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West Walker Sportsman's Club

March 2017

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Charter Meeting
Mar 9 - 7:30pm

Board Meeting
Mar 28 - 7:00pm

Archery, Skeet & Trap

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

March Range Hours

Mon-Sat Sun
Mar 1-15 9a-6:30p 10a-6:30p
Mar 16-31 9a-6:45p 10a-6:45p

Newsletter Editor:



Pray for
World Peace



The 2017 Sportsman's Banquet Saturday March 25, 2017.

Orders must be postmarked on or before March 17th. There will be no tickets sold after this date. That being said, be sure to get your ticket orders in as soon as possible.

We will be processing orders on a first-come, first served basis, so there is a possibility that we will not be able to fill all orders.

Banquet orders postmarked on or before February 24, 2017 will be entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a Ruger AR556. (Limited to adults 21+ only).

Ticket prices will be \$50 per adult, and \$25 for children (16 and under). This year, the children will receive door prizes from the same pool of items as the adults.

As in past years, you may order grand raffle tickets and banquet raffle packages at the same time you place your dinner ticket order. We will also have both ticket packages for sale the night of the banquet as well.

The fun will begin at 5:30 pm with cocktails, appetizers, games and Chinese raffles. A family style dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you on March 25, 2017 at 5:30PM!

[Click this link for more details.](#)

2017 Sportsman's Banquet Grand Prize Raffle

The Sportsman's Banquet Grand Prize Raffle this year is a very nice 3-gun package.

We are raffling of a **Browning Citori CX O/U**, a **Browning A-Bolt Hunter** with Nikon Buckmaster scope, and a **Henry Golden Boy .22**.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 (Note: Same name on all 3 tickets). Tickets are available at the range office, shooting desk or by mail. You need not be present at the banquet to win.

To purchase by mail: Send a check with number of tickets you want, and the name of the person the tickets are for. Send to: **WWSC PO Box 14104 Grand Rapids, MI 49514**

To see a list of the guns go on line at wwsc.org or click this link: [3-Gun Package](#)

New Range Hours May 1st - Sept 15th

Due to a lack of volunteers we are sorry to say we are forced to close our ranges earlier this year than in past years. From May 1st through Sept 15th we will be closing the ranges at 7:30pm. We have done in depth studies and determined this is the best way to reduce the manhours needed while affecting the fewest number of people.

2017 WWSC Sportsman's Banquet - March 25, 2017 @ 5:30pm **Order Form - Mail to: WWSC, PO Box 141104, Grand Rapids MI 49514**

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adult Tickets: _____ x \$50 = _____
Child Tickets: _____ x \$25 = _____
\$200 Raffle Package: _____ x \$200 = _____
\$100 Raffle Package: _____ x \$100 = _____
Grand Raffle Tickets: _____ \$10 each or 3 for \$25 _____

TOTAL FOR ORDER:

Attendee(s) Name, circle (a)dult or (c)hild:

1. _____ a or c
2. _____ a or c
3. _____ a or c
4. _____ a or c
5. _____ a or c
6. _____ a or c
7. _____ a or c
8. _____ a or c

From the President

Our club is something that all members can be more than proud of, and a great place to come and have fun. I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is your responsibility to help keep the clubhouse, ranges, and grounds looking good at our Club. We are a volunteer organization that is run and maintained by volunteers. It is the responsibility of all Charters, members and visitors to the club, to help maintain the cleanliness of the club. If you are not policing your shooting area, you are violating club rules and this makes you an irresponsible shooter.

At the outdoor and indoor pistol, rifle and shotgun ranges shooters are responsible for policing the areas that you used while shooting. If you see trash on the club grounds or the road, please pick it up and put it in the trash containers. When at the indoor pistol range you should properly dispose of pop cans, coffee cups, and anything else that should not be left on the tables. When you are done sitting at a table please push the chairs back in so it is not blocking isles.

Many times I have seen where shooters have not picked up their spent brass cases, shotgun shells, or ammo boxes instead of being disposed of properly. Please use the red metal cans on the rifle and pistol ranges to put your spent cases in. The brass gets recycled, sorted, and then sold to reloader's. On the shotgun fields there are containers to put your spent hulls in. This also includes dud shells which should not be put in the trash cans, but in the red metal cans.

