



West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Oct 9th - 7:30pm

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Oct 28th - 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

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**Support and Pray
For Our Troops**

DNR reminds deer hunters of changes to license structure

With Michigan's archery deer season set to begin Oct. 1, the Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters of recent changes to the state's hunting license structure.

The new license structure – authorized by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2013 – took effect March 1, 2014.

Among the most significant changes affecting deer hunters, a **base license** is now required for all hunters. The base license provides critical funding for habitat and conservation work on both public and private land and supports the work of conservation officers and field staff to ensure safe, legal hunting practices are followed. The purchase of a base license includes small game hunting. Whether they choose to hunt small game or not, hunters' base license dollars will be used to enhance and expand hunting opportunities, which benefits hunters of all species.

Deer licenses available include:

- **Single deer license**, valid throughout archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. This license has replaced the separate archery and firearm licenses. Hunters who buy a single deer license may not buy a second single deer license or the deer combo license.
- **Deer combo license**, which includes two kill tags, one regular and one restricted. Hunters who want two deer licenses must buy the deer combo license instead of the single deer license. This is required to implement antler point restrictions, which apply based on whether the hunter has purchased two deer licenses. The deer combo license is valid for use during the archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. A hunter can use both kill tags in the firearm seasons, both in the archery season or one in each season.
- **Antlerless deer license**, available based on license quotas set for each Deer Management Unit (DMU).

To see how the single deer and deer combo licenses may be used in each deer season, based on which DMU a hunter wishes to hunt, see the [Antler Point Restriction Regulations map and chart](#) on pages 32 and 33 of the 2014 Hunting and Trapping Digest.

To learn more about this season's hunting opportunities and regulations, see the DNR's [Fall Hunting Preview video](#) on YouTube.

More information about the new hunting license structure – including [license prices](#), [frequently asked questions](#) and details about [how license dollars will be invested](#) – is available at www.michigan.gov/dnr under "In the Know."

Gift Certificates are available for memberships, and are sold at the shooting desk and range office.

Trap & Skeet shooting cards are available at the shooting desk. These are 10 round pre-paid punch cards that you can use to pay for your normal line fee. These are very convenient, and make a great gift idea.

WWSC/Seaway Fun Shoot

Club	SkeetBirds	Lines	Skeet_Avg
S	223	11	20.27
W	992	49	20.24

Club	TrapBirds	Lines	Trap_Avg
S	659	33	19.96
W	798	37	21.56

Club	5SBirds	Lines	FiveStand_Avg
S	704	38	18.52
W	361	22	16.40

Club	TotBirds	Lines	Overall_avg
S	1596	82	19.34
W	2151	108	19.91

Averages Divided by Events	
W	$(20.24 + 21.56 + 16.40) / 3 = 19.40$
S	$(20.27 + 19.96 + 18.52) / 3 = 19.58$

For full results visit:

<http://www.wwsc.org/News/Old%20News/2014/SeawayFunShootResults.2014.pdf>



Indoor Shooting Range

The indoor shooting range is closed until further notice for range upgrades

Clarification on firearm use during archery season

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission recently adopted several changes to the Deer Management Assistance Permit (DMAP) program, in order to provide additional assistance to landowners on an individual basis.

A DMAP is a permit that allows for the take of an antlerless deer and may only be utilized during an open season for deer. In order for a landowner to receive DMAPs, one of the following four criteria needs to be met:

- Significant agricultural or horticultural damage.
- Documented serious disease outbreak that threatens humans, livestock or deer health.
- Significant safety hazard caused by deer.
- Current antlerless deer regulations insufficient to achieve landowner deer-management objectives.

In the past, individuals possessing a DMAP were able to utilize only the legal equipment for that particular hunting season (e.g., only archery equipment could be utilized during archery season). However, in some cases archery equipment has proven to be ineffective, and damage incurred by deer has continued through the season as a result.

The new change to the DMAP program will allow a DMAP holder, on a case-by-case basis, to seek additional signed permission to harvest deer using a firearm during select time periods of the archery season. DMAP holders will be required to have hunted their property during the archery season for the last two years and be in good standing with the DMAP program, meaning they have reported all DMAPs requested, issued and utilized on an annual basis.

