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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

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Dennis Priddy	2020
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Cheryl Snyder	2020
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Jackie Armstrong	2021
Ed Henson	2021

Coming Events

- 07-16&17 Sporting Clays &MUCC Sporting
07-09 Work Detail Shotgun
07-23 Christmas in July Work Detail
07-30&31 Club Shoot/Meet
08-4-7 FRONTIER SHOOT

A patriot speaks

I would prefer dangerous Freedom to peaceful and secure Slavery.

- Thomas Jefferson



Jeff's Journal

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying this nice warm summer weather. Most you know I'm a big fan of Spring and Summer so these past weeks have been good for me, with the exception of this week. I think the humidity finally got to me because I developed a sinus allergy issue.

What was weird though was it effected my vision; it was like looking through a haze most of the time. Finally, after several days of that I'm hopeful I can get this journal article written and sent.

Did you have a happy holiday weekend? I did and was so glad to see so many people out and celebrating again after a couple years of what if and fear of each other. America is such a wonderful place and so are most of its people too. I hope and pray we will never let what happened two years ago, happen ever again in this country. God bless America, I love it. OK! Let's get back to our club stuff again. There's another reason I had a happy weekend and that was I shot really well on Sunday I wasn't having any vision issues then. I had two first places and a third place in the 25-yard matches. I actually was in first place for all three until the last relay then I lost that by a single point. Isn't it amazing how one time everything just comes together and you shoot so well and next time you can't come close to repeating that success? I Suppose that happens in every sport and that's why we keep coming back time and time again. I'll see what happens at our next Club Shoot on the 31st of this month.

We had many people shooting again this month and then even more members arrived for the meeting. I'm very pleased about that especially with Frontier Shoot just one month away. This year for some reason it appears we have many more things to do before them. I spoke about this fact at the meeting. Such as;

- 1 It's everyone's job to keep the grounds clean, not just a few.
2. Volunteer to help somewhere stand-by is not enough. Commit!
3. Donate Items to Trading Post or Silent Auction.
- 4 If something broken. Fix it. I suppose there is more I hope you get the idea and respond.

There are work details and events at Shotgun and the main ranges. Please do not miss the opportunity to participate. Check the schedule elsewhere in the newsletter to see when.

See you soon; Jeff

Reminders

- * There is need for someone to take over the Frontier Shoot Target Shack for next year. If you can help with either, please contact Leanne Pierce.
- * There will be a fish fry/potluck on Thursday, August 4 (To start off Frontier Shoot).
- * Plan now for Christmas in July—see details on next page
- * It's been reported that there is a shortage of caps and that at least one manufacturer will no longer be producing them. Better buy them when/where you can find them.
- * There are many campsites that need cleaning up. A campground inspector may be coming by. Please do what you can to keep our grounds in good condition. This includes having tarps removed . Please re-read the campground rules found further in this newsletter.
- * There is a water leak which several members will be taking care of before Frontier Shoot.

New Address—
James Dauthrich
117 Mitchel Street
Otsego, MI 49078

Welcome new Sponsored Member—Jerry Johnson
Attendance award—
Roger Pierce & ??

