

The Smokepole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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April 2024

Club members if you would purchase a sponsorship for spring or frontier shoot your name will go in the drawing for free registration of spring or frontier shoot your choice.

\$25.00 per match.

Please see Ron Fernwalt.

Matches that are available are below.

A Patriot Speaks

I have faith that the Constitution will be saved, but it will not be saved by anyone in Washington. It will only be saved by the citizens of this Nation who cherish their freedom above all else.

Ezra Taft Benson

March 50/50 Winner
Eric Hoskinson
CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome our newest members:

Ben Kerkstra
Mark Meyer

GVC&B Club Officers 2023-24

President	Jeff Terrell
Vice President	Larry Horrigan
Secretary	Pat Bradfield
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Dennis Priddy 2022
Scott Silverman 2022
Bonnie Fernwalt 2022
Jimmy Dauthrich 2022
Neal Armstrong 2023
John Turner 2023
Ed Henson 2023
John Turner 2023

Jeff's Journal

It's now Thursday morning April 11th and I just came home from visiting my chiropractic doctor. I feel so much better, now I will be able sit here and get this article written. The first thing on my mind goes back to March and the History Show. As usual we set -up on Friday night,



everything went smoothly and we had plenty of help to set-up our tables, the only drawback was a cold blustery NW wind that did make the whole operation a little more challenging for everyone. Never the less we were ready to go a couple hours later with everything in place. This year we added a third table to our group that was just for Club promotion, that table was manned by John and Jerry and our trade table by Ron and Tom. They did a terrific job, passing out flyers and selling percussion caps trade goods etc. I think this was probably our best show ever. Thank you! Guys.

Then. This past weekend was the Zimmerman Memorial Shoot at our Range. Prior to that there was a lot of Winter debris had to be removed from just about everywhere several club members accomplished that way ahead of time so the grounds looked great by shoot time. On shoot day morning it was cold, freezing temperatures actually, it didn't matter we still had 32 people signed-up by shoot time. Thanks to Ron, Neal, Myrna and Eric I was able to shoot this year, after having completely recovered from the broken collarbone I suffered at last years History Show. Well. I shot but not good enough to place in a match. I guess it's back to the practice range for me. Congratulations to those who did place in at least one match. Anyway. We all still had fun, and we didn't have to bring a lunch, since that was provided by Kevin Wildey's campfire Chili. Thanks

Jeff's journal continued...

So, what's next? That would be Spring Shoot that's what, now just three weeks from this weekend. It was reported to me at Sunday's meeting that all venues were ready to go, THAT makes me very happy you are prepared so well in advance. Now all we need are shooters to be there and another Grand Valley event will be underway, I hope you are one of those able to come shoot with us, you will not be disappointed it's a fun time. Club members don't forget our club shoot and meeting is on the 28th and 29th of April and that includes the start-up of Shotgun, Archery and Air-gun. I'll see you then.

Jeff

:ATTENTION:

Please remember that you **MUST** have any tarps removed from you camper before May 1st, AND clean up around your camp and in your group area.

We have our Spring Shoot coming up on May 3rd-5th and we want to look as inviting as possible for our guests.

We only have one chance to make a good first impression!

MATCH SPONSORS

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.

**SPONSOR LETTERS
ARE BELOW**

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Buffalo

1. Larry Horrigan 43
2. Ed Henson 43
3. Dennis Priddy 40

Men's 25 yd Rifle—Small

1. Ed Henson 43
2. Dennis Priddy 41
3. Larry Horrigan 41

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty—Crow

1. Larry Horrigan 45X
2. Jimmy Dautrich 38
3. Jennifer Buchanan 38

Men's 50yd Trade Gun—

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Bill Barnum
3. Ed Henson

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun

1. Bill Barnum
2. Dennis Priddy
3. Larry Horrigan

Women's 50 yd Rifle—

1. Morgan Priddy
2. Leanne Pierce
3. Dominique Carl

Women's 25 YD Rifle—

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| Leanne Pierce | | 1. | Women's 25 |
| YD Novelty— | | 1. | Morgan Priddy |
| dy | 50 | 2. | |

Leanne Pierce
Dominique Carl

Walk—

Meyer 50

1. Dennis Priddy 140
2. Bill Rapright 90
- Ray Burd 60

Gun

Ed Henson 110
Kurt Neinhouse 100
50

3.
Woods
Percus-
1. Mark
Flint

3.
Trade
1. Daw
2.
3.

Elk. Mountains. Archery.

