

WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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A Perfect Gift

W.W.S.C. has membership gift certificates available (at the desk). This is an easy gift to get and give. Use them for new memberships or to extend existing memberships. They're definitely a Christmas (or any occasion) present that will be enjoyed by the sportsmen on your gift list.

For further information contact Rich at rlvandermeer@comcast.net

Winter League

Winter shotgun league is right around the corner! Shooting begins Wednesday, January 4th and runs for 12 weeks. We will be offering skeet and trap games for all skill levels, from beginner to expert.

In this time of economic unrest, we're happy to report that our fees remain unchanged again this year. Registration and your first event is \$30. Each additional event is \$15 and team events are \$8. Each line of either trap or skeet is still just \$4, and prepaid shooting cards are available. (Are you reading this, Santa? A prepaid shooting card makes a nice present for the shotgunner on your list!) When your prepaid card is used up at the end of the league, drop it into the basket at the banquet (March 15) for a chance to win a case (10 boxes) of shells! Now, here's a rundown of the scheduled events:

12ga. Skeet 20ga. Skeet 28ga./. 410 Skeet 12ga. Trap

Team events include:

- 2 person Skeet
- 5 person Skeet
- 2 person Trap
- 5 person Trap

There must be at least 5 shooters registered in an event in order for it to be held. You can reserve your spot by signing up at the shooting desk anytime before the league starts. Don't miss out on the fun!

Archery News

Kids Archery Class begins Saturday, January 7. Indoor Archery League will be held again on Thursday nights. Registration is \$30 and the cost is \$6 per week. Contact Vince Schultes for more information on these two programs, mi3drs@msn.com, or 895-5009. Vince is also interested in volunteers to help run these events. Contact him at the e-mail address above and please include West Walker Archery in the subject line.

Returning this year, by popular demand, is our **Thursday Morning Indoor Archery League**. This league is run once again by Tom (Pole) Parauka. Pole reminds anyone who may be interested that this is a mostly fun league with the emphasis on helping bow hunters brush up on techniques and keep from getting rusty.

The league starts on Thursday, January 5th, at 10:00 AM, and will run approximately 6 to 12 weeks, depending on the number of archers. Shooting takes about 1-1/2 hours, so you can make it home by lunchtime! Contact Pole at (626) 456-5365 for more information or to sign up. The price is still only \$4 per week.

Range Safety

While using the rifle and pistol ranges, please remember that *THE* most important safety rule we have at the club is **NO GUN HANDLING WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWNRANGE**.

Recently one of our members using a muzzleloader needed a friendly reminder of this. The rule does indeed include muzzleloaders. We are aware that common practice says that a muzzleloader without a cap is considered unloaded, but the rule is clear, no gun handling period. Thanks very much for your cooperation. Remember too that the best response to a fellow shooter who reminds you of a safety rule is, "Thank you." *

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Cowboy Shoots

Cowboy shoots will *not* be held through the winter months as reported in last month's newsletter. We are sorry for the misinformation, but due to the excavation being done on the range, we will be unable to hold the matches as planned. As work is completed and the range is made available, the cowboy shooting schedule here at West Walker will be updated and published in this newsletter and on our website, www.wwsc.org.

Again, please accept our apologies for the confusion and any inconvenience it may have caused. We know you cowboys and cowgirls are an understanding bunch and will forgive us just this once, right? •

Range work

We're still in the midst of a pretty large-scale range renovation project at WWSC that will make our ranges larger, longer, and most of all safer. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time, as some ranges may be unusable periodically. Work right now is being concentrated on the Charter range, so most everything else is accessible. However, please be prepared for random closures as work progresses. We'll certainly keep you as up to date as possible. Thanks again. •

Final Notes

Deer Check Station will be open through the end of the month, Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 3.

NRA 5-Stand Clays will be offered again on Dec. 17, Jan.21, and Feb.18 from 10 to 2. Just \$4 gets you a 25 bird round. Check it out!

Do you have a **Hunting Story** you'd like to share with your fellow club members? We're always interested in good "tales of the hunt" that our members have enjoyed. Call Dave Krysiak at (616) 997-7029 to have your story included in our newsletter. You don't have to be a writer, just tell me your story, and I'll write it for you if you wish.

Happy Holidays from all of us at WWSC. Be safe and enjoy the time with friends and family.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Duck Hunters meet 7 to 9 Deer Check 10 to 3	2	Archery, Trap & Skeet 10 to 2
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Christmas Day	Deer Check 10 to 3	Board Meeting 7:00	Archery, Trap & Skeet 9 to 12 AM 6 to 10 PM	Deer Check 10 to 3	30	New Year's Eve
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