



# The Smoke Pole

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Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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As of today, February 3, ONLY 45  
days until spring!!

Friday, March 20th.

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## A PATRIOT SPEAKS

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or wishes us ill, we will pay any price to bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure survival and the success of our liberty.

John K. Kennedy

### GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

**President:** Jeff Terrell

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**Newsletter:** Jackie Armstrong

### Board Members (Year Elected-2 year position)

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Tom Verberg 2024

Leanne Pierce 2024

Neal Armstrong 2025

Dave Fox 2025

Drew Harrington 2025

50/50 WINNER

ATTENDANCE WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS

## Jeff's Journal

Wow! Three days in a row with sunshine and no snow here in West Michigan. It's hard to believe with what we've had to endure the last few weeks. Most of you know I'm no Winter lover, so today is a welcome reprieve from the gray skies. It's still way too cold outside but I'm nice



and warm so I'm doing the journal a few days early this month. I'm sorry we had to cancel the February Shoot, but I think there must be 24 inches of snow on the ground out there. I measured 18 + here in Wayland and there is always more with range being that much closer to the lake. I'm hoping for a real break and thaw soon but then I see the fore-

cast for next weekend is burr! super cold again. Think Spring.

There is not much going on for a report of any kind because it is after all February. There are a few reminders to address for things coming up. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, John and Mark will be having a table at the Gun and Knife show in Holland. They will be selling percussion caps and passing out Club information promoting our events. You might want to check that out. Last month I brought up Trade good donations for the history show we are in need of those, so anything you can do would be very much appreciated. We are in the process of planning a special event for this Summer to celebrate the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, I hope to present that to you at the March meeting. Hopefully! However, we need a big thaw before then, since

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Sunday, if we must schedule a later date we will, so check your E-mail for updates later this month. That about does it for now.

Stay warm and stay safe, See you soon, Jeff

## SPONSORS NEEDED

Now is the time to be getting out and getting sponsors for Spring Shoot and Frontier Shoot. The cost to sponsor a match is only \$25.00 and will be in the newsletter from March thru August and on the web until September of 2027. Those of a business can have their Phone number, address or web site on the list. Have them make checks out to GVCNB, 16808

## FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Not much is going on this time of year but it will be opening up the first Sunday of April. We have some projects planned which will be on the sporting clay range.

Weather permitting the water will be turned on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April or before.

Ron

### Air Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Novelty Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Novelty Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.

## On the Firing Line

### Line Matches—

#### Men's 25yd Rifle Rat

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 25yd Rifle Seal

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 25yd Axe

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 50yd

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 25yd Trade Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 25yd Trade Gun-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 25yd Pistol-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Men's 50yd Pistol

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Women's 25yd Rifle Pie

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Women's 25yd Rifle 5 Bull

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Women's 50yd Rifle

- 1.
- 2.

### Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.
- 2.

### Woods Walk- Trade Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Woods Walk Percussion/Silhouettes

- 1.

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KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

## Commitment

One match sponsor fee for Spring Shoot and/or Frontier Shoot 2026.

Amount-----\$25.00

Thank You for Your Support:

Make checks payable to:

**Grand Valley Cap N Ballers**

**YES**, I will sponsor match Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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