



The Newsletter

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West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting
Schedule
Charter Meeting
Oct 14th at 7:30 PM

Board Meeting
Tuesday
Oct 26th at
7:00 PM

Shotgun Plate Shoot Oct 9th, 2010

The last shotgun plate shoot of the year will be on Saturday Oct 9th 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 pl8shootr@sbcglobal.net.

Newsletter Update

West Walker is in the process of sending the monthly newsletter via email instead of US Mail. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is substantial, and the savings realized will help with improvements to our club. There is a new link on the website's home page (www.wwsc.org) for you to submit your email address and indicate your areas of interest, or you can send an email to wwscnewsletter@yahoo.com. You will receive your newsletter approximately one week earlier than by US Mail. By having your email address on file we can also notify you of any range closings, upcoming events in your area of interest, and club closings. Your email address will be kept confidential.

Please help us "go green" and submit your email today. For those of you without email addresses, rest assured, you will continue to receive your monthly newsletter via US Mail. Don't forget, you can always see the most current newsletter as well as past newsletters at http://www.wwsc.org/News/Newsletters/newsletter_page.htm

WWSC 2010 DNR Deer Check Station Schedule

Mondays September 20 to January 3: 10 am to 2 pm

November 15-24, daily: 10 am to 2 pm

November 29 and 30 Friday and Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

Closed State Holidays:

November 2, 11, 25, and 26

December 23, 24, 30 and 31

September 2010 Big Gun Raffle

Congratulations to **Mark Kladder**. Mark won the September 2010 Big Gun Raffle, the **Thompson Center Omega .50 Cal Muzzle Loader**.

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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***Support & Pray for
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 ¾” to 1 ½” 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 ¼”, 3/8”, ½”, 3/4” and even 1 ¼” 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.

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Steak Night

The next Steak Night will be Wednesday, October 13th. Just \$6 for a delicious steak, potato, veggie, and roll.



Trap and Skeet News

This year Trap and skeet **WILL** be open during Rifle Deer Season. The normal hours and days still apply.

Range Safety

Just a friendly reminder to our members who use the rifle and pistol ranges. Please police your area when you are finished shooting. The next shooter will thank you for not having to wade through a sea of spent brass. Please deposit your spent brass, as well as dud rounds in the white buckets hanging near each line. Do not dump duds in the trash barrels! They can pose a real hazard to our grounds committee as they mow the grass or burn trash. Things that don't burn so well, empty shotgun hulls, hard plastic, beverage containers and metal, should be put into the two big green barrels. Paper, "soft" plastic, and cardboard boxes can be put into the small metal barrels or directly into one of the burn barrels. Thanks for helping keep our ranges clean and safe for all.

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

WWSC October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	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 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm Shotgun plate shoot 10am
10 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm	11	12	13 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM Steak Night 6:00 pm	14 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	15	16 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
17 Trap and Skeet and 5 Stand 10am-2pm	18 West Michigan Walleye Assoc. Meeting 7pm-9pm	19	20 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon 6PM-10PM	21	22	23 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
24 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm	25	26	27 Archery Trap and Skeet 9AM-Noon	28	29	30 Trap and Skeet 10am-2pm
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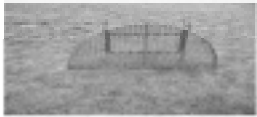
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**SK FULL DRAW
3-D ARCHERY RANGE**

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

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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.