

The Smokepole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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A Patriot Speaks

Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him, should look to further than the fate of the American Indian.
Henry Ford

Don't forget to get out and see some business's on sponsoring Matches for Spring Shoot and Frontier Shoot. To Sponsor a Match is only \$25.00/match.

The name, number and/or e-mail address of the sponsor will be put on the sponsorship list. It will be published in our newsletter once each month on the web and membership up thru August and then will be on the web until September of 2025 at www.gvcnb.org.

Jeff's Journal

For many years now I've heard people say "if you don't like the weather in Michigan wait a minute and it will change". This year that quotation has never been more evident. In fact, yesterday was a prime example. Sally and I decided to take a road trip to the antique malls in Lake Odessa. When we left the city of Wayland it was sunny and 50, when we arrived there, it was cloudy 42 and very windy. We quickly found a parking place and hurried inside to escape the cold and of course we could hardly wait



to see what treasures we might find. Actually, we don't buy too much anymore, since we both have agreed we should be selling some of what we have instead of buying more. We still have fun enjoying the search together even if we don't purchase a thing. However, I did find two, like new burgundy table clothes to use at the History Show and they were only \$8.00 for the two. Sally found an Easter rabbit decoration she just couldn't live without and then we were done shopping. I must confess it took all my willpower to resist adding to my knife collection, since there were hundreds to choose from,

but I did. When we left the store, the sun was shining, and it was up to 50 again. The drive home was under completely sunny and bright blue skies. What a great day we had.

Although our day yesterday was nice, the day we had last Saturday for the clean-up work detail was even better. It was sunny and 60 + and did we ever accomplish a lot. The downed trees on the 50 yard were cut-up and then the wood was all stacked by the club house to be used next Winter. The snowstorm last January left more ground debris than I have ever seen, that to was cleaned- up and discarded. I estimated there were around 10 or 12 trailer loads. I cannot thank the 15+ people who were there to get this huge project done. In fact after lunch, it was back to work to finish the project. We never did get to the leaf removal part, so if you have some energy to burn go for it.

Sunday, it was with great happiness that we welcomed back three of our club members who have been dealing with serious illnesses. We're so glad to have Dennis, Tom, Dan and the Handy's back with us to shoot and attended the meeting. We missed you. The meeting was mostly uneventful except for committee reports and reminders. Such as, we will be at the History Show in Kalamazoo next weekend with our three tables and then on Saturday April 6th It's the highly anticipated "Zimmerman Memorial Shoot", to be followed by our own club shoot and meeting on Sunday. There you have it three great opportunities to get together after months of separation. I hope to see you then.

"Welcome to Spring "

Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Anyone that has time and a leaf blower, if you would be so kindly to stop out in the shotgun area and blow as much of the leaves as you can away from the buildings and blow to the west would be much appreciated. Start at the west end of the loading benches and work your way west. I will see what needs to be done and will hang a to do list on the south side of the registration shack.

April starts our season with the Zimmerman shoot being April 5th being the Zimmerman Event and on Sunday Trap and Skeet starts. The following weekend will need to be set aside for cleanup back at the Sporting Clays and Trap Range. If you can set that weekend aside so we can get the cleanup done would be much appreciated and the 3rd Saturday is our Sporting Clays event

FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

I will be taking water samples in the next two weeks so we can get our campground permit. The water will be turned on prior to the Zimmerman Shoot if the weather forecast co-operates. **THANK YOU** David Fox and Kevin Price for stepping up and be involved in the water on the main camp ground. The club could use 2 or 3 more to be familiar with turning the water system on and off. Give me a call at 616-836-5760 if you would like to be involved.

SHOTGUN GATE JUST A REMINDER

When you leave the shotgun camping area and there is no vehicle or person there the gate must be locked and closed. ATF came in to inspect this past year and the gate was open and they frowned upon that. If they do a drive in again, we could face a heavy fine. I will be reminding you again in the future. We almost had to move the vault, but the inspector did some checking, and we are ok. **WE JUST HAVE TO LOCK THE GATE WHEN NO ONE IS AT SHOT GUN.**

Ron

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle Bear

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Bill Barnum | 36 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 35X |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 34XX |

Men's 25 yd Rifle—3-Bull

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 35 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 34 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 33 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty—Axe

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 39 |
| 2. Ben Kurtstra | 37 |
| 3. Jeff Terrell | 36 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun— Buffalo

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Dennis Priddy | 29 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 23 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 18X |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun—Bull

- | | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 45X |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 44 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 40 |

Women's 50 yd Rifle— Large Bull

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| 1. Karen Barnum | 12 |
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Women's 25 YD Rifle—Hedgehog

- | | |
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| 1. Karen Barnum | 14 |
|-----------------|----|

Women's 25 YD Novelty—

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| 1. Karen Barnum | 35 |
|-----------------|----|

Woods Walk—

- | |
|------------------|
| 1. Ed Henson |
| 2. Louis |
| 3. Kurt Neihouse |

Shotgun

No scores to report

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
3506 – 26TH STREET
HOPKINS, MI.

