

# Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association Newsletter

**MAY/JUNE 2025**


## **MSMLA INFORMATION**

*A gun builder is needed for 2026 raffle gun. If anybody is interested give Jim Brotherton a call at 989-640-6433 or Dave Maddox a call at 810-259-6867*

## **Manistee Muzzle Loading Club**

*Our members got together the last Saturday of April to clean up buildings & grounds in preparation for the 65th Annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort Rendezvous," June 28 & 29. If you've never been, the event is open to the public and includes matches for adults & children along with fun activities for the whole family. The campground is ready, and the kitchen crew is planning tasty and affordable meals. Information and a match schedule can be found on our website - [manistee-muzzleloaders.club](http://manistee-muzzleloaders.club). Ira Thumma will also be doing a heavy bench gun demo on June 27, 1:00pm, on the 100 yard range with an opportunity to shoot one.*

*We look forward to getting together once again to spend time with our muzzleloading friends and make new ones! That's what a "rendezvous" is meant to be!*



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## **Old Fort Rendezvous News The Manistee Clan Muzzle Loading Club**

### **JUNE SHOOT – 2025**

*This year will mark our 65th annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort Rendezvous" on the weekend of June 28 th & 29th. The black powder competition is a tradition for our club. The event is open to the public, and folks come from near and far to participate.*

*Family registration fee remains at \$40 for all weekend matches. An additional \$5 fee is charged for 2-night campground use. Friday morning, June 27 th is our Military Match with "as-issued" & "modified" matches for a separate fee. Affordable, tasty and nutritious meals are served from our kitchen. There are daytime activities for children and Saturday evening pavilion music & fun games for all. Even if you don't shoot black powder, club members may want to stop by just for the experienc*

**EDITORS COMMENT** I send out approximately 300 reminders for news articles, advertising etc. for your state newsletter every other month. I have only been getting a couple of clubs that participate in the free advertising. Evidently the turn out at clubs is exceptional. Send a copy of your flyer (preferably not PDF) so I can copy and paste it to the newsletter. Send to [rbfern@triton.net](mailto:rbfern@triton.net) and when I receive it I will answer you back that I got it or send a copy to MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330. I need article NLT the 10th of May, July, September, November, January and March. You can even call me @ 616-836- 5760 Send them early as I have 1 to 2 issues started early. Ron

**J & J**

**TRADING POST & STUFF**

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The 2025 MSMLA raffle rifle is a 20ga (62 cal) smoothbore built by Ed Henson and donated by Wayne Baughman in memory of Tim Baughman.

Possibles bag and powder donated by Ted Thelan

Range rod donated by David Maddox

Flint wallet donated by Diane McGregor

Custom made turned bowl by Ron Fernwalt

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Contact David Maddox if you would like to purchase tickets.

**J & L Horrigan Ent.**

**Custom turned smooth bore barrels**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------|--|
| MAY 24          | ARCHERY KICKOFF<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™                 |
| MAY 22 - 26     | GRAND TRAVERSE RENDEVOUS<br>BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB              |
| JUNE 7 & 8      | SPRING SHOOT<br>LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB                |
| JUNE 7 & 8      | HANDYCAP SHOTGUN TRAP MATCH<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™     |
| JUNE 7          | TABLE SHOOT<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™                     |
| JUNE 7          | PISTOL NOVELTY MATCH<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™            |
| JUNE 14 - 22    | NMLRA SPRING SHOOT<br>FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA                      |
| JUNE 8          | WOODS WALK<br>DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS                       |
| JUNE 21         | SPORTING CLAYS (Modern Shotgun)<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™ |
| JUNE 21         | .22 RIM FIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK<br>DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS    |
| JUNE 13, 14, 15 | HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB<br>HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB |
| JUNE 27, 28, 29 | MICH TRAP & SKEET TERRITORIAL<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLER     |
| JUNE 28 - 29    | SHOOT TIME MANISTEE<br>MANISTEE                                |
| JULY 9 - 13     | MSMLA RIFLE/PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS<br>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS |
| JULY 13         | WOODS WALK<br>DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS                       |
| JULY 19, 20, 21 | ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS SHOOT<br>WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS          |

**JULY 19 & 20**      **SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)**  
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**JULY 19 & 20**      **MUCC SPORTING CLAYS FUND**  
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Ron Fernwalt - (616) 836-5760  
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*This year, 2025, we will be having a youth shotgun Territorial. I don't know what yardage or number of targets. **BE SURE AND PASS THE WORD TO GET THEM YOUNGANS OUT TO PARTICIPATE.***