When at the club house or indoor pistol range building you should properly dispose of pop cans, coffee cups, and anything else that should not be left on the tables. The archery room in the main club house is not to be used for eating or drinking beverages unless it is a social or club event. Please use the gun room where we have tables, and a non-carpeted floor where cleanup is easy if something should get spilled. When you are done sitting at a table push the chair back in so it is not blocking isles, and is ready for the next shooting day.

Thank you to the new couple that joined the club this Sunday Feb 18th. When they were done shooting they swept the entire concrete rifle pad where the shooting benches are. I have not met them yet but I hope I do so that I can personally thank them.

Thank you to all the members who help keep this club looking great and functioning well. You're doing an outstanding job, and leading by example.

Mike Kowalski.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Shoot

**March 18th 3:00pm
Indoor Pistol Range**

Sign up by March 12th in the range office or clubhouse.
Cost is \$10.00 and is a member's only event.

.22 cal. at 7 yards. 4 Targets- 10 shots each.
Bring your own firearm and ammo.

Clubhouse party to follow: Includes awards, prizes, and dinner.
Corned Beef, cabbage, carrots, and potatoes.

See the flyer online at wwsc.org News Page
or Click the link: **Saint Patty's Day Fun Shoot**

2017 Big Gun Raffle

Tickets are \$60.00 and covers all 12 raffles. Winning tickets get put back in for a chance to win again.

Purchase early to make sure your name is in the drawing for each of the 12 months. Only 300 tickets will be sold, and you do not need to be a member to purchase a ticket.

Purchase your tickets at the Range Office or at the Shooting Desk. We accept cash, check, Visa, and MasterCard.

Drawings are the last Tuesday of each month, and winners are notified by phone and listed each month in the newsletter.

To see a list of the guns go on line at wwsc.org
or click this link: **Big Gun Raffle**

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification

We are offering Pistol, Bullseye Pistol, Rimfire Rifle, and International Air Rifle. **Note:** Does not include Shotgun.

Members can shoot the program at their own pace during normal range hours. We will have the proper targets (for a fee, \$1-\$2), scoring sheets, and qualification material at the Range Office.

If you prefer to shoot with a group, you are welcome to shoot qualifications on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from **5pm-9pm** at the indoor range. Bring your guns, ammo, and safety equipment.

These events will be \$20 for non-members each session and include range time, targets, and certification. Members shoot for the cost of targets and cost of the certification.

For more information or patches please contact:

Michael Kohl -- mtkohl@gmail.com

West Walker MQP website at: <http://www.wwsc.org/MQP.shtml>

Winter Shotgun League Banquet

The Winter League Banquet will be held on April 8st at 6:00pm.
Awards, fun, prizes, and dinner will start at 6:00pm.

Remember to bring your shooting cards for the door prizes.

***NOTE: League is raffling off a M&P 9mm Shield. Get your tickets from the shooting desk, or Charter member.**

Kitchen Open during Leagues

Lunch/Dinner

Burgers \$3.00, with cheese \$3.50, and Fries \$1.00

Monday Night Archery 6pm
Wednesday Night Shotgun 6pm
Saturday Shotgun/Archery 10am

Sunday Breakfast 10am \$4.00

Eggs, Potatoes, French toast, and Meat.

Good food, great price!!

Indoor Range Closed Saturday Nights in March

With so many events in March on Saturday afternoons and Saturday nights we are not having the indoor range open to shooters, as we have events most of those evenings.

We hope to be doing it again in April, and John Kiss will be there to assist you.

Thanks to all that have been using the range.

Range Monitors Needed

We are always in need of more range monitors to check memberships on the rifle and pistol ranges. These are 4 and 6 hour shifts, and qualified monitors will receive free membership renewals.

More range monitors means we can staff our ranges properly. This will enable us to utilize our extra monitors to walk the lines, give assistance to shooters, and to help with gun safety issues.

This is a perfect position for someone who is retired or has some free time during the daylight hours.

Share your interests with others while helping to promote a safe and friendly shooting environment.

Contact: Don Mize
imdimize@yahoo.com

Snow Shoveling

Thanks to all of the members, and even nonmembers who have helped to clear the snow off of the Trap and Skeet fields; especially after the big snow storms we had before Christmas, and New Year's Eve Day, and the other heavy storms.

If you plan on shooting after, or during a heavy snow storm, please try to come early to help get things up and running; we can always use your help.

A special thanks goes out to **Dave VanKley** and **Chris Ferrari** for getting out the heavy equipment to clear the road, and the parking area.

