



# The Smokepole

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Grand Valley Cap 'n Ballers™  
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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## September 2021

*"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*

### GVC&B Club Officers 2021—22

President	Jeff Terrell
Vice President	Larry Horrigan
Secretary	Dawn Thirkettle
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Range Officer	Bill Spence
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### Board Members (Year Elected)

Dennis Priddy	2020
Scott Silverman	2020
John Snyder	2020
Cheryl Snyder	2020
Neal Armstrong	2021
Jackie Armstrong	2021
Ed Henson	2021

### Coming Events

Oct. 1&2 Meat Shoot, Octoberfest,  
Club Meeting (Elections)  
Oct. 8 Sporting Clays

### A patriot speaks

America Belongs to the People; It does not belong to Congress. It doesn't belong to special interest groups. It does not belong to the courts. It belongs to "WE THE PEOPLE" of....

John Jay



### Jeff's Journal

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It's newsletter time again, Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> already. The month of August went by so fast, that I could hardly believe it. Actually, August always does seem to fly by with all the events we have scheduled each year. Sometimes I wonder if it might be too much for one month and then everyone pitches in and the events are successfully completed and then it's on to the next month. I'm glad September is a slower month at least for me because I needed the extra time for myself. Last month I reported the trouble I was having with dbl. and foggy vision, that is slowly being corrected and hopefully will be back to normal in a couple more weeks. My health issues continue as I'm writing this because tomorrow, I will be having surgery on my foot to correct a in grown toenail. This has been bugging be for a few weeks, so I'm really glad to have it fixed but at the same time will not enjoy being grounded for several days while things heal. Sadly, I will miss the archery event this Saturday at the Range, I'm not much of an archer but this is one of those fun things so it really doesn't matter so much about your skill level. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to attended this event I've always had a great time because it's just fun.

Speaking of fun! Two weeks ago, we had our annual "Fun Tyme at the Range" event at our club. The attendance was down a bit from previous years, but believe me those who did attend had just as much fun as they did last year and even the year before that. I try to provide targets that are competitive for the morning shoot program and then fun and in some cases just plain lucky for the afternoon shoot. Then we throw in some games, knife and hawk etc. That leads us to dinner time after which we have awards again with a bit of a twist so everyone has a chance to win something. My thanks to all my assistances for helping put on this event, one of them said to me afterwards, "this event is to much fun to miss" yes it was. At the end I challenged them to bring a friend next year, and so with that in mind the person who brings the most ladies to the shoot next year who was not here this year will earn a nice prize for their efforts.

Last Sunday we had a few less shooters than we usually do for a club shoot I imagine the holiday got in the way of that. I didn't shoot either due to that afore mention foot problem with that fixed I'll be ready for the Meat Shoot next month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October check our website for details on that event.

The meeting on Sunday involved mostly committee reports and thank you to those who helped clean-up after the storm with a special thank you to Tom Verburg for his hours spent power washing and preserving the wood items around the clubhouse and playground. This week I was inside the Trading Post and noticed the Powder Post beetles were at work again in there. We will need to spray to rid ourselves of these pests before more damage occurs. If you or someone you know has the knowledge and equipment to take care of this please let me know asap. The last thing for me to do is remind everyone that next month is election month, you be electing those who will represent you for 2023. Please be there to vote however it's life and full members only plus those who meet attendance requirements. This is our club please consider getting more involved in it.

That's all for now; Jeff

The annual Octoberfest potluck will be held on Saturday October 1, 2022 at 6:00pm. This year we will be having a German themed meal of bratwurst & hotdogs, sauerkraut, and potato salad provided by the club.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage of choice.

We will continue the tradition of having a prize drawing for those dressed in period clothing. You are strongly encouraged to participate in this drawing!!

We will also be conducting a silent raffle again this year, please consider donating an item or baked good to help support our club!

Please contact Scott or Michelle Silverman at [slsilver1999@gmail.com](mailto:slsilver1999@gmail.com) or (269) 420-1025 with any questions.

See you soon,

Scott & Michelle

## On the Firing Line

### Line Matches—

#### Men's 25 yd Rifle—Triple Bull

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|-----------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson    | 36 |
| 2. Ben Kirkstra | 33 |
| 3. Tom Kelly    | 8  |

#### Men's 25 yd Rifle Novelty—Hedgehog

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Dennis Priddy  | 46   |
| 2. Ed Henson      | 46   |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 40 X |

#### Men's 25 yd Trade Gun—Turkey Head

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson      | 37 |
| 2. Neal Armstrong | 34 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy  | 23 |

#### Men's 50 yd Rifle—Ground Hog

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson      | 38 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 27 |
| 3. Jerry Johnson  | 26 |

#### Men's 50 yd Trade Gun—Large Bull

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Dennis Priddy  | 28 |
| 2. Neal Armstrong | 19 |

#### Women's 25 yd Rifle—Single Bull

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| 1. Harmony Priddy | 26 | Fifty Club |
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#### Men's 25 yd Pistol—Large Bull

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| 1. Cal Meabon    | 90 X |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 85   |
| 3. Jerry Johnson | 64   |

#### Trade Gun—

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| 1. Ed Henson | 120 |
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#### Archery—

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Cal Meabon     | 250 |
| 2. Neal Armstrong | 225 |
| 3. Brad VanBelzon | 135 |

Attendance Awards were won by—

Lee Patterson  
Tom Kelly

50/50 was won by Dick Wadsworth

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*FROM YOUR TREASURER*

*MUCC Region 7 monthly meeting will be held at Grand Valley Cap n Ballers on Sunday September 25 from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served by our famous Snyder kitchen crew. There will be a donation for lunch. They will have a guest speaker at the meeting. Club members are invited as we are members of MUCC. Please let Cheryl know by September 14 if you are going to attend.*

*Any one that is interested in running for the board please have your name into me by September 26 to get your name on the ballot or you will need to be nominated from the floor at the club meeting. Send to [rberfer@triton.net](mailto:rberfer@triton.net) or call me 616-836-5760.*

*Time to be thinking about the annual budget. Have your budget to me by October 15. If you have an expense budget that is all that is needed. If you have an income along with that, we need to know the estimated figure. I will have copies of the budget for you to pick up at the October meeting.*

A bit of whimsy  
(to fill up the space)

There is a mouse  
Who lives in my house

A squeaky little thing  
Whose droppings fling

And he leaves a trail  
With a flick of his tail

We need a cat  
To catch that rat

A cat who'll race  
Across the place.

But mouse will stop  
To drop his slop

And cat is not amused  
He really is confused

Mouse runs to hide  
And cat just sighed

The hidden Mouse  
That cheeky louse

Escaped the cat  
And sits in his flat

With a saucy grin  
He says "I win!"