



**GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™  
JUNE 2018**



**JEFF'S JOURNAL**

It has been very quiet at the Rifle Range ever since Spring Shoot however that is not the case for other areas of the property. Two weeks after the above, we had our first annual Grand Valley Cap “n” Ballers Rendezvous, which was held back in the woods surrounding the cabin area. Due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend. I did manage to arrange a short visit late on Saturday afternoon. I was pleasantly

surprised by how many people there were to participate and also by the newly installed front porch on the cabin. Both of these things happened because of two very dedicated Club Members. That would be Dennis Priddy and Larry Horrigan, we should all be very grateful to them for their efforts to make our primitive experience more enjoyable in the future. This year that event drew between 25 and 30 competitors I think those are excellent numbers for the first event and thank you guys for getting this started. I heard everyone had a wonderful time and they are already looking forward to next year’s event. At the Shotgun Range, two events were held in the last 3wks. There was the highly popular Sporting Clays on the 16<sup>th</sup> and last weekend the NMLRA Shotgun Territorials this past weekend. It is my understanding a couple of our club members did really well at this event but since I was not there, I will have to leave that report to someone who was. Where was I on Saturday? I was joined by 11 others shooting on our new air-rifle woods walk range. This month it was just for fun (it always is) but not quite as competitive, we usually encounter. I can see that changing as soon as we get our plans and everything put together. If you have not tried this yet you really should, I see this just as another opportunity to hang out with my friends and become a better shooter in the process. Everyone is welcome please join us. In fact, since this is gaining in popularity we have included air rifle in the Steak and Dollar program. Speaking of that you won’t have to wait until next year to shoot all of the Steak and

Dollar events because we will be having that event on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July at our regular Club Shoot weekend, that is because of the dual cancellations we had to do back in April, when we had every bad winter weather we could have all in just two weeks. I cannot guarantee perfect weather this time either but it has to be better than we had back then. I am so sure of that we decided to have a family potluck on Saturday evening at 6pm following the days shooting and awards.

On Sunday, before we began our line matches we honored two of our recently deceased club members with our traditional volley of remembrance. Morrie Hollaway was one of our earliest club members. He participated in virtually all of the shooting venues we have here at the range through the years but most recently as a shotgunner. Morrie was a man of many talents to numerous for me to mention here but he certainly be missed. We send condolences to his wife Myrna and his family. Jack Huss was not with us nearly as long but I remember him as a very hard working generous man who could always be counted on when help was needed. Condolences to Vera and his family too.

I usually do not include too much, about what I have been doing away from the range but this month will be an exception. At the History Show, our table was right next to the guys promoting activities at the fort in Mackinaw City. I have been wanting to re-visit the fort and watch their reenactment of the forts fall that happened back in 1760. This year Sally and I were able

take the time and enjoy the whole experience. I am glad we did we were quite impressed with the talent and costumes of the actors in the event. There was a large crowd there on a perfect Spring day. The temperature never got above 80 deg. all weekend. Compare that to the 90 + readings that were here at the time. We went away from commercial row and found some excellent restaurants to eat and drink a dram or two. We just had a great time enjoying the beauty and history of the area. If you have not been, there over Memorial weekend I encourage you to do so. You will be glad you did.

P.s. Did you know one of your club's founding member's lives in Mackinaw? I did he's Larry Young he has been living there since 1970 and working at the fort for many years. He is retired and still trying to be involved in Muzzle loading activities in some way. While my wife was shopping, I took the time to drop in for a visit with Larry and his wife. I am so glad I did they are a wealth of historical knowledge and the time went by very quickly. My wife called and reminded me we still needed to have dinner so I said my goodbyes and headed to the local pub. If you are ever in the area stop in and say hello they would love to see you. Checking my watch, I see I am late for dinner tonight too. I need to go!

See you at the end of this month and the beginning of next.

Jeff

## FROM SHOTGUN

The month of May was not good for shotgun. On Mother's Day, we lost Jack Huss. I have known Jack and Vera for more than 30 years. I met Jack for the first time at Friendship, Indiana. He was a gun builder and could repair rifles and shotguns. In fact, my wife shoots a rifle built by Jack. He was always willing to help new shooters and us old ones. Jack and Vera donated a lot of equipment to GVCnB shotgun. He will be missed by all. RIP Jack.

Then on May 20th, we lost another long-standing member, Morrie Holloway. I have known Morrie for over 20 years. He has been sick the last few years but still managed to come to the shoots and register even though he could not shoot. He just enjoyed being around.

RIP Morrie.

We will be having a volley for Jack and Morrie at State Shotgun Shoot in August.

On the brighter side, we had a good Saturday for Sporting Clays. 17 shooters showed up despite the rain and all had a good time. Thanks for all the help everyone, without it we would have a hard time running all the stations and the snacks. I will be away for my yearly fishing trip so Ron and Bob will be running the Territorials.

