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2025 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL

Make sure you get you fees mailed in before January 31st, 2025. The form is in this newsletter below.

A Patriot Speaks

“Our leaders must remember that education doesn’t begin with some isolated bureaucrat .in Washington. It doesn’t even begin with state or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it is a parental right and responsibility.”
Ronald Reagan

GVC&B Club Officers 2024-25

President: Jeff Terrell
Vice President: Larry Horrigan
Secretary: Lee Patterson
Treasurer: Chelsea Fox
Range Officer: Roger Pierce
Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

Board Members (Year Elected)

Dennis Priddy 2024
Bonnie Fernwalt 2024
Tom Verberg 2024
Leanne Pierce 2024
Neal Armstrong 2023
John Turner 2023
Ed Henson 2023
John Turner 2023

50/50 WINNER

John Devries
ATTENDANCE WINNER
Dick Miller & Roger Pierce
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff’s Journal

My friends, it’s my Journal time again and I’m wondering what can I write about this month? I guess I’d better check my notebook for some direction. OK did that not much help there either, when we are this late in the shooting season relevant words are sometimes hard to come by. I’ll try by best and see where this goes.



I’ll begin by going back a couple weeks to the Squirrel Shoot Championship. This was a brand-new event for us this year and was all put together kind of late in the season. We wondered if enough people would read or see a flyer to make this event worthwhile. There was no worry about that as we were able to attract 38 shooters to register for the event on a near perfect autumn day in October. The event consisted of (20) shots at paper novelty targets and (15) shots at swinging squirrel targets on

the opposite end of the range. Of course, the object of any shoot is to shoot well, but I also think you must be able to have fun while doing so. There is no doubt we accomplished both goals with this event, it’s on our schedule for next year, with a little fine tuning to make it even better. What is the date for that you might ask? Our Club calendar is in progress and will be available to everyone for official shoot dates by January 1st if not sooner, look for that and other information on our website at gvcnb.org. Thanks to Larry, Dennis, Neal, Mark, John and Jeff for volunteering to work at the Squirrel Shoot and to all who came to shoot it was fun.

At the meeting, it was announced that the troublesome electric pole near the trading post had been replaced and that the water system would be shut down for the season this coming weekend. Reminders. NO trash in the dumpster after Thursday Nov. 7th.

We do have a Shoot and Meeting scheduled for December 1st to complete our shooting season for 2024. **NO Meetings** will be held in January or February, 2025, but here will be Club Shoots held on those months weather permitting, contact Larry Horrigan if in doubt of conditions. **NO use of centerfire or rimfire rifles and shotguns anywhere on Club property.**

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At the meeting I also announced I had made the following appointments. They are; Ron and Bonnie Fernwalt will be in charge of membership, send dues and camping fees and info. to them before January 31st 2025. Ron will continue to be in charge of the Jag Shop records and inventory. At last months elections several new people were elected to positions on our executive board. It is encouraging to have new people and new ideas to help our Club grow. However. Transition takes time so please be patient with us for the next month or so while we become adjusted to each other.

At the Board Meeting there was a motion for addition to the Constitution regarding financial record keeping, there was a proposal regarding a 2025 event and the 2025 budget was presented reviewed and approved. Members will vote on that next month.

I guess I had more to say than I thought I did, I hope I covered what was necessary for this month and look forward to the next one. See you then and I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.
Jeff

GREAT FUN!! The Squirrel Hunt



***Such a
beautiful
Day***

***Join us
next year!***



DECEMBER CLUB SHOOT

Dick Miller will be will be doing a SHOOT SPECIAL again.

John Devries won the 50/50 and donated \$40 to go towards the prizes also. Come and join in on the fun!

Jerry Tessman will be bringing chili for lunch.

Thank you to all of you!

