



The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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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.

A Patriot Speaks

The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that existed, but for posterity – unlimited -undefined – endless - perpetual – posterity.

Henry Clay

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
John Turner 2023

**50/50 WINNER
ATTENDANCE WINNER
CONGRATULATIONS**

No drawing

Jeff's Journal

My journal this month will not be much about my activities because right after writing for last month, I came down with the dreaded respiratory flu. I was sick and confined to home for almost 3 weeks before finally seeing the Doctor and getting the necessary meds to get rid of this thing. Today (Thursday) is the first day I've really felt reasonably well since it began last month. At this time of year and with the very cold weather we have been having, I would not be spending much time outdoors anyway and then seeing the morning forecast it appears to me I'll be spending another week inside the house as well. This situation has at least helped me to catch-up on my reading and recorded movies I have put off



until now. Along with being sick from the flu I think I might now be in stage three Cabin Fever. The only way to cure that will be the arrival of Spring. I can guarantee you I am so ready for that. Our first meeting of the year will be on March 2nd, then 2 weeks later is The History Show preparations for that are well underway and we will be ready. Our schedule, event flyers and other info is all on our new look and updated website. Eric has done a fantastic job of making the site so much more attractive and accessible to navigate. You really do need to check that out and then be sure to thank him for his time and effort in doing such a great job. Let's go back to the upcoming History Show, FYI, we will be having our usual Trade Goods Tables, (donations appreciated) and our promotion table with our event flyers and Club info. etc. and again, this year we will have percussion caps available for purchase both #11's and #11 +. This would be a great time to stock- up just weeks before the shooting season starts. For us that will be the Zimmerman Memorial just 3 weeks later. As I have said in the past, at my age I hate to see time go by so fast, but I am also ready to get all of the above underway. Hopefully. With sunshine and at least 60 deg. Of course, we'll take whatever we get, but I can wish. Can't I? I hope to see you in a few more weeks.

Jeff

PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE MARCH MEETING

At the Board Meeting in October, there was a motion for addition to the Constitution regarding financial record keeping, please see last page of the newsletter to see proposal changes.

Loss of a dear loved one

Cheryl Snyder passed away. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Please keep the family in your prayers.
John Snyder's address
4358-22nd Street Dorr, MI 49323

SPONSORS FOR 2025

It is getting to be that time of year to think about getting sponsors for our matches for 2025. If you would like a letter to send to your local business, such as your sport shop or someone that is interested in supporting muzzle loading let me know and I will e-mail you a sample letter to use. The cost is only \$25.00 per match and send to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330
Ron

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle- Snowman

- 1. Ed Hensen 42
- 2. Todd Gomah 44X
- 3. Mark Smith 43

Men's 25yd Rifle Beaver

- 1. Ed Henson 46
- 2. Dennis Priddy 34
- 3. Larry Horrigan 30

Men's 50yd Rifle

- 1. Dennis Priddy 29
- 2. Larry Horrigan 28
- 3. Jimmy Dautridg 26

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

- 1. Ed Henson 42
- 2. Larry Horrigan 36
- 3. Dennis Priddy 36

Men's 50yd Trade Gun

- 1. Ed Henson 27
- 2. Dennis Priddy 21
- 3. Roger Pierce 14

Men's

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 25 YD Pistol-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 50 yd Rifle

Women's 25 yd Rifle

- 1.

Special—

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

Wood Walk- Trade Gun

- 1.

Air Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

GVCnB 2025 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE

Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2025. Payment must be made to treasurer FOR \$150.00 FOR THE CAMP SITE AND \$50.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES either at any meeting or post-marked no later than January 31, 2025. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. This form must be completed with payment.

IF YOUR CHECK IS NOT POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND NEED TO START OVER AGAIN TO BECOME A MEMBER.

If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2024. 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, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____

NMLRA Membership # _____

Dues \$50.00 _____

Campsite Fee \$150.00 _____

Total Submitted \$ _____

Group Camping Area _____

or Lot Number _____

Membership Status Regular _____ Life _____

Year Joined GVCnB _____

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 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.

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.

Article 5 Section 4 Addition E

Currently says:

Treasurer shall use the current version of Microsoft Excel as the standard financial operating and record keeping of all financial transactions for Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers.

Motion to amend it to:

The Treasurer shall use the current master document of Microsoft Excel and/or a bookkeeping software like QuickBooks to manage and record Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers financial transactions.

GRAND VALLEY CAP M BALERS™



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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