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## West Walker Sportsman's Club

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**Safety Covers** - We are now using orange safety covers on the card readers. If you see one on the card reader, that means that there is someone in the Trap house filling the machine, which temporarily puts it out of use. Please honor this orange cover. This is being done because we have had some shooters try to shoot even when the orange cone is on the Trap house roof. Safety is our number one concern. Special thanks to Gloria Vonder-Heide for making the covers.

**Winter League Trophies** - We have trophies left for the following people, please pick up ASAP.  
Jim Zuidema, Cody VanHuizen, Bob Caughlin

**Charter Meeting**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**  
**Board Meeting**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

### **Winners Last Shoot**

Recently had a new skeet shoot, called Last Man Standing. Whereby if you missed a target you had to keep shooting that target until you broke it. The person that got the farthest before running out of shells, was the winner. Results as follows; Charlie Pruitt (only one to run a straight), Tied David Gervais / Dan Bradley, Keith McAllister, Char Willyard, Tom May, Dan Bradley. Congratulations to the winners.

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

Ranges &  
Outdoor Archery  
Please call  
(616) 453 - 5081  
before coming out  
to make sure there is a  
Range Monitor



## Lunch Special

Newsletter Editor:  
Will Parney  
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The Kitchen is open for lunch on Saturdays from 11-2  
\$3.50 Hamburg, \$4.00 cheeseburger \$1.00 for fries

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# **West Walker Sportsman's Club**

## **Special Event**

***TRAP - 410***

September 18 - 19, 2021

Saturday and/or Sunday

100 Targets

Entry Fee - \$10.00 plus regular line fees

2 man team, **Blind Draw**, after shooting

Purse 60/40 team, over 12 shooters 2 places

Purse applied on shoot card

High shooter gets name on plaque

Ties decided by reverse long run

# ART OF A DIFFERENT CALIBER ROUND UP

The work involved in setting up and running the "Art of a Different Caliber" event was well worth it when I heard one of our artists say "This was the best \$5 I ever spent". It was so fun to watch the art being created and the results were amazing. Our first place winner was Emily Kiss. The second place winner was Kristen Devries.

My thanks go out to Will Parney for help with ticket sales, counting and clean up. Jim Rosin deserves a nod for brings so many artists to the event, plus his assistance with canvas set up and paint ball gun use. Of course I also thank all of the artists and voters for coming joining the event. Knowing help will always come forward when needed is what allows me to come up with and hold special events.

Gloria Von der Heide

Here are the finished art pieces





## Don Mize Memorial & Celebration of Life September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at WWSC Clubhouse 11am – 3pm



As most of you may know, we lost a very key and beloved Honorary Charter member, Don Mize, back on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Due to the global pandemic, we have postponed our traditional shotgun salute for Don until now so plans for a celebration of life could be made and restrictions for Covid have eased up. On Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm we will be holding a few events in Don's honor for all friends, family and WWSC members to attend and give their last regards to Don! Below you can find more information about Don and the events planned for the day.

Don was the original pioneer that started the WWSC Rifle and Pistol range programs and made it into what we know today with the help of other WWSC members. Don could always be found at the club either shooting or taking care of things that needed to be done around the range. Some would say WWSC was Don's second home! Many of you will recall that Don most often had one or more of his trusty 4 legged sidekicks with him at the range. Don was a foster parent for many years to rescues from the American Brittany Rescue foundation. Don was also known for offering help to new shooters or willing to bend your ear for a bit about bullet ballistics or just about anything you wanted to talk about. Don was a people person and very knowledgeable about many things. We miss seeing him at the club along with his dogs and his witty comments and banter!

Don was survived by his daughter, Meaghan (Todd Haraburda); grandchildren, Kaiden and Alexis; his 6 siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A celebration of life will be sponsored by WWSC, Meaghan and family for Don with the celebration starting at 11am. Below is a list of events if you plan to attend for your final farewell to a great person and dedicated WWSC member.

### Schedule of events:

11am – 2pm: Silent Auction for some of Don's shooting and reloading supplies.

- Several rifle and pistol caliber spent brass, sorted and ready for reloading.
- Several different 1 lb. and 8 lb. jugs of reloading powder
- Yes, he had some rifle and pistol primers! Min bid price to be set the day of auction.
- An entire Lyman multi-turret reloading setup with multiple dies, scales, powder drop and other necessary supplies to start reloading right away. Rifle & pistol calibers.
- Misc. hunting equipment and archery equipment.
- ***None of Don's guns will be auctioned at this event!***
- There will be some lite snacks and water available while you look through the items.
- Drawing results will be at 2:30pm that day after the shotgun salute.
- All proceeds from the event will go towards the Mize grandchildren's continued education fund, so your money is going to a good cause!

