



West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting
Oct 10 - 7:30pm

Board Meeting
Oct 29 - 7:00pm

Indoor Archery
Wed & Sundays
Call Saturdays

Skeet & Trap
Wed 9a-12, 6p-10
Sat 10a-2p
Sun 10a-2p

Ranges &
Outdoor Archery
Open Daily

Newsletter Editor:
Char Willyard

**Support and Pray
For Our Troops**



Sportsman's Game Banquet

The Sportsman's Game Banquet was a huge success. The event was attended by over 200 people. Many thanks to each and every one of you who attended! We would also like to thank our sponsors and friends who helped make the night simply fun and enjoyable! Congratulations to those of you who won one of the many guns that were raffled off along with all the other great prizes.

Ron Dolegowski won the grand prize, a 2013 Kawasaki Mule 610 4x4. The winner of the \$1,000 gift card to Rivertown Mall was Dave Lape. Lil Popowich is pictured, winner of the Early Bird raffle for the Henry Golden Boy .22 LR. Congratulations to all!

Charter Appreciation Day

Lots of kids (and adults as well) had fun at Charter Appreciation Day, a time set aside for our Charter Members and their family to relax and enjoy a day of food, friends and fun. Even though we call it "charter" appreciation day, it's really all about the kids. They had fun kayaking, shooting and fishing, and each one got a door prize, one of which was a youth model .22 Cricket. Samuel Williams, the grandson of Pat Murray was the lucky winner. Look at the smile on that face !

Charter members work hard to keep this club running and we would like to thank everyone for all their efforts. If you're interested in becoming a charter member, find one of us and ask about it. We're everywhere ☺



Women's NRA First Steps

Twenty women attended the NRA First Steps pistol orientation on Sept 7. The class was taught by Barry Anderson, who holds the title of NRA Master Training Counselor, the highest instructor level that can be achieved through the NRA. The women spent time in both the classroom and on the range. Another successful NRA event !! We would like to thank Rich VanderMeer, John Strodbeck, Rady Delgado and Leon Steel, who helped with the individual hands-on instruction on the range, Michigan Gun Owners and Friends of West Walker for sponsoring the class and many thanks to Barry for his dedication and time. Click this link to watch the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1HJVj4YMPe>



ATA Shoot Dates for 2014

The 2014 ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) shoot dates have been chosen! We are happy to announce that we will be holding our first ATA shoot of 2014 on **New Year's Day**. We're pretty excited about this. For the last three years, we've held NSSA (National Skeet Shooting Association) shoots on New Year's day, and next year the NSSA shooters will be joined by ATA shooters (on different fields of course). It promises to be a fun day. The ATA New Year's Day shoot will be a 300 bird event. Additional ATA shoots for 2014 will be Big 50 Steak Night shoots, held Wednesdays, on the following dates: April 2, May 7, June 4 and July 9. Be sure to check out our ATA/NSSA web page.

House Bill 4668 - Hunting & Fishing License Types & Fees

HB 4668 was signed into law on Sept. 17, by Gov. Rick Snyder who is quoted as saying "This legislation makes it easier for hunters and anglers to get the licenses they need, and helps ensure that current and future generations will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy Pure Michigan outdoor recreation."

The bill reduces the number of license types by more than 80 percent, which simplifies the license options for outdoor enthusiasts. Under the new structure, hunters – both residents and nonresidents – will purchase a new "base" license. The license will allow hunters to hunt small game and purchase additional hunting licenses for other species. Anglers will no longer choose between Restricted and All-Species fishing licenses, all licenses will be All-Species licenses.

The bill, supported by the MUCC, will take effect March 1, 2014. An additional \$18.1 million in revenue is expected to be generated in the first full year of implementation. This income will be used by the DNR to improve fish and wildlife habitat, hire more conservation officers, and provide better outreach and education to hunters and anglers. The new license structure will help keep Michigan's costs competitive with other Great Lakes states.

ATA shoot on Wednesday, Oct 2 at 5:00. Open trap shooting resumes after ATA shooting.

