

The Smoke Pole

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Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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April 2026

**WELCOME TO OUR
LATEST MEMBER**
Eric Newcomb

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS
Mike & Sharon Boehme & Julie Way

Thank you Dick Miller for the extra ham prizes! Winners- Pat Banks, Neal Armstrong Jimmy Dauthrich

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

Actions, not the commission,
that makes the officer.
George Washington

GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

President: Jeff Terrell
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Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

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Dennis Priddy 2024
Bonnie Fernwalt 2024
Tom Verberg 2024
Leanne Pierce 2024
Neal Armstrong 2025
Dave Fox 2025
Drew Harrington 2025

50/50 WINNER

Pat Banks

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Jerry Johnson & Eric Newcomb
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

Today is Thursday April 16th and I have been on the go ever since last Friday

when I spent half the day setting-op for the Zimmerman Shoot on Saturday actually, the event takes more than a month to get ready and that's with help from my friends. As usual everything came together, we had a beautiful day with sunshine and just the right temperature to shoot and have a fire. Thanks to all who were on the helper list and special thanks to the Nienhouse's for doing the chili pot and to those who provided treats to add to what became a



great outdoor lunch. I think this shoot is one of the most fun ones we do and apparently 35 shooters did too, because several told me exactly that. We can't rest very much because next weekend we have our own Club Shoot, then then following weekend it's Spring Shoot already. This year that event comes as early as it possibly can being on the first and second of May. I hope we can get a few warm sunny days by then and secondly, we don't have any more rain for a while. However, I don't know when the monsoon season officially ends here in Michigan. The sooner the better for everyone, I'm sure.

This Spring we're running a bit late on sign-ups for help at the shoot so give some thought to where you can help and then volunteer. Thank you.

At the meeting I announced we had accepted the low bid to have two of our dead tree's trimmed so we can fell that will be done the week after Spring Shoot.

Continue...

I was also informed yesterday about the Clubhouse roofing project will also be done that same week. We will have to schedule a chain saw day to cut firewood and dispose of the left-over brush. Check your e-mail when that is scheduled to happen. Have you checked out the west-end of the Range?

Thanks to Dave and Drew that mess is finally cleaned up, it makes the Long Hunter Range look so much better.

Good News!! We have Powder back in stock including Re-enactor and ofcourse percussion caps. Powder purchases are limited to 5# so we try to keep everyone shooting, someone will be available most week-ends or call one of us for a appointment. Since it's been raining for days I think it's appropriate to say, "Keep your powder dry" I see you soon. Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Our start at shotgun will be this Saturday April 18 with sporting clays. John Turner, Jan White and Kevin Price have been setting it up with a new layout that I think everyone will enjoy. Drop on out and see what we have done and what we do. Everyone enjoys the event, including the shotgun team hosting it.— Ron

SPONSORS NEEDED

We are still in need of sponsors for our Spring Shoot and Frontier Shoot. The club wants to thank everyone that has sponsored a match. Eric Newcomb has been going out and getting sponsors from individuals and businesses. Thank you Eric

Attached in the Smoke Pole are the matches that are covered so far. A thank you letter has been sent to the businesses that have sponsored a match and will be for any business.

FROM CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE

All tarps MUST be taken off campers before our Spring Shoot.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Air Gun

1.

Archery-Men

1.

Archery-Women

1.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Turtle

1. Gordan Walker
2. Kurt Neinhouse
3. Ed Henson

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty

1. Dave Fox
2. Ed Henson
3. Kurt Nienhouse

Men's 25yd Bullseye

1. Ed Henson
2. Kurt Neinhouse
3. Larry Horrigan

Men's 50yd Bullseye

1. Gordan Walker
2. Mike Bochme
3. Mark Smith w/pistol

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

- | | |
|--------------------|----|
| 1. Drew Harrington | 39 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 39 |
| 3. Bill Barnum | 38 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun-

- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| 1. Drew Harrington | 43 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 41 |
| 3. Jennifer Buchannan | 41 |

Men's 25yd Pistol-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 50yd Pistol

