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MSMLA RIFLE /PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The state championship is coming to GVCNB July 10th to the 14th and we need all the group areas cleaned up by the 1st of July so we can mow the group areas. The branches and debris (stones & etc.) need to be cleaned up.

Pile out on the roadway near where you pick up or throw in the woods and we will pick up with a trailer. We want the grounds to be in tip top shape and looking nice when they arrive. I encourage our members to participate and support the state association.

FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

Time to be getting out and getting sponsors for Frontier Shoot. We still have spots to fill.

The price is only \$25.00 to sponsor a match. See attached Sponsorship list. Send checks to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

A body of men and women holding themselves accountable to nobody, ought not be trusted by anybody.

Thomas Paine

Jeff's Journal

Hello everyone. I have a question where did the month of May go? Here it is Wednesday June 5th already. In May we had only two events on the calendar and time just flew by. One of those was the shotgun Sporting Clays, they were very successful, I'm told in fact the best ever, and the Family Rendezvous which was not as well attended as in the past. I was there for the Friday activities but was not able to return on Saturday due to illness. Unbeknownst to me at the time I was having another heart artery issue and spent a few days in the hospital the following weekend. Good News, again the issue I had was repaired and I'm back in business and feel just fine.



That good feeling was increased on Saturday afternoon when I shot a 50 out of 51 on the air-gun range, I missed the darn wrench about half-way through the course but came through on my last shot ringing the bell at 100 yards. That score was my best so far too. We had a few more shooters this month than last, but we would certainly welcome more, and don't forget we have loaners for new shooters. Just ask.

I should have carried my enthusiasm for shooting over to Sunday's Muzzleloading Shoot, but instead I opted to introduce a couple of prospective new members to our facilities and members. I'm happy to say they were impressed, to say the least. I'm confident I'll be seeing them here again very soon. On the line everything went smoothly as usual and it was good to see Range Officer Tom back at work after his extended illness. I spent some extra time Sunday pushing State Rifle Raffle tickets to the troops, that turned out to be successful too. I still have about 40 to go before I sellout, so please help me to reach that goal next month at our Club Shoot and meeting on July 6th and 7th.

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**At the meeting I announced two upcoming Work Details:
On Saturday June 22nd 9:00 am to replace every-
thing but the posts on the 25yd. line.**

**Mowing season is here. We need debris sticks limbs
etc. removed be sure to look for stuff under
the leaves. You can pitch them in the woods
or place them along the road for P/U later.
This is ongoing so I'm hoping to see it get
done soon. DO NOT mow before doing the
above.**

There are so many good things happening right now I can't
begin to list them all. I can say Thanks to everyone for your co-
-operation. 2gather we will succeed.

See you soon.

Jeff

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle Woodchuck

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| 1. Ed Henson | 37 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 33 |
| 3. Todd Gomah | 26 |

Men's 25 yd Rifle 3-bull

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 44 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 36 |
| 3. Jimmy Dauthrich | 34 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty— Steer head

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| 1. Ed Henson | 44 |
| 2. Roger Pierce | 43 |
| 3. Mark Smith | 42 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun—Lg Bull Triangle

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| 1. Bill Barnum | 30 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 22 |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun—Bull B-3

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| 1. Drew Harrinton | 43 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 39 |
| 3. Ed Henson | 39 |

Men's 25 YD Pistol—Large Bull

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| 1. Mark Smith | 7902X |
| 2. Todd Gomah | 76 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 75 |

Women's 50 yd Rifle—Buffalo

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 32 |
| 2. Brittany Pierce | 9 |
| 3. Dawn Thurkettle | 7 |

Women's 25 yd Rifle—Bullseye

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 44 |
| 2. Dawn Thurkettle | 22 |
| 3. Britany Pierce | 12 |

Women's 25 yd Rifle Novelty—Heart

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 22 |
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Special— Turkey

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| 1. Ed Henson | 46 |
| 2. Roger Pierce | 44 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 40 |

Juniors 25 YD

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| 1. Cameron Evens | 31 |
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Juniors 50YD—Buffalo

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| 1. Cameron Evans | 14 |
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Woods Walk—Flint

- | | |
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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 150 |
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Wood Walk— Trade Gun

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| 1. Ed Henson | 170 |
| 2. Drew Harrington | 100 |

Archery

- | | |
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| 1. Neal Armstrong | 253 |
| 2. Greg Waldren | 191 |
| 3. Jackie Armstrong | 155 |

THE GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS AND MICHIGAN STATE CAMPING RULES

1. Each camper must keep his own campsite clean, neat and the grass cut.
2. There will be only one fixed fire pit on each campsite.
3. Use only existing cut wood or use dead fallen trees. No standing trees may be cut.
4. When the camping unit is not in use, it must be disconnected from utilities (electric and water).
OR PAY THE \$2.00 ELECTRICAL USE FEE.
5. ANY GUEST CAMPING WITH THEIR UNIT IS REQUIRED TO PAY \$5.00/DAY FOR ELECTRICAL USE.

**Thank you for your cooperation---The
Campground Committee**

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

We have a new trap for sporting clays and another one coming in the near future. Thank you to John Shinabarger for your generous donation.

We had a great turn out for sporting clays in May. This biggest turn out since we started with 50 competitors.

We did have a small turn out for the monthly shotgun matches and here are the results:

10 YD	16YD	20YD
Dennis Sitzer 8	Dennis Sitzer 8	Dennis Sitzer
Ed Henson 7-4	John Turner 6	

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CLUB PARTY



JULY 27TH, 2024

6:00 PM

MAIN DISH PROVIDED BRING A DISH TO PASS
ALSO BRING A \$10 GIFT IF YOU WANT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE

SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AT
JULY'S MEETING

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2024 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2024

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 3
MATCH 6

MATCH 1
MATCH 4
MATCH 7
MATCH 9

MATCH 2
MATCH 5
MATCH 8
MATCH 10 -

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ARCHERY

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

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SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPPPO
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 LEPPPO
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
	AGGREGATE 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 LEPPPO
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 LEPPPO
	AGGREGATE MATCHES 86 & 87--CENTER SHOTGUN RANGE---centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 88	TRANTHAM PROTECTION-----JOHN TURNER & DICK WADSWORTH DAN LEPPPO & 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 HARRIGAN, DENNIS PRIDY, JOHN TURNER, DICK WADSWORTH

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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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