



The Smoke Pole

Official Publication of
Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
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 Oktoberfest 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.

Jeff

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 11th. 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
3. Dennis Priddy 45

Novelty Archery-Men

1. Ed Henson 367
2. Neal Armstrong 278
3. Mark Smith 149

Novelty Archery-Women

1. Jackie Armstrong 193
2. Mary Povenz

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle 2-BULL

1. Todd Gomah 41
2. Larry Horrigan 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-

1. Denny Priddy 37
2. Eric N. 33
3. Todd Gomah 18

Men's 25yd Trade Gun—Buffalo

1. Larry Horrigan 38
2. Mark Smith 31

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson 30
2. Dennis Priddy 25
3. Larry Horigan 36

Men's 50yd Trade Gun-

1. Ed Henson 38
2. Larry Horrigan 25
3. Dennis Priddy 22

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

1. Todd Gomah 31
2. Mark Smith 26
3. Jerry Johnson 24

Women's 25yd Rifle Hedgehog

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 9

Woods Walk-Flint

1. Karl Wilkerson 90
2. Mark Fox 60

Woods Walk— Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson 150
2. Drew Harrington 140
- 3.

Woods Walk Percussion

- 1.

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS 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

- 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
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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.



REGISTRATION

- **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



**New
Shooters!
Fun had
By all!**



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2025 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	DREW HARRINGTON
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-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	MARC FOX
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	JEFF & PAM ADAMS
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	PAT BANKS
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----	BILLY & DAWN THURKETTLE
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----	PAT BANKS
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-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----	
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE IORS	PERCUSSION --- TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN----- JUN-

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-----kskcarlson@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	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----	JOHN & JUDY TURNER AND DAN LEPPA
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES---	J K R COMPANIES,616-813-3400-----kskcarlson@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-----		PAT MALLOY .
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS--	BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB/GUNS N GEAR--	616-875-7000 blendonpinesgunclub.com
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-----		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-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----	269-793-7000
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----		
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	M & J WATER WELLS--	616-675-4875
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 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--	BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB/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-----	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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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 LEPPPO & 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
	AGGREGAT 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 LEPPPO
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	
HILL	-IN MEMORY OF BOB
7000	PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-
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

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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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