## ***NMLRA***

*The NMLRA membership has gone up effective October 1, 2024. 1 year subscription is now \$75.00 per year with the magazine. The digital membership is only \$50.00. Is your club chartered with the NMLRA???? Have questions on becoming a member or the benefits of your club being chartered, give one of the Michigan Field Reps a call. Your Michigan Field Reps are Ron Fernwalt 616-836-5760, Michael Kowalski 616-826-3118, Dave Maddox 810-259-6867, David McMurray 269-370-0095, Anson and Judy Morgan 810-324-2577, Richard Niekamp 269-672-4194 and Ted Thelen 517-927-6218.*

*Some folks say that the cost of membership has increased way to much. You can go to the digital for only \$50.00 per year and support the the nationals and still get all the benefits. If there is a particular article that you want to keep, I am quite sure you can copy and paste a particular articles. Keep your powder dry and hope to see ya on the trap range.*

*Ron Fernwalt*

## ***MSMLA SPONSORS***

*The association is still in need of sponsors for the 2025 rifle/Pistol and Shotgun Championships. This can be individuals, clubs, or business's. The sponsors will be on the web until September of 2026.*

*The association wants to thank Grand Valley Cap N Ballers, White River, Tobacco River, Manistee, Saulk Trail, Eaton Rapids Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club and a Fennville Rod & Gun Club for their support.*

*Sad t say out of 30 clubs in the state of Michigan we have 7 Muzzle Loading gun cubs and 1 modern club that supports the Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association. We also appreciate those individuals that sponsored a match or more.*

*See list of sponsors in the next page or 2.*

## ***FOR SALE***

*Sheet lead from hospital for sale. 900 pounds  
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Don Clinesmith  
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2. Jerry and Randy MacInnes 50 Yard Off Hand AMS-----IN MEMORY OF JERRY MACINNES \*
3. Harry Hauch Sr.50 Yard Rest AMS-----
4. Ernie Swain and Ed Ballots 100 Yd Rest AMS-----
5. Joe Kita 50 Yard Rest OS-----WAYNE LAMSON \*
6. Chuck Kimbrell 100 Yard Rest OS-----
7. 100 Yard Off Hand AMS-----LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
9. 50 Yard X Stick AMS-----IN MEMORY OF RANDY MACINNES \*
10. 100 Yard X Stick AMS-----THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
11. 50 Yard X Stick OS-----
12. 100 Yard X Stick OS-----WAYNE LAMSON \*
13. Dick Potts 25 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS
14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----THE JAMES PRIMEAU FAMILY
15. James Boyer 100 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----IRA & SUE THUMMA 2026
16. Ira Thumma50 Yard X Stick – Flint OS-----IRA & SUE THUMMA 2026
17. David Maddox 50 Yard Rest Flint AMS-----DAVID MADDOX \*
20. Sharron Smith 25 Yard Off Hand Women AMS-----THE SMITH FAMILY
21. 50 Yard Off Hand Women AMS-----RUTH PALMER
22. Fran Hall 50 Yard X Stick Women AMS-----TOBACCO RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS
23. 50 Yard Rest Women AMS-----IN MEMORY OF MARTY MADDOX \*
26. 25 Yard O H Juniors AMS....-----JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON
27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors AMS-----JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON
30. Chuck Langworthy 50 Yard Musket-----THE SMITH FAMILY
31. 100 Yard Musket-----LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
34. Eric Hoskinson 25 Yard Pistol/Revolver-----ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY
35. 50 Yard Pistol Revolver-----SERGE BOURDEAUX
36. 25 Yard Revolver-----ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY
37. 50 Yard Revolver-----SERGE BOURDEAUX
38. 25 Yard Flint Pistol-----ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY
39. 50 Yard Flint Pistol-----SERGE BOURDEAUX
40. Barb and Stu Cuatt 50 Yard OH Co-ed AMS-----
41. Monte Heiser 25 Yd X Stix 11 yrs & Under AMS-----JOHN & DIANA REIST
42. 50 Yd Rest 11 yrs & Under AMS-----JOHN & DIANA REIST
43. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS-----
44. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS-----THE SMITH FAMILY
45. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS-----THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
46. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS-----THE SMITH FAMILY
47. 25 Yard Off Hand AMS-----
48. 50 Yard Off Hand AMS-----THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
49. 50 Yard X Stix AMS-----
50. 50 Yard Rest AMS-----
51. Thelma Keeler 25 Yard Off Hand AMS-----DIANE MCGREGOR
52. 50 Yard Off Hand AMS-----
53. Judi Stutz 50 Yard X Stix AMS-----
54. 50 Yard Rest AMS-----WES & GLORIA O'DELL
60. Cy Misner 25 Yard OH Old Timers AMS-----WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS
61. Leanard Walline 50 Yard OH Old Timers AMS-----
62. Mert Watson 50 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS-----THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
63. 100 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS-----MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB
64. 25 Yard Trade Gun—No Rear Site-----SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON
65. \*25 Yard Trade Gun – No Sighter Target and No Rear Site-----IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR
66. 50 Yard Trade Gun – No Rear Site-----JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON
67. Ted Thelen 50 Yard Trade Gun—No Sighter Targets and No Rear Sites-----TED THELEN

