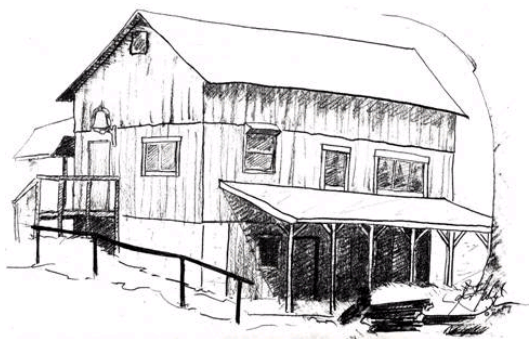




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NOTICE

The Table shoot on July 25th is canceled.
We will be celebrating our country's
250th Anniversary!!

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

The Military Oath of Enlistment
I, ____ do solemnly affirm that I will
support and defend the Constitution of
the United States against all enemies
foreign and domestic, that I will bear
true faith and allegiance to the same.'
and that I will obey orders of the Presi-
dent of the United States and Officers
appointed over me, so help me God.

GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

President: Jeff Terrell

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Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

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Neal Armstrong 2025

Dave Fox 2025

Drew Harrington 2025

50/50 WINNER

Dominique Dauthrich

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Dominique Dauthrich
& Mary Povenz

Jeff's Journal

I hope all of enjoyed the 4th of July holiday weekend, we did but we didn't do anything really exciting this year. Our families were all out of the area last weekend, so the plan is to get together this Saturday at their place at the lake. I'm looking



forward to that, since with everyone's busy schedules it get harder and harder to do that. Also. I finally finished my laundry room remodeling project, this was the last room in our house to do and I definitely found out that I am not as young as I used to be. Hopefully there are not anymore projects like that ahead, because the next six weeks at the range is going to be very busy. Actually, it's busy out there right

now with the MSMLA annual shoot going on this week. After that, well just check our Club calendar to see what is ahead for us.

Shifting back several weeks, Mother Nature has not been very kind to us at the range. Severe storms and excessive wind have raised havoc with our trees, we have had multiple trees down and countless limbs and debris to clean-up. On June 27th, we addressed that with one of the most successful work details we have had in awhile. Larry and I had list of things we wanted to accomplish, thankfully we completed those and then a few we didn't even anticipate. I'm so thankful for the large group we had that day and for the 3rd time I say "THANK YOU. This past Monday Larry and I still most of the day tiding-up the things necessary to be ready for the Sate Shoot. Today, it's just do this Journal and relax for a change. Tomorrow I'll be back at the range.

At the meeting this past Sunday a significant amount of time was spent on planning for the July 25th celebration this year. We now have a plan in place for that day I suppose it should be called they agenda. This is it
Continue...

At 9am Flag Raising and Pledge of Allegiance
 At 9:30 Registration Window opens for those wanting to shoot.
 A 10am Volunteer Groups shoot on Longhunter Range.
 At 10:30 am shooting begins for register shooters on the line.
 At 11:30 until 1:30 Kitchen open Lunch. Hotdogs, chips and drinks. Cost TBD. Ice cream novelties available Cost TBD.
 At 10am Trading Post opens.
 At 10 am Cannon fires and will fire on the hour until closing.
 At 3pm Closing Ceremony all venues close.
 Note! All volunteers must wear traditional period clothing.
 Let's all do our best to make this a successful and honorable event.
 Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

The club wants to thank everyone that has sponsored a match or more for the Spring Shoot and the upcoming Frontier Shoot. We still have matches available for Frontier Shoot. Visit your local business and see if they would be interested in sponsoring a match. Their name and phone number and or e-mail address will be on the web until September of 2027
 Thank you all for your support— Ron

FROM THE CAMP GROUND COMMITTEE

Just a reminder—

You are required to clean up your campsite area and maintain it all year.

If your camper stays on the property, you are required to camp for a minimum of 5 days. Also, If your camper is plugged into the electric, remember after your 20 days that are included in your fee, its \$2.00 per day. Please pay at our monthly meeting.

See enclosed GVCnB and Michigan State Campground regulations

Air Gun

1.

Archery-Men

1.
2.
3.