Paul



Dennis and Larry was pleased with the turn out of the Family Rendezvous this year being the first one. There were 25 participants both men and women and a very happy dog. There was a scenario woods walk and pistol dual (everyone had fun with that). Everyone had a great time. Scott Silverman made a buffalo pot roast. Everyone ate well and had a great time. Ben Kerkstra was the overall champion. A wood stove has been donated by a non-club member. The word that I heard at the meeting was that they couldn't wait for next year.

### PARDON ME

On her way back from the concession stand, Julie asked a man at the end of the row, "Pardon me, but did I step on your foot a few minutes ago?"

Expecting an apology, the man said, "Indeed you did." Julie nodded, and noted, "Oh good, Then this is my row."

### MICH SHOTGUN TERRITORIAL

The weekend was a perfect one for shooting. We did have rain early Sunday

morning and was gone and dried up by shooting time.

I do want to thank everyone that helped with the program, setting up the trap and skeet fields, scoring and my right hand girl (Bonnie) for helping in registration. A special thank you to the non-members of GVCNB that helped where needed.

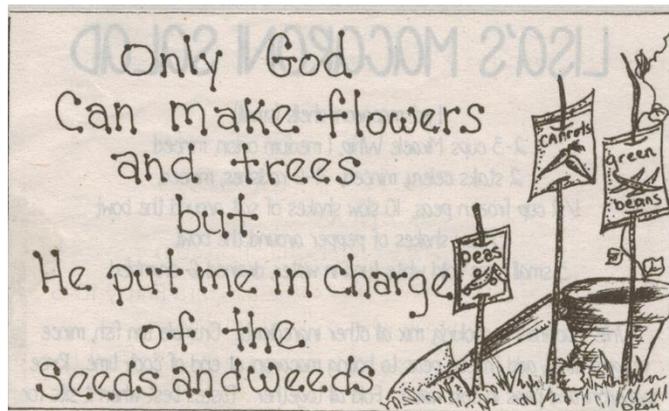
We had a brother, sister that tried our re-entry matches, and it was the first time that they shot muzzle-loading shotgun. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Khalan Roe and 2<sup>nd</sup> went to Trent Roe. Keep up the good work kids; you did better than I did when I first started.

Now on with how the adults did from Grand Valley:

Ed Henson took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Skeet Territorial and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Trap Territorial using his Trade Gun. In the Lady Trap Territorial Bonnie Fernwalt took 1<sup>st</sup> and Pat King took 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Trap Territorial Richard Wadsworth took 1<sup>st</sup> and John Snyder took 3<sup>rd</sup>. John just joined us recently in the shotgun program and done very well at the territorial. David McMurray took 1<sup>st</sup> in the skeet Territorial.

We also have re-entry matches along with the Territorial and that went over well for participation.

Ron



## ON WITH THE SCORES

Ed Henson took the woods walk with a score of 150.

### BOW

Hunters Class----Joe German-----173

#### Novice

John Roe-----97

Colleen Roe-----56

Cheryl Snyder-----53

Primitive-----Russ Povenz-----62

#### Youth

Khalan Roe-----40

Trent Roe-----35

## ON THE RANGE

#### 25 Yard Rifle (2 Bull)

Dennis Priddy-----47

Jeff Terrell-----42

Roger Pierce-----27

50 Yard Trade Gun (Buffalo)

Larry Horrigan-----33  
Ed Henson-----29  
Dennis Priddy-----25

Women’s 25 Yard Novelty Chicken

Leanne Pierce-----29

25 Yard Trade Gun (Squirrel)

Dennis Priddy-----47  
Ed Henson -----44  
Larry Horrigan-----38

25 Yard Novelty Rifle (Deer)

Ed Henson-----35  
Dennis Priddy-----32  
Larry Horrigan-----38

25 Yard Novelty (Women’s 1 Bull)

Leanne Pierce-----37

25 Yard Novelty (Men’s Turkey)

Dennis Priddy-----46  
Ed Henson-----45  
Roger Pierce-----42

50 Yard Men’s Rifle (Grenade w/mouse)

Dennis Priddy-----47  
Roger Pierce-----43  
Jeff Terrell-----38

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Jeff Adams for the use of your trailer to go to Coloma and pick up our new club lawn mower. It was much appreciated.

**STATE RIFLE MEAL DETAIL**

We are in need of 1 person for the following shifts for meals at the state rifle/pistol championships. The job would be making toast and handing out the order and can be a change off with the person taking the orders and the money. This is low keyed and not a hard job.

The openings are:

Wed July 11 from 7:00 til 10:30  
Wed July 11 from 11:30 til 2:30  
Thurs July 12 from 7:00 til 10:30  
Friday July 13 from 7:00 til 10:30  
Friday July 13 from 11:30 til 2:30  
Saturday July 14 from 7:00 til 10:30

If you can fill one of these spot’s, e-mail me [rbfern@triton.net](mailto:rbfern@triton.net) or give me a call 616-836-5760

John Shinabarger and John Snyder will be the cooks and Ron Fernwalt will be taking the orders and money. If you are unable to be on your feet we can change off.

