

# WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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## Sportsman's Banquet '04

WWSC held its second annual Sportsman's Banquet on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and it was a fantastic success. Tickets sold out about two weeks prior to the event. Several disappointed folks weren't able to attend, as we can only seat 250 comfortably. The event was hosted by Bob Garner, Chairman of The Natural Resources Commission and former member of the Michigan Out of Doors Television Show.



The Evening began with a cocktail hour at 6:00. During this time the guests were able to enjoy a number of games that featured some very nice prizes. Also it gave the participants an opportunity to bid on the silent auction items and purchase chances on the Chinese raffle items. A fantastic Dinner was served shortly after 7:00 catered by Damon's Restaurant, and featured their signature BBQ ribs, chicken and pulled pork, accompanied by roasted redskin potatoes, rolls and butter and a great coleslaw. There was plenty to eat as evidenced by the number of people getting a second and sometimes third helping. The club and Damon's received a number of compliments on the food.

After dinner we began awarding the silent auction and Chinese raffle items. We also held four blitz raffles. Your newsletter editor won a nice Winchester Gun Safe in the first blitz raffle of the evening. We also began awarding the prizes from the four big raffle tables we had. All told, over 25 guns and many thousands of dollars in hunting, fishing, and camping equipment were given away. After the banquet we received a large number of compliments on the variety and quality of our raffle prizes, the food and overall quality of our banquet with many people wanting to purchase tickets for next years event before they left.



The best news is the club made a great deal of money, which will be used to make further improvements to your facility. Thanks very much to all who attended and especially those who donated prizes. Finally, a big thanks goes out to all who worked so hard to put this event together.



#### **Shotgun League News**

Our Winter league is coming to an end, but the spring league is just around the corner. Dan Schultz, who has organized the leagues this year, wants every **winter league** participant to enjoy the **banquet** to be held Saturday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00 PM. There is no cost to league participants, just a nominal fee if you'd like to bring a guest. Make note of the date as it was mistakenly scheduled a week earlier in last month's newsletter.

As for the spring league, here are the details. League dates are April 21 through June 9. The format will be similar to that of the winter league, except that we will only shoot 10 rounds (250 birds) instead of 12. Kids 14 and under may shoot as part of an adult/child team. The categories will be as in the winter league and are as follows:

- -12ga., 20ga., 28ga., .410 Skeet -Trap
- -2 person team, both Skeet and Trap
- -5 person team, both Skeet and Trap
- -Doubles Skeet and Trap
- -Senior League age 62 and older

Registration and your first singles event is \$30. Each additional singles event is \$15. Team events are \$8. Remember, you must be a WWSC member to join the league. Cost is still \$4 per round. Don't forget that the kitchen is open Sunday mornings, and league members can purchase breakfast each Sunday for just a buck.

### **Big Gun Raffle**

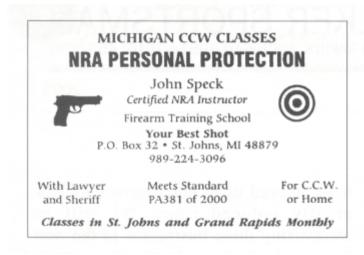
The March winner of the 20 ga. Remington 870 Wingmaster was Jan Siesline who holds ticket number 257. Congratulations Jan. The April prize is \$100 cash. Our yearlong raffle runs through August. Good luck.

# **Field Day**

On **June 12th** WWSC will hold its annual field day and charitable fundraiser. Funds raised at this year's event will provide handicapped hunters in West Michigan with guided hunts. Currently Mir-Tek (maker of Miragewear hunting clothing) Scent-Lok and the NRA have agreed to help sponsor this event. We plan to hold a day of shooting events followed by a banquet to raise money for this worthy cause. Next month's newsletter will contain more details. We will also be posting information on the website, <u>www.wwsc.org</u> as it becomes available. In the meantime mark Sat. June 12th on your calendar so you can participate in this extremely worthy cause.

## **Club Updates**

Thanks to the success of our banquet and the generally sound financial position of the club, several improvements are planned this summer. The trap and skeet fields, rifle and pistol ranges, and parking areas are all scheduled for improvements. The walk through archery range will be expanded, and we may hold some 3-D archery events there this summer. If you are interested in helping with any of the improvements, you can call the clubhouse during scheduled shooting times (see the calendar) and leave your name and number.



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