



## *SEPTEMBER 2020*



### *JEFF'S JOURNAL*

*I was reminiscing just last weekend with some of my friends about how busy the month of August is for me and how quickly everything comes and goes. I suppose I should be used to that by now since I just passed my 42<sup>nd</sup> Frontier Shoot early last month. I can recall my mentors telling me how important that event was to our club and I should do my best to always be there. I wonder if they could have imagined I would miss only one in 2002 and that was only because I was in an auto accident just 6 weeks prior to the event. I'm glad I was able to recover and be able and participate ever*

*since then. I'd rather not think of all the memories and friends I would not have made had things turned out differently. Frontier Shoot takes a lot of work and planning to have a successful event. I'm glad so many of you agree and do your part to make that happen year after year. It's kind of weird we do so look forward to it and then are glad it's over. Last month I said how much I enjoyed this year's event so I won't go there again, except to say I hope next year's is even better.*

*This year with August's five weekend's our, events were like sandwiched together. We did one and bang the next ones here. This was especially true at Shotgun, where they had only two days off before the State Shotgun Championships began. Our Shotgun people are to be commended for being able to do so much in such a short time. Thanks everyone you did a great job. The next event on the list was "Fun Tyme at the Range" this is one of my favorite events and I don't even get to shoot, but the ladies do. This year was even more special because Lori and Audra shot here for the first time. I bet they will be back to shoot again, maybe even before next year. There are 20*

traditional shots in the morning and 20 novelty shots in the afternoon. In between we have lunch. The success of the Shoot depends on it being fun. It must have been because there was no shortage of laughter all day long. It began with the registration in the morning and continued right through awards that evening. This was our third year for Fun Tyme so next year we will make a few changes just to make things even more Fun. We plan way ahead for the event, I hope you will too, so you can join us. I need to thank my helpers Ron, John, Neal, Eric Bob, Kevin and Myrna they were great and I think they probably had Fun too. With August now behind us we're up to the first week of September and our monthly Club Shoot and Meeting. I started off Saturday morning by shooting the Archery Range for just the second time this year, this time I was able to hit a few more targets and that's very encouraging. The main thing was I did it and had a great time doing so with my friends. Neal and Kevin have the course in great shape and more open so you have less chance of losing arrows. You will have one last chance to shoot there on Saturday of the Meat Shoot. Good luck! Saturday afternoon we were at the Air-gun Range, you know how much I enjoy shooting there and I did again. This time was even more fun because after I shot Don and I loaned our Fx Rifles to a couple very enthusiastic young ladies. Jackie and Jamie were just killing the second half of the course with those guns, it was so much fun to see that happen. Sometimes equipment does make a difference. We will shoot there

one more time this year. See enclosed schedule for details.

Sunday, back at the range for line matches it was beautiful day but we did not have as many shooters as usual. No matter, I still had two first places and I can be happy with that at least for one month. I picked a good month to do that because Anita Smith brought some nice muzzle loading prizes for awards. Thank you very much Anita. The Meeting was actually quite short and uneventful so there is not much to report about there. Please do take note however, October is Election month here at the club. We need you to consider being a bigger part of it, Dawn is retiring after the next meeting so we will need to fill the Secretary position, if you are interested in this or any other position on the Board please contact me or Ron asap to be on the ballot. I have run out of time and words for this month. I will see you at the Meat Shoot next month, Won't I?

*Jeff*

**A MAN COMES HOME** and sees a note on the refrigerator from his wife: "This isn't working. I'm at my mother's." He opens the fridge, the light turns on, and he mutters to himself, "I don't get it. The fridge is working fine."

### ***NOTICE***

*Please take notice of these changes. I did not want to include this in my Journal article for fear it might be overlooked. The menu for Octoberfest has been changed. The club will now be providing Ham and Potatoes for the event instead of the menu previously announced. Please bring a dish to pass as usual. Dinner will be at 6 pm on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Earlier we had scheduled an Air-gun Match for Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, that has been changed to Friday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. I thought this would be better since most of us will be there for the weekend anyway, it's a busy one see you then.*

### ***ELECTIONS***

*Do not forget the elections at our October meeting. If you would like to run for a position let Ron or Jeff know and we will get your name on the ballot or you may wish to be nominated at the meeting. If you are going to be absent you must let Ron or Jeff know.*

