



JULY 2020



JEFF'S JOURNAL

What a busy two weeks it has been, going back to the week before the 4th of July weekend. In mid-week there were many repairs to the Hi Range that needed to be done. That range sometimes is neglected because we only use it a couple of times each year, with Kurt Nienhouse's help we made the necessary repairs to the backers and got all the trimming of grass and weeds completed. After Ron did the mowing that area was

ready for the State Shoot last week. We did a few other chores but by 2:30 pm. It was too hot and humid to do anything more so at that point we called it a day. I know there are other people that should be thanked for their efforts but their work was behind the scenes, so I thank you folks too. On Saturday, the heat was still on and because of that, there were no archery shooters and only four of us to shoot air rifle. We shot the woods walk then had some fun shooting water balloons. I think Larry and Dennis continued with some 50 yd. targets but I had had enough heat for the day and returned home to cool off. I know the heats been a factor for all us but we are still having hopes we will have more people attend both of the aforementioned venues next month. We have weapons available for you to use and we have two classes so you can compete against others of like ability. If you do not like

the word, "compete" come and shoot anyway just for the "fun". There are 5 weekends in August this year so we will actually have the club shoot weekend on the 1st and 2nd I would encourage all of you to attend so we can make sure we are ready for Frontier Shoot on the following weekend. I can assure you last minute volunteers will be gratefully accepted. There have been some questions and concerns regarding the shoot however, we feel that under the current rules we can mask and social distance to comply. I believe you are smart enough to stay home if you are sick. I know from my own illnesses in the past that is the place I want to be when I do not feel well. Please do so for your own wellbeing and that of your friends.

The newsletter is a little later than usual because the editors and myself were involved at the State Shoot last week. Ron was very dedicated to the kitchen project Bonnie shot and ran errands and I spent a few days selling and promoting events in the Trading Post. I sold enough things to make it worthwhile but there were many visitors coming through to shop so I think Frontier Shoot will do much better. If you have, items to sell you can bring them in. Be advised you are responsible for pricing and your

identification on each item. I will also have flyers there to promote our upcoming events. This is our first try at something like this so please be understanding we will be doing the best we can to make this a success. I know I did not include any information in regards to the membership meeting this month. The truth is the meeting was quite short and no major issues were brought forth. I did go through my Frontier Shoot checklist with committee heads and I am glad to say everyone reported they were at this point prepared except for needing a few more volunteers' Thank you all for getting to this point well in advance; it makes my life a lot easier. I have nothing else to say except, stay well and we will see you next month.

Jeff

P.S. Congratulations to Bonnie Fernwalt and Larry Horrigan who won matches and trophies at the State Shoot. Bonnie won matches in the women's division and Larry in the Smoothbore division that is quite an accomplishment considering the competition at that event.



all-you-can-eat hotdog and brownie lunch. After refueling, all reconvened for an after- lunch session on the novelty course where shooters engaged in moving, simulated combat/horse archery, tree stand shooting, and an elimination round at ever increasing distances. The novelty aspect provided a certain unpredictability and excitement factor that all seemed to enjoy and this author hopes for more of the same in the foreseeable future. The day's results are as follows:



**GRAND VALLEY CAP-N-BALLERS
ARCHERY KICKOFF—JUNE 13,
2020**

Grand Valley officially commenced its 2020 archery season recently on a nearly perfect cool, dry, and sunny Saturday morning. Freshly mown shooting lanes greeted the excited, and the festivities began. All shooters expended their missiles on the 3D course until 11:30 am and broke for an



***NEIL ARMSTRONG FIGURING OUT
THE NEXT ARCHERY EVENT***

The days' results are as follows:

Men's 3D

1	Kevin Hiemstra	190
2	J.R. Tackett	139
3	Greg Denny	131

*ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL EVENT
AT GVCNB*

Women's 3D

- 1 Jennifer Buchanan 179
- 2 Leanne Pierce 48
- 3 Shar Hiemstra 45

Novelty (mixed)

- 1 Greg Denny 160
- 2 Jennifer Buchanan 135
- 3 Roger Pierce 125

Grand Valley hopes to have another archery fun/novelty/blanket shoot later this fall in addition to its regular monthly shoots. The tentative date is September 12.

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A great time was had at the Zimmerman Memorial Shoot held on June 27. Twenty-seven competitors joined in on the fun. Unfortunately, some did not get the date change, which was due to the Covid 19. There were several raffle prizes to pick from. 230 raffle tickets were sold.

