

The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap n Ballers
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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A Patriot Speaks

America desperately needs a moral rebirth. We need to implore God's blessings on our country and ask him to forgive our sinfulness, our actions and restore our moral perspectives.
Donald Widmon

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50\50 WINNER

Ron Nanzer

ATTENDANCE WINNERs

Ron Nanzer & James Smith

Hello everyone. Hey it's newsletter time already, October went by very quickly, that was especially true because we were blessed with some of the nicest weather for the month that I can remember. That meant a lot of outdoor time doing yard work and getting ready for the next month, which I'm sure will not be anything like the last several weeks have been. Much of my time was spent dealing with leaf pick-up, we have this large maple tree with many limbs and that means lots of leaves too. They were all on the ground by Monday this week, once I had them all in a very large pile had no choice but to call in a contractor to haul them away $$, I love that tree for three seasons, but Fall is not one of them. In between I made some time to make a new shoot box to house the accessories I needed to shoot my new Trade Gun that was built for me by Larry Horrigan. I also made some more time to get in some practice too. I can see I'll need a lot more of that if I want to live --up to my own expectations, sadly, it doesn't look like the weather is going to co-operate with me for a while on that. Thankfully. We had a beautiful day on the 24th for our annual Squirrel Shoot, no live animals were shot but the paper targets had many scoreable holes in them and the metal targets held up well considering the heavy use they endured.

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Once again, the shoot was well attended, and I think everyone enjoyed the event. As always, it takes many volunteers to have an event like this and thankfully our crew came through again. Thank you all who were involved and special thanks to the cooks who donated for lunch and those who donated prizes for the winners

The Squirrel Shoot was the last event on our schedule for this year, thanks to all of you who attended our events, your contributions made it another successful year at GVCnB. With that in mind no sooner do we end one year, then we begin planning for the next, we met to do that last week Thursday. The Club's events were discussed, and dates finalized for 2027 and will be available online soon and hard copies by the December meeting.

The November General Membership Meeting was mostly uneventful except for the ongoing discussion on hunting, hunting rules are written for you to read and follow. We cannot attempt to be changing them at every meeting, please follow what we have and follow the safety protocols as well. Please be safe above all and Happy Hunting. The next Club shoot and Meeting is scheduled for December 6th. The long-range forecast is for partly cloudy and cool that will be OK.

See you then, Jeff

The Board of Directors wishes everyone, a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Air Gun

Archery-Men

1.

2.

Archery-Women

1.

2.

On the Firing Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Novelty

1.Ed Henson

2.Dennis Priddy

3.Jmaes ASMith

Men's 25yd Rifle

1.James Smith

2.Eric

3.Kurt Neihouse

Men's 25yd

1.Larry Horrigan

2.Dennis Priddy

3.Ed Henson

Men's 50yd

1.Dennis Priddy

2.Kurt Niehouse

3.EWd Henson

25yd Trade Gun

1.Tim Priddy

2.Lary Horrigan

3.Drew Harrington

50yd Trade Gun

1.Tim Priddy

2.Ed Henson

3. Bill Barnum

25yd Pistol-

1.

50yd Pistol

1.

Women's 25yd Novelty

1.Leanne Pierce

2.

Women's 25yd Rifle One Bull

1.Leanne Pierce

2.

Women's 50yd

1.Leanne Piere

2.

Woods Walk-Percussion

1.

Woods Walk– Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson

Woods Walk Flint Lock

1.Kurt Neinhouse

2. Dan Ray

GVCnB 2027 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31ST, 2027. PLEASE COMPLETE THE AND SIGN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO RON FERWALT

:IN THE CONSTITUTION:

Camping units NOT occupied for at least 5 days in one year MUST be removed from the campground. Non-compliance will result in legal proceedings to have camping unit declared abandoned and will be towed at owner's expense.

HUNTING SEASON NEWS

WHEN HUNTING YOU **MUST SIGN IN AND OUT** ON THE FORM POSTED AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE OUTSIDE BULLETIN BOARD

DURING THE HUNTING SEASON OCTOBER 1st UNTIL JANUARY 1st THE WALKING OF DOGS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO CAMPGROUND TRAILS ONLY. IN ADDITION, THEY MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.
The motion passed with only 2 dissents.

The following took place at the November 2026 meeting.

Dave Fox made a motion that firearms used for hunting must be a muzzleloader.
Seconded by Jimmy Dauthrich

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS

2026 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2026- RIFLE

MATCH 1 25 YARD OH AMS----------CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2 50 YARD OH AMS----------KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 3 100 YARD OH AMS----------KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 4 25 YARD OH AMS----------FLINTLOCKS LLC ---317-933-3441
MATCH 5 50 YARD OH AMS----------
MATCH 6 100 YARD OH OS----------DAN LEPO
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----------DAN LEPO
MATCH 14 50 YARD OH NOVELTY----------
MATCH 17 25 YARD OH TRADE GUN----------GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 18 50 YARD OH TRADE GUN----------GEORGE ROBERT
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----ajb853@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 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 TRADE GUN------- WOMEN'S---- JUNIORS—
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE: MATCH 1 MATCH 2 MATCH 3 MATCH 4 MATCH 5MATCH 6 MATCH 7 MATCH 8FLINT

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 BONNIE & RON FERNWALT
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

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AGGREGATE 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

GVCnB 2027 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FORM

GVCnB 2027 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2027. Payment must be made to the membership chairman either at any meeting or postmarked no later than January 31, 2027. This form must be completed with payment. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. Fill out ahead of time to avoid confusion. Thanks. If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2027. If not paid within 30 days after January 31, the unit must be moved off club property, or it will be impounded by local law enforcement. REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE CAMPING UNITS ON CLUB PROPERTY ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY INSURANCE ON THEIR UNITS OR ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY. Please fill out the following in very clear and legible print and return to GVCNB, Membership Chairman, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Name_____Spouse_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____ E-mail Address_____

NMLRA Membership #_____

Dues $60.00_____Campsite Fee $150.00_____Total Submitted $_____

Group Camping Area_____ or Shotgun Lot Number_____

Membership Status Regular_____Life_____ Year Joined GVCnB_____

1. Each camper must keep his own campsite clean, neat and the grass cut.
2. There will be only one fixed fire pit on each campsite.
3. Use only existing cut wood or use dead fallen trees. No standing trees may be cut.
4. When the camping unit is not in use, it must be disconnected from utilities (electric and water) OR PAY THE $2.00 ELECTRICAL FEE PER DAY. ANY GUEST CAMPING WITH THEIR UNIT IS REQUIRED TO PAY $5.00/DAY FOR ELECTRICAL USE.
5. Additional electrical use, after the 20 days included in the annual fee, is to be paid for at the monthly meeting to Ron at shot gun and Jackie on the main campground

The $150.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges. Anyone camping at Shotgun will pay the event fee, plus the additional current up charge for A/C use. At major events, i.e.: Zimmerman, Spring Shoot, Family Rendezvous, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Fun Tyme at the Range, and October Fest/Meat Shoot, members are REQUIRED to pay the electrical charge for that event. All members paying the event electrical fee will not have those days deducted against their 20-day limit. **THIS MUST BE SUBMITTED- FILLED OUT AND WITH YOUR SIGNATURE**

Signature_____