2:15pm – 2:30pm: 3 Round shotgun salute at the trap and skeet fields.

- Bring your own shotgun (any gauge), 3 shot shells (7 ½ or smaller shot size, 8, 9 etc..), eye and ear protection. We will have a donated box of 12ga 7 ½ shot available for those that can't find ammo.
- We will have Range Officers on staff to help keep the line safe and make sure everyone is following the rules for the salute.
- After everyone is done shooting for the day, you are welcome to hang out in the clubhouse for 1 last beer with Don Mize. Meaghan will be bringing some of Don's favorite beer for the event.

The Mize family and WWSC looks forward to seeing you at this special event to say your farewell to Don Mize!

RIP

West Walker Rifle & Pistol Range Management

Jeff Reynolds

# Gun Safety for Muzzle loading.



Here are some notes on gun safety pertaining to shooting muzzle loaders. All the same gun rules still apply. However, there are some other considerations to keep in mind with muzzle loaders.

- To load a muzzle loader, you will be loading from the muzzle end of the gun. Even if you are loading a revolver, it's still a muzzle loader.
- You can use loose powder or pellets. If you are using loose powder it should be poured into a non-sparking measuring device. Made of something like deer antler or brass.
- Never load directly from a storage container you are keeping your powder in. The reason for this, is that you never have any way of knowing how much powder you poured down the barrel of the gun. This is a myth seen in Davy Crocket and Daniel Boone Hollywood movies. Such as Fess Parkers films. Parker was a great guy, but he was doing it unsafely.
- The powder should be stored in a safe non-sparking container. Such as a powder horn or brass flask. After pouring the powder into a measuring device, the powder container should be closed. In the case of pellets, they come in a plastic box that you should close the lid on when not getting pellets out. We don't want a spark getting into our powder containers do we. They could go boom!
- You should never smoke around black powder. It could go boom!!
- Real black powder is regulated by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms bureau of the federal government. Or lovingly referred to as the ATF. It's regulated by them because it is classified as an explosive. The black powder substitutes, like Triple Seven or Pyrodex, are considered by the ATF to be a propellant. The bottom line is they all go boom. Go figure ATF!
- Do not overload your gun with powder, more is not necessarily better. If you do, it could create an unsafe condition. If possible, try to follow the manufacturers recommended load data.
- Always seat the projectile firmly on the powder charge. You do not want a gap between the powder charge and the bullet. It could act as an obstruction Seating firmly does not mean

ramming the bullet down with extreme force. Being able to seat each time with the same even force when you load, can result in consistent accuracy.

- When you are loading your gun, you never want to have your body or head over the muzzle. The reason for this is in case there was an accidental discharge of the gun you would not get shot.
- Never blow down the barrel/muzzle of a gun after you fire it. Considered very unsafe. Why? An example of an unsafe condition would be you thought the gun went off. Say it didn't and you have an ember smoldering down the barrel. By blowing down the barrel you could cause the gun to fire. Like you would blow on a campfire to get it going. This is another myth created by Hollywood. The truth is it does not do anything to make you shoot better. Stop by Monday nights for the indoor pistol range shoot from 3:30 to 7. I will tell you a sad story where this happened.
- Never use modern "smokeless" powder in your muzzle loader unless it is rated for it. There are some out there that can shoot "smokeless" powder. Do not make a duplex powder. What I mean by this is mixing black powder and "smokeless" powder together. There is a misguided mindset of people out there that think doing this will produce a more powerful load. All it does is create a potentially unsafe shooting condition.
- What would happen if you loaded "smokeless" powder in your gun? Smokeless powder creates pressures that when the gun is fired far exceed what the gun was designed to safely handle. Thompson Center Arms some years back put out a safety video where they did use "smokeless" powder to demonstrate what would happen. The guns were turned into pipe bombs and looked like peeled bananas. Just think if that gun was fired next to your head. Ouch! You can find this video on YouTube.
- What do you do if the gun does not go off when you go to fire it? First off don't run around waving the muzzle every direction screaming it didn't go off. Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. It's okay to reprime it and try to fire it again. After a few times doing this, it is probably not going to fire. There are various safe ways to discharge the bullet from your gun. That would be a good topic for another article.
- Muzzle loading is a safe, enjoyable, and rewarding pastime, as long as safety considerations come first. Always act responsibly and be serious about gun safety. Remember on Monday nights there are people that can help you with muzzle loading. The time is 3:30 to 7.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have. Send them to Will Parney the editor at [Westwalkernews@gmail.com](mailto:Westwalkernews@gmail.com)

Keep your powder dry and don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes.  
Mike Kowalski.



