



The Smoke Pole

Official Publication of
Grand Valley Cap' n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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March 2025

TARGET SHACK

We will be needing someone to be in charge of the Target Shack for this year. Paulette's health is such that she cannot continue. Please contact Jeff to grab this great position! 616-366-3404.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a WORK DETAIL on MARCH 29TH TO CLEAN-UP all the debris that Winter winds left us. A couple utility trailers would really help. Gathering at 9am to git-ur done.

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

Dick Miller

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Linda Verburg & Ron Fernwalt
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

It's cloudy cold and windy on a Thursday morning on March the 6th, that makes it an ideal time to do my journal for this month. I've been very busy this week preparing items for next weeks History Show. Thank you to those who donated items at the meeting last



weekend, those items and other stuff I have here at home have kept me busy researching and pricing those things, that is in preparation for when we go to set-up next Friday evening. I'm hoping for a break in this cold windy weather pattern of the last several weeks. It seems we always get something nasty that Friday night. I recall 2 years ago it rained really hard and then snowed the next day and last year we had to deal with a 30 mph NW wind which blew directly into our booth at set-up time. The long -range forecast indicates a warm-up might be happening, I can only hope so. This is especially true since I'm still dealing with the congestion issue I've had for almost two months now. I'm hoping warmer weather will be a cure for that. With that I'll go to the Meeting last Sunday.

The Meeting. It was encouraging to see so many members in attendance. Was it cabin fever? Whatever the reason it was good to see so many of you again after three months of very little contact. Surprisingly, there wasn't as much business to conduct as I had anticipated. There was some discussion on preparation for the History Show and next months Zimmerman Memorial Shoot. I'm confident ready for both, I'm also anxious to get the shooting season underway and be able to spend more time shooting and visiting with my friends again.

At the meeting I brought up an issue I had with starting times for Line and Air-gun matches at Club Shoots. It seems we have drifted away from the start times we advertise on your schedule and web site.

Continue...

It was agreed we need to follow what we advertise. Please take note! **RIFLE and TRADE GUN START TIME WILL BE 12:00 noon. AT THE MAY SHOOT ON APRIL 27TH THE ---PISTOL ONLY MATCHES WILL BEGIN AT 11AM. NO LONG GUN SHOOTING AT THAT TIME. AIR-GUN MATCHES WILL BE SHOT AT 1:00 PM ON THE SATURDAY OF THE CLUB SHOOT WEEKEND.**

I hope this does not cause any inconvenience for anyone, but it is also my hope to encourage more pistol shooters. With that I shall be done for this month. SEE YOU AT THE HISTORY SHOW.

Jeff

A PATROIT SPEAKS

Patriotism is when the love of your own people comes first.
Nationalism is when your hate for people other than you comes first.

Charles De Gaulle

Kalamazoo History Show

Help is needed to check guns for ammo that are being brought into the show.

If you can help, contact Mike Yazel
Per Jerry Johnson

Someone is need to sit with Ron at our table, in period Saturday from 9-5.

Please Contact Ron if you can help.
616-836-5760

If you have any donations for our sale table, please contact
Jeff 616-366-3404

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle– Novelty

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| 1. Ed Hensen | 46 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 45 |
| 3. Larry Horigan | 35 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Bowling Pin

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| 1. Ed Henson | 26 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 18 |
| 3. Jimmy Dauthrich | 12 |

Men's 50yd Rifle

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| 1. Ed Hensen | 43 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 37 |
| 3. Drew Harrington | 29 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun Novelty

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| 1. Ed Henson | 19 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 10 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 9 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Dennis Priddy | 43 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 41 |
| 3. Ed Hensen | 39 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun

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| 1. Ed Hensen | 25 |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 19 |

Men's Poker Chip

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 18 |
| 2. Ed Hensen | 10 |
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Men's 25 YD Pistol-

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Women's 50 yd Rifle

Women's 25 yd Rifle

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| 1. Dominique Dauthrich | 7 |
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Special–

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Woods Walk-Flint

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Wood Walk– Trade Gun

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| 1. Ed Hensen | 150 |
| 2. Kurt Nienhouse | 110 |

Air Gun

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Archery-Men

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FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Don't forget Sunday April 6th we will be starting our monthly trap and skeet. Saturday will be the Zimmerman Memorial Event up on the line.

I want to thank all of those that was involved in our sporting clays, registration, attending traps, refreshments and pulling for our guests. Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ has been recognized as the Affiliate club of the year. Jeff and I knew it about 2 weeks or so ago and was introduced at our club meeting, all of the team was recognized at the club meeting that were there. As I told Ron Burrus that it was the team that made it possible, THANK YOU TEAM MEMBERS, the team enjoyed putting the sporting clays on just as much as our guest enjoyed participating. I have had several participants at the events say they enjoy coming to Grand Valley because we don't act like we have to do it like some other places they go. A thank you goes to Dave McMurray for getting MUCC involved. Thank You Dave.

Bonnie and I will be attending the MUCC meeting to accept the award, Thank you Jeff.

I will be taking water samples at Shotgun and the Main Campground the middle of the month so we can be opened by the first of April.

Anyone that has some time if they would rake the leaves away from the 2 buildings, loading area and the pavilion would be much appreciated so they I can pulverize them so we can be ready for club events.

Larry and Jackie will be responsible for collecting money for those that go over your 20 days on the main camp ground. I will be taking care of the shotgun area.

Remember you are responsible as a camper, for keeping track of the days you go over your 20 days hooked up to electric. See campground rules.

Ron

CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE REGISTRATION

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 OctoberFest/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.

After a registered reserved campsite member has surpassed the 20 day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee if plugged in.

ANY GUEST CAMPING WITH THEIR UNITS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY \$5.00/DAY FOR ELECTRICAL USE.

Campground Committee

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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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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