

WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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Hunter's Safety

Our July Hunter's Safety class is sold out, but we still have a few seats remaining for the August class. You must attend all four sessions on the dates listed below to complete the course.

Saturday August 20: 9:00 to 1:00 PM Tuesday August 23: 7:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday August 25: 7:00 to 9:00 PM Saturday August 27: 9:00 to 1:00 PM

Pre-registration is required along with a \$10 fee. \$5 will be refunded on the last day of class. Call Ron or Robin Kobel (between 10:30 AM and 10:00 PM please) at 453-3645 for more information.

Spring Cleanup

Thanks to all who came to help with our Spring cleanup day on Saturday, May 14. We had a great turnout for a day that began with rain. A great many of our chores and housecleaning tasks were completed with your help. Many hands make light work!

Cowboy Shoots

Sunday, July 3rd is the date for our next Cowboy shoot. The gang at Rockford is hosting a shoot on the 2nd, so we expect quite a few buckaroos and buckarettes will be mosey'n over to WWSC for Sunday's event Call Chuck at 458-6903 or contact Tony at tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com for more information. The boys would like to invite all members to come on out and take part in some great fun. •

Big Gun Drawing

Alan Koopman won a Weatherby rifle in .300 WSM with ticket number 104. Alan is the April winner in our yearlong gun raffle. The prize for May is a Remington 1187 12 ga. shotgun.

IHMSA Match Report

4-16-05 by Scott Larabel

The 2005 IHMSA Silhouette season at WWSC really started off with a Bang. We had both great weather and a great turnout! Shooting conditions couldn't have been better. All those Big Bore shooters who couldn't shoot last month at the other clubs due to poor weather conditions made up for it at this match. Big Bore was hot and heavy most of the day, with 18 lines being shot. The target setters were really kept busy. Congratulations to Gus Davison, JoAnn Roberts, Walt Hubbert, and Gary Peake for shooting a leg up in their classes. Special congrats go to Walt Hubbert for shooting the first 40 of the season at WWSC in the **Big Bore** UAS category.

Small bore took a close second with just about as many shooters. This year was our first year offering **1/5th scale** critters to those small bore shooters who want more of a challenge. As you can see from the scores, Steve Byers did an excellent job on those tiny guys, shooting an outstanding 39! Great shooting Steve. That score is going to be hard to beat. To put fifth scale in perspective, the chickens are about the size of a silver dollar!

In **standard** size small bore, Steve Byers and Bill Clark each fired perfect scores of 40 in that category also, becoming the first 40's in small bore this year at WWSC. To make things even more exciting, they shot 5 and 4 shootoffs respectively. Great shooting and what an exciting way to begin our season. I think this was Steve's first 40 at West Walker, so congrats again to him.

I would like to thank all of you shooters who came out to shoot with us at West Walker for our first match of the season. Your support was much appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone again next month. Due to many unforseen circumstances, the range improvements are on hold for now, but are still expected to be completed in the future. To those that did not make the match, new platforms were made to assist in getting up on the shooting benches. All who attended said it was a great improvement and liked them.

Thanks to Dave and Michelle Krysiak, Dennis Nelson, Chris Hackett, Dan Larabel and Mel Bauman for their help in running the match and setting targets. Maybe at our next match, if we get a couple more volunteers to help out, we'll be able to get a chance to shoot. For all the curious onlookers that stopped by to watch, you are always welcome, bring a friend or two, some guns and enjoy the fun you have been missing. You can get more info on this sport from links from our club web site www.wwsc.org.

Range Safety

Just a friendly reminder to our members who use the pistol and rifle ranges. Please police your area when you are finished shooting. The next shooter will thank you for not having to wade through a sea of spent brass. Also, if you have dud rounds, please deposit them in the white pipe you see near the line. They can pose a real hazard to our grounds committee as they mow the grass or burn trash. Thanks for helping to keep our ranges safe for all. •

Membership

- 1174 Associate
 - 18 Honorary
 - 49 Charter
 - 10 Charter Applicants

Call Rich Vander Meer at 453-3255, or by e-mail at rlvandermeer@comcast.net with your membership related questions. •

Archery News

Congratulations to the winners of our Spring indoor league:

- 1st Joan Schultes
- 2nd Vince Schultes
- 3rd Mark Plactha

Mark Plactha, Bryan Miller, Dan Palma, and Dean Downs were first time 300 shooters. The most improved shooter was Rhonda Perry who jumped from a score of 122 to 240. Vince said she went from hardly keeping an arrow on the paper, to placing most in the 3-ring. Mark Thue was the Thursday morning league champ. Congratulations to all!

The 3-D Summer league has already started, but you can still sign up. You have until August 16th to get in your best 8 scores. Shooting times are Mondays and Tuesdays at 6PM, and Tuesdays at Noon. You can sign up at the shooting desk, or call Vince at 895-5009.

The archers over at Caledonia have challenged us to a 3-D bragging rights tournament on June 18 & 19. Each participant will be required to shoot at both the West Walker course and Caledonia's course over the two days Let's get all the participation we can for this one! Shooting times are 10AM to 4PM both days. You can call Vince to sign up.

A Summer 3-D kids program is in full swing. Remaining dates are June 11 and 18, and July 9 and 23. The final date is the championship shootoff. Its not too late to get your youngster involved.

New bag targets have been placed on the 3-D range for your shooting enjoyment. ♣

Range Closures

Please check the calendar for various range closures over the next few weeks. There will be no archery, trap, or skeet on June 4, June 19, and July 3. The 25 yard and 50 yard ranges will be closed until 4PM on June 4. Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Youth Field Day
				Duck Hunters meet 7 to 9		Notice: The Trap, Skeet, 25 Yard Range, and 50 Yard Range closed till 4 PM
Archery, Trap & Skeet	6 NWTF meets 7 to 9	7	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	Charter Meeting 7: 30	10	Steel Plate Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	Charter Range Closed Noon - 6		Archery Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM			Silhouette Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
Father's Day No Archery, Trap or Skeet	20	21	Archery Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	23	24	Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
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No Archery, Trap or Skeet	Independence Day	,	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	Duck Hunters meet 7 to 9	10	Steel Plate Archery, Trap & Skeet



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