



# The Smokepole

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Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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### A PATRIOT SPEAKS

“The federal government has taken too much tax money from the people, too much authority from the states, and too much liberty with the Constitution.”

Ronald Reagan

*We still have plenty of line marches for you to sponsor and or get sponsor's for the Frontier Shoot!*

*What a great job was done for the Spring Shoot!*

### Jeff's Journal

What a busy last couple of weeks it's been for me, I should say us. Sally and I had to attend the funerals of two of our friends from church, then two birthday parties for great- grand daughters and then this past weekend when my youngest aunt celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. That scenario gave us both some sad times and then some very happy times too. When you have a large family and



many friends those occasions are going to happen, and you know what?, I would not want it any other way. On top of all that we had to prepare for another Club Shoot and Spring Shoot the following week.

I would expect since I mentioned Spring Shoot all of you might wonder how did it go. I'll begin with attendance. Was it up or was it down? The answer is it was virtually the same as last year. One thing I noticed

though and I hope you did too, is that we had several people who had never been to any event at our Club before. I heard many positive comments from them, so the possibility of them attending future events is very good. Thank you everyone for making them feel welcomed. Overall, then, with almost all matches being sponsored and factoring in powder sales, raffle, and donations it was the best Spring Shoot we have had in several years. Great job everyone!

The busy month of May continues next weekend with the Family Rendezvous at the cabin and Sporting Clays at the Shotgun Range. I'll be at the cabin for the Rendezvous with many other like- minded folks shooting, socializing, eating, telling stories, and just having fun. If you're planning on attending be sure to bring bug spray because after all it is Springtime in Michigan, and we have a lot of ground cover which the bugs love. I love the woods, but I hate those dang bugs. Pharmaceutical companies' executives and scientists met to decide which harmful additives they could remove from their products. After many hours of research and arguing among themselves they decided to remove all the additives with seriously bad side effects. After doing so, they realized they no longer had any products they could sell.

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Our next Club Shoot and Meeting will be on the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone knows what takes place on Sunday of the shoot weekend. What about Saturday? Did you know they shoot Shotgun on Saturday morning? How about Archery? Neal and others have significantly upgraded that range with new targets and clearing of debris. It's a really fun place to shoot now. In the afternoon you can shoot Air gun, that range has been upgraded too. Don't have a rifle? We do have loaners to get you started. Shooting Air gun is so much fun and you don't have a gun to clean after shooting. Another fact, you will be a better muzzleloading shooter with all that kind of practice. How about joining us, you will not be disappointed. That's all I have for now. I was going to get some yard-work done this afternoon and darn if it didn't start raining again. Maybe tomorrow, I hope!

See you soon Jeff

**FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB**

*We had a good turnout for the Spring Shoot at the shotgun range. We threw 1000 targets. It appeared that no one was keeping in practice over the winter. We did not have a perfect score but a few 9's. We had a young lady (Bonnie Fernwalt) enter the 20-yard trap match and placed first. Sorry guys, I wasn't squeezing the trigger. After I saw that she entered that match I said, no way, not gonna compete against her and hear about it till I can outperform her.*

*Thank you to Audra Hill for picking up the targets and placing them on the bench.*

*A big thank you to Garrett Porter for putting the program together for scoring. It made it so much simpler and easier than the one that I put together.*

**A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR**

I got introduced to our club though my husband, Neal. We came to visit the Frontier Shoot I believe in 2010. We made a tour of the whole property. We made a stop at station 1 of the Woods walk. Don Rose was there and the person shooting was "Doc". He asked me if I would like to shoot his gun. "Sure", I said. I had shot guns before, but never black power let alone a flintlock. I shot, didn't hit anything but the dirt, but it was fun!

Later that day we met Janet Tessman. She told us about the Women's shoot that would be coming up later that month. My mom and I (Lee) pitched a tent that weekend and had a blast—no punt intended. The rest is history.

What is the moral of this story?

**Invite, invite, invite.**

**On the Firing Line**

**Line Matches—**

**Men's 50 yd Rifle Keyhole**

- 1. Jimmy Dauthrich
- 2. Ed Henson
- 3. Dennis Priddy

**Men's 25 yd Rifle 3-bull**

- 1. Ed Henson
- 2. Kurt Nienhouse
- 3. Jimmy Dauthrich

**Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty**

- 1. Jimmy Dauthrich
- 2. Dennis Priddy
- 3. Larry Horrigan

**Men's 50yd Trade Gun—WoodChuck**

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

**Men's 25 yd Trade Gun—Racoon**

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

**Women's 50 yd Rifle— Bulls Eye**

- 1. Leanne Pierce
- 2. Karen Barnum
- 3.

