



# West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting  
None this Month

Board Meeting  
Nov 28 - 7:00pm

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

Ranges &  
Outdoor Archery  
Open Daily  
Check the website  
for schedule.

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**Support and Pray  
For Our Troops**

## The Real and Imaginary Dangers of Firearms Training

The most dangerous thing about guns is...

- I could accidentally wound my pride.
- I need a new gun before I can take a class.
- I could make a mistake in a self-defense class.
- I might look clumsy or unsafe, and leave my ego bleeding on the classroom floor.

These excuses feel familiar to me. Most gun owners have never taken a concealed carry course, so the feeling might be new to you. If we did get our permit, then most of us stopped there. We haven't been to the range or taken a class in years. We like to shoot, but our fear of embarrassment keeps us from taking the next step.. from getting training. Our fear also leaves our family at risk. When we step back and look at it, we would rather fail on the street in a self-defense encounter than submit to correction in a firearms class. Our fear of embarrassment in a firearms class is unfounded. That is the good news.

The person who puts his ego on the line is the shooter, not the firearms instructor. Every instructor I've ever met would much rather have willing students in his class, than have a person who is afraid to make mistakes and accept correction. The classroom is the perfect place to find out what you know and what you don't. The classroom and range are where we can discover what works and what needs improvement.

It isn't the instructor who will judge us or criticize our character. We are afraid of falling short of our own unrealistic expectations. How can we gather our courage enough to learn something about firearms safety and self-defense?

As a statement of fact, very few of us are as good as we imagine. On average, we're average. I speak from personal experience.. and have the competition scores to prove just how average I am! The solution is simple.

Back up and take a basic course where you feel comfortable.

I need to step back and take refresher courses from time to time. I have NEVER taken a class I didn't enjoy. I don't know anyone who has, and that covers some extremes. I've been hot and cold and wet, but I left with a smile every time. I always came away smarter.

Maybe I convinced you, but not your friend. Your friend says, "I already know how to shoot."

Then show us. Go take a class and be willing to learn.

- ❖ Do you safely load, unload, and handle your firearm with confidence?
- ❖ Do you hit stationary targets at intermediate distances?
- ❖ Do you shoot on the move?
- ❖ When you carry a gun on your body, do you get a perfect grip on your firearm every time?
- ❖ Do you consistently present your firearm while wearing a concealment garment?
- ❖ Do you remember the legal use of lethal force?

Take that first step. Ask the gun owners in your area where to train, because the course that fits an experienced gun owner in Hawaii won't work for a beginner in Maine.

Believe me, there is so much to learn. I guarantee that you will learn something new.

Even if you are in a basic class that you took years ago, you will remember things you've forgotten. You will also demonstrate what you know when you are out on the shooting range. Now you know what you know.

As a bonus, you will also discover what to learn next after you take your class. It is simply one small step at a time.

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## **Monday Night Winter Archery League**

The Monday Night Archery League starts January 8, 2018 at 6:00pm and ends March 12. That's 10 rounds. There will be a potluck banquet held March 30 at 5:30pm. The price is \$70.00 for members, \$60.00 for Charter Members and kids shoot for half price. You must be a member to shoot in this league. The deadline for sign up is Monday December 25. Sign up at the shooting desk or range office. Call Chris Ferrari at (616) 299-4712 if you have any questions.

## **Winter Shotgun League**

The 2018 Winter Shotgun League will begin on Saturday, January 6. This will be a 12 week/12 round league. Events will include 5 man teams for trap and 12g skeet, 2 man teams for 20g, and 2 man teams for 28/410g skeet. More details are posted in the shooting room and will be in the December newsletter. Sign up during club hours at the shooting desk. You must be a club member to participate in this league.

## **Wednesday Nights Open Shoot at the Indoor Range**

Starting December 6, we will be holding an open shoot in our indoor range on Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. If you've never seen our indoor range, this would be a good opportunity to do so. There is no cost to you but you must be a member. Range safety officers will be present and in charge, and shooting will be conducted with our range rules to keep it safe. Come and check it out.

It's hard to estimate how many people will show up to shoot, so the stop time of 8:00 is not set in stone. If there are a lot of people we will probably stay open later than 8:00. On the other hand, if we are not busy we may close before 8:00. So in light of that, and in consideration of the people who will be volunteering their time to host this event - if you are thinking of coming out to shoot please try to arrive early.

## **5-Stand Price Increase**

Starting November 18 we are increasing the price to shoot a line of 5-Stand by one dollar to offset the costs of the birds and equipment.