### ***SECRETARY'S CORNER***

*It has been a while since I have written something for our Smokepole. What draws me to it today, is looking ahead to the weekend of Octoberfest. This is our last big event until we get started back up in the spring. It's not that there aren't things that will continue to be done, or monthly shoots to participate in. It's like that pat on the*

*back party for all of us to say job well done this year!*

*Octoberfest brings about beautiful fall colors, the smell of leaves, and chili season. I love fall. As I've gotten older, I favor summer over winter, but fall will always be my absolute favorite. I'm looking forward to getting myself healthy (rotator cuff repair) so that I can hopefully shoot next spring. A new beginning, right? I'm going to claim my gun back from my husband and shoot again. He has mixed emotions. Hahaha. He actually shoots pretty well with it.*

*Octoberfest, join us for a potluck filled with some yummy fall flavors, that seem to make it to the buffet table. Wear your costume, and get entered into Jeff's drawing. Bake some goods for the silent auction (can we say peach cobbler!). That's on Saturday. Then on Sunday, come and shoot, and throw some lead out there. Then there is the monthly meeting.*

*This meeting in October is bittersweet for me. I have opted to relinquish my position as secretary. Not because I haven't enjoyed it. I have. These people on this board are a great bunch of people to work with, and brainstorm with. They all have the very best interest of our club. I ask you to consider working with these fine people. Even if you don't plan on running for an office, secretary and four board seats are available, think about it. It may not be something that you have considered until now. Contact Ron or Jeff, put yourself on the ballot. Think about it. It is very rewarding.*

*Looking forward to seeing everyone for Oktoberfest. Bring your best dishes. Wear your best costume, come and enjoy some really great people. See you in October!*

*Dawn*

### ***MEAT SHOOT***

*Due to shotgun being more to participate in we are asking if anyone who would like to donate baked goods, such as cookies, fudge, pies, cakes we are going to put in a different colored clay target and if they hit that target they will win one of the baked goods. If you folks would do that and it would be*

*very much appreciated* *Ren*

### **QUESTION I WAS ASKED**

I was asked not to long ago just what does it cost for electricity when you are camping. I can't believe it would be \$2.00/ day. Doing some research I have come up with these average figures. First of all, it runs around \$60 per month on the main camp ground in the winter and \$90 per month in the winter at shotgun for having electric. Here are some of my findings:

A microwave takes 650 watts to run from start to finish. 15 minutes a day to use the microwave = to \$0.03

A refrigerator takes 600 watts to start. 180 watts to run per hour x 24 hours equals to \$0.82/ day

A 1200 BTU electric heater per hour equals to \$0.23

Camping fees to the state and county equals to \$0.67 per day

A 10,000 BTU air conditioner takes 2000 watts to start. 700 watts to run equals to \$0.13 per hour

Trash pick-up which is required by state and county Law equals to \$3.00 per day which does amount to about 3 cents per day.

You may want to set down and figure what you run and calculate how close you are at cost per day. I think you will find \$2.00 a day is a pretty good deal.

These figures do not represent any other electrical units for running your camping unit.

This does not include the cost of insurance and property taxes that the club pays which is \$24.54 per day, which equals to about \$0.16 per camp site.

Compare all of this to a local campground. Summer rate \$1800.00 which is \$10.00 per day and electric is extra.



***FUN TYME AT THE RANGE***

Another successful year of Fun Tyme at the Range with three new interested competitors. One participated and a lady that Pat Bradfield brought shot Jackie Armstrongs rifle and her husband is interested in our shotgun program. This was just a good ole fun Tyme at the range. In the morning, Jeff had 4 targets that each one competed in and in the afternoon they were all fun targets. Sure was a lot of chattering going on.

