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West Walker Sportsman's Club

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Charter Meeting
May 11 - 7:30pm

Board Meeting
May 30 - 7:00pm

Archery, Skeet & Trap

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

Range Hours

Mon-Sat Sun

May 1-15 9a-7:30p 10a-7:30p
May 16-31 9a-7:30p 10a-7:30p

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Pray for
World Peace

Happy Mother's Day



From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to everyone's attention that some members using the club rifle, and pistol ranges need to brush up on the range rules.

When you become a member of WWSC you are agreeing to know, and follow our range rules. Should you not follow the rules you can lose your club membership.

You should have been given a copy when you bought a club membership. If you do not have a current copy, stop by the Range Office and pick one up.

Quite often when I am on the rifle and pistol ranges I see serious violations of our range rules. These rules are there to keep all of us shooting in a safe environment. Everyone shooting on the ranges is also a range monitor. If you see something that is in violation of these rules, you are more than welcome to say something to the person not following the rules. If you are not comfortable with doing this, go and tell the range monitor.

A range monitor cannot see everything that is going on. Also, the range monitor is in charge of the rifle and pistol ranges when they are on duty. It is their job to point out to members when a rule violation is taking place.

It is not acceptable that a member violating a rule to argue with, or get mad at the range monitor for doing their job which is to keep us safe.

Thank you and have a fun and safe shooting experience here at the club.

Mike Kowalski

The Notorious "Steak Night" Returns

West Walker Sportsman's Club will be hosting our monthly Wednesday steak nights again this year starting in May.

The cost for steak night remains the same this year, and as always the meal includes baked-potato, garlic bread, veggies, and salad.

Guests, and nonmembers are always welcome at steak nights. It is also a normal shooting night at the club, and if you have or know someone who might be interested in Skeet or Trap, this is the perfect opportunity to introduce them to the game, as well as an opportunity to check out some of the very nice guns our members have.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

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

Associates - \$8.00
Non-members - \$10.00

We look forward to seeing everyone again for our traditional summer steak nights.



*** 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.

Sportsman's Banquet

West Walker's Annual Sportsman's Banquet was held on March 25th this year and again it was a packed house.

Nearly 200 guests enjoyed a dinner of Grilled Sirloin, and Chicken Alloutte along with vegetables and deserts. Prizes handed out during the evening included 26 guns, various hunting and camping gear, and even an African safari!

Thank you to all who attended, as well as our charter member volunteers who make this event what it is year after year.

We hope to see you all again next year! **Dave Mulka**

Spring Shotgun Leagues

It's not too late to join the Spring Shotgun League.

April 26 – June 7

Six weeks 8 rounds (200 birds in each event).
Normal line fees apply.

Individual events consisting of:

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

Cost per Event

1st Event \$15.00
2nd Event \$10.00
Additional events are \$5.00 each

No Wobble Trap
May 13th or June 3rd ATA Event
**** Sign up at the Clubhouse****

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification

**** Extended for May ****

Michael Kohl has graciously agreed to extend this program to run again in 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>

Women's "Range Roundup" Recap

by: Gloria

We had eleven ladies attend our first all ladies shoot, and from all of the feedback received this was a very successful event with a great time had by all those in attendance.

I want to thank **Tom O'Brien** for starting us off with a lively and fun class about gun construction, safety, and basic shooting skills. He is really good at making a serious subject clear, entertaining, and quite memorable.

After class we moved into fun shoot mode. **Michael Kohl** was a big help with explaining the shoot, acting as safety officer, and running the door prize games. **Jerry Kiel** was there to monitor the shoot, and **Judi Bradley** pitched in with the score keeping. My thanks to all of them.

Specialty targets were used that included desert scenes, roaming buffalo's, and wine bottles that actually leaked when shot.

After the event we all move to the clubhouse and a chance to win door prizes by pinning a brand on a bull. Lol, One of the ladies branded the bull in a very sensitive spot..yee haaa.

When the games had ended, a dinner of stew, salad, and corn-bread was available. Dessert followed with cookies provided by **Judi Bradley**, and cake provided by **Frances Handy**.

Cash prizes were awarded to six different shooters.

Congratulations to the winners:

Bottles & Buffalo Targets: **Marilyn Hawkins**
Chris Leestma
Gloria Von der Heide
Desert Scene Targets: **Frances Handy**
Ruth Burkall
Joe Anne Peterson



Winter League Banquet

We held our winter league banquet on Saturday April 8th at 6:00pm in the banquet hall. Over 70 members and guests gathered for some great food, raffle prizes, laughs, and the presentation of the trophies, and plaques to all of the winners.