Archery-Women

1.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Novelty

1. Ed Henson
2. Karl Wilkins
3. Todd Gomah

Men's 25yd Rifle Half Bull

1. Ed Henson
2. Nick Priddy
3. Todd Gomah

Men's 25yd 5 Bull

1. Ed Henson
2. Carol H.
3. Nick Priddy

Men's 50yd

1. Karl Wilkins
2. Jimmy Dauthrich
3. Ed Henson

25yd Trade

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

50yd Trade Gun

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Drea Harrington
3. Ed Henson

25yd Pistol-

1. Mark Smith
2. Drew Harrington
3. Todd Gomah

50yd Pistol

1. Mark Smith
2. Drew Harrington
3. Jerry Johnson

Women's 25yd Novelty

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Colleen Priddy
- 3.

Women's 25yd 5 Bull

1. Colleen Priddy
2. Leanne Pierce
- 3.

Women's 50yd

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Jullie W.
3. Colleen Priddy

Woods Walk-Percussion

1.

Woods Walk- Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson 140
- 2.

Woods Walk Flint Lock

1.
2.

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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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AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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2026 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2026

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----	PAT MALLOY
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	DANLEPO
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	DAN LEPO
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----	BRAD WOOKWORTH
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
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 POTEE
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
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 PAT MALLOY	MATCH 2
MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5
MATCH 6	MATCH 7	MATCH 8
MATCH 9	MATCH 10	
ARCHERY	MEN-----	NEAL ARMSTRONG
ARCHERY	WOMEN-----	

SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPO
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-----MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION-----DAN LEPO AND BONNIE & RON FERNWALT
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 LEPO 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

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS **CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS**

The GVCB Campground Regulations Committee has developed these guidelines to help members protect the interests of the membership and preserve the integrity of the campground.

The GVCB Campground Regulations Committee will periodically meet in open session to review proposed amendments to these regulations. All GVCB members are encouraged to attend and share their suggestions.

Maximum length for a camper is 36 feet. Recommended campsite size is roughly 1200 square feet.

CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE REGISTRATION

The \$100.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges. You are REQUIRED to stay at your campsite for a minimum of 5 days. This is required to ensure that our grounds are not used for storage of your camper.

Anyone camping at Shotgun will pay the event fee, plus the additional current up charge for A/C use.

At major events, i.e.; Steak & Dollar, Spring Shoot, Trade Gun, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Rifle Frolic, and October Fest/Meat Shoot, members are expected to pay the electrical charge for that event.

All members paying the event electrical fee will not have those days deducted against their 20-day limit.

After a member has surpassed the 20-day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee.

Camping units NOT occupied for at least 5 days in one year must be removed from campground. Non-compliance WILL result in legal proceedings to have the camping unit declared abandoned and will then be removed at owner's expense.

THE GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS AND **MICHIGAN STATE CAMPING RULES**

1. Each camper must keep his own campsite clean, neat and the grass cut. Leaves must be cleaned up by May 31st.
2. There will be only one fixed fire pit on each campsite.
3. Use only existing cut wood or use dead fallen trees. No standing trees may be cut.
4. When the camping unit is not in use, it must be disconnected from utilities. The size of grey water line is limited to 1&1/2 inches.
5. Parents will be always held responsible for all their children's actions.
6. It is the camper's responsibility to keep his camper licensed and in a road worthy condition.
7. It is the camper's responsibility to furnish at his site a suitable trash container, such as a 20-gallon covered can. The camper is responsible for disposing of his rubbish at the club dumpster during the summer and taking it home for disposal during the winter months.
8. PETS:
 - A. Pets will be tied at the owner's campsite except when under leash. The only exception to this rule will be when the dog is being used for hunting.
 - B. Barking dogs will not be tolerated.
 - C. The owner is required to clean up after his pet.
9. All permanent structures on campsite are prohibited.
10. All tarps must be removed from campers by the Spring Shoot.
11. Each group area must have the group number, so it is visible from the roadways.
12. Each lot number in shotgun area must have the lot number posted so you know what the lot number is.
13. No piggyback of water hoses from one camper to another.
14. No piggyback of electrical cord for one camper to another.
15. No burying of electrical cords.
16. No burying of water hoses.
17. Thank you for your cooperation.

ENFORCEMENT

Breaches of the rules and regulations will be reported to the campground committee.

If the campground committee feels that the member should be cited for a violation, the member will receive a written notice from the campground committee specifying details of the violation and inviting the member to appear before the committee at the time his violation is being discussed. The campground committee will rule on the violation and recommend to the Board of Directors a course of action. If this recommendation is approved by the Board, the Board of Directors will be charged with the responsibility of carrying out the penalty.

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