***SINGLE BULL***

Shardale Heimstra	43
Barb McCalister	42
Lee Patterson	41

***NOVELTY***

Bonnie Fernwalt	38
Shardale Heimstra	37
Barb McCalister	36

***2 BULL***

Barb McCalister	42
Shardale Heimstra	39
Paulette Maxson	34

***50 YARD***

Paulette Maxson	42
Jeanie Trantham	30
Bonnie Fernwalt	30X

The aggregate winner for the above matches was Barb McCalister

***25 YARD WHAT EVER MATCH***

Bonnie Fernwalt	41
Barb McCalister	38
Paulette Maxson	37

***TEAM SHOOT***

Audra Hill & Shardale Heimstra  
 Bonnie Fernwalt & Jeanie Trantham  
 Jackie Armstrong & Lori Miles

***PYRAMID***

Audra Hill	1 <sup>st</sup>
Barb McCalister	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Paulette Maxson	3 <sup>rd</sup>

***CLAY PIGEON***

Barb McCalister	46
Bonnie Fernwalt	
Chery Snyder	

***3 NOVELTY***

Paulette Maxson	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bonnie Fernwalt	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Cheryl Snyder	3 <sup>rd</sup>

***CANDLE***

Jeanie Trantham



## ***HAWK THRO***

Bonnie Fernwalt	38
Barb McCalister	37
Jackie Armstrong	27



## ***ROLLING PIN TOSS***

Bonnie Fernwalt

## ***BEAN BAG TOSS***

Jeanie Trantham

## ***NOVICE MATCH***

Lori Miles

## ***QUILT***

Each competitors name was put in a can that participated for the drawing of the quilt which was made by Bonnie Fernwalt and her daughter Julie Averil from M & J Water Wells. The winner of that drawing was ***PAULETTE MAXSON*** and she also helped out on picking out the material.

## ***NOTICE***

I want to send a special thank you to Flintlocks LLC, Spring Brook Trading Co. and GVCNB Jag Shop for their support in prizes for our club. Please keep these folks in mind on your purchases of accouterments etc. for your sport.

***IF YOUR RIDIN' AHEAD OF THE HERD,  
TAKE A LOOK BACK EVERY NOW AND  
THEN AT THE HERD TO MAKE SURE IT'S  
STILL THERE.***

The drawing for the \$5.00 gift certificates went to Audra Hill and Ben Nienhouse.

## ***ON WITH THE SCORES***

### ***AIR GIN***

Larry Horrigan	48
Jeff Terrell	47
Marc Fox	45

### ***ARCHERY***

Ed Henson	270
Kevin Hiemstra	236
Neal Armstrong	192

*THANK YOU KEVIN HIEMSTRA FOR  
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AT THE  
ARCHERY RANGE. IT IS VERY MUCH  
APPRECIATED AND KEEPS US THAT  
MISS THE TARGET FROM LOSING  
ARROWS.*

*Neal Armstrong*

**WOODS**

**Trade Gun**

Ed Henson 130

**Flint**

Kurt Nienhouse 140

Russ Povenz 90

**Percussion**

Ben Nienhouse 110

**LINE MATCHES**

**50 Yard Wood Chuck**

Kurt Nienhouse 26

Ben Nienhouse 23

**25 Yard 3 Bull**

Jeff Terrell 36X

Kurt Nienhouse 35

Ed Henson 25

**25 Yard Crow**

Larry Horrigan 45X

Dick Miller 40

Ed Henson 39

**25 Yard Honey Bee**

Jeff Terrell 42

Ed Henson 41

Larry Horrigan 40

**50 Yard Trade Gun Single Bull**

Ed Henson 36

Larry Horrigan 29

**25 Yard Hedge Hog**

Ed Henson 37

Larry Horrigan 32

**SHOTGUN**

**Saturday 10 Yard Trap**

Ed Henson 9

Bob Hill 7

Ron Fernwalt 6

Bruce Evans 6

**16 Yard Trap**

Bob Hill

Ed Henson

**Sunday**

Bob Hill, Shardale & Kevin  
Hiemstra, Dennis Sitzer, Ron & Bonnie  
Fernwalt were working on and patterning  
shotguns

*A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ANITA  
SMITH FOR THE MERCHANDISE THAT  
SHE BROUGHT TO THE AWARDS AFTER  
THE MEETING FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 PLACES IN  
EACH MATCH. THANK YOU AGAIN  
ANITA, IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED*

*UNDER THE WEATHER*

*Dennis Priddy will be inactive for awhile after his eye surgery. Please keep Dennis in your prayers during his recovery. Dennis address is: 4550 Barryville Road, Nashville, Mi. 49073*

*THE SMOKE POLE*

*16808 PEACH RIDGE*

*KENT CITY, MI. 49330*