## **Price Increase for Non-Members**

Starting November 18 prices will increase for non-members. A line of skeet or trap will increase to \$8.00, a line of 5-Stand will be \$9.00, and it will be \$8.00 to shoot indoor archery. Member rates (Skeet/Trap \$4.00, Indoor Archery \$4.00, 5-Stand \$5.00) will remain the same. If you shoot at our club a lot you might consider becoming a member. Memberships are \$75.00 for ages 61 and under, and \$60.00 if you are 62 or over.

## **Skeet/Trap Prepaid Shooting Cards**

As some of you may know, we are converting to the long-range skeet & trap system. This is a system where you purchase a card and pre-pay for rounds of skeet and trap, similar to a pre-paid credit card. Each skeet/trap field has a card reader where you will "swipe" your card each time you shoot, and the round will be deducted from your card. Since WWSC has to initially pay for these cards, there will be a \$5.00 charge for each shooter to "buy" their card before any rounds can be loaded on. If you decide you don't shoot often enough to keep a card in your wallet, the \$5.00 will be refunded to you when you turn it in. This will help keep our cards from "walking off" and keep our costs down.

We will begin the transition on November 18, starting with one trap field and one skeet field, and hope to be fully automated by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MEMBERS  
ONLY**



**\$10**



**Dinner Menu:  
Chicken Pot Pie  
salad  
dessert**

# **Trackin' Turkey**

**Saturday November 18, 2017**

**3:00 PM**

**Wear Cammo if you have it.**

Bring your pistols and 50 rounds ( All 3 D targets.)

**All calibers welcome.**

**Iron sites only please. Round nose only.**

No hollow point or wad cutter No magnums or rifle calibers allowed.

**After the shoot, join us at the club house for a  
free dinner, awards, games and prizes.**



**Sign up dead line**

**Sunday November 12, 2017**

No need to pre pay. Sign up at club house or range office  
or call range office 453-5081

## **The Haunting Has Ended**

Saturday, Oct 28 we had 19 shooters to clear West Walker of Hauntings. The award winning shooters:

Sharon Hopkin 1<sup>st</sup> place and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Kurt Hopkins and John Kiss.

Thanks to Judi, Nadine, & Fran for the food and games and to Fran, Dan & Mike for the RSO work.

-Gloria



## **Chronic Wasting Disease**

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a contagious and deadly neurological disease affecting deer, elk and moose, transmitted through saliva and other bodily fluids of infected animals. It causes a spongy degeneration of the brain, resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and, ultimately, the animal's death. There is no cure for the disease, and some deer can be sick for years without showing symptoms.

Tighter rules on deer hunting are expanding to Kent County and a broader part of Montcalm County resulting from a confirmed case of CWD in Montcalm township last month and a second suspected, but as of yet un-confirmed case. The DNR will be expanding its disease containment zone from southern Mecosta County and northwestern Montcalm County into nine townships in northeastern Kent County and most of central Montcalm County. In Douglass, Eureka, Fairplain, Maple Valley, Montcalm, Pine and Sidney townships in Montcalm County, and Oakfield and Spencer townships in Kent County, the following rules are now in place:

- Mandatory deer registration at check stations within five miles of the townships within 72 hours of harvest beginning Nov. 15. These include Flat River State Game Area and Howard City.
- Mandatory submission of deer head for testing of a road-killed deer within 72 hours of pickup.
- Removes antler point restrictions for the restricted tag of the combo deer license in the nine townships
- Antlerless deer can be tagged using the deer or deer combo licenses during firearm, muzzleloader and late antlerless seasons.
- Allows disease control permits for landowners of five or more acres within the nine township area.

Although the feeding and baiting of deer in all of Kent and Montcalm counties will be banned starting January 2, 2018, the DNR urges you to stop now.

In order to help state wildlife managers gain important information about CWD, the DNR is strongly urging all Michigan hunters to take their harvested deer to a check station.

### **WWSC November DNR Deer Check Schedule**

The DNR will have a Deer Check station at our club on the following dates:

November 15 – 22 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

November 27 - 30 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

### **Trappers Needed**

We have two part time openings for trappers. Duties include (but are not limited to) opening/closing the trap/skeet/5-stand fields, scoring and keeping the machines full. You must be 16 years of age or older to apply for the job. Seniors are welcome as well. The hours would be varied, but limited to Saturday & Sunday from 9:30am to 2:30pm and Wednesday nights from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. This job pays minimum wage plus tips. If you are interested please email Dan Bradley at [dbradley.wwsc@gmail.com](mailto:dbradley.wwsc@gmail.com)

**Did You Know** that WWSC is a non-profit organization that is run by Charter Members who volunteer their time ? We are always looking for good people who are interested in becoming Charter Members to help us keep this club open. If you are interested please speak with any Charter Member for more information.



