



The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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NOTICE

The Table shoot on July 25th is canceled.
We will be celebrating our country's
250th Anniversary!!

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

The fate of America cannot depend on any one man. The greatness of America is grounded in the principles of the Constitution and not on the personality of any one person.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Did you know?

The United States of America is the only country with a known BIRTHDAY!!!

GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

President: Jeff Terrell

Vice President: Larry Horrigan

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Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

Board Members (Year Elected-2 year position)

Dennis Priddy 2024

Bonnie Fernwalt 2024

Tom Verberg 2024

Leanne Pierce 2024

Neal Armstrong 2025

Dave Fox 2025

Drew Harrington 2025

50/50 WINNER

Dick Miller

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Neal Armstrong & Roger Peirce

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

This past weekend, we held another successful event at Grand Valley: the Pistol Fun Shoot. Jerry Johnson first came up with the idea three years ago. Because of his enthusiasm for black powder shooting—especially pistols—the event was created. Sunday of course



was our regular monthly Club Shoot and meeting. Weather-wise it was a perfect day to be outdoors and, in my case, shoot again. I don't like shooting in cold weather anymore, so I did take advantage of a nice warm day and joined my friends to shoot again. I did shoot, but not very well, not shooting for a few months was my problem. My last target was much better so I know I can do it just know I need to take some time and get in some practice before next month.

At the meeting it was announced that the long-awaited new steel roof was finally installed last month and it looks great, barring any disasters we should have no leaking problems for many years. The dead oak tree near the main gate was mostly taken down before that became a bigger issue. We have a lot of firewood now which of course needs to be split and dried before use. **We will be having a work detail this month on the 27th, starting at 9:00 and a lunch will be served.** We will work on the task of splitting the oak, also we need to do clean-up again around the property due to the many storms we've had this year.

What else do we have coming up? Let's see! We have Sporting Clays on the 18th of this month, then our Club Shoot July 4th weekend, followed by The State Shoot the following Wednesday. That's a lot of opportunities to shoot coming up, I hope you can take advantage of that and join us at the Range.

Continue...

At the meeting we spent some time discussing the celebration of our country's 250th anniversary which we will do on July 25th. We still need volunteers to help on the line and also to help with parking. Barb Woods has agreed to be in charge of the Trading Post for the event. We will use the same procedure that we use for Frontier Shoot. You may bring priced items to be sold the day before we open, and we will sell them for you. 10% of sale goes to GVCnB the rest is returned to you. The second part of that is it can add to the authenticity of the event. Let's all join in to make that day a huge success. I hope to see you soon and enjoy the summer weather which has finally arrived.
Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Shotgun monthly was attended by 3 people and we were getting the dustout of them so they would shoot good at our next event, Those that were cleaning their guns out were John Turner Bonnie and Ron Fernwalt.

Don't forget the Handy Cap Shotgun match this Saturday and Sunday, 1st place is a \$50 dollar Bill and will be a 2nd and 3rd place. Practice targets will be for bragging rights only.

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

FROM THE CAMP GROUND COMMITTEE

Just a reminder—

You are required to clean up your campsite area and maintain it all year.

Also, a reminder: If your camper stays on the property, you are required to camp for a minimum of 5 days.

See enclosed GVCnB and Michigan State Campground regulations

Air Gun

1.

Archery-Men

1. Neal Armstrong
2. Tom Kelly & Jeff Stalnacker
3. Mike Kowolski

Archery-Women

1.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Novelty

1. Ed Henson
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Karl Wilkins

Men's 25yd Rifle Two Bull

1. Ed Henson
2. Karl Wilkins
3. Tom Verberg

Men's 25yd 6 Bull

1. Ed Henson
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Carl Wilkins

Men's 50yd

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Ed Henson
3. Javan Mallery

25yd Trade Gun Buffalo

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Javan Mallery
3. Ed Henson

50yd Trade Gun

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Rew Harrington
3. Bill Barnum

25yd Pistol-

1. Drew Harrington
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Leanne Pierce

50yd Pistol

1. Drew Harrington
2. Jovan Mallery
3. Leanne Pierce

Women's 25yd Novelty

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Linda Verburg
- 3.

Women's 25yd Rifle One Bull

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Linda Verburg

Women's 50yd

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Linda Verburg
- 3.

Woods Walk-Percussion

1.

Woods Walk- Trade Gun

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| 1. Ed Henson | 140 |
| 2. Karl Wil | 130 |
| 3. | |

Woods Walk Flint Lock

1.

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 _____

MAILED CHECK TO:
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KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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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-----	DANLEPO
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERS
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 ROBERTS
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	

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
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*

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS **CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS**

The GVCB Campground Regulations Committee has developed these guidelines to help members protect the interests of the membership and preserve the integrity of the campground.

The GVCB Campground Regulations Committee will periodically meet in open session to review proposed amendments to these regulations. All GVCB members are encouraged to attend and share their suggestions.

Maximum length for a camper is 36 feet. Recommended campsite size is roughly 1200 square feet.

CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE REGISTRATION

The \$100.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges. You are **REQUIRED** to stay at your campsite for a minimum of 5 days. This is required to ensure that our grounds are not used for storage of your camper.

Anyone camping at Shotgun will pay the event fee, plus the additional current up charge for A/C use.

At major events, i.e.; Steak & Dollar, Spring Shoot, Trade Gun, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Rifle Frolic, and October Fest/Meat Shoot, members are expected 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 member has surpassed the 20-day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee.

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

THE GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS AND
MICHIGAN STATE CAMPING RULES

1. Each camper must keep his own campsite clean, neat and the grass cut. Leaves must be cleaned up by May 31st.
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. The size of grey water line is limited to 1&1/2 inches.
5. Parents will be always held responsible for all their children's actions.
6. It is the camper's responsibility to keep his camper licensed and in a road worthy condition.
7. It is the camper's responsibility to furnish at his site a suitable trash container, such as a 20-gallon covered can. The camper is responsible for disposing of his rubbish at the club dumpster during the summer and taking it home for disposal during the winter months.
8. PETS:
 - A. Pets will be tied at the owner's campsite except when under leash. The only exception to this rule will be when the dog is being used for hunting.
 - B. Barking dogs will not be tolerated.
 - C. The owner is required to clean up after his pet.
9. All permanent structures on campsite are prohibited.
10. All tarps must be removed from campers by the Spring Shoot.
11. Each group area must have the group number, so it is visible from the roadways.
12. Each lot number in shotgun area must have the lot number posted so you know what the lot number is.
13. No piggyback of water hoses from one camper to another.
14. No piggyback of electrical cord for one camper to another.
15. No burying of electrical cords.
16. No burying of water hoses.
17. Thank you for your cooperation.

ENFORCMENT

Breaches of the rules and regulations will be reported to the campground committee.

If the campground committee feels that the member should be cited for a violation, the member will receive a written notice from the campground committee specifying details of the violation and inviting the member to appear before the committee at the time his violation is being discussed. The campground committee will rule on the violation and recommend to the Board of Directors a course of action. If this recommendation is approved by the Board, the Board of Directors will be charged with the responsibility of carrying out the penalty

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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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