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West Walker Sportsman Club

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Charter Meeting
Schedule
Thursday
Jan.10 at
7:30 PM

Board Meeting
Tuesday
Jan. 29 at
7:00 PM

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WEST WALKER SPORTSMANS BANQUET FOR 2008

Join us, Western Michigan, for the biggest, best West Walker Sportsman Banquet ever – on **Saturday, March 15th**.

You can win camping items, first-rate fishing and hunting prizes, totally great tools, and some really fine firearms. But that's not all! There will be games, Chinese raffles, 3 fantastic general raffle tables, and blitz raffles.

Our 6th annual banquet is limited to 250 people, so get your reservations in early.

Admission price of \$50.00 includes dinner and a great door prize.
You don't want to miss what has become a West Walker Sportsman Club trademark event!

Coming soon in your mail: more details and sign-up materials.

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WINTER LEAGUES AT WEST WALKER

The winter league is underway! There's still time to sign up if you haven't already; you have until Jan 23 to get your first 4 registered lines in, and until March 8 to shoot the full 12 lines. So far we have shooters participating in 12 and 20 gauge skeet, trap and wobble trap.

Don't forget to get a pre-paid card if you want to be included in the drawing for a case of shells. The winter league banquet will be held Saturday, March 29, 2008. Not going to make it in time? Don't worry; the Spring League will start April 6.

LEAGUE FEES:

\$30.00 INCLUDES - REGISTRATION & 1 st EVENT

\$15.00 SINGLE EVENTS

\$ 8.00 PER TEAM EVENT (per team member)

\$48.00 PREPAY CARDS for all 12 rounds

LEAGUE SHOOTING TIMES:

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 PM (NOON)

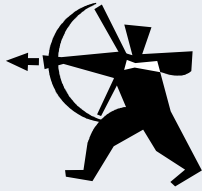
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM UNTIL 10:00 PM

SATURDAY 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

SUNDAY 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

Note: The last line to go out will be no later than one-half hour prior to closing.
Remember, you must be a WWSC member to participate in the leagues.

Food is available during league hours except Wednesday mornings.
Contact Char Willyard or anyone at the shooting desk if you have questions.



Archery

Wednesday

Thursday AM & PM



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

Archery News:

AM 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. Scores are kept and a trophy is awarded. The league starts on Thursday, January 10th, 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 Tom at (626) 456-5365 for more information or to sign up. The price is still only \$4 per week

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Winter Archery League

Contact Vince Schultes if you want to join the archery league. The Winter archery League will be held on Thursday nights beginning January 17th, 2008. The league will run for 12 weeks, ending on April 3rd. The league is limited to 40 shooters so be sure to sign up early.

League Details

Targets will be NFAA indoor targets. There will be 20 shooting lanes set at 20 yards. (With A and B lanes, 40 shooters can be accommodated). League shooting will be held on Thursday nights starting at 7:00 pm. Fees: \$20.00 sign up fee and \$6.00 per person per week.

League shooters do have to be a member of WWSC.

For more information contact Vince Schultes at 895-5009 or email at: mi3drs@msn.com.

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### 2008 Kids Archery Classes at WWSC

Kid's archery classes will be conducted again this year at WWSC. The kids Saturday morning archery program will start on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Two different one hour sessions will be offered at each class. The 10:00 session is a "Having fun" class for those who want to learn how to shoot and have some fun shooting. The 11:00 session is a JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) class for those youngsters who want to shoot competition archery. Cost is \$8 per week if we supply all the equipment and \$4 per week if you supply all your own equipment..

#### Class Schedule

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| January 19 <sup>th</sup>  |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| February 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>     |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>    |

**Contact Joan Schultes at 895-5009 or email her at [jaschultes@yahoo.com](mailto:jaschultes@yahoo.com) for more information.**

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### Rifle Range Improvements.

*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.*

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**Big Gun Raffle tickets** are now on sale for the 2007 - 2008 raffles; photo of the guns is on page four.

**Winner of the Big Gun Raffle is #107**

**There is no smoking allowed while on the firing line or under the shooting structures at West Walker.**

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

### **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.

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### **October 2007 Plate Shoot**

I want to apologize to all of you who took part in the final plate shoot of the year for not getting this report to you sooner. I got busy right after the match and then as time went on procrastination got the better of me. My wife isn't real happy either with that habit of mine.

