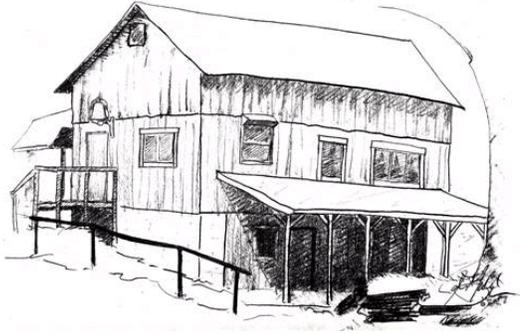


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"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

*Second Amendment
Constitution of
The United States of America*

GVC&B Club Officers 2021—22

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| President | Jeff Terrell |
| Vice President | Larry Horrigan |
| Secretary | Dawn Thurkettle |
| Treasurer | Ron Fernwalt |
| Range Officer | Bill Spence |
| Newsletter | Pat Bradfield |

Board Members (Year Elected)

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| Dennis Priddy | 2020 |
| Scott Silverman | 2020 |
| John Snyder | 2020 |
| Cheryl Snyder | 2020 |
| Neal Armstrong | 2021 |
| Jackie Armstrong | 2021 |
| Ed Henson | 2021 |

Coming Events

Feb 6—Club Shoot

NO MEETING

Don't forget to submit your membership and camping form on or before January 31!

A patriot speaks

Yet, however weak our country and leadership may be. I hope we will never sacrifice our liberties.

Alexander Hamilton



Jeff's Journal

Happy New Year, everyone. The New year sure rolled in with a vengeance this time. Didn't it? Snow and then more snow and colder than you know what. We knew this would happen sooner than later, but not this much at one time, so enough already I'm ready for the January thaw. How about you? I haven't been doing much of anything lately, we did get our remodeling project done just before Christmas I can't imagine the problem, we would have had with all this snow and people coming and going for weeks. As I said, we finished just before the holiday but not in time to decorate, that did not did not make for a happy wife. I made the comment earlier this week I said "honey look on the plus side of all this, we won't have to un-decorate either". I should not have said that, silence would have been a better choice. Hopefully there is next year to get back to the normal routine for everyone.

At the range December was a good month for the Jag Shop we had several good powder and cap sales even with the 5# limit. I'm glad that happened then because now I think the only way in to the magazine would be snow shoes or snow mobile. I have neither of those and even less desire to try. Larry reported to me they kept the mountain man tradition alive by having eight shooters last weekend at our shoot. I recall it was very cold but sunny I guess they had fun shooting. I was contented to sit by the fire with a hot toddy, which I will probably do next month too. That will be on February 6th. I'm not sure about access to drive in with all this snow. Maybe the guys will act like the 'old' days and sled in to shoot. We'll see what the weather brings by then, you can look for an e-mail cancellation if it's not happening. Please take notice there is bound to be much more snow at the range than where you might be.

Jeff's Journal (con't)

Our treasurer Ron wanted me to thank all of you for doing your part to contribute to our club having another successful year. In spite of the many challenges we faced, you came through again. Thanks also to the many people who supported our events this year. We could not have done so without you. We're planning for 2022, I hope you are too.

The beginning of 2021 started out losing my good friend Don Rose, and then at the end we lost another member in Jim Den Bleyker. Then 2022 begins and we lose long time club member Gary Kern passed away and just this week longtime friend and club supporter Lynn "Hermit" Struebel and if I missed someone please forgive me for doing so. Please keep the families of these people in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will be reminded of their passing every time we gather to shoot. Thank goodness we all have so many wonderful memories to remember our good times together. After all it is all any of us can really ever leave behind. Let's hope for happier times the rest of this year. I will end with this thought "THINK SPRING" !!!

Jeff

Updates on Members

Dan Handy (as of 01/04/22)

Dan is able to now eat selected foods. Prayers if you feel led that he can drink liquids soon. Also for strength to walk. His tracheostomy tube was also capped today and he was able to breathe without it and just some oxygen via his nose. Thanks for all your prayers they mean a great deal! . Fran

Anita Smith (as of 01/07/22)

Anita is home and continues to recover; however, she will not be able to drive for 6 months and would appreciate continued calls and cards while she continues to be closed in.—Barb Woods

Late word has been received that GVCnB members Jim Potee and Harry Hauch and John Clark of the Lansing club have passed away. At this time, no further details are known.

On the Firing Line

Larry reported that eight intrepid club members help keep the mountain man tradition alive last weekend on a very cold but sunny Sunday afternoon.

Line Matches—

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Raccoon

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| 1. Ed Henson | 44 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 34 1x |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 34 |

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Crow

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| 1. Tim Priddy | 39 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 36 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 31 |

Men's 25 yd—Hedgehog

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| 1. Ed Henson | 45 |
| 2. J Dauthrich | 43 |
| 3. Joe Baird | 36 |

Men's 50 yd Rifle—Deer

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| 1. Tim Priddy | 35 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 33 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 22 |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 43 1x |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 43 |
| 3. Ed Henson | 40 |

Men's 50 yd Trade Gun

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 37 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 27 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 24 |

Women's 25 yd Rifle

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| 1. Harmony Priddy | 18 |
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Let's pray that the continuing year becomes better and healthier than it has begun. Peace, blessings and health to all our families, club members and friends.

God bless.



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GVCnB 2021/22 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE

Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2022. Payment must be made to treasurer either at any meeting or postmarked no later than January 31, 2022. This form must be completed with payment. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. Fill out ahead of time to avoid confusion. Thanks.

If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2022. If not paid within 30 days after January 31, the unit must be moved off club property, or it will be impounded by local law enforcement.

REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE CAMPING UNITS ON CLUB PROPERTY ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY INSURANCE ON THEIR UNITS OR ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY.

Please fill out the following in very clear and legible print and return to:

GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____

NMLRA Membership # _____

Dues \$50.00 _____

Campsite Fee \$100.00 _____

Total Submitted \$ _____

Group Camping Area _____

or Lot Number _____

Membership Status Regular _____ **Life** _____