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 25yd Rifle Cow Skull

1. Sharon Bohme
2. Linda Verburg
3. Julie Way

Women's 25yd Rifle Prairie Dog

1. Linda Verburg
2. Julie Way

Women's 50yd Rifle

1. Julie Way
2. Linda Verburg
3. Sharon Boiehme

Woods Walk-Percussion

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Kurt Neinhouse | 130 |
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Woods Walk- Trade Gun

- | | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 150 |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 110 |
| 3. | |

Woods Walk Flint Lock

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Dave Fox | 150 |
| 2. Kevin Heamstra | |

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**16808 PEACH RIDGE
KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

Commitment

One match sponsor fee for Spring Shoot and/or Frontier Shoot 2026.

Amount-----\$25.00

Thank You for Your Support:

Make checks payable to:

Grand Valley Cap N Ballers

YES, I will sponsor match Number(s) _____, _____, _____, _____

2nd 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:
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KENT CITY, MI. 49330**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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2026 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS 2026

RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	TITAN CERAKOTE AND ENGRAVING
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	DAN LEPPA
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----	ERBUS DESIGNS LLC ---269-320-1669
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	SMILEYS ARMORY LLC --- 616-693-2905
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	TIFFANI HAUCH IN HONOR OF ERIC NEWCOMB
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	BRAD WOLWORTH
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	ERBUS DESIGNS LLC ---269-320-1669
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----	JACKIE ARMSTRONG-in honor of Pat Bradfield
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	VONDA NEWCOMB
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----	SMILEYS ARMORY LLC --- 616-693-2905
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	MARY POTE
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	BILL & KAREN BARNUM
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	BRAD WOLWORTH
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----	ANBTHONLY BRADLEY---AJB-853@gmail.com
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----	DAN LEPPA
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP N BALL FANATIC
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----	IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT---THE 3 STOOGES
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----	
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE JUNIORS	PERCUSSION ---CASEY KINNEY TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN-----

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----	IN MOMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 2	10 YARDS---VACATION LAND SALES---	616-896-8371-- VACATIONSALES.COM
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----	GUNS N GEAR---616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----	GUNS N GEAR---616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD-----	BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARDS-----	IN MEMOPRY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----	MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com

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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 AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	DAN LEPP0
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----	
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----	
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	DAN LEPP0
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----	BRAD WOOKWORTH
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	ANBTHONLY BRADLEY----ajb-853@gmail.com
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----	MARY P0TEE
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	
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-----	
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 --	

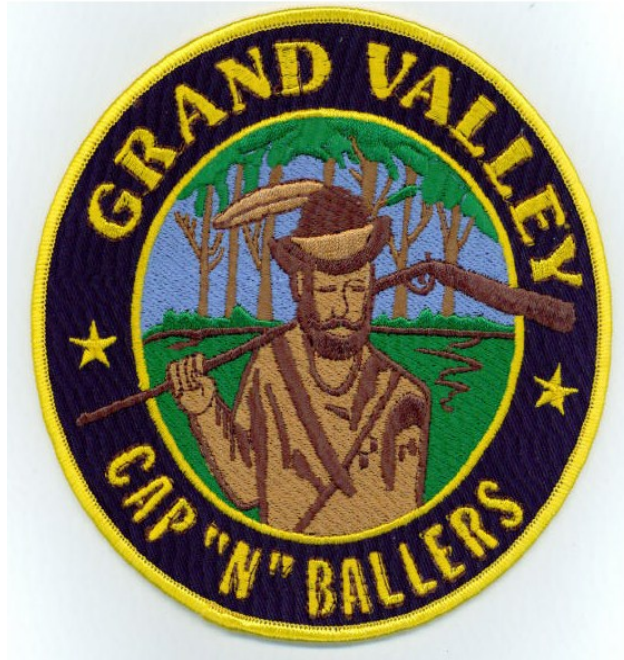
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SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPP0
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION-----DAN LEPP0 AND _____
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----	PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----BRAD WOOLWORTH
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP---PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----DAN LEPP0 AND PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF MORRY HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLES-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE—616-681-9136 dorrstandard.com
MATCH 92	SKEET DOUBLES----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com

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