Life has a funny way of surprising you. Though I discovered archery hunting later in life, I haven't wasted a moment honing my skills. Fueled by the encouragement of a close friend in Idaho, I secured an over-the-counter archery elk tag for the 2024 season in her neck of the woods.

September 2024 whisked my husband Dave and me away on a 13-day Idaho adventure we'll never forget. After a few days of learning the lay of the land with our friends, we embarked on a five-day solo exploration. Success rates for western archery elk hunts hover around 10%, but our spirits remained high.

Midweek, fortune seemed to smile upon us. We located two impressive bulls. A lone 5x5 kept us on our toes for two thrilling nights, responding eagerly to calls and tree racking. The second night, he materialized within 115 yards, quenching his thirst at a watering hole. Convinced this was my moment, I readied myself behind a sagebrush. Dave coaxed him with a cow call, and the bull bugled before trotting our way. Anticipation surged as I drew back, certain he'd offer a clear shot. But with a sudden turn, he veered downwind, catching my scent. Dejection followed the adrenaline rush, the taste of victory replaced by a bittersweet pang – I had been so close.

The second encounter involved a majestic 7x7 herd bull leading a harem of ten cows. His age granted him the wisdom of staying silent and hidden amongst the trees. He outsmarted us on several occasions. Ultimately, I opted against a risky shot with low recovery chances, allowing him to continue his reign.

Hunting is more than just bagging a trophy. It's about acknowledging your place within the natural order, a primal dance with creatures that face predation daily. These experiences offer profound lessons classrooms could never replicate. Though my freezer remains empty, immense pride fills me. We experienced the very essence of what many hunters chase - an unforgettable adventure deep in the mountains.

About Chelsea Fox

Nature has always been Chelsea's sanctuary. From a young age, she's been an avid outdoors enthusiast, casting lines and paddling the sprawling rivers of Michigan in her canoe. The woods hold a special serenity for Chelsea, a place where she finds peace and tranquility.

In 2020, Chelsea channeled her love for nature into a unique venture. She launched Indigo Vibes Apothecary, a small business specializing in loose leaf teas. Indulge in a cup of self-care with Indigo Vibes Apothecary. Chelsea handcrafts organic loose leaf teas that prioritize both your well-being and taste. Whether you're seeking a calming herbal infusion or a vibrant fruity blend, her apothecary offers a variety of options to tantalize your taste buds and nurture your body. [Indigovibesapothecary.com](https://indigovibesapothecary.com) for all your tea needs.



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 _____

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2024 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----ERIK & SUE HOSKINSON
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH OS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH OS-----MATTS 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----Lifewave/Neal & Jackie Armstrong-616-284-7146
MATCH 11	50 YARD OH WOMEN AMS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 13	25 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----ERIC & SUE HOSKINSON
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY AMS-----
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----BILL & KAREN BARNUM
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-----DAN LEPPA
MATCH 2	10 YARDS-----VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com
MATCH 3	16 YARDS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 4	20 YARDS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 5	LADY'S 10 YARD-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE--centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 6	LADY'S 16 YARD -----MARY POTEE
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARD-VACATION LAND SALES - 616-896-8371- vacationandsales.com
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----MYRNA HOL-

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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-----
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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-----
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MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----DANIEL BOON
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----DANIEL BOON
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----J & J TRADING-----269-299-0581
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--

SATURDAY PRIMITIVE: MATCH 1

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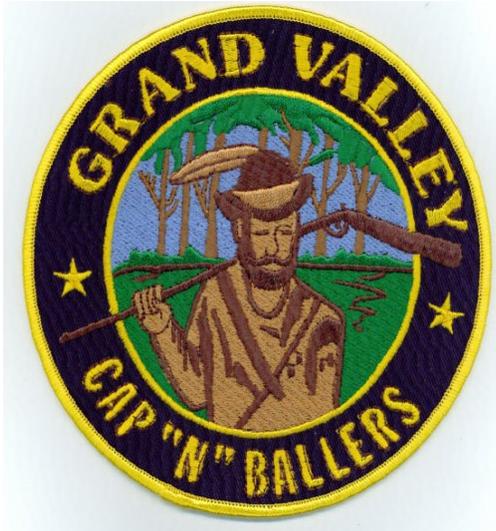
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Our mission is to create, promote and encourage an interest in historical firearms; to preserve their histories, along with the crafts and traditions of our American heritage; to promote good fellowship and teach firearm safety; to purchase, hold and 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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