50/50—
Pat Bradfield

Archery Scores

1. Kevin Heimstra 210
2. Joel Weeks 148
3. Jimmy Dauthich 133

Pistol

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Dave Kermeen
3. Ed Dennis

Primitive

- Trade Gun—
1. Ed Henson 130
 2. DAW 100
 3. Joe 40

Flint—

1. Russ Povenz

Rifle Range

Line Matches—

Men's 25 yd Rifle—3Bull

1. Jeff Terrell
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Ed Henson

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Possum

1. Cal Meabon
2. Joe Collins
3. Jeff Terrell

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Novelty

1. Jeff Terrell
2. Ed Dennis
3. Dennis Priddy

Men's 50 yd Rifle—Bear

1. Ed Dennis
2. Ed Henson
3. Dennis Priddy

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Tim Priddy

Men's 50 yd Trade Gun

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Tim Priddy
3. Tom Verburg

Women's 25 yd Rifle—Bull

1. Karen Barnum

Women's 25 yd Rifle—Clown

1. Karen Barnum
2. Morgan Priddy

Women's 50 yd Rifle—Bull

1. Morgan Priddy

Shotgun Range

Saturday 10 yd Trap

1. Joel Weeks
2. Ed Henson

16 yd Trap

1. Ed Henson

Sunday Skeet

1. Dennis Sitzer
2. Dick Wadsworth
3. John Turner
4. Kevin Heimstra

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Ballers

Christmas Party in July !!

July 23rd, 2022

5:30 punch

Dinner at 6:00 at the
club!

Potluck with Club
providing the meat
Games to follow

A \$10.00 non-gender gift
exchange
if you want to partici-
pate
This is always fun!

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Hopkins, MI 49328

Please R.S.V.P. by July 21
(if you didn't at the meeting)
To Jackie
jam8365@gmail.com

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; the size of the grey water line is limited to 1&1/2 inches
5. Parents will be held responsible for all their children's actions at all times
6. It is the camper's responsibility to keep his camper licensed and in a road-worthy condition
7. 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
8. 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
9. All permanent structures on campsites are prohibited
10. All tarps must be removed from campers by the Spring Shoot
11. Each group area must have the group number so it is visible from the roadways
12. Each lot number in the Shotgun area must have the lot number posted so that you know what the lot number is
13. No piggy-back of water hoses from one camper to another

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 recommend.

Camping units NOT occupied for at least 5 days in one year must be removed from the campground. Non-compliance WILL result in legal proceedings to have the camping unit declared abandoned and will then be removed at the owner's expense.

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

For the month of June, we have done very well. First, we had the Michigan Trap and skeet Territorial which has been the best attendance in quite a while. The Trap Territorial was won by Colt Doster from Indiana, 2nd went to Ron Fernwalt and 3rd went to Dick Wadsworth.

The Lady Trap Territorial was won by Bonnie Fernwalt, 2nd went to Lacy White.

The Flint Trap and Skeet Territorial was won by Ed Henson, and flint trap went to Jan White for 2nd place.

The Lady Skeet Territorial was won by Pat King and 2nd went to Bonnie Fernwalt.

The 80-target regulation round of skeet went to Kevin Hiemstra, 2nd went to John Turner and 3rd went to David McMurray.

We will know around the first of the year how we placed nationally when all the states are done with their territorial. We also had re-entry matches which was well attended. We also gained one new member to the NMLRA.

The second event of the month was our modern sporting clays with 45 entries for the day. This was the best day that we have had since we started the sporting clay's event.

Our next and last event for the month was our handicap match which was won by Dick Wadsworth, 2nd went to Larry Trantham, and 3rd went to Garrett Porter. We also had re-entry matches which there was no prizes for, but bragging rights. This event went over very well and a good attendance. Thank you to Larry Trantham for coming up with this event.

We have our bench covered on trap 3 which will make it much cooler and if we get a shower, we don't have to move our equipment to a dry place.

We will be covering the scoring stand on trap 3 so the puller can have shade during the day which will be headed up by Kevin Hiemstra.

We are replacing the split rail fence on the north side of the shotgun camping area with lumber from the Mercer's deck which will make it much nicer. Thank you to our fence builder John Snyder. Be sure and ask him if he could use any help.

The next project is re-doing the sporting clay's which will be headed up by John Turner which is planned to be finished by the September Sporting Clay's event. All of the above are being done at a low nominal fee.

