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West Walker Sportsman's Club

April 2017

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Chris Ferrari
Dan Handy
Terry Westedt

Charter Meeting
April 13 - 7:30pm

Board Meeting
April 25 - 7:00pm

Archery, Skeet & Trap

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

April Range Hours

Mon-Sat Sun
Apr 1-15 9a-7:00p 10a-7:00p
Apr 16-31 9a-7:30p 10a-7:30p

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*Pray for
World Peace*



From the President

On **April 29th** we will be closing the club for the annual workday. This means there will be no normal club functions taking place.

This is a day where we do a lot of different projects on the club grounds, and buildings. It varies from cleaning the grounds, and buildings, to painting, edging the fields, trimming bushes, repairing fencing, cleaning up the rifle and pistol ranges, and picking up trash on Leonard Street.

I am extending an invitation to all Associate members to help on this work day. WWSC is maintained by volunteers who year round keep the club going. If we did not have people helping out we would not have a club.

Here is your chance to help your club, and keep it looking great. If you would like to help on this day please contact **Char Willyard at 616-498-1545** or email her at **cawilly@sbcglobal.net**

Whatever time you are able to donate on this day would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up starts around 8am with coffee and donuts, and we are done about 4pm.

We break as a group for lunch, and we will be having our usual pizza extravaganza, and soda pop.

Come on out, lend a hand, and enjoy some comradery with your fellow members. I am looking forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

Mike Kowalski. President WWSC.

In Memory of Rady Delgado

West Walker Sportsman's club is sad to announce the passing of **Rady Delgado**.

Rady passed away Wednesday March 29th, 2017 at his home after a long, and at times painful battle with Kidney Disease.

A long time member, Lifetime Charter, past President, and Treasurer, Rady was instrumental in the ongoing development of our club.

He was also responsible for the planning and development of the indoor pistol range.

When he could, he visited the club on a daily basis, even if it was to just sit in his car and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of his club.

Rady was a friend to all, and will be missed by many. You can rest now Rady.



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 man-hours needed while affecting the fewest number of people.

2017 Board of Directors Election Results

The Board of Directors election was held at the March 9th Charter meeting.

Congratulations to the new members as well as the incumbent officers.

President: Mike Kowalski

Vice President: Char Willyard

Secretary: Jon Zandstra

Treasurer: Rick Zandstra

Trustees: Chris Ferrari (2 Year)

Dan Handy (2 Year)

Terry Westedt (1 Year)

The Board puts in a tremendous amount of their personal time to help keep the club running smoothly and efficiently.

They along with the Charter members are here to give you a great place to shoot. **Thank You**

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification

**** Extended for April and May ****

Michael Kohl has graciously agreed to extend this program to run in April and May.

His team will be 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.**

A Special "Range Roundup" for Women

Calling all of the Ladies!!

Join us for a special day at the indoor range on **April 22nd** starting at 2:30pm. Cost for this special event is just \$10.00.

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**.

Following the class there will be a **Western Themed Ladies Fun Shoot** starting at 4:00pm. .22cal. 40 rounds at 7 yards. **Note: Please No scopes or red dots. Open sights only.**

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.

There will be food, prizes, and awards in the club house following the event. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Check the website current news section.

Or click here for the flyer: [Range Roundup](#)

April 22nd "Speed Day"

12pm – 1 pm

We will be setting up Chronographs outside at the clubhouse for shooters to check the speeds of their reloads.

If you reload your own shot shells, do you know how fast your loads really are? Have you ever wondered how close the book is to the actual speed you are getting from your reloads? Are you loading some load someone told you about, and you don't even know what it is?

If you don't reload, how close is the published load data printed on the box actually performing?

Bring 3-5 shells, and test them out. See what you are really shooting. We guarantee you will be amazed.

Big Thanks to the Guys

A huge **Thank You**, and **A Job Well Done!**

As you know our kitchen was open for league shooting again this year, and again the crew treated us to some great food.

Geoff Bodary and **Harold Ritzema** manned the kitchen for Saturday burgers, and fries, and Sunday morning breakfast of French toast, eggs, sausage, and potatoes.

John Kiss, **Steve Willard**, and **Jon Zandstra** did the honors in the kitchen for evening archery, and shotgun.

You guys did an awesome job, thanks again.

Spring Shotgun Leagues

April 26 – June 7

- 6- Weeks
- 8- Rounds (200-birds)
- ** Individual Events**

5 - Events:

- *5- Stand
- *Wobble Trap
- *12ga Skeet
- *28ga Skeet Doubles
- *.410 bore Skeet

Cost:

- \$15.00 first event
- \$10.00 second event
- \$5.00 each additional



League Potluck - June 10

****Closed Saturday****

April 29 Clean-up day

****No Wobble ****

May 13 & June 3 ATA Event

For league information contact: Brian Goda

Range courtesy and safety

by: Michael Kohl

I've had the pleasure of being Range Safety Officer for our recent fun shoots. We have had a great turnout, and a good time has been had by all. I would however like to take a moment to remind everyone of the proper safe and courteous range procedures for both these type of events, and range usage in general.

When you arrive at the range please have your firearm cased, and unloaded. A real gun case is preferable to just a holster or shoving your firearm loose into your range bag.

Another thing I would like to remind everyone to pay close attention to is the direction of their barrel at all times. I observed on many occasions people 'fishing' (pointing the firearm straight up and bringing it down on to the target), and turning the firearm sideways to rack the slide or clear a jam (scary, as now it's pointed at your neighbor).

I would also like to remind everyone to keep their finger off the trigger, and outside of the trigger guard until the sights are on target with the barrel of the firearm pointing in a safe downrange direction. Under no circumstances should your finger be inside the trigger guard when clearing a malfunction or loading / charging the weapon.