## 2025 MSMLA RIFLE SPONSORS

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### AGGREGATES

A. Michigan State Championship-----	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
B. Flint Off Hand Championship-----	
C. Womens Championship-----	"THE LUTZKE GIRLS"
D. Junior Championship-----	JOE VALLENTIN
E. Musket Championship-----	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
F. Flint Lock Championship-----	IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR
G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver Championship-----	SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES
H. Bench Championship-----	WAYNE LAMSON *
I. Wayne Lamson Cross Stick Championship-----	WAYNE LAMSON *
J. Off Hand Championship-----	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
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P. Alan Pichan Primitive Championship-----	
R. Old Timers Championship -60 and Over-----	MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB
S. Bud Thomspson Trade Gun Primitive Championship-----	SERGE BOURDEAUX
T. Lite Bench Championship-----	THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
U Trade Gun Line Match Championship-----	SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON

### PRIMITIVE

100. Trade Gun Woods Walk-----	DENNIS & TAMARA NEELY
101. Norm Blaker-----	SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES
102. James "Mac" Hall Woods Walk-----	
104. Free Trapper-----	IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR
106. Fer-Du-Lac-----	
107. Wes O'Dell Knife Throw-----	
108. Tomahawk Throw-----	
110. Kids Knife---11 and under	
111. Kids Hawk---11 and under	
115. Junior Knife---15 and under	
116. Junior Hawk---15 and under	

### NOVICE

201. 25 Yard Off Hand---OS 3 bull target	
202. 25 Yard Off Hand---OS 1 Bull Target	
203. 50 Yard Off Hand---OS 1 Bull Target	
204. 50 Yard Cross Stick---OS 2 Bull Target	
205. 50 Yard Rest---OS 6 Bull Target-----	ALEX MADDOX*
210. CARL HUBEL 25 YD NOVICE PISTOL REVOLVER -----	IN MEMORY OF KEVIN ANDRES

If you would like to sponsor a match, see or contact:: Ron Fernwalt-----16808 Peach Ridge-----Kent City, Mi. 49330 (616-836-5760)

# **MATCH SPONSORS**

## **WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT**

<b>MATCH 1</b>	<b>25 BIRD ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	<b>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™</b>
<b>MATCH 2</b>	<b>20 BIRD JR. ST. CHAMPIONSHIPS.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 3</b>	<b>20 BIRD LADY ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	<b>BETTY CARR</b>
<b>MATCH 4</b>	<b>PERCUSSION CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 5</b>	<b>FLINT ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	<b>ADAM SASS</b>
<b>MATCH 6</b>	<b>15 BIRD ST. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	<b>MIKE BEATY</b>
<b>MATCH 7</b>	<b>JUNIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.....</b>	<b>DICK &amp; BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS</b>
<b>MATCH 8</b>	<b>ORIGINALS.....</b>	<b>DICK &amp; BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS</b>
<b>MATCH 9</b>	<b>HUNTERS MATCH.....</b>	<b>DON KOOPMAN</b>
<b>MATCH 10</b>	<b>FLINT ONLY.....</b>	<b>MIKE BEATY</b>
<b>MATCH 11</b>	<b>DOUBLES - 20 BIRDS.....</b>	<b>FENVILL ROD &amp; GUN CLUB</b>
<b>MATCH 12</b>	<b>LADIES ONLY.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 13</b>	<b>CLYDE CARR MEMORIAL MATCH.....</b>	<b>BETTY CARR</b>
<b>MATCH 14</b>	<b>NOVICE ONLY.....</b>	<b>BETTY CARR</b>
<b>MATCH 15</b>	<b>JUNIORS ONLY (RE-ENTRY).....</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF STEVE HREN</b>
<b>MATCH 16</b>	<b>SUB JUNIOR 11 &amp; UNDER.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 17</b>	<b>DOUBLES.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 18**</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL STYLE SHOTGUN.....</b>	<b>DON KOOPMAN</b>
<b>MATCH 19**</b>	<b>CRAWFORD NUTTALL TRADE GUN MATCH--- GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™</b>	
<b>MATCH 20</b>	<b>OLD TIMERS 60 &amp; OVER.....</b>	<b>MIKE BEATY</b>
<b>MATCH 21</b>	<b>LADYS 20 YARD.....</b>	<b>FENVILLE ROD AND GUN CLUB</b>
<b>MATCH 23</b>	<b>JUNIOR.....</b>	<b>FENVILLE ROD &amp; GUN CLUB</b>
<b>MATCH 24</b>	<b>LADIES.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 25</b>	<b>FLINT ONLY.....</b>	<b>ADAM SASS</b>
<b>MATCH 26</b>	<b>SHOOT TILL YOU MISS.....</b>	<b>RON &amp; BONNIE FERNWALT</b>
<b>MATCH 27</b>	<b>PERCUSSION OR FLINT.....</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR</b>
<b>MATCH 29</b>	<b>16 YARD NOVICE.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 30</b>	<b>DEAN &amp; PAT KING CO-ED PROTECTION...</b>	
<b>MATCH 32</b>	<b>TRANHAM PROTECTION-----</b>	<b>MIKE BEATY &amp;</b>
<b>MATCH 33</b>	<b>HANDICAP.....</b>	<b>LOUISE MERCER</b>
<b>MATCH 35</b>	<b>PERCUSSION OR FLINT.....</b>	<b>FENVILLE ROD &amp; GUN CLUB</b>
<b>MATCH 36</b>	<b>GVCNB SKEET SINGLES.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 37</b>	<b>GVCNB SKEET DOUBLES.....</b>	
<b>MATCH 38</b>	<b>GVCNB REGULATION ROUND OF SKEET.....</b>	