Dinner was served about 7:00pm as **Beth Bigelow**, and **Jon Zandstra** had the kitchen duty. They were busy preparing salads, green beans, and parmesan baked potatoes, while Jon kept a close eye on his specialty, prime rib au jus. The dinner by the way was just fantastic. Thank you very much.

After dinner it was time for the raffles, and as in the past few years **Dave Bigelow** had some nice prizes on hand to be given away, while **Dave Van Kley** acted as the emcee for the evening.

League shooters put their shooting cards in each of two drums, either trap or skeet according to their events shot. This drawing was for a case of shells. **Dan Bradley**, and **Doug Cline** were the winners of the cases of shells.

Raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win reloading components. There were 16 bags of shot, and 10 boxes of primers up for grabs to the lucky winners. And people were going from lucky table to lucky table for a chance to win something. It was pretty funny to see the table hopping.

When all of the raffle prizes were drawn there was one prize left over and Dave Bigelow made sure to draw a certain ticket that ensured that **Rick Zandstra** won. Of course it was a gag gift, a bag marked once-fired wads of all gages. It got quite the laughs from everyone.

The league also sold tickets to raffle off a Smith & Wesson 9mm Shield. Congratulations to **John De Young** of Grand Rapids on winning our raffle prize.



Beth Bigelow – Jon Zandstra



Winners Plaques



Dave Van Kley- Mr. Emcee



Once fired wads all gages.



Raffle Prizes

Winter League Awards



Dave Tagg HOA- All Events



Cam Scarborough HOA Junior



D. Bigelow HOA 12g Trap
D. Bradley HOA 12g Skeet



Rick Zandstra HOA 20ga



Joe Pop-Tom May
Flight 2 12ga Skeet



Gordy Weersma- Doug Cline
12g Skeet Flight 3

L. Steele - D. Tagg
12ga Skeet Flight 1

T. Kamphuis - D. Boomstra
20g Skeet Flight 1



Dave Loncore – Terry Westedt
20g Skeet Flight 2



F. Nabkey D. Gervais J. Pop Jr K. May T May
Team Trap Flight 1



D. Bouma D. Cline G. Weersma D. Van Kley D. Bigelow
Team Trap Flight 2

Trap kids shoot it out!

Thanks to Dave Bigelow, the trap kids got into the spirit of shooting, and a chance to win the first ever "Trap Boy Invitational", and a chance to take home a shooting trophy.

On Saturday afternoon April 8th two of our trap boys, Bobby, and Zac (**grandsons of Leon Steel**) had a shoot off. It consisted of 25 Skeet, and 25 Trap.

It was a hotly contested battle, with Bobby edging out Zac for the Champions trophy, and Zac winning the Runner-up trophy. They were presented with their trophies at the Winter League Banquet.



Bobby (L) Zac (R)
With D. Bigelow and D. Van Kley

Under The Sea Pistol Shoot

We have another fun and exciting pistol shoot on tap at the indoor range for club members.

Gloria Von der Heide and her crew are putting on the next in a series of themed shoots on **Saturday May 20th, at 3:00pm.**

Again this is a member's only event, but this time all calibers of hand guns are welcome. **The cost is \$10.00**

The event will consist of **4-targets with 10 rounds** shot at each target. Please bring your own firearm and ammo. **Note- open sights only.**

Following the event the group will move to the club house for Submarine sandwiches, fruit plates, chips, and dessert. With awards, and more games.

Sign-up at the range office or the clubhouse.

Sign-up cutoff date is May 14th.

****[Link to the Flyer](#)****

Tragedy at Kenosha Gun Club

by: Fred Nabkey

On April 8th at the Conservation Club of Kenosha County, Wisconsin, Donald Bekeleski (72) was shooting trap at about 11:30am with at 20ga when he had a gun malfunction. As he was trying to clear his shotgun, in a unsafe manner, and it fired striking James Kloet (64) in the stomach.

Kloet was flown by helicopter to Froedtert hospital in critical condition, and underwent emergency surgery to remove multiple pellets from his stomach. He is now expected to make a full recovery.

According to the police report, Mr. Bekeleski had been warned in the past about proper firearm safety. The authorities have recommended that Bekeleski be charged with injury by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon.

