



# WEST WALKER SPORTSMAN

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## **The 2006 International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (IHMSA)**

International championship was held at the Tusco Rifle Club in Midvale, Ohio July 22nd through July 28th of this year. This International match comes to Ohio every other year and is where handgun competitors who have qualified throughout the year in local matches have a chance to compete against other shooters from around the country. The event was attended by shooters from all over the United States, Canada, Brazil, and as far away as Australia. It was a week of a lot of fun, a lot of shooting, and a chance to enjoy the company of other steel silhouette shooters.

I'm not sure what was better, that first cup of coffee each morning sitting around the breakfast table at the hotel discussing all of the previous day's scores or the smell of fresh gun powder when we arrived at the range each day. The competition consisted of shooting 80 rounds at steel targets set at varying distances depending upon the caliber of handgun. The Big

Bore guns shot 20 rounds each at 50, 100, 150, and 200 yards, while the Field Pistol and Small Bore .22's shot at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards. In all, fourteen different categories were shot. If you had to shoot more than a couple of guns each day, you stayed pretty busy. The competition was pretty exciting throughout the week. As some of us found out, shooters in first place at the beginning of the week usually didn't stay there by the end of the week.

The last day of competition was reserved for tie breaker shoot offs. This was where the best of the best, who had shot perfect scores throughout the week, had to shoot against each other until one missed to determine who went home with first place. West Walker's Dave Krysiak and Dennis Nelson were among those top shooters who made it to the shoot offs.

Most all of the Michigan clubs were well represented at the match, including St. Joseph Conservation Club in Sturgis, Berry County Conservation Club in Hastings, South Kent Conservation Club in Dorr, BF Goodrich club in Alma, and of course West Walker Sportsman's club. The West Walker team did pretty good, taking home several awards. Complete West Walker team standings will be posted on the web when the official results are in. For more photos check out the club web site news page link.

## Plate Shoot

It was a beautiful day for shooting and a lot of you showed up to do just that. We had 25 shooters try their hand at hitting those steel plates. Adam Boynton burned up the course with a total score of 55.85 seconds on the Main Event. Great shooting, Adam. In the EI Presidente course Frank Zimmerer did an outstanding job with a score of 29.73 seconds. If I didn't know you Frank, I would swear you got a ringer to shoot for you. Good going. You could tell that we hadn't shot the EI Presidente all summer, because there were a lot of misses. With each miss adding 10 seconds to your score, there were some great runs that didn't turn out so great. Hopefully everybody will remember to aim when we have it next month.

On a more serious note, there was a problem today when some people asked to shoot through because they had to leave early. Normally it was only one or two people who did this in the past and it was not an issue. But today there were nine people who did this and others got rightfully upset. The Plate Shoot Committee had a meeting after the match and it was unanimously decided that this will not be allowed in the future. Everybody will wait their turn and nobody will get preferential treatment. The match tries to start at 10:00 and usually ends around 2-3:00, depending on the amount of people shooting. Please plan your day accordingly. If you have to leave early because of a previous engagement, you will get a DNF. It's not like getting a DNF is some sort of loser designation. It just means that for some reason or another you were unable to finish the course. Come back next month and try again speaking of which, our next match will be on Sat. Sept. 9th. Please tell your friends about it and invite them to check it out. They might try it and find there having as much fun as you are. Finally, I want to thank everybody who helped set it up and tear it down. Without your help this would not be possible to put on. If you have any questions or need to contact me, you can reach me at pl8shootr@aol.com Thanks again, and remember, keep that finger out of the trigger guard until the sights are on the target. See ya next month. Chris Hackett

## **Membership**

For membership questions or renewal, or if you missed a copy of the newsletter contact: Rich Vander Meer at 453-3255 or, by email at [rvandermeer@comcast.net](mailto:rvandermeer@comcast.net)

## **Big Gun Raffle**

Aug. 29, 2006 raffle winner was # 284 John Benson. He won a Win. Model 94, 44mag. Rifle. And #247 Joe Anderson won a Pistol.

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## **Note to All Members:**

Range improvements have been slow going President Ed Stone has been working directly with the contractor to get this work done as soon as possible.

**Use of the Charter range 50 & 100 yards only** will be allowed until the new ranges are open. However, on the charter range **shoot only at the target boards.** Shooting in any other areas and direction is prohibited, and **shooting anything other than paper targets is prohibited.**

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<u>3</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	<u>4</u> Labor Day	<u>5</u> NWTF Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>6</u> Trap & Skeet 9AM-12:00 6PM-10PM	<u>7</u> West Michigan Duck Hunters 7PM	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Women in the Outdoors has the club for the day 7AM-6PM
<u>10</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Trap & Skeet 9AM-12:00 6PM-10PM	<u>14</u> WWSC Charter Meeting 7:30PM	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM IHMSA Silhouette Match
<u>17</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Trap & Skeet 9AM-12:00 6PM-10PM	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM
<u>24</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> WWSC Board Meeting 7PM	<u>27</u> Trap & Skeet 9AM-12:00 6PM-10PM	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM Pistol Range Rented 9AM-12
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