Terry Westedt, Dave Boomstra, Tom May, Jeff Koopmans (bad ankle and all), Jim Buchanan, and Bart Froehke for getting the fields up and running, and our young trappers for their help also.

Also Charlie Pruitt, Jack Troup, and the Wednesday morning crowd for their help in getting the fields up and running.

Great Job all, that's what it is all about, everyone helping out to keep the place open.

We might have missed a few, but a big **Thank You** to all.

Indoor Range Update

Our members and volunteers have been working for a few years now trying to get our indoor range up to code as well as providing our members, and our neighbors with a safe shooting environment.

We have to keep in mind the safety of our neighbors who are moving in around us as we cannot afford to have any errant rounds leaving the property. That in itself could jeopardizing the very existence of West Walker Sportsman's Club.

It might not show, but work is always being done to the facility. It has taken a lot of time as well as your membership money to get this range up and running for your enjoyment and safety.

Correct target elevation has been determined to minimize deflections, and our target retrieval systems are ready to be installed. Plexiglas screens will be installed between stations to keep spent rounds from going into adjacent firing lanes.

The indoor range is for handguns shooting standard pistol ammunition. NO magnum ammunition, and NO handguns chambered for rifle cartridges are permitted at any time.

Please bear with us while we continually strive to bring to our members the best shooting environment in the area.

A Special "Range Roundup" for Women

Calling all of the Ladies!!

Join us for a special day at the range on **April 22nd** starting at 2:30pm. Tom O'Brien who is an NRA Certified Instructor, and teaches CPL courses here at the club will conduct a 90 minute workshop in beginning gun safety and basic skills, **FREE**.

This is a great opportunity for the ladies to come out and shoot one on one with an instructor and learn the proper techniques needed to be successful on the range.

Following the class there will be a **Western Themed Ladies Fun Shoot**. Join us for food, prizes, and awards in the club house when we are done shooting. Cost is \$10.

Watch the newsletter, and look for the flyers that will be posted for more details and sign up.

Range Closures during Inclement Weather

We will be closing the rifle/pistol ranges, as well as shotgun fields during adverse weather conditions. Snow, Sleet, Tornado, Lighting, etc.

Our range monitors are volunteers, and our trap and skeet kids are not expected to man the ranges during inclement weather. If you plan shooting during those weather conditions please call ahead.

Thank You. The Range Office number is: **616.453.5081**

Pirate Night Fun Shoot February 18th

Twenty six of the best pirate shooters dropped anchor for the Pirate Wars at the indoor range on Saturday February 18th. The fun began at 3:00 pm with shooters taking aim at various pirate themed targets with their trusty .22 caliber pistols at 7-yards. Targets consisted treasure chests, enemy sailing ships, and even some rogue parrots.

After the event the crew assembled at the club house for dinner, awards, and prizes. Everyone received gold coins, and treasure boxes filled with goodies, and the memories of a great evening of shooting with their favorite crew members.

When the smoke had cleared and the grog was gone it was decided that: **David Betz** was the best of the lot, while **Jeff Hawkins** (2nd), and **Miles Hopkins** (3rd) rounded out the top three spots.

The Pirate shoot was the second of a series of fun shoots, and up next will be the St. Patrick's Day shoot in March. Plans are in the works for an all ladies shoot in May that promises to be a great time. Consult the newsletter for these events, and even more this summer.

These events are a time to mix and mingle with fellow shooters, and designed with the family in mind. The cost of these events is going to be held to \$10.00 and includes your meal, door prizes, and games. Beginners are encouraged to shoot these events, as it can be used as a great learning tool.

My deep appreciation goes to the people that make these Fun Shoots possible. **Thank you so much, Gloria Von der Heide.**

Range helpers: Mike Kowalski, Michael Kohl, Frances Handy, and Jerry Kiel

Games planner: Judy Bradley

Food helper: Frances Handy, Marilyn Hawkins

Target Board assembly: Don Mize

Score Keeper: Jeff Reynolds

Photography: Kim Reynolds



Around The Club



February Straights

D. Tagg 100 S

J. Pop Jr 75 T

D. Bigelow 50 T
 B. Jordan 50 S Pump
 F. Nabkey 50 S
 L. Steele 50 S



B. Myers 12g T, 20g S, 28g S

D. Boomstra 20 & 28ga S
 D. Bradley 28ga S Pump
 D. Bradley 25 S
 Buck T
 B. Jordan 25 S
 M. Kamps T (2)
 K. May T
 T. May T (2)

J. Pop Jr 25 S (2)
 L. Steele 20ga S (2), T
 D. Tagg 25 S
 K. Thomas 25 S
 J. Troup 25 S
 T. Westedt 25T
 R. Zandstra 20ga S

* Hat Shoots:

M. Detmers 25 Trap



Chris Ferrari hat shoot – 28ga Skeet

Out of the Bag

by: Wes Walker

Have you ever wanted to learn how to shoot Skeet or Trap but were hesitant to come to the clubhouse and ask for help in getting started? Well folks we are here for you.

