<b>9</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	<b>10</b>  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>11</b>  7 Yd Range Closes 4:30	<b>12</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>13</b>  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Opening Day Deer Firearm Season</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>25</b> Board Mtg./Gun Drawing 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>Last Day Deer Firearm Season</b>	<b>Dec</b>  Charter Range Closed 10 -6  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	<b>4</b>  Deer Check 10 to 3	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Archery, Trap & Skeet  10 to 2
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