



The Newsletter

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West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting
Schedule
Charter Meeting
Sept 9th at 7:30 PM

Board Meeting
Tuesday
Sept 28th at
7:00 PM

Shotgun Plate Shoot Sept 11th, 2010

The next shotgun plate shoot will be on Saturday Sept 11th starting at 10:00 am. As usual, we will be having two events for this. The main event, which consists of twelve targets, and the El Presidente, which has a total of six targets. Only #8 and #9 shot is allowed due to the short distance to the targets, and for safety. Two boxes should suffice if you only shoot the main event, but three boxes will do if you shoot both events. At only five dollars per event it would be silly not to shoot both. You will go through each event three times and we will document your times for each run through. This is not a competition where you shoot against other people. You will only compete against yourself. Because of this, any shotgun style or gauge is welcome. You need not be a club member to participate. So bring a buddy or two and have a ball shooting steel plates. As usual, this event is weather dependent. If it's raining or threat of rain, the shoot will be canceled. We normally wrap it up around 2:00 so plan accordingly. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at pl8shoot@sbcglobal.net.
Chris Hackett

Crossbow Hunting Regulations Expanded for Hunters Statewide

Crossbow regulation changes expanding opportunities for hunters ages 10 and up statewide have been approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and are effective immediately, DNRE officials announced today.

The crossbow regulation changes include the following:

- Lowering the minimum age for crossbow use from 12 to 10 years of age statewide
- Expanding the use of crossbows to all legal hunters during all archery and firearm seasons statewide, except in the Upper Peninsula, where crossbow use will remain prohibited during the late archery and muzzleloader seasons, unless the hunter is disabled
- Allowing the use of modified bows where crossbows are legal
- Including a temporary crossbow permit for hunters with temporary disabilities
- Eliminating a provision that limited the maximum bolt velocity for crossbows
- Eliminating the 3-year sunset provision for the use of the crossbow in the affected section of the Wildlife Conservation Order

Hunters using crossbows will still be required to obtain a free crossbow stamp. The stamp allows DNRE staff to monitor and survey crossbow hunters to determine the effect the crossbow regulations have on hunter recruitment, retention and harvest. Results of the DNRE's mail survey conducted after the 2009 hunting season indicated that participation in archery deer hunting increased after crossbow regulations were liberalized.

For more information about crossbow hunting in Michigan, go online to www.michigan.gov/dnrhunting.

Fall 150 Sunday September 12th 11am

25 skeet
50 double skeet
25 5 stand
25 trap
25 wobble trap
Trophies for all events
Food provided free for the shooters
\$40 for all or \$9 for individual events
Contact Rick Z. For more details.
rkzandstra@yahoo.com

August 2010 Big Gun Raffle

Congratulations to Don Dreyer. Don won the August 2010 Big Gun Raffle, the **Marlin XL7 Rifle Package in .30-06 Springfield.**

Information on the 2011 Big Gun Raffle will be available soon.



Archery

Monday Wednesday

Thursday AM & PM



Shotgun

Wednesday

9AM - Noon

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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Our Troops

BUYING A GUN SAFE: WHERE'S THE BEEF?

"Where's the beef?" That famous line sold lots of hamburgers for Wendy's because it pointed out that their competitors' standard burgers had had very little meat. In the same way, when it comes to gun safes sold by the "big box stores", you could ask "Where's the steel?" The gun safes found in big box stores (BBS) usually have very thin steel in the doors and bodies in spite of the manufacturers' claims of security. The doors appear to be massive because they are 3/4" to 1 1/2" thick; but that is usually just thin steel wrapped around drywall. One manufacturer of BBS gun safes brags that they have "thick 12 gauge" steel. Really? 12 gauge steel is barely one tenth of an inch thick! And that is suppose to protect your guns worth thousands of dollars? Steel that thin is easily cut with a variety of power tools, or pried open with basic tools.

Try this test the next time you see a gun safe in a BBS. With the safe door open, put your knee into the front of it and then pull hard toward you at the top of the door. Chances are very good that you can feel the door flex a little. Imagine how easily it would flex if someone was using a pry bar.

In addition to steel thickness, there is another important issue to consider when buying a gun safe: How does the door fit? Many of the famous name gun safes sold in BBS's have large gaps around the door which allow pry bars to get in and get to the back edge of the door. That big gap is a result of high speed mass production where big tolerances are allowed. When you can get a pry bar to the back edge of the door, prying it open is not that hard. "Security on Sale", that famous video on the internet shows a BBS gun safe being pried opened in 1 minute and 45 seconds. Would you feel secure with that level of protection?

You don't need to settle for less than two minutes of protection. Gun safes with doors that actually fit are available with 1/4", 3/8", 1/2", 3/4" and even 1 1/4" of steel in the door. But you are not likely to find them in a BBS; you will probably need to go to a safe dealer. Will they cost more? Of course they will. But it doesn't make sense to keep your gun collection worth thousands of dollars behind a flimsy safe door made of 12 gauge steel that can easily be pried or cut open.

Author: Tom Ziemer, Hoogerhyde Safe, Grand Rapids, MI.

Steak Night

The next Steak Night will be Wednesday, September 15th.
Just \$6 for a delicious steak, potato, veggie, and roll.



EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS EVENT

September 18, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
West Walker
Sportsman's Club

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2010 Sizzlin' Summer Shootout

HIGH OVERALL - DAVE GERVAIS - 453

AA 12G SKEET - 1ST DAN BRADLEY - 236 2ND DAVE GERVAIS - 233

AA 20G SKEET - 1ST RICK ZANDSTRA - 237 2ND JON ZANDSTRA - 234

AA 28G SKEET - 1ST JIM KORON - 231 2ND RICK ZANDSTRA - 230

AA TRAP - 1ST JOE POPOWICH JR - 229 2ND DAVE VAN KLEY - 224

CLASS A TRAP - 1ST MARK EBERLEIN - 213 2ND NICK VAN AUSSDALL - 198

CLASS B TRAP - 1ST TIM THOMAS - 14 2ND DON SCHULTZ - 133

WOBBLE TRAP - 1ST DARRIS SAWTELLE - 229 2ND JOE POPOWICH JR 227

Link to the final overall scoresheet:

<http://www.wWSC.org/Programs/Shotgun%20scores/wWSCscores.pdf>

Women In The Outdoors Event

Join us on September 18th for a day in the outdoors! Plan on being outside, and bring sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, appropriate clothing, and raingear. The event will take place rain or shine! You may want to bring a little extra money for the silent auction, raffles, and more. All necessary equipment will be provided to attendees. However, you are encouraged to bring your own guns, bows, turkey calls, GPS units, etc. You will attend four classes during the course of the day. Each class will teach the basics skills required for that activity, along with instruction on equipment required.

Classes to be offered include:

- Archery
- Building an Efficient Fire
- Fish Cleaning
- Fishing (Spincasting)
- Fly Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking/Backpacking
- Kayaking
- Outdoor Grilling
- Outdoor Survival
- Pistol/Handgun
- Plant ID Hike
- Self Defense
- Skeet Shooting
- Trap Shooting
- Turkey Hunting
- Walking Stick Class
- Women's Hunting Gear

*** Please note that classes are subject to change.

Cost of the Event is \$45 (\$30 for student with ID)

Please send payment along with your Name, Address, Phone Number, Emergency Contact Person's Name and Phone Number, Email, and a list of your Top 5 Choices of Classes To:

Women in the Outdoors
Grand Valley Chapter
c/o Renee Hill
854 52nd Street SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

***Checks Payable to: GVC NWTF

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

WWSC September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
5 Trap and Skeet and 5 Stand 10am-2pm	6	7	8 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM	9 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	10	11 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm Shotgun plate shoot 10am
12 West Walker Fall 150 11am	13	14	15 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM Steak Night 6:00 pm	16	17 Wild Game Dinner 6 pm	18 Women in the Outdoors 8am-5pm No trap and skeet or archery
19 Trap and Skeet and 5 Stand 10am-2pm	20 West Michigan Walleye Assoc. Meeting 7pm-9pm	21	22 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon	23	24	25 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
26 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm	27	28 7:00 pm Board Meeting	29 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM	30	October 1 First Day of Archery Deer Season	2 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
3 Trap and Skeet and 5 Stand 10am-2pm	4	5	6 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM	7	8	9 Shotgun plate shoot 10am Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm

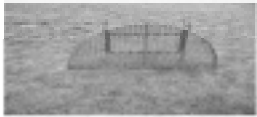
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**SK FULL DRAW
3-D ARCHERY RANGE**

10751- 12th Ave., Grand Rapids, MI. 49534
Tallmadge Township
(616) 791-7970

Open 7 Days
Dawn to Dusk

Stan Kurek
WWSC Member



Collapsing
Campground Grill
Fits all the State and
County Park fire pits

Tom Thue
Rapid Die & Eng.
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GUN SAFES

Walk - In Vault Doors

Summit Safe - American Security - Granite Security

HOOGERHYDE SAFE

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DATE:	PRIZE
Jan. 26 10	Remington 798 rifle in .308 Winchester
Feb. 23 10	Remington SPR Over/Under 20ga. Shotgun
Mar. 30 10	Charles Daly 12ga Semi Auto Shotgun
Apr. 27 10	Kel-Tec PF9 9mm Semi Auto Pistol
May 25 10	Savage 200xp Rifle package in .243
June 29 10	Beretta Neos .22 cal Pistol
July 27 10	Mossberg 12ga Semi Auto Shotgun
Aug. 31 10	Marlin XL7 Rifle Package in .30-06 Springfield
Sept. 28 10	Thompson Center Omega .50 cal Muzzle Loader
Oct. 26 10	Remington 770 Rifle Package in 7MM
Nov. 30 10	CVA Optima Elite .50cal Muzzle Loader
Dec. 28 10	Remington SPR Over/Under 12ga. Shotgun

West Walker Big Gun Monthly Raffle will be from Jan. 10-Dec. 10; cost of the ticket is still \$60.

Tickets can be purchased from any Charter member, at the clubhouse on open days, from the range monitors, or contact Barry Fox (616-690-0691). The first drawing is in January with monthly drawings to follow each month through December.

The Big Gun Raffle ticket would be a

Great gift.