Anyway, I want to thank everybody who showed up for the last match. We had 21 shooters try to give their best at the Main Event. The zig-zag course was a little taxing for some, since you had to think about where your next target was and not go on auto-pilot. Then just to show how sadistic our crew is, we threw in some hostages for good measure. Going over the scores (which you can see on West Walker's web site) those poor hostages took a heck of a beating.

Needless to say, we didn't get a lot of great scores, but everybody had a fun time.

Shannan Chada came out on top of the main event with a combined score of 52.56 seconds. Even with one hostage hit he still came in first. Congratulations Shannan.

The El Presidente event had a lot of really fast times that went down the tubes when you put in the misses. If you guys would just slow down a fraction and concentrate on the front sight, you would have some incredible scores. Oh well, as long as you enjoyed shooting it, that's all that counts. Shannan Chada came in first again. This must have been Shannan's day. Congrats on some great shooting Shannan.

We had eight people shoot the .22 drag race. We hope to have that as a permanent addition next year, so everybody bring your .22's and give it a try. It's a lot of fun even if we don't keep scores. Who knows, if enough people want it, we could have an elimination tournament to see who comes out on top. We shall see.

I hope everybody who shot the plates this year had a good time. We try to give everybody a fun but challenging time. If anybody has any suggestions on making it better, please give me a shout at [pl8shootr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pl8shootr@sbcglobal.net). We have a limited budget, but you never know. Hope to see everybody at our next match April 12, 2008. Have a good winter and we'll see you in the spring.

Chris Hackett

### **"Family Membership"**

**WWSC Family memberships are offered with every membership. These memberships are for immediate family members through the age of 17.**

Those family members under the age of 17 are welcome to use the WWSC ranges **BUT are REQUIRE: to have an adult (with a current membership card) to be with them during their stay at the club.**

Only those with current memberships are offered this feature which is **not offered to family guests. Guests can watch but not participate** and all must also obey all range and club's rules.

**Adults are responsible for younger family members and any guests while on the club's grounds.**

This is for the safety of WWSC members and family members. Any exception to this must be approved by WWSC Board of Directors.

Note: Skeet and Trap ranges can be used by no-member when ranges are open at no-member fees.

# January 2008

| Sunday                                     | Monday                      | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday                                                                         | Friday | Saturday                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                             | 1<br>New Year Day<br>Club House Closed   | 2<br>Archery<br>Winter Shotgun<br>League:<br>9AM-12AM<br>6PM-10PM     | 3<br>West Michigan<br>Duck Hunters<br>Meeting<br>7PM-9PM                         | 4      | 5<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM                                 |
| 6<br>Winter shotgun<br>League<br>10AM-2PM  | 7<br>NWF<br>Meeting<br>7:PM | 8                                        | 9<br>Archery<br>Winter shotgun<br>League<br>9:AM-12:AM<br>6:PM-10:pm  | 10<br>AM Archery<br>League Starts<br>10:AM<br><b>Charter Meeting<br/>7:30 PM</b> | 11     | 12<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM                                |
| 13<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM | 14                          | 15                                       | 16<br>Archery<br>Winter shotgun<br>League<br>9:AM-12:AM<br>6:PM-10:pm | 17<br>AM Archery<br>league<br>Evening Archery<br>League 7:PM                     | 18     | 19 Kids Archery<br>Classes Start<br>10:AM<br>Winter shotgun<br>10:AM-2:PM |
| 20<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM | 21                          | 22                                       | 23<br>Archery<br>Winter shotgun<br>League<br>9:AM-12:AM<br>6:PM-10:pm | 24<br>AM Archery<br>league<br>Evening Archery<br>League 7:PM                     | 25     | 26<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM                                |
| 27<br>Winter shotgun<br>league<br>10AM-2PM | 28                          | 29<br><b>WWSC Board<br/>Meeting 7:PM</b> | 30<br>Archery<br>Winter shotgun<br>League<br>9:AM-12:AM<br>6:PM-10:pm | 31<br>AM Archery<br>league<br>Evening Archery<br>League 7:PM                     |        |                                                                           |

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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.**



## **GUN SAFES**

**Walk – In Vault Doors**

**Frontier – American Security – Fort Knox**

**HOOGERHYDE**

**SAFE & LOCK**

**(616) 458-6365**

**1033 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

**Fax (616) 458-2554**

## **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!