The changes recommended to the Natural Resources Commission were developed collaboratively between Michigan Farm Bureau and special-interest groups, including Michigan United Conservation Club and the Michigan Bow Hunters Association.

"We understand when several special-interest groups come together to come up with a solution, compromise on all sides is important but can be difficult," said DNR deer biologist Ashley Autenrieth. "These changes to the DMAP program will have a sunset in three years, at which time we will evaluate the changes and determine whether they are having the desired impact."

Statewide, DMAP holders can seek additional signed permission to harvest deer from Oct. 1-14 with a firearm. Within a pilot area of the northern Lower Peninsula (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties), DMAP holders can seek additional signed permission to harvest deer with a firearm during the majority of the archery season. Firearm use will be prohibited Oct. 1-4 and Nov. 10-14 in the new pilot program area. In all cases, the use of a firearm during archery season will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and DMAP holders must have signed permission in order to utilize firearms during any portion of the archery season.

Gun Safes

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

HOOPERHYDE 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

2014 Big Gun Raffle

Jan 28	Kel Tec SUB2000, 9mm	Scott Huyser, #251
Feb 25	Taurus 85UL 38 special	Denny Fuller, #9
Mar 25	Mossberg 500 Tactical Tri-rail, 12g	Tom Cottrell, #175
Apr 29	Smith & Wesson M&P 22	Jim Nash, #34
May 27	Ruger American 270 cal	Don Mize, #38
Jun 24	Ruger KSR40 (ss) 40 cal	Troy Potter, #142
Jul 29	Henry Golden Boy, 22 LR	John Morehouse, #19
Aug 26	Beretta 92 FS 9mm	Rich Vander Meer #22
Sep 30	Savage Model 11 Trophy Hunter XP .223 w/Nikon 3x9	Richard Hansen #84
Oct 28	Glock 22 Gen4 40 cal	
Nov 25	Henry 45-70 cal	
Dec 30	Remington 1911R1 45 ACP	

October Range Hours

October 1 – 15

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

October 16 – 31

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

Link for range hours:

<http://www.wWSC.org/range-hours.shtml>

Link for range rules:

<http://www.wWSC.org/img/ranges/RangeRules.pdf>

Now is the time of year that the ranges get really busy and for everyone to be safe, patient and courteous of others on the range. Range monitors are present to be sure all safety practices are met, and for everyone to have a good time.



Fish Fry and Protection Shoot

Mark your calendars for October 24th. We bread and deep fry the fish right here in our kitchen. Fish dinner at a price of \$8.00. If you're a shooter, bring your gun along, because we will also be having some fun on the trap fields shooting protections. Protection Shoot will cost \$5.00. The fun starts at 6:00 PM. – Come down for the fish fry, shotgun shooting or both! See you there!!

“Protections”. It's a game of trap, except instead of moving to the next station after 5 birds are thrown, you move after 4, plus, you shoot as a 2 person team, alternating who calls for the bird. Here's how it works: Tom and Ben are partners, starting off on station 1. Tom and Ben both raise their guns, then Tom calls for the bird. Only Tom shoots. If Tom hits the bird then Ben doesn't shoot, but if Tom misses, then Ben can shoot. As long as the bird breaks it's counted as a hit, UNLESS the 2nd shooter fires his gun after the bird has already been hit. Teams on stations 2-5 each take their turn, and when its Tom & Bens turn again, Ben will call for the bird and take the first shot. After each team has called for 4 birds all shooters move to the next station. So each person will shoot a minimum of 10 shots and a maximum of 20. Each person pays \$5.00 per game. Play as many times as you like. Winner(s) are paid a portion of the pot.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12a & 6p-10p	2	3	4 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
5 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	6 NWTF Meeting 7pm	7	8 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12a & 6p-10p	9 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	10	11 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
12 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	13	14	15 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12a & 6p-10p	16	17	18 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
19 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	20	21	22 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12a & 6p-10p	23	24 Fish Fry and Protections Shoot 6:00	25 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
26 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	27	28 Board Meeting 7pm Walleye Club 7pm	29 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12a & 6p-10p	30	31 	1 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
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