Gun & Knife Show - Look for our booth at the upcoming Gun & Knife show Oct 19-20. Saturday hours are 9am-4pm, Sunday 9am-3pm, held at the 28th Street Showplace, 1256 28th St – Admission \$6.00.

Click here for more information and a printable \$1.00 off coupon <http://www.migunshows.com/grandmap.html>

Congratulations to Dave VanKley, who won the Class D 200 singles event with a score of 192 at the ATA Fall Team Shoot in Mason on Sept 6. Way to go Dave ! For those of you who don't know, Dave has run the ATA shoots at West Walker for the past two years, and Rick Zandstra has run our NSSA shoots for the past three years. Great work guys !

Ground Blind placement on public lands for deer hunting purposes has been moved up to Sept 1 from Nov 5, which now makes them consistent with placement dates for tree stands. However, only hunters with disabilities would be able to leave temporary ground blinds overnight in Zone 3 (southern Michigan) where hunting is allowed. This regulation change was made at the Natural Resources Commission's August 2013 meeting, after the 2013 Hunting and Trapping Digest was printed, so the new ground blind placement date does not appear in the printed version of the digest.

Credit Cards are now accepted at WWSC. We take MasterCard, Visa and Discover. Currently we are only set up to take credit cards inside the clubhouse. Thank you to Friends of West Walker for donating the machine.

Did you know that hunting's \$38.3 billion economic impact in 2011 was more than Google's annual revenue?

WWSC now has brass for sale - For rifle we have 22-250, 243, 270, 308, 30-06, 7 mag and more. For pistol we have 32, 9mm, 40 cal, 45 cal, 38 special, 357 mag, 44 mag and more. We hope to have brass for sale at the Range Office soon, but until we have that worked out, if you would like to purchase brass please call John Benson at 885-4324 to see what's available, and he will make sure the range office has your order ready for you to pick up.



Steak Night Ends

Don't worry, not forever, just until next year.
So don't miss our last steak night of 2013, which will be Wed, Oct 2. See ya there.

2013 Big Gun Raffle

Jan 29	Ruger SR22	Mike Freeman, #62
Feb 26	Henry Golden boy, 22 LR	Art Green, #12
Mar 26	Bersa Thunder, .380	Rick Zandstra, #186
Apr 30	Savage 93R17 BTVS 17HMR	Duane Downer, #86
May 28	Ruger LC9, 9mm	Karl Feuerstien, #223
Jun 25	Colt M4 Tactical, 22 LR	Dale Carpenter, #49
Jul 30	S & W Bodyguard, w/Laser, .380	Tony Hendges, #57
Aug 27	Savage Model 11 Trophy, Nikon Scope - you pick cal.	Derk Dodde, #160
Sep 24	Ruger SR40, 40 cal.	Al Green, #99
Oct 29	Remington 700 SPS, 30-06	
Nov 26	S & W M&P 9mm	
Dec 31	Browning Maxus, Stalker, 12ga.	

October Range Hours

October 1 – 15

Mon – Sat: 9:00am – 7:00pm
Sundays: 10:00am – 7:00pm

October 16 – 30

Mon – Sat: 9:00am – 6:30pm
Sundays: 10:00am – 6:30pm

Gun Safes

Walk – In Vault Doors
Fort Knox – American Security – Graffunder

HOOGERHYDE SAFE

1033 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Phone: (616) 458-6365 Fax: (616) 485-2554

SK FULL DRAW 3-D ARCHERY RANGE

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

Open 7 Days
Dawn to Dusk

Stan Kurek
WWSC Member

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Steak Night ATA Big 50 Shoot Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm	3	4	5 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
6 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	7 NWTF Meeting 7pm	8 Pin Shooting 5:30pm	9 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm	10 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	11	12 7yd Range CLOSED 1pm-4pm for NRA Women On Target Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
13 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	14	15 Pin Shooting 5:30pm	16 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm	17	18	19 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
20 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	21 Walleye Club 7pm-9pm	22 Pin Shooting 5:30pm	23 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm	24	25	26 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
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