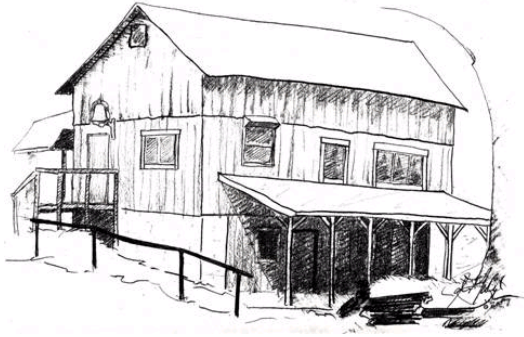


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Second Amendment
Constitution of
The United States of America

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Coming Events

May 21	Sporting Clays
May 21-22	Family Rendezvous
Jun 2-4	Trap/Skeet Territorial
Jun 3	Archery Kick-off
Jun 3-4	Club Shoot & Meeting
Jun 17	Sporting Clays
Jun 24-25	Handicap Shotgun Match
Jul 1-2	Club Shoot & Meeting

A patriot speaks

The life of a nation is secure only when the leadership is honest, truthful, virtuous and sincere.

Fredrick Douglas

Jeff's Journal



Good news! Yes, we have a lot of it to begin this journal. I'll begin with me. When I wrote last month's entry it was a bit of a struggle to sit here and type with my collarbone injury after falling on the ice at the History Show in March. It has now been eight weeks since that happened, my collarbone is close to being healed and with six weeks of physical therapy both away and at home. I'm now almost back to my normal

activities, with the exception of shooting. My doctor says I can ease back into that by the end of this month. With that goal in mind I will continue the rehab program at home for a few weeks after that just for improved mobility, because I love Spring and Summer and all that goes with it. I don't want to be nearly as limited as I have the last two months.

Good news! The range and campground clean-up was done prior to Spring Shoot and the grounds look just great. Especially around the clubhouse and blockhouse, the new steps to the upper level really make the whole area look better and of course are much safer. Then there was the much needed repairs to the range. I can't understand how so many of the backer blocks are shot off every year. I think some shooters need a bit more practice. A big thank you to everyone who worked on these projects we are so very appreciative of your insight and efforts to get these things done.

Good news! In spite of my concerns Spring Shoot was a very pleasant success again this year. By that I mean, it was comparable to the last several years and so that makes it a success, it could only have happened because so many of you did your part to accomplish that. Another team effort. Well done. Thanks!

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Good news! We've only just begun, there are many more events to come. The Family Rendezvous is next weekend at the Cabin and Shotgun has their 2nd Sporting Clays events of the year on Saturday. Let's hope and pray we get a warm sunny weekend for a change I think we deserve it. In closing I always recommend you check the website for date and times of events. I sure don't want you to miss anything. There wasn't much news from the meeting that didn't involve Spring Shoot so I just skipped mentioning it. See you soon.

Jeff

Ron's SHOTGUN Report

At our sporting clay's event we did very well and got a lot of compliments with the trap that South Kent Sportsman Club donated and we plan on having 1 or 2 more of the traps in place by the 3rd Saturday of May for our next event. We had a total of 40 entries at sporting clay's which was the best we have ever done. I want to thank all of our members that were involved in helping and seeing that it ran smoothly. I am not mentioning names as I know I will miss someone. Those of you that don't shoot shotgun or sporting clays stop on out and see what we do.

Ron

Shotgun

Saturday—

10 yd	John Turner	9
	Bonnie Fernwalt	7

16 yd	John	8
	Ron	7

20 yd	John	7
	Ron	5
	Bonnie	5

Sunday—

16 yd	Ron	7
	Bonnie	6

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Pistol—Turkey

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Jerry Johnson

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Bullseye

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| 1. Ed Henson | 42 1-X |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 36 |
| 3. Jerry Johnson | 28 |

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Novelty — Acorn

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | 25 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 25 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 15 |

Men's 50 yd Rifle—Keyhole

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 48 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 39 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 31 |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun—Snowman in Kilt

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| 1. Ed Henson | 48 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 40 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 33 |