This incident coincides with the "**Out of the Bag**" article in this month's newsletter on Range Rules. But this event says it all, doesn't it? We cannot take gun safety for granted!

I am sure we are all guilty once in a while with a mental mistake on the shotgun or pistol/rifle ranges, and this unfortunate accident should really hit home for all of us. We all need to read the posted rules at the ranges. We also need to remember how to safely handle a misfire.

I observed some young shooters on skeet field #2 a few weeks ago, one shooter was carrying his shotgun on his shoulder, and his young friend following him was putting the 20ga shells into the gun over his shoulder as he was walking from station #4 to #5, then just going to the pad closing his gun and shooting. Yes they got an earful, and more. Apologies to the father for being gruff to the boys, but who knows, we might have saved a LIFE.

Be familiar with the rules, read the rules, abide by the rules. This should apply to all of us. And we will all enjoy a safe and fun shooting environment.

Here is a handy link we should all look at, and review all categories of gun misfires, and how to clear them. It could save your life and our lives.

To review how to clear firearm malfunctions and other issues, click the link below.

****[FIREARM MALFUNCTIONS](#)****



Winter League Banquet Photos

April Straights

D. Boomstra S28g 100

B. Jordan S 12g 50
C. Pruitt S12g 50
D. Tagg S 20g 50

D. Boomstra 25 Skeet
12g, 20g, 28g, .410

B. Froehlke S 20g
D. Gervais S 20g
T. May T

L. Steele S 20g
D. Tagg S 20g
D. Tagg Wobble Trap 25
B. White 25S 12g & .410



Out of the Bag

by: Wes Walker

Just a little reminder. Now that the summer months are upon us, and more shooters will be sharing the fields. Please review.

Trap Range Rules

1. Eye & Ear protection is required
2. Gun action must remain open at all times with no shell in the chamber or magazine.
3. Gun may be loaded & action closed only when in position to shoot on the designated shooting station when it is your turn to fire.
4. No more than 1 shell may be loaded at a time unless shooting trap doubles.
5. Only #71/2 shot or smaller (8&9) allowed.
6. Please dispose of your empty shells in the buckets provided.

Skeet Range Rules

1. Eye & Ear protection is required.
2. Gun action must remain open at all times with no shell in the magazine or chamber.
3. Guns may be loaded & actions closed only when in position to shoot on the designated shooting station.
4. No more than 2 shells may be loaded at one time; with the exception of station 8, one shell at a time.
5. No shot size larger than #71/2
6. Before shooting from a station, always be certain adjacent fields within your range of fire are clear of people.
7. While waiting your turn to shoot, be certain that your position does not infringe upon the shooters line of fire or field of view.
8. Pick up your empty shells after or during your round of skeet.

Pistol and Rifle Ranges

1. ALWAYS keep your firearm UNLOADED until ready to shoot. Firearms may be loaded only on the firing line.
2. ALWAYS handle your firearm as if it were loaded.
3. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OUTSIDE OF THE Trigger Guard Until Ready To Shoot.

Our WWSC complete list of range rules can be viewed at the link below. Please review all of the rules. Thank You.

<http://www.wwsc.org/img/ranges/RangeRules.pdf>

Range Monitors Needed

We are in need of 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.

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

Contact: Don Mize
imdimize@yahoo.com

**** CPL Class – Price Drop ****
Sunday May 21 8:30AM – 6:30PM
WWSC Indoor range

\$75 Charter members & family (each)
\$90 Associate members & family (each)
\$100 General public

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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	Jeff McMinn #164
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	

MAY 2017

WWSC Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NWTF Meeting 7pm	2 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	3 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm **Steak Night**	4	5	6 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm
7 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	8	9 Win./NRA Qualification Indoor Range 5pm-9pm	10 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	11 Charter Meeting 7:30pm	12	13 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm No Trap ATA Shoot – 10am
14  Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm Happy Mother's Day	15	16 4H Meeting 6:45 pm	17 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	18	19	20 Archery- Shotgun 10am-2pm Under The Sea Shoot 3:00 pm Armed Forces Day
21 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm CPL Class	22	23 Walleye Club 7pm – 9pm	24 Archery-Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	25	26	27 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm
28 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm	29 	30 Board Meeting 7pm	31 Archery- Shotgun 9am-12pm 6pm-10pm	1 June	2	3 Archery-Shotgun 10am-2pm No Trap ATA Shoot – 10am