



*DECEMBER/JANUARY*

*2022/2023*

### *Jeff's Journal*

*It's not often you see abundant sunshine and 46 degrees on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December but that's exactly what we had last weekend for our monthly shoot. That alone is news worthy but I think because of that we had at least 30 shooters on the range too. I would never have guessed that would have happened for this month since only a couple weeks ago we were buried under 20 + inches of snow. Thankfully it was all gone by the weekend and from my perspective it can stay away indefinitely.*

*Personally, I chose not to shoot again this month after being sick a week earlier, I was playing it safe at trying to avoid a relapse which apparently my strategy worked since this week I've been feeling just fine. I did take the opportunity to visit with the shooters from time to time and*

*everyone seemed to be having fun.*

*Our Club shoots are pretty much the same this time of year basically only the targets change. This month thanks to Dick Millers generosity he included a special match with some nice prizes for shooters of all skill levels, that was really cool. Thanks Dick.*

*After the shooting events were finished everyone found their way into the warmth of the basement for the business meeting and awards that would follow. I believe I heard we had 40+ members and guests in attendance for the meeting. I'm very happy to see this and it has happened now for several months in a row. We don't always have important things to discuss, but when we do it's essential to have you there for your input. This is your club and if we are to continue to have the successes we have you need to know and be part of what's going on. I do thank you for your participation and commitment.*

*To report on the proceeds of what transpired at the meeting. I needed to report to the General Membership on the results of the Special Board Meeting that I called to order on November 21.<sup>st</sup> to address a situation regarding discrepancies in what was allowed during the sight in period, which was the only exception to the already existing BAN on center fire weapons being shot at our club. This situation came about in October when target practice took the place of a sight -in period with automatic handguns. At that meeting the board updated some of the general range rules and also placed a total BAN on all center-fire and modern rim- fire firearms. Complete details on the new Range Rules can be found elsewhere in the new letter, please pay special attention to Rule #19. These new rules go into effect immediately. It is with regret it has come to this but after all we are a muzzle loading club and safety has to be our primary goal. If you feel the need to shoot modern hand guns, I would suggest traveling 3 mi. north to the Center Shot indoor Range and have at it. They are reasonably priced and I'm sure they would be glad to have you. The Board and Campground Committee also made*

*some additions and corrections to the campground rules I will address that next month. We will not be having any meetings until March however I will still be writing my Journal each month in the newsletter so you will have something to look forward to. The monthly shoots will go on in January and February weather permitting. Larry Horrigan is in charge of that so please check your E- Mail for cancellations. There being no further need for me to continue I will close by; Wishing everyone; A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

*Jeff*

### ***The Constitution Speaks (1776)***

*The middle section of the Declaration of Independence accuses the King or P----- of interfering with representative government, violating the separation of powers, undermining the powers of the judiciary and failing to suppress violence. Further he has enacted a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.*

## ***GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS RANGE RULES***

- 1 The Range Officers word is law and all decisions are final.
- 2 The Scorekeepers decisions are final.
- 3 No loading of firearms until the Range Officer' command to load and commence fire is given.
- 4 Do not handle {includes cleaning} your firearm during a cease fire.
- 5 Load a Percussion firearm with the hammer at half-cock. Load a Flintlock firearm with the frizzen open and the hammer down.
- 6 Inform the Range Officer if you have a dry ball. Do not attempt to clear without assistance.
- 7 **NEVER - EVER BLOW DOWN THE BARREL AT ANY TIME.**
- 8 Eye and hearing protection are required.
- 9 No open powder containers are allowed in the shooting area.
- 10 Firearms will not be primed or capped until in the shooting position at the firing line and pointed down range.
- 11 **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** in shooting area at any time.
- 12 **Loaded firearms** cannot ever be left unattended. Loaded firearms cannot be removed from the shooting area. Loaded disabled firearms will be taken to the Range Officer and made safe before removal from the shooting area.
- 13 Do not lay rifles or shotguns on the loading benches. Stand them in the notches provided.
- 14 Rifles and shotguns must be pointed upward at all times. Unattended firearms must be left in a safe secure position.
- 15 **NO SMOKING OR** fire starting while carrying Black Powder or any Black Powder substitute on your person on any range including the woods walk.
- 16 **NO INDIVIDUAL** under the influence of drugs or intoxicants will be allowed in the shooting area at any time. Consumption of all intoxicants in these areas is also strictly prohibited.
- 17 **NO** spectators are allowed in the loading or shooting area while shooting is in progress.
- 18 Minors under 17 years of age must have graduated from an approved hunter safety course and have a valid state hunting license to hunt on GVCnB property. Minors may not use or shoot firearms on GVCnB Property except under direct supervision of an adult member.
19. **No Modern center fire weapons or rim fire weapon which discharge a projectile (bullet) from the muzzle are allowed to be used (shot) on GVCNB property.**