## Guns Guns Guns

Not one but TWO gun raffles are *coming soon!!* For those of you who have provided us with your email address, you will be notified by email as soon as these tickets are available for purchase.

The first raffle is our annual Big Gun Raffle, which is for 12 guns. At our board meetings (last Tuesday of each month) we draw a ticket number and that person wins the gun for that month. Your ticket stays in the pot for all 12 drawings. A raffle ticket costs \$60.00 (no proration). The guns for this raffle are:

**Jan** Ruger Predator 6.5 Creedmoor  
**Feb** Ruger SR22 4.5" 22LR  
**Mar** Henry Golden Boy 22  
**Apr** Ruger LCR 38 Special  
**May** Remington V3 Synthetic Stock 12ga  
**Jun** Glock 43 9MM Special Edition with nite

**Jul** Browning AB3 with Nikon 7MM-08  
**Aug** Ruger MKIV Target SS 22LR  
**Sep** Tikka T3 Stainless 22-250 cal  
**Oct** Ruger SR1911 9MM  
**Nov** Springfield Armory Saint AR15 223 cal  
**Dec** FNH FNX 45 Tactical 45ACP

The second raffle is the Grand Prize Raffle for our annual Sportsman's Banquet. This drawing is for 3 guns: A Browning Citori CX 12g Over/Under, a Ruger American 450 Bushmaster and a Ruger SR1911 9MM luger. The winning ticket is drawn at the Sportsman's Banquet (March 24, 2018) and wins all 3 guns. You do not need to be present to win. Ticket prices for this raffle will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 (if you purchase 3/\$25 they must all be for the same person).

### AR15 Class

**December 2 9:00AM – 4:00PM**

Own an AR15 but not sure of all that it can do? Curious about the AR15 and want to get more hands-on before you buy one? Not a build class, but we will strip our guns.

\$100 WWSC members & family (each)

TommyGunsMI@gmail.com / 616-920-1701

**www.TommyGunsTraining.com**

Tom O'Brien - NRA and MCRGO certified instructor

### November Range Hours

November 1 – 15

Mon–Sat: 9am–5:15pm

Sun: 10am–5:15pm

November 16 – 30

Mon–Sat: 9am–5pm

Sun: 10am–5pm

[Link for range hours](#)

[Link for range rules](#)

### 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	John Neinhouse #195
Jul	Savage B-Mag Laminate 17WSM	Reuben Kamps #104
Aug	Sig Sauer P320 Night Sights, 9mm	Jacob Yonkers #212
Sep	Savage 220F 20ga Slug Gun	Tim Stockenauer #177
Oct	Ruger SR1911 SS 45 Auto	Wayne Eefsting #226
Nov	Browning AB3 Composite Stalker 30.06	
Dec	Springfield EMP .40SW	

### 2017 Winter Holiday Range Hours

In an effort to accommodate both WWSC members & the range staff, the rifle & Pistol ranges will be open as indicated

11-15-2017 (Opening Day)	10am to 3pm
11-23-2017 (Thanksgiving)	9am to 2pm
12-24-2017 (Christmas Eve)	9am to 2pm
12-25-2017 (Christmas Day)	12pm to 5pm
01-01-2018 (New Years Day)	12pm to 5pm

**November 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
5 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	6 NWTF Meeting 7pm	7 4H Sports 7pm	8 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm	9 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	10	11 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
12 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	13	14	15 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm Range Hours 10-3	16 DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	17 DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	18 Trap & Skeet 10a-2p Trakin' Turkey Fun Shoot 3:00pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm
19 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	20 DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	21 4H Sports 7pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	22 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	23 Range Hours 9am – 2pm	24	25 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm
26 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	27 DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	28 Walleye Club 7pm-9pm Board Meeting 7pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	29 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	30 DNR Deer Check 10am – 2pm	Dec 1	2 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm AR15 Class 9am – 4pm
3 Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	4 NWTF Meeting 7pm	5 4H Sports 7pm	6 Archery-Trap-Skeet 9am-12am 6pm-10pm Indoor Range Open Shoot 5pm – 8pm	7	8	9 Trap & Skeet 10am-2pm