Ron

**SPONSORS**

Don’t forget to stop by your local business and ask if they would like to sponsor a match for Frontier Shoot. Cost is only \$25 and their name & Phone number will be on the web until April of 2019

**UNDER THE WEATHER**

Lisa Anderson and Barbara Kinzer are home from the hospital recovering from surgery. Please keep them in your prayers

Grand Valley Cap 'n' Ballers  
The Return of Robin Hood



Blanket Shoot

Come and participate in a "Live Action" narration of the Robin Hood Story. Narrated by: Joseph German

Place: 3506 - 26<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Hopkins, MI 49328

**DATE:** June 9, 2018

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$5.00

**Blanket Prize:** \$10.00

Entry Fee includes lunch which will be served at the end of the event.

**GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™**

**SKEET & TRAP MUZZLE LOADING  
SOCIAL EVENT**

**JUNE 23, 20**

**REGISTRATION \$00.00**

**COME VISIT US AND CHECK OUT OUR  
FACILITIES TO SEE WHAT WE DO**

**FOR THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE MUZZLE  
LOADING SHOTGUNS WE WILL HAVE SOME  
AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE.**

**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE  
WE WILL HAVE COFFEE AVAILABLE  
(BRING YOUR OWN SODA)**

**WE HAVE 3 TRAP FIELDS AND A SKEET  
RANGE THAT IS OVER LAID ON TRAP 3.**

**WE HAVE CAMPING AVAILABLE ON THE  
GROUNDS WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC HOOK  
UP. COME AND STAY OVER AND FOR  
ELECTRICAL USE IS ONLY \$5.00/NITE**

**WE WILL HAVE MEMBERS AVAILABLE  
FOR THOSE THAT NEED INSTRUCTION  
THAT HAVEN'T SHOT MUZZLE LOADING  
SHOTGUN BEFORE.**

**BRING YOUR TRADE GUNS AND SHOOT SOME  
TRAP & SKEET**

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Paul Mercer, [pmercerc@bell.net](mailto:pmercerc@bell.net)

Ron Fernwalt [rbfern@triton.net](mailto:rbfern@triton.net)

**STEAK & \$\$ SHOOT**

**JUNE 30 & JULY 1, 2018**

**REGISTRATION \$5.00**

**GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS  
MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB™**

**SOUTH WEST OF DORR, MICHIGAN ON 26<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET at 3506– 26<sup>th</sup> St. Hopkins, Mi.  
49328**

**SHOTGUN TRAP**

**Prizes will be paid after each shotgun  
match**

**Paying 3 Places in each match**

**Shoot time for both shotgun and rifle  
9 – 4 Saturday  
9 – 1:30 Sunday**

**RIFLE MATCHES**

**\$5.00 FOR EACH 20 SHOT MATCH**

**20 SHOTS AT SILHOUETTES**

**20 SHOTS – WOODS WALK**

**20 SHOTS NOVELTY ANIMAL**

**20 SHOT LADY'S MATCH**

**TRADITIONAL ARCHERY SAT AM, AIR RIFLE  
SAT PM**

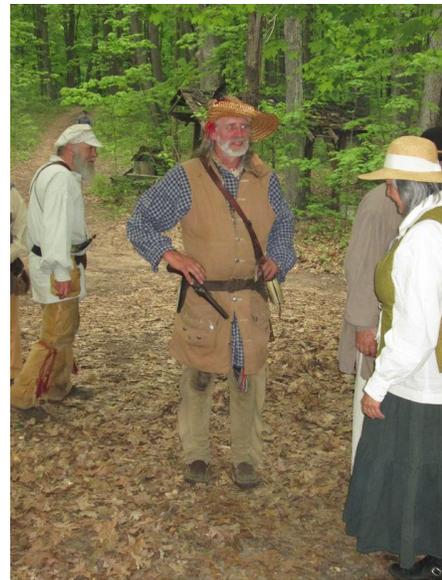
**TRADE GUN ON SUNDAY ONLY**

**PRIZES PAID EACH DAY - 5 PLACES**

Come join us for the Return of Robin Hood Blanket Shoot. All ages are welcomed and all bows are welcomed as long as they don't have wheels on them. Pass the word along to others. In a blanket shoot everybody goes home with a prize.

Don't forget our Shotgun Social Event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. If you don't shoot shotgun or you don't care to shoot shotgun come and see what it is all about. If you would like to try it, we will instruct and help you. Where else can you get a free lunch? Hope to see you there.

The Steak & \$\$ shoot is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is over \$400.00 in Meat prizes to be won. Come on out and enjoy the weekend and win some grub.



Getting ready for the next event at the GVCNB Family Rendezvous



Looks' as they are getting ready for a dual.  
Both men and women participated



Relaxing after a long day

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