



Grand valley cap n ballers smoke pole march 2018



JEFF'S JOURNAL



It's now Thursday morning four days after our March club shoot and meeting. I almost always wait a few days after that before I sit down to begin writing my article for the month's newsletter. I've found that seems to be the time it takes for me to process the meeting information and direct my thoughts toward what I'd like to write. Then there is always the possibility some news worthy item may take place that needs to be communicated to everyone. I bet your anticipating that

something did occur in the last few days for me to write about? Sorry to disappoint you but nothing did, so we will just relate some of stuff that did happened last weekend. It's funny but as I begin writing, one word keeps popping into by head "incentive" I believe I will have to write something about that. On Sunday Dick Miller purchased with his own money some very nice prizes for special matches and giveaways. We both wondered is that the reason our attendance for the shoot and meeting was greater than it has been for a long time? I hope that's not the case. Imagine where we would be if everyone expected a physical reward for everything that they did here at the club. We would be out of money a very long time ago wouldn't we? My question is then exactly what does it take to motivate our members to participate in club functions? I wish I had the answer to that, right now I only have the question, do you have the answer? Please think about that before the next event we have at the Club. That would be the Steak and Dollar Shoot on April 7 and 8. What will you be doing and where will you be? At this month's meeting there were a couple of things presented that you should pay attention to. The first is the proposal to make an amendment to the Constitution. This was approved by the membership at the past meeting and the final vote will be next month. If you any questions regarding the proposal please call me for more details. The second thing is the air rifle program we have instituted at the Range. We have done this to encourage all of you young and old alike to participate in shooting with us. To encourage you do to that we have purchased several new rifles, with scopes, I might add. They are break barrel rifles but with the new technology they take almost no effort at all to operate. The rifles will be available for your use at the matches that are scheduled on the Saturday afternoons of the club shoot weekend beginning at 2pm. Also new this year to make shooting even more fun Dennis has made a quantity of metal targets and other fun stuff to place in an air rifle woods walk. This will be a permanent fixture along the current archery range. I think you will find this to be a very interesting addition to our club shooting repertoire. Don Rose is so excited about this he has found a way to get this into our Steak and Dollar program and so we will shoot this right along with everything else that weekend. Let us all pray for Spring weather to get here before then my rifle and my body do not operate very well when it's cold. I hope you can answer my question where will you be ? In person I hope because I will be there. Next weekend many of us will be at the History Show in Kalamazoo. Stop in at the Club's table and say hello. See you then.

Jeff

P.S. I will have to schedule a Spring cleanup work detail as soon as the weather cooperates. Watch you inbox.



ADDITION TO THE CONSTITUTION

Addition to Constitution: Article III Sec 7

Responsibilities of Chairpersons and Committee Heads following an event.

A copy of all records, documents, grants and applications must be presented to the Secretary or Treasurer within 7 days following the event or application for a grant. These records must contain all information, purchases, expenses and income for the venues within the event or application. These records will be copied into an electronic file to be used as a guideline for the next person to chair the event or apply for future grants.



The problem: *How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.*

The Solution: *Eat it in the parking lot.!!!!!!*



CAMPGROUND

Looking at the extended forecast for GVCNB area it looks like that February is March weather and March is February weather. I hope I and they are wrong on the extended weather forecast. It looks as the lows are going to be in the mid teens' up until the 24th of March and the beginning of April the lows will be in the

mid 20's. Water will be available in the pump houses and will not be turned on until weather is fit.



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP THE CLUB

Are you looking for a way to help out our Club? Start now to plan a Crockpot Dish for the Spring Shoot "Potluck Cook Off: Then plan to donate and participate in trying the various entries and voting for the winner. Don't forget, the winner gets free entry to participate in the 2019 Spring Shoot. Remember, this is pure profit for the Club so don't be shy, enter your favorite Crockpot Concoction and be prepared to have an enjoyable Meal Time with a Great bunch of People!! Hope to see all of you there!!!

Thanks,

Cheryl Snyder



PADLOCKS



Just a reminder to folks: On occasions the padlocks have been put on doors, gates etc. with the name of the lock not showing. The picture above is the correct way

to put the lock on. It makes it a whole lot easier to unlock by being put on the correct way. Thank you in advance.



