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West Walker Sportsman Club

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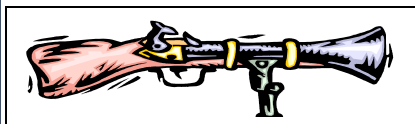
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Charter Meeting
Schedule
Thursday
Oct. 11 at
7:30 PM

Board Meeting
Tuesday
Oct. 30 at
7:00 PM



Invites one and all to a .22 rifle fun shoot

When: Saturday October 20, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Cost: \$5.00 per forty target match

Where: West Walker Sportsman's Club, 0-599 Leonard NW.
Approximately one mile west of Wilson Ave., north of Standale

We are going to have a .22 rifle fun shoot using IHMSA .22 targets. There will be 10 chickens at 25 yards, 10 pigs at 50 yards, 10 turkeys at 75 yards, and 10 rams at 100 yards. We will be doing this shoot under IHMSA range commands where you will have two minutes to fire five shots at the first five targets, then two minutes to fire five shots at the next five targets. After that you will move to the next station and do the same thing at the next ten targets until you have fired on all forty targets.

Parents, bring your kids and have a fun day of shooting. Hit the steel target and watch it spin in the air as it falls down. Guys, bring your buddies out and challenge them to see who can hit the most targets. Bring a new shooter or someone who's never shot and introduce them to a new form of recreation.

Due to possible target damage this shoot is limited to .22 long rifle ammo only. No .22 magnum or any .17 caliber rim fires will be allowed. Sorry.

Eye and ear protection will be required when on or near the firing line. We have some of both to lend out, but it would be better if you brought your own.

We will give you a score card so you can keep track of your hits and misses if you wish. Any style of .22 rifle is welcome. Bolt actions, semi-autos, single shots, and pumps, whatever. Scopes, iron sights, red dots, whatever you use to sight your gun is welcome. The folks who are putting on this shoot will be at the firing line to answer any questions you might have, and to make sure that all firearms are handled in a safe manner.

So mark your calendar on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00 till 3:00 for a fun day of shooting steel. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about this shoot you can contact Chris Hackett at pl8shooter@sbcglobal.net and he will hopefully answer them to your satisfaction.

Winter league dates: 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 (only skeet events are gauge specific)

Teams: 2 and 5 person

\$30.00 INCLUDES - REGISTRATION & ONE EVENT

\$15.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT

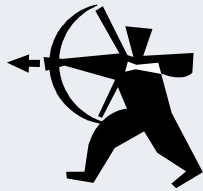
\$ 8.00 PER TEAM EVENT

\$48.00 PREPAY CARDS PER EVENT - all prepay cards will be entered into a drawing, details to be determined at a later date

Must have 4 lines in by Jan 23 (we are allowing 6 weeks this year for this)

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

Banquet : Saturday Mar 29, cost is included in your registration fee,
additional charge (to be determined at a later date) for guests



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

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

Rifle Range Improvements.

Work continues on the Associate rifle ranges. The window on the ranges have recently been adjusted. Some shooters were having some difficulty with the new safety structure which has been added to the rifle range. It seems people using a Lead Sled Rest could not get their rest to work with the new structure. The openings have been reexamined and adjusted. Some associates who use the Lead Sled report the adjustments seem to have solved the problem.

Please remember, all the improvements and changes being made to the ranges are being done to promote safety. Which should be everyone's number one concern. There will be more changes in the near future. When a change is made your comments are appreciated.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to make West Walker a safer and better place to shoot.

DNR Deer Check Station at West Walker Sportman's Club

Oct. 1 to Nov. 12; Mondays and Thursdays, 10 am - 3 pm.

Nov. 15-19; 10 am - 3 pm.

Nov. 26 to Dec. 20; Mondays and Thursdays, 10 am - 3 pm.

Closed on State Holidays (Monday Nov. 12 and Thursday Nov. 22).

September 10 Plate Shoot

We had a gorgeous day for a plate shoot. Thanks, everybody who came out to partake of it. We didn't have a lot of great scores on the main event this day. Perhaps the course was too hard, or people had a bad day. A lot of hostages got nailed. Mat Allen was the winner of the main event. His two runs were good enough to take first place, but Gary Rollenhagen was only 1.03 seconds behind Mat! If Gary was a little more accurate or had a faster mag change, the score would have been the other way around.

The El Presidente was another event with a lot of disappointing scores, due to a lot of misses, which added time to those scores. There were a lot of runs in the low teens, but when you added in the misses, it just cranked the times out of sight. Since we started painting the targets after every run, there is no controversy over whether it was a hit or not. The bullet hits are easy to see, so you can't argue the result. Gary Rollenhagen won over Mat Allen. This time there was only .85 seconds difference between first and second place. That's cutting it close, friends. They both had one miss, but Gary's run of 9.82 seconds edged him over the top. Great shooting guys. We did have a problem with people shooting out of sequence. Rick, who ran it, decided which targets were to be hit 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Apparently people were having trouble with the sequence he chose and were not shooting in that order. For safety reasons, everybody is going to have to follow the chosen sequence. Whatever Rick decides, it is what it is. He's trying to keep everybody sharp and on their toes. We endorse that concept 100%. I didn't add any penalty time to the people who shot out of sequence, mainly because it's never happened before, and we didn't know how to score it. But not to worry. In the future, we will have a penalty to access you out-of-sequence shooters. I can't sleep at night knowing I can't penalize you for something you did wrong. It's not in my nature. People might think I'm starting to be mister nice guy. I've got to nip this in the bud.

We also had the .22 drag race event going this match. It's been a long time since this made an appearance. We didn't have the manpower before to hold it, but we're getting better in that department, so we hope to hold it regularly from now on. I encourage everybody who has a .22 handgun to come out and try it. It's a lot of fun and you don't spend a lot of money on ammo; if enough people shoot it, we can have elimination tournaments to see who's the fastest gun. Come on out and give it a shot.

Our next and last match for the year will be Saturday, October 13. I hope everybody who shot this year will try and make it to this one. If you've never tried it, come out and give it a try. You'll come back next year! This will be the last one till April of 2008. Of course, this depends on the weather. If it's raining or snowing (God forbid), the match will be canceled. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at pl8shooter@sbcglobal.net. Keep that front sight in focus, and your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target. See ya.

Chris Hackett

More news

Big Gun Raffle:, Number 210 Larry Osterberg (Buck) was the winner of a Howe 30-06 rifle.

Notice: No Trap & Sheet shooting from Nov. 15 to Dec. 1 Michigan Deer season.

Big Gun Raffle tickets are now on sale for the 2007 - 2008 raffle, photo of the guns are on page four.

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 NWT Meeting 7PM	2	3	4 West Michigan Duck Hunters Meeting 7-9PM	5	6 Trap & Skeet 10AM – 2PM
7 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	8	9 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6PM-10PM	10 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6PM-10PM	11 Charter Meeting 7:30PM	12 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM Steel Plate Shoot 10AM – 3PM	13 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM Steel Plate Shoot 10AM – 3PM
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28 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	29 WWSC Board Meeting 7PM	30	31 Trap & Skeet 9AM-12 noon 6 PM – 10 PM	1 Nov.	2 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM	3 Trap & Skeet 10AM-2PM

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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!