**FLINT/PERCUSSION AGGREGATE (of Matches 3 & 4)-----**

# **GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™**

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## **NOVELTY PISTOL SHOOT**

**JUNE 7, 2025**

**Registration \$20.00 (Lunch included)**

**9 am: Range Rules/Safety Discussion**

**Matches**

**9:30 am: Morning Matches Begin**

**25 Yard Paper target (10 shots)**

**Noon: Lunch is Provided**

**Revolver 5-Shot Timed Event**

**2 pm: Afternoon Matches Begin**

**Single Shot Pistol 5-shot Timed Event**

**3:30-4 pm: Matches End/Awards\***

**50/50 Raffle Long Range Shoot Off (\$1/Shot at 75  
yard target. No limit on shots @ 1 per)**

**\*Top 3 finishers in each match**

**Top 3 finishers (after the break) split 59% of shot  
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MUZZLE LOADING HANDICAP TRAP  
MATCH**

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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY June 7 & 8, 2025**

**REGISTRATION \$10.00**

**\$15.00 FOR 50 BIRD MATCH SHOT AT 16 YARDS**

**THE SAME CHOKE AND GUN MUST BE USED ON THIS MATCH**

**12 BORE TO BE LARGEST SHOTGUN**

**FIRST 25 DETERMINES HANDYCAP**

**FIRST 25 SCORE OF:**

**24, 25 SCORE, SHOOT FROM 25 YARD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> 25**

**22, 23 SCORE, SHOOT FROM 22 YARD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> 25**

**20 , 21 SCORE, SHOOT FROM 20 YARD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> 25**

**19 & LESS SCORE, SHOOT FROM 18 YARD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> 25**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE \$50.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – SET OF: OP, CUSHION, & OS WADS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE BORE CLEANER OR OIL**

**USE NO MORE THAN 1 1/8 EQUAL OF POWDER AND  
SHOT NLT 7 ½**

**YOU CAN SHOOT YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> MATCH ON SATURDAY AND  
THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ON SUNDAY OR BOTH ON THE SAME DAY**

**OTHER MATCHES AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE:**

**10, 16, 20 YARD TRAP, AND SKEET 20 cents/10 targets &  
bragging rights**



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***3505 – 26TH STREET  
HOPKINS, Mi. 49328***

## ***TABLE SHOOT***

***JUNE 7, 2025***



***Registration \$20.00 Lunch included***

***9 AM Sight in, 9:30 first relay  
1 Shot Per Relay for 10 Relays***

***NMLRA Rules will apply. Rules 5900 – 5980 Unless noted on the day of  
the shoot***

***You must have your own spotter target  
If you have a table please bring it with you  
Pay out is 5 Places and the best X***

***Contact info: John Turner 269-420-2824***

## **GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™**

### **FRONTIER SHOOT 2025**

*Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ will have another shotgun to be given away at their Frontier Shoot in August. All you need to do is come back to the shotgun range and sign up and get your name in to the drawing.*

### **MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE/ PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*Will be held at Grand Valley Cap n Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club 3505 26<sup>th</sup> Street Hopkins, Mi. on July 9 – 13, 2025. Plenty of camping and food available for Breakfast and Lunch. For more information call Ron 616-836-5760 or Dave Maddox 810-259-6867.*