



The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap' n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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July 2025

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CHRISTMAS PARTY

July 26th 2025 6:00pm

Bring a dish to pass, meat will be provided. Bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange FUN!! More fun games will be played and everyone get raffle ticket for coming!

If you have not RSVP'd please text or call Jackie 616-248-7146

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

We have room for one flag to be flown here in America
it is, THE AMERICAN FLAG
Teddy Roosevelt

GVC&B Club Officers 2024-25

President: Jeff Terrell

Vice President: Larry Horrigan

Secretary: Lee Patterson

Treasurer: Chelsea Fox

Range Officer: Roger Pierce

Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

Board Members (Year Elected)

Dennis Priddy 2024

Bonnie Fernwalt 2024

Tom Verberg 2024

Leanne Pierce 2024

Neal Armstrong 2023

John Turner 2023

Ed Henson 2023

50/50 WINNER

Tom Verberg

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Ron Fernwalt Ed Henson

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

The last few weeks have really been a flurry of activity here at Grand Valley. First of all, the week following our June club shoot we had our very first Table Shoot, Novelty Pistol Shoot and the annual Handicap event at Shotgun. Yep! That's a lot for one day, but you know what, we did it and they were all well attended and lots of



fun too. We will be planning to have those events again, with probably a few a few tweaks to make the programs better. A couple weeks later we had our monthly Sporting Clays Shoot at shotgun on a very warm and humid day, and you know what? Shooters were still there and over 50 rounds were shot. I think that may have been a surprise to many of us. Great job you guys and of course ladies too. That may have summed up events for the month of June, it didn't slow down the amount

of activity at the Range, however. This year we have the State Shoot this weekend and three weeks later Frontier Shoot, because of that there was lots of mowing and tree trimming to be done before last weekend. I called a mid-week work detail, and we were able to have all of that done in time for the upcoming events. I was at the range yesterday and shooters were by then arriving to shoot the state program. Thanks to everyone who helped to make our club grounds look so good.

This past weekend's club shoot had many shooters, but I was not one of them, I had to many administrative details to be done before our next meeting, mostly regarding Frontier Shoot. At the meeting many sign-ups were circulated for volunteers to work at that event. I reminded everyone that Frontier Shoot is our biggest event of the year, and I requested our members to help in some capacity. There are still open spaces to be filled, and you can still sign up at our next meeting on July 27th. In particular I need to help for a couple hours in the kitchen on Friday afternoon August 1 and Saturday afternoon August 2nd. Lastly. I will also need someone to tend the knife and hawk program range on Saturday Aug 2 for 2hrs. in the afternoon. Please consider where you can help and let me know. I have to go now, to get to the dentist on time, after that I'll be at the State Shoot the rest of the week. Have a good one! And I'll --

See you soon; Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

We had an exceptional Sporting Clay event, with it being the 2nd largest since we started, and the event in April event being just \$5.00 more!

The Handicap Match was a fun event.

The Teritorial Shotgun was up from previous years and the top lady shooter was Bonnie Fernwalt in the shoot off.

Jean White took top gun in the men's division

*****SPONSORS*****

We still NEED sponsors for the Frontier Shoot. Get out and see your local business to see if they would be interested in sponsoring a match or two. Their names and/or business will be on the web until September of 2026. Look at what business's we have & do your best to support these businesses that have sponsored matches.

Air Gun

1. Morgan Priddy
2. Jeff Terrell
3. Dennis Priddy

Archery-Men

1. Ed Henson
2. Neal Armstrong

Archery-Women

- 1.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle– Novelty

1. Joe Baird 43
2. Ed Henson 41
3. Kurt Neihouse 40

Men's 25yd Rifle 1/2 Bulls

1. Joe Baird 37
2. Ed Henson 29
3. Ben Kurkstra 18

Men's 50yd Rifle–

1. Kurt Neinhouse 26
2. Ed Henson 19
3. Joe Baird 16

Men's 25yd Full Bull

1. Joe Baird
2. Kurt Neinhouse 34
3. Ed Henson 33

Men's 25yd Trade Gun–

1. Drew Harrington 41
2. Ed Henson 39X
3. Larry Horrigan 34

Men's 50yd Trade Gun–

1. Ed Henson 35
2. Larry Horrigan 23
3. Todd Gomah 2

Special shoot–

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

Men's 25yd Pistol–

1. Jerry Johnson 38
2. Todd Gomah 36
3. Leanne Pierce 36

Men's 50yd Pistol

1. Todd Gomah 24
2. Jerry Johnson 17
3. Ben Kurkstra 11

Women's 25yd Rifle Novelty–

1. Leanne Peirce 18
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 25yd Rifle-5

1. Leanne Pierce 30
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 50yd Rifle–

1. Leanne Pierce 24
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

Woods Walk– Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson 12
2. Kurt Neinhouse 90
- 3.