Men's 50 yd Trade Gun—Large Bull

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | 45 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 36 |
| 3. Bill Spence | 35 |

Women's 50 yd Rifle

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| 1. Char Heimstra | 37 |
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Trade Gun—

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| 1. Ed Henson | 130 |
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MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
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MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS ----- HUIZENGA REDI-MIX, INC 616-772-6241
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----BEN & SUE KERKSTRA
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----DICK MILLER
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----BOSCH LANDSCAPING 616-218-5102
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----SOUTH KENT SPORTSMAN CLUB, 2536TH 140TH AVE, DORR
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----MARC FOX
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVLVER-----JERRY JOHNSON
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----J.B. HICKOK by Jerry Johnson
MATCH 29	25 YARD NOVICE
MATCH 30	50 YARD NOVICE
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----M & J WATER WELLS---616-675-4875
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH

SATURDAY PRIMITIVE PERCUSSION ---DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
JUNIORS

WOMEN- - - -MARC FOX
TRADE GUN-----PAT MALLOY

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----K & S MACHINE AND TOOL
MATCH 2	10 YARDS-----VACATION LAND SALES-616-896-8371-vacationland@sbcglobal.net
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE -----616-681-9136
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----IN MEMORY OF PAT KING BY RON & MARGARET BURRIAS
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD -----WAYNE AND ARDITH KNOP
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARD----VACATION LAND SALES-616-896-8371-vacationland@sbcglobal.net
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----AUDRA HILL & DENNIS SITZER (NP)
MATCH 11	TRANHAM PROTECTION----IN MEMORY OF PAUL MERCER BY LOUISE MERCER
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES-----HIEMSTRA BUTCHERING
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES-----K & S MACHINE & TOOL

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RIFLE

MATCH 1 25 YARD OH AMS----- SOUTH KENT SPORTSMAN CLUB, 2536TH 140TH AVE, DORR
MATCH 2 50 YARD OH AMS
MATCH 3 100 YARD OH AMS
MATCH 4 25 YARD OH AMS-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
MATCH 5 50 YARD OH AMS
MATCH 6 100 YARD OH OS
MATCH 7 * 25 YARD OH FLINT OS
MATCH 9* 50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----FLINTLOCKS LLC
MATCH 10 25 YARD OH WOMEN
MATCH 11 50 YARD OH WOMEN
MATCH 13 25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
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
MATCH 20 50 YARD OH NOVICE
MATCH 23 25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----M & J WATER WELLS --- 616-675-4875
MATCH 24 50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----IN MEMORTYOF JEFF RENFREE
MATCH 25 25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS
MATCH 26 50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS
MATCH 27 25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----J.B. HICKOCK
MATCH 28 25 YARD REVOLVER-----J.B. HICKOCK
MATCH 29 50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----J.B. HICKCOCK
MATCH 30 50 YARD REVOLVER-----J.B. HICKCOCK
MATCH 31 25 YARD FLINT PISTOL
MATCH 32 50 YARD FLINT PISTOL
MATCH 33 25 YARD CO-ED
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-----PAT Malloy

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 ----- DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)

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SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPION-SHIP -----LOUISE MERCER
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE---CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----LOUISE MERCER
MATCH 73	LADIES FRIDAY 16 YARD--IN MEMORY OF PAT KING BY RON & MARGARET BURRIAS
MATCH 74	LADIES SATURDAY 20 YARD--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 73 & 74-----IN MEMORY OF PAUL MERCER BY LOUISE MERCER
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION----CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 76, 77, 78--BLACK GOLDTRANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----WAYNE AND ARDITH KNOP
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----RON & BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP--BLACK GOLDTRANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP--BLACK GOLDTRANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 86	FRIDAY DAILY 16 YARDS-----DENNIS SITZER (NP)
MATCH 87	SATURDAY DAILY 20 YARDS-----K & S MACHINE
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 86 & 87--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----JOHN TURNER & DICK WADSWORTH
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----DAN LEPO (dlepo08@gmail.com)
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----BLACK GOLDTRANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 92	SKEET SINGLES-----K & S MACHINE
MATCH 93	SKEET DOUBLES-----HIEMSTRA BUTCHERING

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