

The Smoke Pole

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

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September 2025

We have a work detail date for September 27th, starting at 9:00am

We will be working on replacing the east gate.

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

It is often a strategic mistake to silence a man, because it leaves the world under the impression he had something very important to say.

George Washington
PS; On September 10th in Utah, he did.

RIP: C.K.

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
Bonnie Fernwalt
ATTENDANCE WINNER
Pat Maloy and Linda Verberg
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

Last weekend we had two more beautiful late summer days to hold our club shooting events. We had lots of sunshine, and it was around 70 degrees and not much wind either. All summer I've heard you saying it's just too hot to shoot, just wait until it gets cooler. It was all of the



above last weekend and where were you? Saturday at shotgun, um no one shot, air gun only four of us and only a couple more for archery. That was very disappointing, especially to those who worked to prepare everything for you to be there and participate in those events. Sadly, there isn't any time left this year for you to shoot at some of the Saturday

events as they have now ended. Hopefully next Spring we can see more of you on a regular basis. I'm glad to report that the Sunday muzzleloading program had many more shooters participating and that included me only I had a miserable day as far as accuracy was concerned. I know I can't expect too much if I don't get in some practice time. We have almost a month before the Meat Shoot so I'm going to be at the range soon.

The aforementioned Meat Shoot is scheduled for October 4th and 5th and with that comes the Octoberfest Party on Saturday night. The club is providing the meat, so bring one of your favorite dishes and enjoy the party. We have not finalized all the entertainment details yet, but we will get that done to ensure a good time for everyone. I hope you're planning to be there.

At the meeting we did something we hadn't done for a long time, and that was hold the meeting upstairs in the clubhouse.

Continue...

I have to apologize for my difficulty to hear you when you were speaking, because I had one of my good hearing aids in for repairs. I appreciated your patience and understanding. That problem is still occurring today, I'm hoping to have that aid back before the weekend, it's so difficult to hear when I get used to having these things work for me as they were intended every day. The meeting consisted of some thanks for helpers at events and some reminders, the most important one being elections at the October meeting. I sincerely encourage you to consider one of the available positions on the Board of Directors and beyond and please do be there to vote, YOUR club needs your input and support. I will see you then.

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

First off all I want to thank Marc Fox, David Fox and Drew Harrington for tearing the old siding and putting the new steel siding on the Skeet Hi House. It was a job well done. Thank you, guys, much appreciated.

We will be starting our modern sporting clay's again on September 20 and again on October 11^{th} . Let people know and bring your friends and family and enjoy a good time.

We will be trying something new this year in November and weather permitting in December. We are going to have modern 5 stand on November 8th and December 13th. We will definitely have a hot fire and coffee available for you.

Ron

Air Gun				
1. Larry Horrigan	46			
2. Jeff Terrell	45			
2. Jeff Terrell3. Dennis Priddy	45			
	ovelty Archery-Men			
1. Ed Henson	367			
2. Neal Armstrong	278			
2. Neal Armstrong3. Mark Smith	149			
No	velty Archery-Women			
1. Jackie Armstrong	193			
2. Mary Povenz				

On the Firing Line			
Line Matches—			
Men's 25yd Rifle 2-BULL			
1 Todd Comph	41		
Larry Horrigan Mark Smith	41		
3. Mark Smith	39		
Men's 25yd Rifle 1/2 BULL			
1. Dennis Priddy	42		
2. Todd Goahma	40		
3. Larry Horrigan	35		
Men's 50yd Rifle-	27		
 Denny Priddy Eric N. 	37 33		
3. Todd Gomah	18		
Men's 25yd Trade Gun-Buffalo	10		
1. Larry Horrigan	38		
2. Mark Smith	31		
Men's 25yd Trade Gun			
1 Ed Henson	30		
 Dennis Priddy Larry Horigan 	25		
3. Larry Horigan	36		
Men's 50yd Trade Gun-	2.0		
1. Ed Henson	38		
 Larry Horrigan Dennis Priddy 	25 22		
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Special shoot— 1.			
2.			
3			
Men's 25yd Pistol-			
1. Mark Smith	3042X		
2. Todd Gomah	42		
3. Leanne Pierce	38x		
Men's 50yd Pistol	2.1		
 Todd Gomah Mark Smith 	31		
Mark Smith Jerry Johnson	26 24		
Women's 25yd Riffle Hedgehog	24		
1. Leanne Peirce	28		
2. Linda Verburg	25		
3. Karen Barnum	22		
Women's 25yd Rifle Split Bull			
1. Leanne Pierce	27		
2. Linda Verrburg	24		
3. Karen Barnum	15		
Women's 50yd Rifle	•		
1. Linda Verburg	29		
2. Leanne Peirce	15		
3. Dominique Dauthrich Woods Walk-Flint	9		
1. Karl Wilkerson	90		
2. Mark Fox	60		
Woods Walk- Trade G			
1. Ed Henson	150		
2. Drew Harrington	140		
3.			
Woods Walk Percussion	n		
1.			

