

The Smoke Pole

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Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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May 2026

Our Frontier Shoot will be here before we know it!
Don't Forget to get match sponsors.

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriot and tyrants.
Thomas Jefferson

GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

- President:** Jeff Terrell
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- Secretary:** Ron Fernwalt
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- Newsletter:** Jackie Armstrong

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- Dennis Priddy 2024
- Bonnie Fernwalt 2024
- Tom Verberg 2024
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- Neal Armstrong 2025
- Dave Fox 2025
- Drew Harrington 2025

50/50 WINNER

Ron Fernwalt
ATTENDANCE WINNER
Jimmy Dauthrich & Dick Miller
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

Our last meeting at the end of April may have been one of the shortest ever. I found that to be a good thing, since it meant all the committee heads had enough help to be ready for Spring Shoot, which is why we have



a meeting one week early just to be sure of all the details. The short G.M. was a good thing because our Board Meeting ended up going into overtime and that was ok too because we accomplished many necessary business matters. All of that left us well prepared for Spring Shoot and the rest of the shooting season ahead. Thank you Board Members

for being patient and prepared for that meeting. Spring Shoot. We know any outdoor activity is dependent on the weather. The positive thing about that last weekend was it didn't snow, it easily could have because it was cold enough to do so, that was the negative factor. There were some thoughts that the cold and the fuel prices might affect attendance this year, that did not happen, fact is we had exactly the same number of shooters as last year when conditions were ideal. Another plus on attendance was we welcomed people who had never been to a shoot at Grand Valley before. I even signed up four of those to be prospective members. YAY! For that.

The Shoot was a success and it only happened that way because of everyone's help and dedication. Thank you all.

Yesterday the tree company we contracted for trimming the tops of the three dead oaks did their work and those tops need to be cleaned up, we will do that this Saturday morning starting at 9am.

Continue...

What's next? The Trade Gun Championship is next weekend, May 16th. We are ready for that with one exception, last year I asked for lunch food donations and that worked-out very well. So. I shall ask for donations again this year. We would like to have at least (5) crockpots or similar such thing filled with one of your favorite recipes to feed our guests that day. Please let me know if you can provide one for us. 616 366-3404.

Our next shoot and meeting isn't until June 6 and 7 we must have something going on before then, please check the schedule to find -out if we do. We have Black Powder in stock again including Re-enactor, so call one of us for an appointment if you have a need for that, and don't search for percussion caps, we are well supplied with those too.
See you soon, Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

The club wants to thank everyone that has sponsored a match or more for the Spring Shoot and the upcoming Frontier Shoot. We still have matches available for Frontier Shoot. Visit your local business and see if they would be interested in sponsoring a match. Their name and phone number and or e-mail address will be on the web until September of 2027

Thank you all for your support

Ron

Air Gun

1.

Archery-Men

1.
2.
3.

Archery-Women

1.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Turtle

1. Ed Henson
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Bill Barnum

Men's 25yd Rifle Bullseye

1. Ed Henson
2. Dave Fox
3. Larry Horrigan

Men's 25yd 5 Bull

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Larry Horrigan | 19X |
| 2. Ed Henson | 18 |
| 3. Dave Fox | 18 |

Men's 50yd Woodchuck

- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| 1. Jennifer Buchannan | 22 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 21 |
| 3. Drew Harrington | 10 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun Buffalo

- | | |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 40 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 32 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 25 |

Men's 25yd Pistol-

1. Drew Harrington
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 50yd Pistol

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 50yd Rifle Keyhole

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|-----------------|----|
| 1. Karen Barnum | 26 |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Women's 25yd Rifle Bullseye

- | | |
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| 1. Karem Barnum | 30 |
| 2. | |

Women's 50yd Rifle Pie

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| 1. Karen Barnum | 29 |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Woods Walk-Percussion

- 1.