CURIOSITY

A three year old accompanied his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he rushed to his mother and breathlessly informed her of what he had seen and also that in the litter there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens. "Well how did you know that?" his mother asked. The little fellow immediately responded and said, "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath, I think it is printed on their bottom!"

DRAWING

The winner for the 50/50 was Chris Longcore and the drawing for the gift certificates were Chris Longcore and Ron Fernwalt. I hope Chris purchased a lottery ticket on his way home and he may have been a winner in that drawing.

STATE RIFLE/PISTOL

The club did very well this year at the state rifle/pistol championships. The GVCNB Jag Shop sold several pounds of powder along with the camping and the kitchen doing more sales this year than in the past. A big thank you goes out to the Kitchen help. John Snyder as the head chef, Khalen Roe as the server and Trent Roe as the runner delivering the meals to the patrons. Trent and Khalen made my job very easy as clerk as they would pick up the tickets from me. Bonnie Fernwalt and Cheryl Snyder for going after supplies when we needed them. I also want to thank Shar Hiemstra and Ben Kerkstra stopping by and asking if we needed some relief. It was very much appreciated. Together as a team, we will succeed.

Ron

ON WITH THE SCORES

50 YARD RIFLE

Ed Henson	41
Dennis Priddy	40
Kurt Nienhouse	36

25 YARD RIFLE

Dennis priddy	38
Ed Henson	38
Jeff Terrell	38

25 YD RIFLE NOVELTY (RABBIT)

Kurt Nienhouse	31
Ben Kerkstra	29
Ed Henson	24

25 YARD 3 BULL

Ed Henson	36
Dennis Priddy	33
Kurt Nienhouse	24

50 YD TRADE GUN (SINGLE BULL)

Bill Barnum	32
Ed Henson	30 X
Larry Horrigan	26

25 YD TRADE GUN (CHIPMUNK)

Ed Henson	49
Dennis Priddy	43
Bill Barnum	41

50 YD LADY'S SINGLE BULL

Moran Priddy	31
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25 YARD LADY'S SINGLE BULL

Morgan Priddy	30
Harmony Priddy	22

25 YD LADY NOVELTY (TEDDY BEAR)

Morgan Priddy	43
Harmony Priddy	29

IN THE WOODS

Ron Lowe went thru the woods walk and hit all targets and received a 10 pin. Congratulations Ron. Ed Henson took first place in the Trade Gun division.

SHOTGUN SCORES

SARURDAY

10 YARD TRAP

Ed Henson	8/8
Bruce	8/8
Bonnie Fernwalt	8/5

16 YARD TRAP

Ed Henson	8/5
Bob Hill	8/4
Ron Fernwalt	7/4

SUNDAY

16 YARD TRAP

Bob Hill	8
Dennis Sitzer	
John Snyder	

20 YARD TRAP

Bob Hill	7
Ron Fernwalt	
Dennis Sitzer	

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

I want to thank those that showed up on Saturday the 4th of July to help unload clay targets in the trap and skeet houses and in storage.

We have a 2 day modern shotgun sporting clays coming up July 18 and 19. The one on Saturday is Grand Valley Sporting clays for only \$15.00 for 50 targets with refreshments available. On Sunday we have the MUCC sporting Clays fund raiser to send youth's to camp. That price is \$32.00 with \$15.00 going to MUCC. Refreshments etc. are also available on that day. Time is from 9 – 4 with awards afterword's. On Sunday after you do the MUCC sporting clays you may go thru again for \$15.00 for fun.

Just as a reminder to club members, I e-mailed a schedule out for some

stand by help, which you will not need to be there until noon or after. It is not hard work. Give me a call at 616-836-5760 for details. We are not sure how many will show. I have been told that they have had as many as 50.

Together as a team we will succeed

Ron

FAMILY RENDEZVOUS

The family rendezvous was a great success. Several people that attended from around the state participated in the event along with outdoor cooking for all over the campfire. Some stayed in the cabin and others on the porch and others slept under the stars. A good time was had by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GVCNB

July 18 Sporting Clays

July 19 MUCC Sporting Clays

Aug 1 – 2 Club Shoot and Meeting**

Aug 6 – 9 Frontier Shoot

***Aug 13 – 16 MSMLA Shotgun
Championships***

Aug 29 – 30 Fun Tyme at the Range