Each year the Grand Valley Cap n Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club has their annual Spring Shoot the first weekend in May and their Frontier Shoot the first weekend in August. This is a family sport which includes husbands, wives and the kids as you can see by the matches that we have.

We draw competitors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Canada, Missouri, and Kentucky and as far away as North Carolina and California. The Spring Shoot is a 3-day event with competitors arriving a week early and setting up camp. The Frontier Shoot is a 4-day event with competitors coming in as early as the weekend before to set up camp for the event. A lot of the competitors come early and spend their vacation in the area prior to the event.

The shoots will be held at the Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club located at 3506 – 26th, Street, Hopkins, Mi. which is Southwest of Dorr, Mi.

We are always looking for businesses and individuals that would like to sponsor a match or two. The cost to sponsor a match is only \$25.00.

Each month there are over 200 newsletters that go out and by getting your sponsorship in now will give you over 1000 hits plus the brochure that will be handed out at the events and also listed on the web at www.gvcnb.org for one year. If you have someone that has a business, we can put their web site and or their phone number on the sponsorship list. This helps defray the cost of the events, so we don't have to raise prices for registration etc.

Thank you very much for your support and stop out anytime and we will give you a tour of our facilities.

Sponsorship Chairman

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
16808 PEACH RIDGE
KENT CITY, MI. 49330

One match sponsor fee for Spring Shoot and/or Frontier Shoot 2023.

Amount-----\$25.00

Thank You for Your Support:

Make checks payable to:

Grand Valley Cap N Ballers
16808 Peach Ridge
Kent City, Mi. 49330

YES, I will sponsor match Number(s) _____, _____, _____, _____

2nd Choice _____, _____, _____, _____.

Check enclosed _____ (please circle Spring Shoot or Frontier Shoot)

Sorry, I can't this year _____

Name of Sponsor _____

By _____

If you are a business put your phone number and or e-mail address here

-----tear/cut off on dotted line-----

YOUR RECEIPT

DATE _____

MAILED CHECK TO: GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS, 16808 PEACH RIDGE, KENT CITY, MI. 49330

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

GRAND VALLEY CAP M BALLERS™

2024 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----MATT'S SPORT & AMMO--616-784-6811
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----BILL & KAREN BAR-
NUM	
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR----
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 29	25 YARD NOVICE
MATCH 30	50 YARD NOVICE
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE	PERCUSSION ---DAN LEPO
	JUNIORS
	WOMEN---- DENNIS PRIDY
	TRADE GUN-----DENNIS PRIDY

SHOTGUN

MATCH 1	15 BIRD TRAP OR SKEET-----
MATCH 2	10 YARDS-----PERFECT PIZZA----269-793-7000
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD -----
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARD----
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY

GRAND VALLEY CAP M BALERS™

2024 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2024

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS---
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----
MATCH 10	25 YARD OH WOMEN-----
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN-----
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY-----
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----M & J WATER WELLS --- 616-675
-4875	
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS---
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----BAT
MASTERTSON	
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----J & J TRADING-----269-
299-0581	
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----
MATCH 41	50 YARD BENCH AMS-----
MATCH 42	100 YARD BENCH AMS-
MATCH 43	50 YARD BENCH OS-----
MATCH 44	100 YARD BENCH OS
MATCH 47	OLD TIMERS 25 YARD AMS-----

FRIDAY PRIMITIVE*
TRADE GUN-----

PERCUSSION
WOMEN'S---

FLINT
JUNIORS---

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2023 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2023

SHOTGUN

MATCH 62 GVCNB MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP--
MATCH 63 GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPION-SHIP -----LOUISE
MERCER
MATCH 64 GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---

MATCH 70 TRADITIONAL STYLE-----
MATCH 71 NOVICE 10 YARDS-----
MATCH 73 LADIES FRIDAY 16 YARD-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-
793-7000
MATCH 74 LADIES SATURDAY 20 YARD--
AGGREGATE MATCHES 73 & 74-----

MATCH 75 CO-ED PROTECTION-----
MATCH 76 10 YARD TRAP-----
MATCH 77 16 YARD TRAP-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE (616-681-
9136)
MATCH 78 20 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-
7000
AGGREGATE MATCH'S 76, 77, 78---

MATCH 79 LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----WAYNE & ARDITH
KNOP
MATCH 80 LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-
7000
MATCH 81 LADIES 20 YARD TRAP---
AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81---

MATCH 82 JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP--
MATCH 83 OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZE-----269-793-
7000
MATCH 86 FRIDAY DAILY 16 YARDS-----
MATCH 87 SATURDAY DAILY 20 YARDS-----
AGGREGATE MATCHES 86 & 87--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE

GRAND VALLEY CAP 'N' BALLERS™



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.