Woods Walk Percussion

- 1.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CLUB PARTY



JULY 26TH, 2024

6:00 PM

MAIN DISH PROVIDED BRING A DISH TO PASS
ALSO BRING A \$10 GIFT IF YOU WANT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE

IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP AT THE JULY
MEETING, PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 21ST.
TEXT -OR- CALL JACKIE AT
616-284-7146

GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™

**3506 – 26TH STREET
HOPKINS, MI.**

Each year the Grand Valley Cap n Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club has their annual Spring Shoot the first weekend in May and their Frontier Shoot the first weekend in August. This is a family sport which includes husbands, wives and kids as you can see by the matches that we have.

We draw competitors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Canada, Missouri, and Kentucky and as far away as North Carolina and California. The Spring Shoot is a 3-day event with competitors arriving a week early and setting up camp. The Frontier Shoot is a 4-day event with competitors coming in as early as the weekend before to set up camp for the event. A lot of the competitors come early and spend their vacation in the area prior to the event.

The shoots will be held at the Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club located at 3506 – 26th Street, Hopkins, Mi. which is Southwest of Dorr, Mi.

We are always looking for businesses and individuals that would like to sponsor a match or two. The cost to sponsor a match is only \$25.00.

Each month there are over 200 newsletters that go out and by getting your sponsorship in now will give you over 1000 hits plus the brochure that will be handed out at the events and also listed on the web at www.gvcnb.org for one year. If you have someone that has a business, we can put their web site and or their phone number on the sponsorship list. This helps defray the cost of the events, so we don't have to raise prices for registration etc.

Thank you very much for your support and stop out anytime and we will give you a tour of our facilities.

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

**16808 PEACH RIDGE
KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

Commitment

One match sponsor fee for Spring Shoot and/or Frontier Shoot 2024.

Amount-----\$25.00

Thank You for Your Support:

Make checks payable to:

Grand Valley Cap N Ballers
16808 Peach Ridge
Kent City, Mi. 49330

YES, I will sponsor match Number(s) _____, _____, _____, _____

2nd Choice _____, _____, _____, _____.

Check enclosed _____ (please circle Spring Shoot or Frontier Shoot)

Sorry, I can't this year _____

Name of Sponsor _____

By _____

If you are a business put your phone number and or e-mail address here

-----tear/cut off on dotted line-----

YOUR RECEIPT

DATE _____

MAILED CHECK TO: GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS, 16808 PEACH RIDGE, KENT CITY, MI. 49330

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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2025 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS----
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----JEFF & PAM ADAMS
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVLVER-----GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE	PERCUSSION --- WOMEN---- JUNIORS TRADE GUN-----

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 2	10 YARDS---MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE, 2730 - 136TH AVE, HOPKINS
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----DAN LEPO
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD----- J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDS-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS----- BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 11	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER AND DAN LEPPA
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES--- -----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com

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2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---	317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269793-7000
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS	
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS	
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----		
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----		
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----		
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----		
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	CAL MEABON	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	CAL MEABON	
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----		
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	JEFF & PAIM ADAMS	
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----		
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----		
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 41	50 YARD BENCH AMS-----		
MATCH 42	100 YARD BENCH AMS-----		
MATCH 43	50 YARD BENCH OS-----		
MATCH 44	100 YARD BENCH OS		
MATCH 47	OLD TIMERS 25 YARD AMS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
FRIDAY PRIMITIVE*	PERCUSSION	FLINT	
	TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN'S----	JUNIORS--
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE:	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	
MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	
MATCH 6	MATCH 7	MATCH 8	
MATCH 9	MATCH 10 -		

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2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION-----DAN LEPP0 & RON & BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
	AGGREGATE MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE-----PHONE 616-896-1560
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP----CORNER STONE CONTRACTING, 2606 142ND AVE, DORR
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP--VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----DAN LEPP0
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 JOHN & JUDY TURNER -IN MEMORY OF BOB
HILL	PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLES-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 92	SKEET DOUBLES-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER

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Our mission is to create, promote and encourage an interest in historical firearms; to preserve their histories, along with the crafts and traditions of our American heritage; to promote good fellowship and teach firearm safety; to purchase, hold and use the Club property, both real and personal for accomplishing these purposes, and to preserve our constitutional rights as to any and all acts permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan.

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