**Women's 25 yd Rifle— Bird**

- 1. Leanne Pierce
- 2. Karen Barnum
- 3.

**Women's 25 yd Rifle Novelty— Heart**

- 1. Leanne Pierce
- 2. Karen Barnum
- 3.

**Shotgun**

**Archery**

- 1. Neal Armstrong 215
- 2. Jackie Armstrong 168
- 3. Chad Henry 152

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**Big Archery Kick off**

Saturday, May 25th 9:00am-12:00pm  
Only \$5.00!

We have some extra bows for women and men and a couple youth. Grab your friends and join us! Always such a great time.

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## Pictures from our Spring Shoot



**Our beautiful clubhouse**



**Winner's circle  
(a few missing)**



**Traders**



**Archery crew**





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## 2024 SPRING SHOOT SPONSORS

### RIFLE

HATCG 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	ERIK & SUE HOSKINSON
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	MARX FOX
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-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 7	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	JOHN DEVRIES
MATCH 8	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 9	100 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	DAVE FOX
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-----	DAVE FOX
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	BILL & KAREN BARNUM
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	DAVE FOX
MATCH 23	25 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	DAVE FOX
MATCH 24	50 YARD SUB JUNIOR-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 25	25 YARD JUNIOR-----	DICK MILLER
MATCH 26	50 YARD JUNIOR-----	MARC FOX
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 28	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 31	25 YARD YOUTH-----	IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
MATCH 32	50 YARD YOUTH-----	DICK MILLER
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE JUNIORS	PERCUSSION ---DAN LEPO	WOMEN---- DENNIS PRIDDY
	TRADE GUN-----DENNIS PRIDDY	

### 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 POTE
MATCH 7	JUNIORS 10 YARD-VACATION LAND SALES – 616-896-8371 -vacationandsales.com	
MATCH 8	FLINT 10 YARD-----	MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 9	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----	BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 11	TRANHAM PROTECTION----	LOUISE MERCER & PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 12	SKEET SINGLES-----	DAN LEPPA
MATCH 13	SKEET DOUBLES-----	PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000

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### RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS---	
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----	JOHN DEVRIES
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	
MATCH 7 *	25 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 9*	50 YARD OH FLINT OS-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
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-----	IN MEMORY OF BOB HILL
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 MASTERSON
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	BAT MASTERSON
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	DANIEL BOON
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	DANIEL BOON
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----	RUSS & PAT BRADFIELD
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-----	RUSS & PAT BRADFIELD

FRIDAY PRIMITIVE\*  
TRADE GUN-----

PERCUSSION  
WOMEN'S----

FLINT  
JUNIORS—

SATURDAY PRIMITIVE: MATCH 1  
MATCH 3  
MATCH 6  
MATCH 9

MATCH 4  
MATCH 7  
MATCH 10 --

MATCH 2  
MATCH 5  
MATCH 8

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### ARCHERY

MEN'S MATCH.....  
WOMEN'S MATCH.....

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### SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPP
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPION-SHIP -----LOUISE MERCER
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP---CORNER STONE CONTRACTING, 2606 142ND AVE., DORR
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 73	LADIES FRIDAY 16 YARD-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 74	LADIES SATURDAY 20 YARD-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
AGGREGATE MATCHES 73 & 74-----DAN LEPP	
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION----- LARRY & JEANIE TRANTHAM, RON& BONNIE FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE (616-681-9136)
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78---	
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP-----WAYNE & ARDITH KNOP
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP--BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING---616-896-1560
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP--CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----DAN LEPP	
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 86	FRIDAY DAILY 16 YARDS---CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE---
centershotgunrange#range.com	
MATCH 87	SATURDAY DAILY 20 YARDS-----DAN LEPP
AGGREGATE MATCHES 86 & 87--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE--- centershotgunrange#range.com	
MATCH 88	TRANTHAM PROTECTION-----JOHN TURNER & DICK WADSWORTH DAN LEPP & PERFECT PIZZA-----269-793-7000
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF MORRIS HOLOWAY
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 92	SKEET SINGLES-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING---616-896-1560
MATCH 93	SKEET DOUBLES-----

### PRIZE DONATIONS

LARRY HORRIGAN, DENNIS PRIDY, JOHN TURNER, DICK WADSWORTH

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