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West Walker Sportsman Club

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Charter Meeting

Schedule
Thursday
Sept. 13, at
7:30 PM

Board Meeting
Tuesday
Sept. 25, at
7:00 PM

Now there are

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2007 Hunter Safety Classes a Great Success

West Walker again hosted hunter safety classes in July and August. Approximately 50 students successfully completed the 12 hour class which involves class work consisting of the hunter safety book, various demonstrations and the written safety test. Students were also given hands on experience with shot guns, pistols and .22 rifles as well as the safe way of crossing a fence, walking in a field with other hunters and removing a firearm from a vehicle.

Of those students, 98% were from West Walker members. The remaining students were referrals from the DNR website and word of mouth. Thank you West Walker members for supporting this program. We apologize to those members we had to turn away due to full classes, but our class size is limited by the DNR.

Thanks go to Todd Wagner and Ryan Kobel as our other certified Hunter Safety Instructors for their help with the classes. We also need to thank our crew – Tom Myers, Paul Heistan, Bill Milhiem, Tim & Mary Squires, Robert Kobel and Nikki Lutz- for their assistance with the field portion of the class. We couldn't do it without them.

Classes have again been scheduled for July and August of 2008 with class sign up beginning in May.

Hunt Safely!!!
Ron & Robin Kobel





Archery

Wednesday



Shotgun

Wednesday

9AM – 12

6PM – 10PM

Saturday

10AM -2PM

Sunday

10AM – 2 PM

Use of the Charter Range is reserved for Charter Members, and or for supervised club activities

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Support & Pray for Our Troops

Membership as of 12/31/06 is 1425



Without young people, the shooting sports have no future, Let s all work to bring young people into the sport.

Plate Shoot

I want to thank the sixteen shooters who turned up for our August match. It was hotter than the hinges of Hades doors. The only saving grace was that it wasn't very humid.

As usual we had some really great scores today. Unfortunately some of those were marred by hostage hits. The guys were really bummed when they hit them, and the hostages weren't too thrilled either. But in the end Joel Vaughn came out on top in the Main Event with a combined score of 57.54 seconds. Great shooting, Joel. In the El Presedente match Joel's dad, Rich Vaughn, came in first with a 25.27 seconds. Of course when your loads are so underpowered that you can see the bullets go down range, your recoil isn't very stiff so you can shoot faster. Right, Rich? But I will give him credit. He had no misses in the timed rounds which contributed to his winning scores. Good shooting, Rich.

We had something different in the Main Event this time. We included some bowling pins in the mix. There were only three of them, and you had to knock them down, but not off, the table. Most people had no trouble hitting them, but they did have to slow down a little to aim. We got a lot of positive feedback on using these and will probably be using them in the future. Those of us on the Plate Shoot Committee would like to hear your suggestions on how to keep the matches fresh, fun and challenging. Please feel free to let us know your ideas. We are limited on budget so we may not be able to use your suggestions, but we are always willing to listen.

Our next match is Saturday, September 8th, starting at 10:00 AM. Get there a little early to sign up and load your mags. If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at pl8shooter@sbcglobal.net. Hope to see you at the next match. Shoot safe, and focus on that front sight.

Chris Hackett

2008 winter shotgun leagues are.

Saturday Dec 15, 2007 through Saturday March 8, 2008.

Events: skeet, trap, trap doubles, and new this year will be wobble trap

Gauges: 12, 20, 28, 410

Teams: 2 and 5 person

We reserve the right to cancel an event or team event if there are not enough shooters signed up.

You must have 4 registered lines in by Saturday, Jan 12.

The banquet this year is Saturday, March 29.

When using West Walker's shooting ranges, please check in at the range monitor building.

In or around the Monitor building you will find a range monitor. A range monitor will be on site during normal club shooting hours. The range monitor will ask to see your membership card (if you need to buy a membership or renew a membership, they can do it right there). They will also make sure you have ear and eye protection, which is required. They will also monitor and enforce the club rules. *Any charter member can also ask you to verify your membership and to obey the club rules.*

Range Monitors Needed

West Walker Sportsman Club is looking for range monitors. If you are retired or have free time during the daylight hours and are interested in working the rifle ranges and checking memberships one or two days per week, please contact **Mark Thue at 616-791-2128**. These are voluntary positions. Monitors will receive free annual memberships.

Women in the Outdoors September 8, 2007 the program is being hosted by WWSC & The National Wild Turkey Federation and will be held on the club grounds. Information at www.gvcnwtf.org or Jackie Bourgard 616-261-8001 or jbougard@comcast.net

Note: Look for more range improvements at WWSC this year; you should check the

WWSC's Website and the newsletter for potential dates of range work.

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	27	28	29	30	31	1 Trap & Skeet 10AM – 2PM
2 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	3 NWTF Meeting 7PM	4	5 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6PM-10PM	6 West Michigan Duck Hunters	7	8 Trap & Skeet Closed Steel Plate Shoot 10AM – 3PM NWTF Women in the Outdoors 8:00 AM
9 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	10	11	12 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6PM-10PM	13 Meeting 7 – 9 PM Charter Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM IHMSA Silhouette 10AM-4PM
16 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	17	18	19 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6 PM – 10 PM	20	21	22 Trap & Skeet 10 AM – 2 PM
23 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	24	25	26 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6 PM – 10 PM	27	28	29 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM
30 Trap & Skeet 10 AM – 2 PM	31 Oct	1 WWSC Board Meeting 7PM				

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West Walker Big Gun Monthly Raffle tickets are now on sell for 2007/2008. Tickets are \$60.00. For a ticket contact Barry Fox (616-690-0691) or any Charter member, also at the shooting desk. Please note there will be 12 guns , not cash prizes.



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Rifle Ranges

The Club has begun more improvements on the rifle ranges. The new structure being added to the front of the shooting stations is modeled after similar structures used by the State of Michigan at their rifle ranges. We will also be instituting some new rules & regulations for use of the ranges. We will be publishing them in the near future.

The range monitor program is starting to take shape and we have received many positive comments from the associates. It appears most members think it is a great benefit to have someone in charge of the ranges.

Concerning range use: The rifle ranges at West Walker are designed for target shooting and sighting in of rifles only and all shooting must be done from the benches. Paper targets on the target boards are the only targets allowed. There is no shooting allowed from prone, kneeling or standing positions. If you need to practice from a prone, kneeling or standing position, it must be done somewhere else. It cannot be done at the West Walker ranges!