



SMOKE POLE

GRAND VALLEY CAP 'N' BALLERS™

MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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Jeff's Journal

It should be as of no surprise to any of us that attendance at the weekend Meat Shoot was down on Saturday. The weather was about as opposite as it could be from my prediction of last month when I said sunny and 65. What we had was 45, windy and rain. The weather forecaster had said scattered showers; I think the scattered all converged over our heads because it never did quit raining. Those who did shoot Saturday were glad we had a wood stove with a fire going in the basement. We also had donated warm soups for lunch, which helped warm us all up. Going back out to shoot became a little more tolerable after the lunch break. The rifle awards were given out by 4pm. I actually like that because I had more time to prepare for the Oktoberfest party. This year I really only had myself to get ready, because all the kitchen responsibilities were handled by the Snyder Roe and Vanslooten families and they did a wonderful job. The smoked pork was done by John was just delicious, as were all the other dishes prepared by our club members for the pot luck. Thank you to all who were there, I just wish the weather had cooperated so the party could have continued longer. By Sunday morning the rain had stopped, the clouds were clearing, and we even had a little sunshine. That made Sunday's attendance numbers be ahead of Saturdays, and that rarely happens. The sunshine must have affected us because the good natured chattered and harassment returned to the shooters on the line. Novelty targets were shot both days, many of you commented on how much fun it was. The exception being the pig target I selected to be shot at fifty yards. That target caused some

grumbling and reduced some good scores on the agg. I must admit that was what I had hoped for and then I became a grumbler myself when I had two shots barely out of the scoring area. Anyway, having fun is what it's all about, and we sure did that. This year the presenting of the Sunday awards overlapped the time scheduled for our gm meeting. The basement became a crowded and noisy place. I was able to get everyone's attention to do the awards and I was able to place in a couple of matches myself. I'm glad for that because the meat we get for prizes is the best. All of the meat prizes we get are from Birds Meat and Grocery in the Howard City/ Newaygo area. If you are in that area stop in and check them out. Unless of course you are a vegan, then don't go there.

As most of you know our Meat shoot is our last major event of the year. I would like to thank all of you who attended the GVCB sponsored events this year. Because of your support our club had another successful year. I want to let you know that we are making plans for next year's events, beginning in about two weeks with our annual planning meeting. We are planning some major changes to some of our events to benefit you the shooter and the rein actor. You will see what I mean when the fliers are available and posted on our website, which should be early in February.

The October general membership meeting is an important one because it is the time when your clubs officers are elected. This year is special because we elected four new members to the executive board and one to the board of directors. You will see the results of the election elsewhere. I would like to personally thank those people who have served so well for the past several years. Thank you Paul Vanslooten (VP) Jerry Tessman (RO) Janet Tessman (NLE) and Dawn Thurkettle (Secretary). Your dedication to our club was most commendable. To our newly elected, thank you too for your willingness to take a larger role in your clubs business. We have always prided ourselves on our ability to work together as a team to accomplish our goals, a successful club sponsoring quality events.

We will be shutting off the water supply to the campground and clubhouse later this month or early next month. So be advised you will need to bring water after that. We are planning a work detail to cut down a large tree in the campground area. This tree actually has five large trunks and will require more work than normal to cut down. That work detail will take place on Saturday November 1st to get this done before winter. If this tree came down we may have damage to several campers. You guys always respond to a chainsaw weekend and I would hope you will again so this project can be completed, hopefully in one day. The last item I need to inform you of, our dear friend and club member, Patti German lost her battle with cancer on Friday evening, October 3rd. We are all saddened by this happening and we will all miss her very much. Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers as they grieve her loss. While you're praying please think of Dean and Delores Haag. I was informed last week that Dean's cancer has returned on the form of a tumor on his spine. He was undergoing treatment on a daily basis last week. When I spoke with him on Thursday I am happy to report his treatment is going well and

he is in good spirits. Dean and Delores have been experiencing some health issues recently. Let's all hope they have a successful and complete recovery.

The Christmas party has been scheduled for December 6th at Windsor woods clubhouse in Wayland. There will be more details on that in the November Smokepole. Last year new rules for members hunting on club grounds were passed. Those rules are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Make sure you read them so we don't have any issues later. Until next month.

Jeff

BUDGET

Be sure and have your budget to Ron by October 20th so he can get it entered for approval at the board meeting in November. Remember your venue needs to show a profit in order to get approved. You can e-mail the figures to rbfern@triton.net or snail mail GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330.

MONTHLY TRASH

If you have club trash that needs to be disposed of be sure and have it in the dumpster no later than October 27th as there will be no more trash pickup until April 2015. All trash after October 27th needs to be taken home and disposed there.

CAMPGROUND

The water to the club grounds, weather permitting, will be shut off the weekend of November 1. You may want to bring your own water in case your area is shut down before you get there.

CONDOLENCES

I would like to say thank you to all of you who sent cards and wrote notes of condolence's this past week in the loss of my brother, Bob Pierce.

Sincerely, Janet Tessman

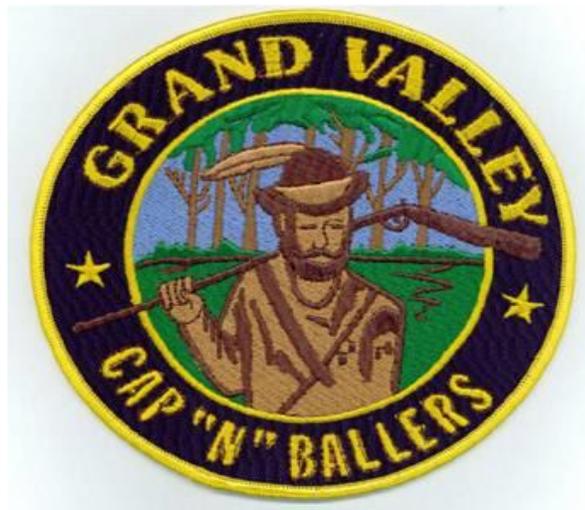
As many of you know Patti German passed away Oct. 3rd. A celebration of her life will take place later this month or early November. We will let you know when and where when details are available. Please keep the German family in your prayers during this difficult time. As she was a wonderful Mother, Wife and Grandmother.

HUNTING

Hunters must possess a valid hunting license. Hunter must follow all State laws. Hunter is allowed one deer per membership basis (not allowed to use spouse's tags etc). Hunter's duty to pursue to extremes to retrieve a wounded deer. If you wound a deer that is "your deer" for the season. Hunting stands limited to one tree blind or one ground blind on the property at one time. Hunting stands must have owner's name on them, and they must be removed by or at the April monthly club shoot.

NOTE

Hello, my name is Barbara Kinzer, I will be writing the Smoke Pole from here on out. If you have something you would like put in or ideas on what you would like to see, please feel free to email me at barbiesowers@yahoo.com or say something to me at the meetings. I welcome all ideas and comments.



Our mission is to create, promote and encourage an interest in historical firearms; to preserve their histories, along with the crafts and traditions of our American heritage; to promote good fellowship and teach firearm safety; to purchase, hold and use the Club property, both real and personal for accomplishing these purposes, and to preserve our constitutional rights as to any and all acts permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan.

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