SCORES

25 Yard Trade Gun

Dennis Priddy-----39
Larry Horrigan----33
Kurt Nienhouse----29

50 Yard Trade Gun

Larry Horrigan-----42
Bill Barnum-----41X
Ed Henson-----36

25 Yd Guys Novelty

Roger Pierce-----38
Dennis Priddy-----34
Ed Henson-----32

50 Yard Guys

Roger Pierce-----37
Gary Kern-----34
Ben Kerksra-----31

25 Yard Women

Karen Barnum-----44
LeeAnn Pierce-----37X
Jackie Armstrong---33

50 Yard Womens

Bonnie Fernwalt-----42
Karen Barnum-----35
Jackie Armstrong-----33

25 Yard Novelty Lady

Lee Ann Pierce-----47
Morgan Priddy-----44
Bonnie Fernwalt----43

25 Yard Novelty Guys

Dennis Priddy-----
Gary Kern-----
Ed Henson-----

25 Yard Novelty Guys

Kurt Nienhouse-----46X
Dennis Priddy-----43
Gary Kern-----42

POKER TARGET

Ed Henson--Big Winner

PRIMITIVE FLINT

Gary Kern-----160
Tom Verburg-----150
Kurt Nienhouse----130

PRIMITIVE TRADE GUN

Ed Henson-----160

MILLERS MATCH

Lady's Match

Karen Barnum
Bonnie Fernwalt
Morgan Priddy

Men's Match

Ed Henson
Ben Kerkstra
Jimmy Dant

Best Worst

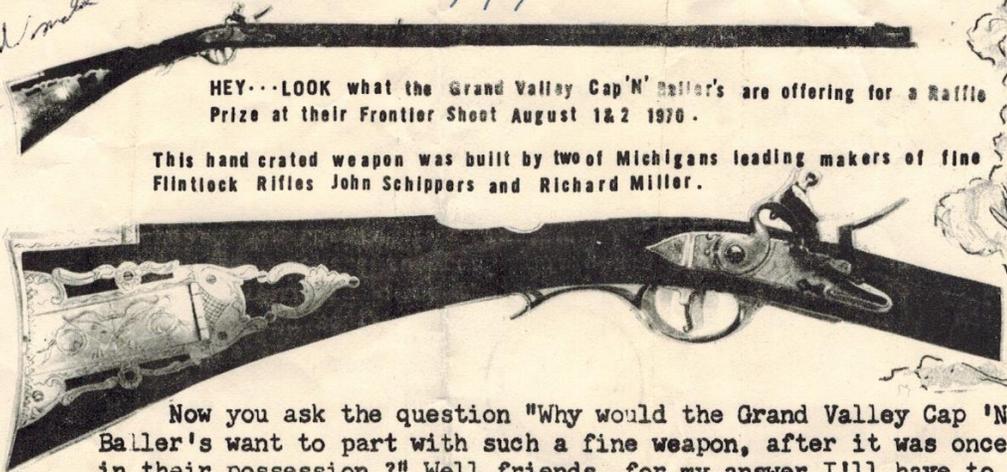
LeeAnn Pierce

Bob,
Am going to try and make the
shoot. But if all
means just buy
for the rifle.

1970

HEY...LOOK what the Grand Valley Cap 'N' Baller's are offering for a Raffle Prize at their Frontier Shoot August 1 & 2 1970.

This hand crated weapon was built by two of Michigans leading makers of fine Flintlock Rifles John Schippers and Richard Miller.



Now you ask the question "Why would the Grand Valley Cap 'N' Baller's want to part with such a fine weapon, after it was once in their possession?" Well friends, for my answer I'll have to take you back to about 2 years ago, when we decided to build a Clubhouse to host all of our friends at our Frontier Shoots.

We purchased a standing barn, vintage of about 1850, which had all hand hewn beams, then we built a cement block basement and foundation on the Range, and after many labored hours we tore the barn down piece by piece. We moved all the beams and siding 40 miles to the Rabbit River Range, and started to erect The Clubhouse. We worked our heads off and got the beams up, then we purchased new roofing material, and got the roof all on, then we started to purchase the rough cut cedar siding for the outside. Here my friends is where the answer to your question lies, we worked so hard and so fast that we depleted our Building Fund, and found ourselves at a stand still.

So My friends by the purchase of a ticket you not only have a chance of winning this fine Rifle, you'll have invested \$1.00 in a Club house, where the latch string is always out to all Muzzle Loaders.



STEAK & \$ Shoot

Do not forget the Steak and \$ shoot coming up April 7th & 8th. Check with the different venues that might need help. Let us make this a good first event of the year.

Anyone that has anything to sell let me know and I will put it in the Smoke Pole.



BLOCK HOUSE CONSTRUCTION 1975

