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West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting
June 8 - 7:30pm

Board Meeting
June 27 - 7:00pm

Archery, Skeet & Trap

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

June Range Hours

Mon-Sat **Sunday**
9a-7:30p 10a-7:30p

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Pray for
World Peace



From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out and helped on the annual Charter Work day. In addition to the Charter Members, we had quite a few Associate members, as well as sons and daughters of members to help us accomplish our goals.

There was so much accomplished that it would be impossible to mention who did what. I will just mention some of the projects that we got done.

A new addition to the fence on skeet field #2 was added to protect the 5-stand houses, and crews worked on cleaning and landscaping at the club house, and shotgun fields.

A painting crew was able to put a coat of paint on the indoor pistol range, and it just looks great. On the rifle ranges a crew was able to do badly needed repairs to the range walls, and the range shack was totally cleaned out and fixed up.

Inside of the club house, the roller carts that are used to stack chairs had the wheels repaired, it was a bigger than anticipated job. Crews cleaned the kitchen, as well as general clean up in the club house. The clubs computers also received some much needed software upgrades.

In the barn more ceiling lights were installed, and a crew spent the day sorting range brass which had been building up since the passing of John Benson. The shed attached to the barn was cleaned out to allow us much needed storage space.

And lastly a crew cleaned our section of Leonard Street to fulfill our obligation in the MDOT Adopt-A-Road program. Great job.

Forgive me if I left anything out, as a lot was going on. Thank you to everyone who came out, and made the work day another great success.

Mike Kowalski

Annual Club Awards

Congratulations to the following Charter Members of West Walker Sportsman's Club for their accomplishments during 2016.

These awards are given annually, and are awarded to the Charter Members by their peers who feel that their actions, and accomplishments deserve to be recognized.

It isn't all of the big things that they do, but the many little things and contributions they have given throughout the year that help make the club what is.

From Left to Right:

John Kiss – Presidents Choice

Dave Van Kley – Conservationist of the Year

Troy Potter – Sportsman of the Year

Mike Kowalski – President

Rich VanderMeer – Outstanding Honorary
Charter of the year

Dave Mulka – Outstanding Charter of the Year



ATA Trap "Big 100" Event

Saturday June 3, 2017, starting at 10:00am

100 bird 16yd Singles
100 bird Handicap
100 bird Doubles



For complete information, rules, and classing data please see the flyer at:

Big 100

Other Honorable Yearly Awards

Every year we also give out two additional awards.

The **Evan Boomstra Memorial Scholarship Award**, is a \$500.00 award given to a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a Charter member.

The 2017 Evan Boomstra Memorial Scholarship award went to **Elizabeth Caputo** who is the niece of Rick Heyt.

The **John Sevens Jr. Award**, a silver cup with John's name inscribed is passed on each year to the Charter member voted most worthy by his peers.

The 2017 John Sevens Jr. award goes to **Don Mize**.

Congratulations to both of these winners, and the best of luck.

Big Bad Boys and Ladies Shoot *by Michael Kohl*

Join us on **June 17th 2017 at 3PM** for the Big Bad Boys and Ladies shoot. Come on out and test your speed shooting skills.

There will be 2 Divisions Semi-auto and Revolver, and the cost is only \$10.00 per person / per division.

You may sign up for each division (paying an entry fee for each one) if you would like to compete with both types of guns. The course of fire will consist of a 5 plate rack with whiskey bottle and tombstone shaped targets. The bottles and tombstones may be shot in any order, but the RED one must be shot last.

The course will be shot from a range of 10 yards. You can run the course 5 times, the slowest time will be dropped and the remaining four times will be added together. Lowest total time wins. All Pistols must be centerfire .380 cal. or larger.

ROUND NOSE BULLETS ONLY. No rifle caliber pistols, (no wadcutter, semi-wadcutter, hollow point, etc.) No Scopes or Red-Dot's, Iron sights only please. Bring a minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition.

There will be food, prizes and awards in the club house following the event.

[Click Here for Event Flyer](#)

NSSA 4X50 Steak Night "50" Shoot

Wednesday July 12, 2017, starts at 5:00pm

Targets fees per Event: \$11.00

Wednesday night is also "Steak Night!"
Steak dinners are available to participants at member prices.



Big Changes Coming

Expect to see some big changes soon on the Skeet, Trap, and 5-Stand fields, as we are transitioning over to a different way we pay, and shoot at the fields.

We are going to utilize a "Pay & Play" target control system that uses secure wireless cards (similar to a credit card) to account for paid and used targets.

If you have been to other clubs that use this payment method you know how smoothly it runs, and you are ahead of most other shooters in using this system.

Instead of shooting cards we will be having RFID cards that can be loaded with as many rounds or birds as you like. You will still sign up on a squad at the desk, and when it is time for your squad to shoot you will insert your card into the unit that is mounted at each field; 5-Stand will have a hand held controller.

This system will not only help the club run more smoothly, timers will move lines along just a little quicker, and it will help with inventory control as well as cutting down on "poached birds" (extra birds shot during a round).

Please bear with us while we transition over to the new system, ironing out the bugs, getting the proper training needed for our pullers, and desk crew to help you have an even more enjoyable day of shooting at West Walker Sportsman's Club.

