



# The Smoke Pole

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

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[www.gvcnb.org](http://www.gvcnb.org).

## June 2025

### \*\*\*\*\*SPONSORS\*\*\*\*\*

We still NEED sponsors for the Frontier Shoot. Get out and see your local business to see if they would be interested in sponsoring a match or two. Their names and/or business will be on the web until September of 2026. Look at what business's we have & do your best to support these businesses that have sponsored matches.

### \*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*\*

John Snyder announced at the that the Celebration of Life for his deceased wife Cheryl, will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend.

### 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

Lee Patterson  
**ATTENDANCE WINNER**  
Tim Priddy Ginger Spence  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

## Jeff's Journal

Here it is Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, and after a busy morning and a rainy day, it's newsletter time again. Actually. Having it rain on a Wednesday would seem like a pretty good plan for the Summer, there-by avoiding any chance it would do-so on an event weekend. I'm very glad to have it rain to-day, conditions were way too



dry and dusty especially at the Range. With the dust all settled now and a cool and dry forecast for the weekend, there should no dust problem this weekend. For the first time we have three shooting events happening on one day- the handicap match at shotgun, the table shoot and the novelty pistol shoot at the main range. All of these are Black Powder only, so please come and burn some Powder at one or more of the venues the choice is yours. Now. If you get low on Powder, the Jag Shop can cover you to re-supply. We are well supplied with Schuetzen and Swiss powders and RWS percussion caps as well. You will have to

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supply your own round balls and shot because we do not sell those items. We are trying very hard to provide our shooters with varied and fun events in between our major ones. I hope to see you there this Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> registration at 8am. Do you want more details? Try [gvcnb.org](http://gvcnb.org).

At the meeting on Sunday, I can report, we had over 40 members in attendance (wonderful) but there was not much for me to report on, so we will see what we have for July's meeting. I know we will need a work detail sometime this month, please check your e-mail for time and date.

See you soon, Jeff

### A PATRIOT SPEAKS

Ours was the first revolution in the history of mankind that truly reversed the course of government, it was done with these three little words "WE THE PEOPLE".

Ronald Reagan

#### Air Gun

1. Dennis Priddy & Larry Horrigan
2. Ed Henson
- 3.

#### Archery-Men

- |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Neal Armstrong | 285 |
| 2. Mile Goldman   | 280 |
| 3. Ed Henson      | 263 |

#### Archery-Women

- |                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Jackie Armstrong | 198 |
| 2. Bloodsong Hurd   | 120 |

## On the Firing Line

### Line Matches—

#### Men's 25yd Rifle– Novelty

1. Todd Gomah
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Mark Smith

#### Men's 25yd Rifle 1/2 Bulls

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Lary Horrigan
3. Tom Verburg

#### Men's 50yd Rifle–

1. Ed Hensen
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Dan Ray

#### Men's 25yd Full Bull

1. Ed Henson
2. Mark Smith– with his pistol
3. Todd Gomah

#### Men's 25yd Trade Gun–

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Bill Barnum
3. Ed Henson

#### Men's 50yd Trade Gun–

1. Bill Barnum
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Ed Henson

#### Special shoot–

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

#### Men's 25yd Pistol–

1. Jerry Johnson
2. Mark Smith
3. Todd Gomah

#### Men's 50yd Pistol

1. Todd Gomah
2. Mark Smith
3. Jerry Johnson

#### Women's 25yd Riffle Novelty–

1. Karen Barnum
2. Linda Verburg
3. Leanne Pierce

#### Women's 25yd Rifle-5

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Linda Verburg
3. Karen Barnum

#### Women's 50yd Rifle–

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Linda Verburg
3. Karen Barnum

#### Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

#### Woods Walk– Trade Gun

- |                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson       | 15 |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 14 |
| 3. Dave Fox        | 10 |

#### Woods Walk Percussion

- 1.

## **FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB**

### **DUMPSTER**

When putting boxes in the dumpster please break them down so we can get more into it when needed. Hopefully it is our members that are using the dumpster and not our neighbors.

### **SPONSORS**

We are still in need of sponsors for our Frontier Shoot that is coming up in August. Thank you to Jackie for putting the sponsor letter in the Smoke Pole for you to go out and get sponsors in your area. See the list of sponsors and what matches need to be covered yet later in this issue.

### **GIVE AWAY SHOTGUN**

Thank you to George Roberts for donating a give away shotgun for Frontier Shoot this year and also one for 2026. Thank you in advance to Ed Henson for refurbishing to 2026 give away shotgun at Frontier Shoot 2026.

# **GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™**

**3506 – 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

## 2025 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

### RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS----
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----JEFF & PAM ADAMS
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVLVER-----GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE	PERCUSSION --- WOMEN---- JUNIORS TRADE GUN-----

### SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 2	10 YARDS---MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE, 2730 - 136TH AVE, HOPKINS
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----DAN LEPO
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD----- J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskarlson@charter.net
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDS-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS----- BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 11	TRANTHAM PROTECTION-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER AND DAN LEPPA
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES--- -----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskarlson@charter.net
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com

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## 2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

### RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---	317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----		
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269793-7000
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS	
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-----		
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----		
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	CAL MEABON	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	CAL MEABON	
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----		
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	JEFF & PAM ADAMS	
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----		
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----		
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J & J TRADING-----	269-299-0581
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-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
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 -		

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## 2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

# SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION----- DAN LEPP0 & RON & BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
	AGGREGATE MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE-----PHONE 616-896-1560
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----CORNER STONE CONTRACTING, 2606 142ND AVE., DORR
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP--VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----DAN LEPP0
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400 kskcarlson@charter.net
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 JOHN & JUDY TURNER -IN MEMORY OF BOB
HILL	PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLES-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 92	SKEET DOUBLES-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER



# 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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