Please remember that the RSO's are present to not only keep everyone safe, but to answer questions, and offer assistance in the case of a malfunction. Feel free to get our attention if you need us.

In conclusion, taking a little extra time to think about the finer points of range conduct can make a significantly safer, and more enjoyable shooting experience for everyone.

Michael Kohl - NRA Certified Range Safety Officer

5-Stand Opening April 1st

Our 5-stand opened on March 19th for a trial run session. The equipment seemed to weather the winter months, and everything ran smoothly for during all of the lines shot.

As you read this you have either shot it or have seen it opened up and running. Come on out and shoot this great game. It is just a smaller version of sporting clays that was developed for clubs that have limited spaces.

As small as it is it is a very challenging game, and will be available to shoot as an event in our Spring Shotgun League.



Steak Night Returns

We will be having our monthly Steak Night again. Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

May 3rd June 7th July 12th August 2nd

The cost for steak night remains the same:

Charters - \$6.00

Associates - \$8.00

Non-members - \$10.00

We look forward to seeing everyone again for a great meal!

Monday Evening Archery Champions

It was a tough fought battle all season for the 29 shooters in the evening archery league. The lead changed hands often during the season, and the final standings are as follows:

Seniors

- 1st **Dave Mulka**
- 2nd **Dan Bradley**
- 3rd **Chris Ferrari**

Juniors

- 1st **Joe Scarbrough**
- 2nd **Owen McDonald**
- 3rd **Emily Kiss**

HOA - Dan Bradley

Most Improved - Kyle McDonald

St. Patrick's Day Fun Shoot 🍀

by: Gloria

Another great event can be added to the list of new, and exciting outings we have been having at the indoor pistol range.

On March 18th, twenty members joined in the festivities for our St. Patrick's Day Fun Shoot. Once again the shooters were treated to a great event with more special themed targets consisting of gold coins, pots of gold, leprechauns, and the required glasses of green beer, all designated with different point values, and skill requirements.

Once the shooting stopped and the pots of gold were hit, the leprechauns blown to bits, and the glasses of green beer reduced to puddles, the group followed the rainbow to the clubhouse for a few more games of chance, family fun, and a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, and Francis Handy's famous cake for dessert.

Thanks to all that came out to enjoy this event, and congratulations to the event winners.

Pots-O-Gold & Leprechaun's

1. Marilyn Hawkins
2. Denny Fuller
3. Kurt Hopkins

Clover and Green Beer Targets

1. George Pio
2. Kurt Hopkins
3. Jerry Kiel

Once again thanks to Michael Kohl, Francis Handy, Jerry Kiel, and Kim & Jeff Reynolds for their help.



Around the Club



March Straights

D. Bigelow 100 T

D. Boomstra 75 S 20g

D. Bradley 50 S 12g

B. Myers 50 S

D. Tagg 50 S

B. White 50 S 12g

R. Zandstra 50 S 20g

D. Bigelow 12g S

D. Boomstra .410 S

D. Bradley 28g S 12g S,T

D. Gervais 20g S

B. Jordan 28g S

M. Kamps T (2)

K. May T

T. May T (2)

F. Nabkey 25 S

J. Popowich Jr. T, S

L. Steele 25 S

D. Tagg 20ga S

J. Zandstra 25 S

R. Zandstra 20g S (2)



* Hat Shoots:



Bart Froehlke gets his hat shot. First 25 in Skeet.

Out of the Bag

by: Wes Walker

Did you know that a weapon used in World War I was so terrifying that Germany lodged a diplomatic protest against its use by American forces? They said the weapon inflicted unnecessary cruelty. And the United States responded that the claim was pointless coming from a nation that used chemical weapons and flamethrowers in warfare.

It wasn't the flamethrower or the machine gun. It was Shotguns, Winchester Models 1897 and 1912's to be exact. They were used in combat after America realized how brutal trench warfare could be. The spread of the shotgun was perfect for clearing attackers from American trenches as well as clearing defenders from enemy trenches.

The War Department ordered Standard or civilian versions, Riot or shortened barrels, and Trench which had 20 inch barrels, heat shields, and bayonet lugs. The Model 97 could also be slamfired; holding the trigger and pumping the gun, all six rounds of 00 Buckshot could be fired in a little over 2 seconds with devastating effects in the trenches. The Model 97s picked up the nicknames "trench brooms" and "trench sweepers."

It was reported that American soldiers skilled in skeet shooting were placed along the front trenches to shoot hand grenades from the air, deflecting or destroying the devices before they could hurt American troops.

The Winchester Model 97 and Model 1912 were also used in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Range Monitors Needed

We are in need of more range monitors, they are 4 and 6 hour shifts. Qualified monitors will receive free membership renewals.

More range monitors will enable us to utilize our extra monitors to walk the lines, give assistance to shooters, and to help with gun safety issues.

Contact: Don Mize

indmize@yahoo.com

CPL Class

May 21 8:30AM – 6:30PM

WWSC Indoor range

\$90 Charter members & family (each)

\$100 Associate members & family (each)

\$125 General public

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Tom O'Brien - NRA and MCRGO certified instructor

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2017 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	Robert Scarbrough #172
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	

April 2017

WWSC Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				30	31	1 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Mon Archery League Banquet 6:00pm
2 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	3 NWTF Meeting 7pm	4 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	5 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	6	7	8 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Winter Shotgun Banquet 6:00pm
9 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm	10	11 Win./NRA Qualification Indoor Range 5pm-9pm	12 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	13 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	14	15 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm
16  Club Closed	17	18 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	19 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	20	21	22 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Women Only Shoot 2:30pm
23 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	24	25 Walleye Club 7pm – 9pm Board Meeting 7pm	26 Archery- Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	29	28	29 Club Closed Clean-up Day Volunteers Welcome
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