Self-Defense Drills at the Range *by Michael Kohl*

Part I

Many of us come to WWSC as a way to keep our handgun skills sharp. As a CPL holder, I personally want to be as ready as I can for any type of personal defense scenario.

At times this can seem like a chore at a range like ours that does not allow rapid fire or draw/fire exercises. While some violent encounters happen very quickly, and catch the victim unaware, many encounters (like most home invasions) allow the victim to be prepared, gun in hand, and at low ready.

Here is a great drill you can practice here at West Walker:

On a day when the range is not too busy, set up two silhouette targets next to each other. Practice starting with the gun at the ready over the shelf pointed down range, a timer would be of great benefit, both to see your time and to give you a random start). From there, put two shots into the center chest of the first target, followed by one head shot; repeat for the second target. This is a slight variation of the 'Mozambique drill' that is used to practice ending a threat that may be high on drugs or alcohol, and not stopped the center mass shots.

Personally I like to switch this drill up a bit at times in one of the following ways: **(1)** Shoot both targets with two center mass shots and then follow up with head shots on each one; Start with a half-full magazine to force a reload during the drill. **(2)** Buy some 'dummy rounds' and have a friend or range monitor load a few magazines for you, inserting one 'dummy round' randomly into the magazine. This will force you to clear a malfunction during the drill.

These types of drills are a great 'real life' training scenario that will help keep your skills honed.

Under the Sea Event Results

by: Gloria

A smaller group of shooters at this event allowed us to better evaluate our new "Reactive Targets". The crew on this latest fun shoot adventure agreed that the "Blowfish, and Sharks" reactive targets were more fun to shoot at than regular paper targets, and they all survived the event to be used again.

Amazingly three out of five shooters scored higher on the smaller shark targets than on the larger blowfish targets. The scoring system worked out well, but flighting of squads will need some fine tuning.

Thanks to all for attending these fun shoots, and I appreciate the feedback as it helps to make these events more enjoyable. Thank you to Tom O'Brien for his help as the Range Safety Officer (RSO).

Event winners were:

- 1st Place **George Pio**
- 2nd Place **Judi Bradley**
- 3rd Place **Wyland Gibbs**.

Note: All future events will utilize the reactive targets only, and will be open to all calibers.

Please mark your calendar for these future events:
 Saturday August 26, 2017: Alien Invasion
 Saturday September 23, 2017: Gloria's Birthday Blast
 Saturday October 28, 2017: Haunted West Walker



Gloria



George Pio



Tom O



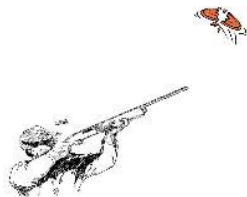
"Blowfish"

May Straights

Brian Myers S 16ga 75
J. Pop Jr. Wobble 50

Dave Boomstra S 28g
 B. Jordan S .410
 Brian Myers Wobble 25 (2)
 Rick Zandstra S 20g (2)

** Hat Shoot: Tom May 25 S



Out of the Bag

by: Wes Walker

In the April issue of Environmental Health (click the link for the article) a new study (36 articles) has linked health risks from lead exposure to professional, and recreational shooters at gun ranges. The CDC finds that blood lead levels (BLLs) should never exceed 5 micrograms per deciliter (5 µg/dL). However the articles reviewed found some levels from 10 µg/dL to over 40 µg/dL. Please take the time to read the article in "Environmental Health" in its entirety.

Are you concerned? I am. Are the Anti-gunners crying wolf to increase more regulation? I don't know. Is this study the Gospel truth? I don't know that either. But we all know that lead is dangerous. The majority of lead exposure comes from the time the lead primer is ignited and the bullet travels down the barrel, where lead particles are released into the air where they are inhaled or land on hands and clothing where they can be consumed with food at a later time.

Risk factors are higher for women and children, as lead is stored in the bones. Pregnant women can transfer lead to the fetus and cause developmental problems. In children it can inhibit growth of organs.

According to the study shooters who visit the range less than 12 times per-year should not be concerned, but recreational, professional, law enforcement, instructors, and range workers have shown BLLs between 20 µg/dL and 40 µg/dL.

Unless lead free primers, and lead free bullets are mandated; Not going to happen folks, there are some precautions you can take at the range to minimize exposure to lead. The study recommends changing your clothing after shooting, avoid smoking and eating at the range, and have proper ventilation at all indoor and outdoor ranges.


Don't be afraid, don't be scared, be aware, and have fun.

*** New Range Hours May 1st - Sept 15th ***

From May 1st through Sept 15th we will be closing the ranges at 7:30pm.

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	Jeff McMinn #164
May	Winchester SXP 12ga Pump	Joe D-Felio #15
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	2	3 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm No Trap ATA Event - 10 am
4 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	5 NWTF Meeting 7pm	6 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	7 Steak Night Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Last Day Shotgun League	8 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	9	10 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm
11 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm	12	13	14 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm Flag Day	15	16	17 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm BBB&L Shoot 3:00pm
18 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm Father's Day	19	20 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	21 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	22	23	24 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm
25 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	26	27 Walleye Club 7pm – 9pm Board Meeting 7pm	28 Archery- Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	29	30	31 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm
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