## **GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS** **CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS**

*The GVCB Committee on Campground Regulations has conceived the following guidelines for its fellow members to observe in order to ensure that the greatest good for the majority of the members will be protected and the integrity of the campground will be maintained.*

*The GVCB Committee on Campground Regulations will meet from time to time in open session to consider amendments to these regulations. All GVCB members are encouraged to attend these meetings and to voice their suggestions.*

*Maximum length for a camper is 36 feet. Recommended campsite size will be 1200 square feet more or less.*

### **CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE** **REGISTRATION**

*The \$100.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges.*

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

*At major events, i.e.; Zimmerman, Spring Shoot, Family Rendezvous, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Fun Tyme At The Range, and OctoberFest/Meat Shoot, members are*

***REQUIRED** 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 registered reserved campsite member has surpassed the 20 day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee if plugged in.***

## **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.*
- 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 (electric and water). **OR PAY THE \$2.00 ELECTRICAL USE FEE.***
- 5. ANY GUEST CAMPING WITH THEIR UNIT IS REQUIRED TO PAY \$5.00/DAY FOR ELECTRICAL USE.***
- 6. The size of grey water line is limited to 1&1/2 inches.*
- 7. Parents will be held responsible for all their children's actions at all times.*
- 8. It is the camper's responsibility to keep his camper licensed and, in a road, worthy condition.*
- 9. 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. **THE 2ND WEEKEND OF OCTOBER THRU THE 1ST WEEKEND IN APRIL THE DUMPSTER IS CLOSED.**

**10. 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.

11. All permanent structures on campsite are prohibited.

12. All tarps must be removed off campers by the Spring Shoot.

13. Each group area must have the group number so it is visible from the roadways.

14. Each lot number in shotgun area must have the lot number posted so you know what the lot number is.

15. No piggy back of water hoses from one camper to another.

17. No piggy back of electrical cord from one camper to another.

18. No burying of electrical cords and water hoses.

19. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Breaches to 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 recommended.

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.

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## **WOODS WALK & LINE MATCHES**

*We had 13 shooter's Sunday January 1.  
Here are the results.*

*Woods Walk: 1st. Ron Lowell, 130, 2nd.  
Kurt Nienhouse, 130, 3rd. Ed Henson, 110.*

*Line Shoot:*

*Men's 50 yd. Rifle: 1st. Marty Olsen, 44-2X,  
2nd. Ed Henson, 44, 3rd. Larry Horrigan  
43.*

*Men's 25 yd. Rifle: 1st. Larry Horrigan, 47,  
2nd. Marty Olsen, 44, 3rd. Dennis Priddy  
43.*

*Second Men's 25 yd. Rifle:*

*1st. Bill Barnum, 35-2X, 2nd, Larry  
Horrigan, 29-2X, 3rd. Ed Henson, 28-2X.*

*Men's Rifle Novelty:*

*1st. Larry Horrigan, 50-2X, 2nd. Dennis  
Priddy, 49-1X, 3rd. Kurt Nienhouse, 45.*

*Men's 50 yd. Trade Gun:*

*1st. Dennis Priddy, 33-1X, 2nd. Ed Henson,  
33, 3rd, Bill Barnum, 11.*

*Men's 25 yd. Trade Gun:*

*1st. Ed Henson, 43, 2nd. Larry Horrigan,  
32, 3rd. Bill Barnum, 19.*

*Woman's 25 yd. Rifle: 1st. Morgan  
Priddy, 40, 2nd. Karen Barnum, 36.*

*Woman's 25 yd. Rifle Novelty: 1st. Karen  
Barnum, 41, 2nd. Morgan Priddy, 39.*

## **TREASURER REPORT**

*The club had another good year this year.  
I want to thank all the club members that  
watched their budget and pretty much  
stayed under the expense budget and  
increased on the income. It is a team  
effort among all of us to be as successful  
as we are.*

*Together as a team we will succeed.*

*Ron*

## **FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB**

*As you can see the range rules were  
updated, which doesn't all apply to  
shotgun. We will be having a set of rules  
for the shotgun area which is the same  
with a couple of items removed and a few  
more added. This will be done by the first  
of March to be approved by the board and  
will be posted at the shotgun area.*

## **SMOKE POLE BEING LATE**

*I am sure you have noticed that there  
wasn't a Smoke Pole for December. Pat  
Bradfield purchased a new computer and  
was unable to get the newsletter out. So, I  
made it the December 2022/ January 2023  
Smoke Pole. Pat apologizes for the  
inconvenience she caused, but is going to  
have a technician come out from where she  
purchased it to get it set up.*

*Have a great day and hope you have a  
prosperous new year.*

*Ron*