# Hunters Safety

We had a Hunter Safety Field Day on the 21st of August. The field day is a day where we go over some of the online content. The students also take a required test where a score of 80 percent or better is required to pass the course. After the test the students get some hands on live fire time.

We had a great turnout. Many youth attended. The students learned tree stand safety, shot a longbow, a 22-bolt action rifle, and a 22 revolver. Michael and Dan taught them how to load a muzzleloader and let them fire a few rounds.

The students had a great time. And they even got to shoot a few clay pigeons.

I would like to thank the instructors Michael Kowalski, Richard VanderMeer and Daniel Handy. I would also like to thank Charlie Talboys and Ken Westveer, As well as our Board of Directors and Friends of West Walker for their generous donation of supplies.

Frances Handy

Hunter

Hunter Safety Instructor,  
Committee chairman



## **NEED Volunteers to be trained as Range Monitors.**

WWSC is seeking members to serve flexible shifts, typically 4 to 5 ¼ hrs

Please contact Jeff Reynolds (616)710 1280

Email; [wwsc.range.monitor@gmail.com](mailto:wwsc.range.monitor@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Range Monitors receive:**

1% discount toward membership renewal for each hour served.

{60 hrs. served; approximately one shift / month = 60% discount}

Personal use of indoor pistol range for serving two or more shifts per month.

**Call 616-453-5081 to CONFIRM the ranges are open**

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**Did You Know that WWSC is a non-profit organization that is run by Charter Members, that 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.**

**More information available at**  
<http://www.wwsc.org/charter-membership.shtml>

### **September Range Hours**

Hours vary month to month\*

**Sep 1 – 15**

**M-S: 9:00am – 7:30pm**

**Sundays: 10am – 7:30pm**

**Sep 16-28**

**M-S: 9:00 – 7:30pm**

**Sundays 10am-7:30pm**

**[Link for range rules](#)**

## **SOLD OUT -- 2021 Big Gun Raffle Winners -- SOLD OUT**

<b>Jan</b>	Ruger Wrangler 22LR & Rossi RB22 22Mag	<b>J. Hawkins</b>	<b>#98</b>
<b>Feb</b>	Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor	<b>J. Rosin</b>	<b>#74</b>
<b>Mar</b>	Beretta M9A1 22LR	<b>F. Gort</b>	<b>#130</b>
<b>Apr</b>	Ruger American Go Wild Camo 350 Legend	<b>R. Heyt</b>	<b>#253</b>
<b>May</b>	Springfield XD 4" 9MM	<b>J. Isenga</b>	<b>#78</b>
<b>Jun</b>	Remington Model 7 Predator 243 Win	<b>R. Nadda</b>	<b>#93</b>
<b>Jul</b>	Ruger Single-Six Convertible 22LR / 22 WMR	<b>M VanBemmelen</b>	<b>#283</b>
<b>Aug</b>	Ruger American Rimfire 22 WMR w/Nikon Package	<b>S. Brinks</b>	<b>#122</b>
<b>Sep</b>	Browning AB3 Hunter 308 Win		
<b>Oct</b>	Remington V3 Sport 12g		
<b>Nov</b>	Sig Sauer 1911 XO 45 ACP		
<b>Dec</b>	Beretta A300 Outlander Sporting 12ga		



# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p  Indoor Pistol Range 4:00pm-7pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Archery Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm  Burgers and fries 11-2
<b>5</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	<b>6</b> Indoor Pistol Range Muzzeloading 4-7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p  Indoor Pistol Range 4:00pm-7pm	<b>9</b> Charter meeting 7:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Archery Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm  Burgers and fries 11-2
<b>12</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	<b>13</b> Indoor Pistol Range Muzzeloading 4-7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm  Burgers and fries 11-2
<b>19</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm  Burgers and fries 11-2
<b>26</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 10am-2pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Board Meeting 7pm	<b>29</b> Archery-Trap-Skeet 9a-12p & 6p-10p	<b>30</b>		