The next project is painting the registration and the shop and well room, which won't be so cheap but is in the budget to do it. Larry Trantham is in charge of that project, he will not be able to paint due to health issues, and we will need a couple of people spray paint and a couple extra's to work with Larry. Not sure what day this will be done but give Larry a call if you can help and make arrangements with him. **His number is 269-355-3682.**

There will be a **work detail back in the shotgun area on July 9th.** If we can get a good turnout it won't take long to do. GVCNB will provide lunch for ya all that show up

Unfortunately, I will not be there as I will be attending the MSMLA Rifle/Pistol Championships in Lansing. I am on the board and will be in meetings. Going to see if i can use my scatter gun to shoot their targets.

Ron

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Match Sponsors—Frontier Shoot

RIFLE

Match 5	100 Yard OH OS	FLINTLOCKS LLC
Match 6	25 Yd OH Flint OS	DUCK MILLER
Match 10	25 Yd OH Women	RUSS & PAT BRADFIELD
Match 17	25 Yd OH Trade Gun	BILL & KAREN BARNUM
Match 23	25 Yd Youth X Stix AMS	J & J TRADING
Match 25	25 Yd OH Juniors AMS	IN MEMORY OF JEFF RENFRO
Match 29	50 Yd Pistol/Revolver	SPRING BROOK TRADING CO
Match 35	50 Yd X Stix AMS	J & J TRADING
Match 36	100 Yd X Stix AMS	J & J TRADING
Match 38	100 Yd X Stix OS	J & J TRADING
Match 42	100 Yd Bench AMS	GVCNB JAG SHOP
Friday Primitive*	Percussion	FLINT PAT MALLOY
Trade Gun	Women's	Juniors
Saturday Primitive	Match 1	Match 2
Match 6	Match 4	Match 5
Match 7	Match 8	Match 9
		Match 10

SHOTGUN

Match 62	GVCNB Men's Championship	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE	centershotgunrange.com
Match 63	GVCNB Lady's Championship	DAN LEPO	
Match 70	Traditional Style	BLACK GOLD TRANSPORT, MILLING & PAVING	616-896-156
Match 72	Ladies Thursday 10 Yd	PAUL & LOUISE MERCER	
Match 73	Ladies Friday 16 Yd	PERFECT PIZZA	269-793-7000
Match 74	Ladies Saturday 20 Yd	PERFECT PIZZA	269-793-7000
Aggregate matches 72, 73, 74		WAYNE & ARDITH KNOP	
Match 75	Co-ed Protection	JO WADSWORTH	
Match 76	10 Yard Trap	BLACK GOLD TRANSPORT, MILLING & PAVING	616-896-1560
Match 77	16 Yard Trap	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE	centershotgunrange.com
Match 78	20 Yard Trap	DAN LEPO	
Aggregate matches 76, 77, 78		RON & BONNIE FERNWALT	
Match 79	Ladies 10 Yard Trap	DAN LEPO	
Match 80	Ladies 16 Yd Trap	PERFECT PIZZA	269-793-7000
Match 81	Ladies 20 Yd Trap	JO WADSWORTH	
Aggregate matches 79, 80, 81		BLACK GOLD TRANSPORT, MILLING & PAVING	616-896-1560
Match 83	Old Timers 16 Yard Trap 10 Birds	BLACK GOLD TRANSPORT, MILLING & PAVING	616-896-1560
Match 85 Thursday Daily 10 Yd Trap		PERFECT PIZZA	269-793-7000
Match 86	Friday Daily 16 Yards	DAN LEPO	
Match 87	Saturday Daily 10 Yards	PERFECT PIZZA	269-793-7000
Match 88	Aggregate matches 85, 86 & 87	CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE	centershotgunrange.com
Match 89	Trantham Protection	IN MEMORY OF PAUL MERCER	
Match 90	Flint 10 Yards	MYRNA HOLLOWAY	
Match 92	Flint 16 Yards	IN MEMORY OF JIM POTEET	
Match 93	Skeet Singles	K & S MACHINE AND TOOL	269-270-1204
	Skeet Doubles	HIEMSTRA BUTCHERING	269-208-9569

PRIZE DONATIONS: LARRY HORRIGAN DENNIS PRIDDY



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