Woods Walk- Trade Gun

- | | |
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| 1. Ed Henson | 150 |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 130 |
| 3. | |

Woods Walk Flint Lock

- | | |
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| 1. Jimmy Dauthrich | 100 |
| 2. | |

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**16808 PEACH RIDGE
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) _____, _____, _____, _____

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 _____

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KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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2026 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS 2026

RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	TITAN CERAKOTE AND ENGRAVING---269-804-9662
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	DAN LEPO
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----	ERBUS DESIGNS LLC --269-320-1669
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	SMILEYS ARMORY LLC --- 616-693-2905
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	TIFFANI HAUCH IN HONOR OF ERIC NEWCOMB
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	BRAD WOLWORTH
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	ERBUS DESIGNS LLC --269-320-1669
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	JACKIE ARMSTRONG
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	VONDA NEWCOMB
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	SMILEYS ARMORY LLC --- 616-693-2905
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	BILL & KAREN BARNUM
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	BRAD WOLWORTH
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----	ANBTHONLY BRADLEY---AJB-853@gmail.com
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----	DAN LEPO
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----	IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT---THE 3 STOOGES
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----	
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE	PERCUSSION ---CASEY KINNEY	WOMEN----
JUNIORS	TRADE GUN-----DENNIS PRIDY	

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----	IN MOMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 2	10 YARDS---VACATION LAND SALES---	616-896-8371-- VACATIONSALES.COM
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----	GUNS N GEAR---616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----	GUNS N GEAR---616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD-----	BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDS-----	IN MEMOPRY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----	MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 11	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----	DAN LEPO AND PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES--VACATION LAND SALES---	616-896-8371--VACATIONSALES.COM
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES--BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--	616-896-1560

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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 AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	DANLEPO
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----	
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----	
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	DANLEPO
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----	BRAD WOOKWORTH
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	ANBTHONLY BRADLEY---ajb-853@gmail.com
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
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-----	
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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2026 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2026 SHOTGUN

MATCH 62 GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPO
MATCH 63 GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000

MATCH 64 GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT

MATCH 70 TRADITIONAL STYLE-----MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE

MATCH 71 NOVICE 10 YARDS-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN
CLUB
blendonpinesgunclub

MATCH 75 CO-ED PROTECTION-----DAN LEPO AND _____
MATCH 76 10 YARD TRAP-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 77 16 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 78 20 YARD TRAP-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB
blendonpinesgunclub

AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000

MATCH 79 LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-
1560
MATCH 80 LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----
MATCH 81 LADIES 20 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----BRAD WOOLWORTH

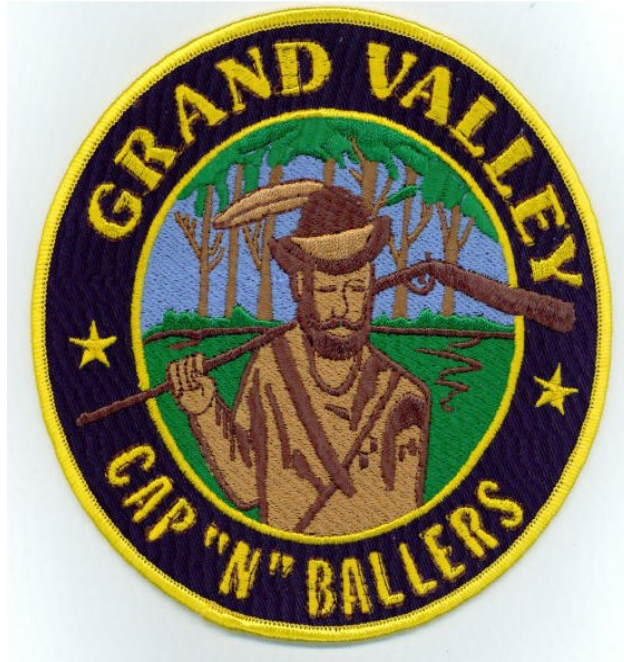
MATCH 82 JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 83 OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP---PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000

MATCH 88 TRANTHAM PROTECTION-----DAN LEPO AND PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000

MATCH 89 FLINT 10 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 90 FLINT 16 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF MORRY HOLLOWAY

MATCH 91 SKEET SINGLES-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE—616-681-9136
dorrstandard.com
MATCH 92 SKEET DOUBLES-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com

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