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MEAT SHOOT

OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2025



MATCHES:

- Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm
- · Matches will be held for: Rifle, Archery, Shotgun-Silhouettes, Woodswalk, Paper Novelty Target, Lady' Match
- Sunday 9:00am -1:30pm
- · Matches will be held for Rifle, Shotgun And Trade Gun-Long Hunter Range, Paper Novelty Targets Lady's Match and 15 Shot Trade Gun Novelty Targets



REGISTRATION

- \$10.00 registration fee for both days
- \$5.00 per match







- Camping is available for (modern or primitive) for \$10
- · Firewood and water available
- · Pets are welcome- owners are responsible for cleaning up after them and they must ALWAYS be on a leash.

NMLRA RULES WILL BE USED UNLESS **OTHERWISE NOTED**



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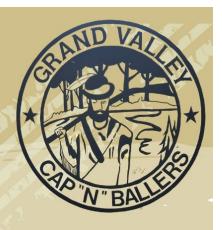
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MICHIGAN STATE SQUIRREL SHOOT

OCTOBER 25, 2025





MATCHES:

- 20 Shot novelty squirrel targets at the main range.
- Lunch Break
- 20 Shot Novelty Squirrel targets at the Long Hunter Range.
- All paper targets must be shot and turned in to be scored. Targets not turned in are subject to point deduction penalty.



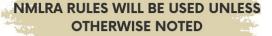
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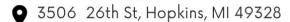
- 9:00am
- Shooting starts at 10am through 2:30pm
- \$20 donation includes both rounds and lunch.



CAMPING

- \$10.00 FOR PRIMITIVE & MODERN CAMPING
- \$10.00 ADDITIONAL FOR ELECTRICITY
- FIREWOOD AND WATER AVAILABLE
- PETS ARE WELCOME- OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER THEM
- THEY MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH





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Fun Tyme at the Range 2025



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2025 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMSCHRIS LONGCORE	
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMSDREW HARRINGTON	
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS	
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS269-299-0581	
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS	
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT 05J & J TRADING269-299-0581	
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OSGEORGE ROBERTS	
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OSGEORGE ROBERTS	
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMSPAT BANKS	
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMSPAT BANKS	
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMSMARC FOX	
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMSDICK MILLER	
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUNMARY POTEE	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUNMARY POTEE	
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR ADAMS	
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIORPAT BANKS	
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIORBILLY & DAWN THURKETTLE	
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIORPAT BANKS	
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOLYREVLVERGRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOLYREVOLVERGRAND VALLEY CAP N BALL FANATIC	
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTHDREW HARRINGTON	
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH	
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE	PERCUSSION WOMEN	JUN-
IORS	TRADE GUN	
	SHOTGUN	
MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEETJOHN & JUDY TURNER	
MATCH 2	10 YARDSMONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE, 2730 - 136TH AVE, HOPKINS	
MATCH 3	16 YARDSDAN LEPO	
MATCH 4	20 YARDSCENTER SHOT GUN RANGE-centershotgunrange#range·com	
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARDBLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING616-896-1560	
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400kskcarlson@charter·net	
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDSCENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range·com	
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARDMYRNA HOLLOWAY	
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING616-896-1560	
MATCH 11	TRANTHAM PROTECTION	
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES J K R COMPANIES, 616-813-3400kskcarlson@charter:net	
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLESVACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales·com	

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2025 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS	269-793-7000
MATCH 2	•	PAT MALLOY ·
MATCH 3 100 YARD	•	GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000 blendonpinesgunclub, com
MATCH 4		FLINTLOCKS LLC317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH 05	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	DICK MILLER
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN	
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY	PAT MALLOY
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	269-793-7000
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS	
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS	W & J WATER WELLS616-675-4875
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 TRADING269-299-0581
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS	J & J TRADING269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX 05	J & J TRADING269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX 05	J & J TRADING269-299-0581
MATCH 41	50 YARD BENCH AMS	
MATCH 42 100 YARD	BENCH AMS- BLENDON PINES GUN C	LUB/GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000 lendonpinesgunclub,com
MATCH 43	50 YARD BENCH OS	
MATCH 44	100 YARD BENCH OS	
MATCH 47	OLD TIMERS 25 YARD AMS	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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SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCN8 MENS CHAMPIONSHIPJOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIPJ K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400
	kskcarlson@charter·net
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIPCENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range·com
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDSBLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING-616-896-1560
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION DAN LEPPO & RON & BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAPTOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAPBLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING-616-896-1560
	AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78DORR STANDARD SERVICEPHONE 616-896-1560
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAPCORNER STONE CONTRACTING, 2606 142ND AVE., DORR
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAPVACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales·com
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAPDAN LEPPO
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAPJ K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400
	kskcarlson@charter·net
MATCH 88	TRANTHAM PROTECTIONVACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371
	JOHN & JUDY
TURNER	-IN MEMORY OF BOB
HILL	"" "" "" "" " " " " " " " " " " " " "
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7000 MATCH 80	FUNETAL VARRE
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDSIN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDSMYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLESCENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range·com

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