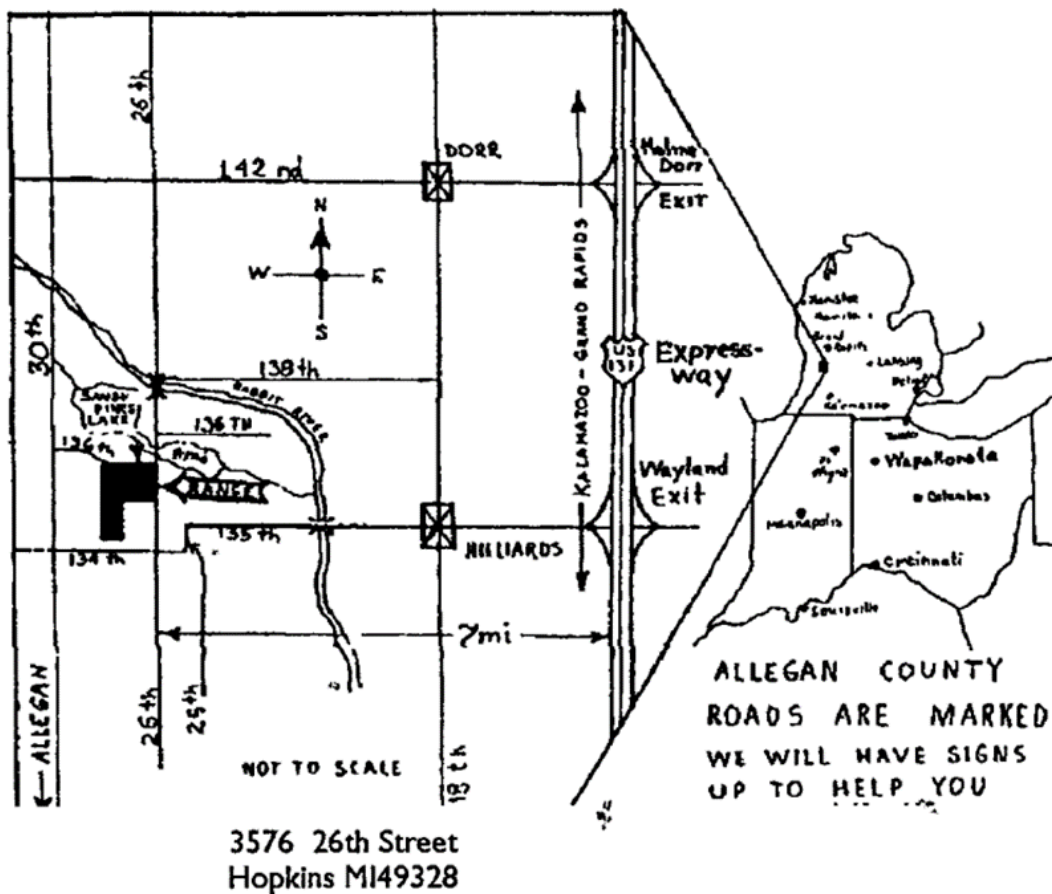
**GRAND VALLEY CAP 'N' BALLERS
MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB™
3506 26TH STREET**

Camping is available at \$5.00/ night and an additional \$10.00 for the weekend if you use air conditioning.

DIRECTIONS: From Grand Rapids Michigan take US131 south to the Dorr exit which is 142nd Avenue and go west 6 ½ miles to 26th Street and go south 3 miles to the club grounds.

DIRECTIONS: From Kalamazoo Michigan take US131 north to the Dorr exit which is 142nd Avenue and go west 6 ½ miles to 26th Street and go south 3 miles to the club grounds.

DIRECTIONS: From St. Joe/Benton Harbor, Michigan area take I94 to I 196 towards Grand Rapids, Michigan to M-89 exit. (Exit 34 toward Fennville), turn right on M-89/124th Avenue and continue to follow M-89. Turn left onto M-40, turn right onto 128th Avenue. Turn left onto 30th Street, turn right onto 134th Avenue, turn left onto 26th Street. The club is on the left.



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