

WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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Plate Shoot

June 11, Chris Hackett

Thanks to all who braved the hot and humid weather to throw some lead downrange at our June plate shoot. We had eighteen shooters show up for a fast-paced good time. Apparently the weather didn't hamper folks shooting abilities since only a couple hostage plates were shot. There were some fast runs on the El Presidente course, but unfortunately, quite a few misses as well adding penalty seconds to the times. Watch that front sight folks, and you'll have fewer misses and better times.

I'd like to thank all those who helped out with the shoot. Without you guys to lend a hand, it would not be possible. If you need any information or would like to help out with the next match contact me at pl8shooter@aol.com.

Our next match is Saturday, July 9. Show up at around 9:45 at the charter range for sign up. We'll explain the safety rules and course layout at 10:00. We hope to see you then, and remember, keep those fingers out of the trigger guard until it's time to shoot!

Big Gun Drawing

Our May winner in the big drawing was Robert Pease with ticket number 261. Robert takes home a 12ga. Remington 11-87. The June prize is a T/C Omega 50 cal. Muzzleloader.

Our current drawing runs through August, and that means the new Big Gun Drawing will start at the September Board meeting. Stay tuned for more information on the prizes and ticket information. As always, you can reserve your current number for the new drawing.

Hunter's Safety

We're getting down to the wire on seats for the August hunter safety class. This is your opportunity to get that new hunter ready for fall. Class dates are as follows:

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.



Wanna go Fishin ???

Pick a week day date. Get one or more carloads of kids with their parent and call chuck Connell of Children's Charters, Inc. at (231) 743-6483 to reserve a date for your free fishing experience. No boat?? No Equipment?? **NO EXCUSE !!!** Chuck has it all, waiting for you to call.

Jakes Thanks

The National Wild Turkey Federation would like to thank the West Walker Sportsman's Club for hosting the annual Jakes youth field day program on June 24th. At least 77 young people participated in the program and enjoyed a full day of outdoor activities at our great WWSC facilities. The weather was excellent, the food was great, and everyone left with a gift or prize. Many parents came and spent the day with their kids too. This year's program will be considered as one of the best in the state, and should compete well on the national level.

The future and quality of the outdoor experience we so often take for granted will be dependent on the interest shown by our children and their friends. Thanks to WWSC, 77 more kids had a positive outdoor experience. Plan on being there for next year's program.



Legislative

We'd like to remind all of our members that the U.S. Congress is considering legislation that would protect the rights of law-abiding arms dealers, and ultimately all of us as gun purchasers. The "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" is the bill in question It is moving through the House as H.R. 800, and in the Senate it is known as S. 397. We urge you to contact your senator and congressman and let them know you support this bill. Reach them at:

U.S. Senator(202) 224-3121U.S. Representative(202) 225-3121

NRA Instructor Class

Interested in becoming a certified CCW NRA instructor? Classes are now forming to include certifications in basic pistol, home firearm safety, and personal protection in the home. Class size is very limited and you must be a current CCW license holder. The course runs 30+ hours for completion. For specific details, contact Barry Anderson, NRA Training Counselor, at <u>barry45acp@aol.com</u> or write to: PO Box 141362, Grand Rapids, MI 49514.

Ladies Day Outdoors

West Walker ladies and their friends are encouraged to reserve Saturday, September 24 for the annual Women in the Outdoors program co-hosted by WWSC and the National Wild Turkey Federation. A full day of fine tuning current outdoor skills and an opportunity for a hands on learning experience of new ones will be offered to all participants.

All classes will be led by seasoned instructors to insure a quality experience for all who attend. Ladies are encouraged to bring their daughters age 14 and older as well as friends with whom they would enjoy sharing their day. Of course our usual gourmet lunch is included as well as prozes and raffles of quality items.

Please contact Angie Snitgen at (616) 581-7296 for a brochure and application.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
3 Cowboy Shoot No Archery, Trap or Skeet	4 Indepen- dence Day	5	6 Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	7 Duck Hunters meet 7 to 9	8	9 Steel Plate Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2			Archery Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	Charter Meeting 7: 30		Silhouette Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2			Archery Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM			No Archery, Trap or Skeet
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	Charter Range Closed Noon - 6	Board Meeting 7:00	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM			No Archery, Trap or Skeet
31 Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2	NWTF Meets 7 to 9	2	3 Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	4 Duck Hunters meet 7 to 9	5	6 Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2



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Spring League

Tom Miller would like to thank everyone who came out to shoot the shotgun league this spring. Special thanks go to Jackie Bourgard and Rich Rey for their help in running the league with Tom. There weren't enough participants in the Adult/Child category to hold that event, but Tom hopes to change that for next year's winter league. Also, where are all those 28 ga. and .410 shooters? Don't let the guys with the big guns have all the fun! Tom wishes everyone a safe Summer and looks forward to the Winter League in January.

Here's the rundown on the class winners:

12 ga. Skeet

AA Rick ZandstraA Dave KammingaB Mike DykstraC Kyle Myers

20 ga. Skeet AA Jim Koron A Brian Myers <u>410 Skeet</u> Jerry Keys

AA Tom Myers A Dave Kamminga

B Mark WalkerC Paul Weston

Final Notes

1. The WWSC vs. Caledonia Archery challenge has been rescheduled for July 23 & 24.

2. Be sure to check the calendar for range closures.

3. Correction: Rick Heyt was the Thursday morning archery league champ, not Mark Thue as reported in last month's newsletter. But they do look alike, don't they?