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle

1. Dan Ray
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Larry Horrigan

Men's 25 yd Rifle

1. Jennifer Buchannan
2. Dan Ray
3. Jimmy Dauthrich

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty

1. Jennifer Buchannan
2. Dan Ray
3. Dennis Priddy

Men's 50yd Trade Gun

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Ed Henson
3. Bill Barnum

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun

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

Men's 25 YD Pistol- Bullseye

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 50 yd Rifle

1. Leanne Pierce
2. Jackie Armstrong
3. Karen Barnum

Women's 25 yd Rifle

1. Jackie Armstrong
2. Leane Peirce

Special—

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk-Flint

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| 1. Kurt Neinhouse | 140 |
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Wood Walk- Trade Gun

- | | |
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| 1. Ed Henson | 130 |
| 2. Drew Herrington | 140 |

Air Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

GVCnB 2025 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE

Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2025. Payment must be made to treasurer FOR \$150.00 FOR THE CAMP SITE AND \$50.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES either at any meeting or post-marked no later than January 31, 2025. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. This form must be completed with payment.

IF YOUR CHECK IS NOT POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND NEED TO START OVER AGAIN TO BECOME A MEMBER.

If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2024. If not paid within 30 days after January 31, the unit must be moved off club property, or it will be impounded by local law enforcement.

REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE CAMPING UNITS ON CLUB PROPERTY ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY INSURANCE ON THEIR UNITS OR ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY.

Please fill out the following in very clear and legible print and return to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____

NMLRA Membership # _____

Dues \$50.00 _____

Campsite Fee \$150.00 _____

Total Submitted \$ _____

Group Camping Area _____

or Lot Number _____

Membership Status Regular _____ Life _____

Year Joined GVCnB _____

CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE REGISTRATION

The \$150.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges.

Anyone camping at Shotgun will pay the event fee, plus the additional current up charge for A/C use.

At major events, i.e.; Zimmerman, Spring Shoot, Family Rendezvous, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Fun Tyme At The Range, and October Fest/Meat Shoot, members are **REQUIRED** to pay the electrical charge for that event.

All members paying the event electrical fee will not have those days deducted against their 20 day limit.

After a registered reserved campsite member has surpassed the 20 day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee if plugged in.

Article 5 Section 4 Addition E

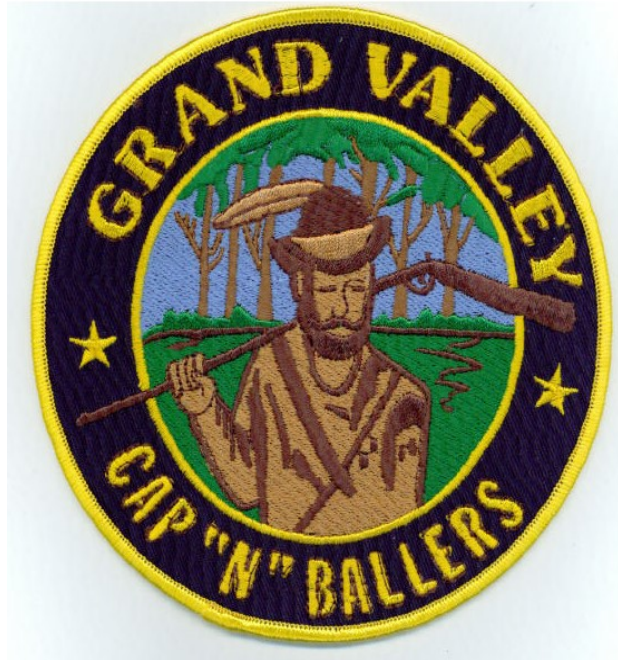
Currently says:

Treasurer shall use the current version of Microsoft Excel as the standard financial operating and record keeping of all financial transactions for Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers.

Motion to amend it to:

The Treasurer shall use the current master document of Microsoft Excel and/or a bookkeeping software like QuickBooks to manage and record Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers financial transactions.

GRAND VALLEY CAP M BALERS™



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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