

# The Smoke Pole

Official Publication of  
Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™  
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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## January

### 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

A Patriot Speaks  
I believe with all my heart, that stand-  
ing up for AMERICA  
Means standing up for the GOD who  
has so blessed our land  
from the beginning.  
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  
ATTENDANCE WINNER  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**No drawing**

### Jeff's journal

Greetings Everyone. I hope all of you enjoyed the past holiday season and also hopefully you were able to that with your family and friends. We certainly were able to that with our family. Two weeks before Christmas we were able to enjoy a Sunday afternoon with my



own siblings and our grand and great - children nieces and nephews. This was the first time we were able to do gather since Covid ended. In all we had just over 100 who attended and we still had several who had other plans. We had a fine dinner and fellowship. It was amazing to see how the kids had grown-up in those 4 years. We had a wonderful time and are planning for next year. Traditionally Sally and I have brunch at our oldest daughter's house on Christmas Day and then evening

hors-d'oeuvres with our youngest at our house. We are so fortunate to have them all living close to home. As always we enjoyed every minute and are so glad, we can do this every year. On New Year's Eve and day I watched football and Sally went to work at the Mall. Perfect! Relaxation time.

Now, it's back to the everyday winter schedule, which for me is not much, but since it is the beginning of a new year, I'd better get busy doing my part planning ahead for this Spring's shooting season. As you might now know the clubs schedule is on our website so check that out. Some event flyers are there too and others will be soon. Thank you to those people who were able to get this done so early this year.

As you can see Grand Valley will be a busy place again this year ( that's just the way we like it ) but it also requires lots of help, last year we did just great lets' get psyched -up to do it again.

PS Don't forget 2025 membership and camping dues are due January 31<sup>st</sup>. You have just 21 days to "git'er done. "

This past Sunday I was hoping to see the temperature jump into the 30's so I could go to the range for the shoot, sadly it stayed in the low 20's and that is way too cold for me. Larry was in charge and said they did have 10 people who bundled-up and came to shoot. I was thinking how we all love history and in particular the 18<sup>th</sup> century but I'm glad I have a nice warm house to stay in and I can go outdoors when I want to and not because I have to just to survive. It's no wonder so many of our ancestors died young, I think many probably froze to death. Good News for us, it will be Spring in just 68 days. In the meantime, please stay warm and be well until then. Next shoot date is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe then?

Jeff

P.S. At the Board Meeting in October, there was a motion for addition to the Constitution regarding financial record keeping, please see last page of the newsletter to see proposal changes.

### MEMBERSHIP

*Be sure and fill out the membership form that is in the newsletter when you sent your dues in, This also includes life members as we are noticing that phone numbers and e-mail address's have changed.*

**BE SURE AND HAVE YOUR CHECKS DATED NLT THE 31ST OF JANUARY AND POST MARKED NLT JAN 31, 2025**

*Thank you for your support:*

*Bonnie*

### SPONSORS FOR 2025

It is getting to be that time of year to think about getting sponsors for our matches for 2025. If you would like a letter to send to your local business, such as your sport shop or someone that is interested in supporting muzzle loading let me know and I will e-mail you a sample letter to use. The cost is only \$25.00 per match and send to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330  
Ron

### UNDER THE WEATHER

*Cheryl Snyder has returned home from the hospital recovering. Keep Chery in your prayers during this time.*

## On the Firing Line

### Line Matches—

#### Men's 50 yd Rifle Bull

1. Ed Hensen
2. Morgan Priddy
3. Larry Horrigan

#### Men's 25 yd Rifle Ground Hog

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

#### Men's 25yd Rifle Hedge Hog

1. Ed Hensen
2. Morgan Priddy
3. Dennis Priddy

#### Men's 25yd Rifle Rolling Pin

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

#### Men's 50yd Trade Gun Buffalo

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Ed Henson
3. Drew Harrington

#### Men's 25 yd Trade Gun Possum

1. Ed Henson
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Drew Harrington

#### Men's 25 YD Pistol- Bullseye

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Women's 50 yd Rifle

#### Women's 25 yd Rifle

- 1.

### Special—

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

#### Wood Walk- Trade Gun

- 1.

#### 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

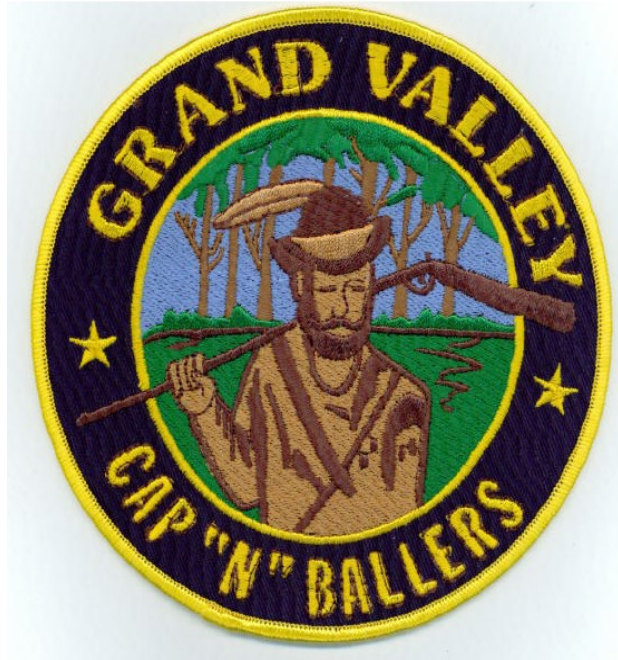
Currently says:

*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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