There are a few basic things that you should know before you get started, and there are plenty of instructional videos out there that will get you started on the right foot.

On YouTube there is a collection of videos by an instructor whose name is Chris Batha. He has videos on “How to Shoot Skeet”, and “How to Shoot Trap”. He shows you how, and where to stand on each station, and explains hold points and leads. These videos will help you get prepared, as well as helping you to be a little more relaxed when you do come to the clubhouse for your day of clay shooting.

Ammunition: We only allow shot size of 7 ½, 8, 8 ½, or 9, as anything larger will travel farther, and could be a safety hazard to our neighbors. Size #8 would be a good all-around size to shoot most shooting sports with. Speed of the shells is a factor in your enjoyment of the game.

Any shells faster than 1200fps will result in increased recoil, and over time you will become sensitive to that recoil. It will have an effect your game, your shoulder, and your fun factor. Buy some boxes of 1140fps shells of the proper size shot.

Shotgun: A pump gun can be used on both skeet and trap, and an auto loader will offer the least recoil for the younger shooters. A 20ga is perfect for skeet, and a 12ga is recommended for trap, and 5-Stand.

You will see a lot of shooters using Over/Under shotguns. They might use 2 different choke sizes in their guns for a better chance at hitting their target, as well as allowing them to retrieve their spent hulls manually so they can save them for reloading.

Do your homework with the videos, and come on out to enjoy a day of Skeet, Trap, or 5-Stand. Clay's shooting is fun, fun, fun.

NOTE: Please remember to pick up your used shells and dispose of them in the trash. This helps to maintain the looks of the field, as well as saving the blades of our lawn mowers.

CPL Class

March 11 8:30AM – 6:30PM
 WWSC Indoor range
 \$90 Charter members & family (each)
 \$100 Associate members & family (each)
 \$125 General public
 TommyGunsMI@gmail.com / 616-920-1701
www.TommyGunsTraining.com
 Tom O'Brien - NRA and MCRGO certified instructor

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017 Big Gun Raffle

Jan	Ruger 10/22 Carbine Collectors Series	Jutta Grieves #35
Feb	Ruger LCRx 38 Special	Michael Kohl #96
Mar	T/C Impact .50 cal Camo – Weather Shield	
Apr	S&W Shield, Ported 9mm	
May	Winchester SXP 12ga Pump	
Jun	Glock 19, Gen4 – 9mm	
Jul	Savage B-Mag Laminate 17WSM	
Aug	Sig Sauer P320 Night Sights, 9mm	
Sep	Savage 220F 20ga Slug Gun	
Oct	Ruger SR1911 SS 45 Auto	
Nov	Browning AB3 Composite Stalker 30.06	
Dec	Springfield EMP .40SW	

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WWSC Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Kitchen Open pm only	2	3	4 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open am Only
5 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open	6 Archery League 6:00pm NWTF Meeting 7pm Kitchen Open	7 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	8 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Kitchen Open pm only	9 Charter Meeting 7:30	10	11 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm CPL CLASS 8:30am-6:30pm Kitchen Open am only
12 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open	13 Archery League 6:00pm Archery pm Ends Kitchen Open	14 Win./NRA Qualification Indoor Range 5pm-9pm	15 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Kitchen Open pm only	16	17 	18 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm St. Patty's Fun Shoot Indoor Range 3pm Kitchen Open am only
19 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open	20	21 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	22 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Kitchen Open pm only	23	24	25 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open am only Sportsman's Banquet 5:30
26 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Kitchen Open	27	28 Walleye Club 7pm – 9pm Board Meeting 7pm	29 Last Day Shotgun League Archery- Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Kitchen Open pm only	30	31	1 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Archery Banquet 6:00pm

**** Kitchen will be open for Monday Night Archery and Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday (pm) Shotgun Leagues ****