



The Smokepole

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CAMPING NOTICE

As we know, the electric use is on the honor system. Payments for electric use **over** the allotted 20 days is due at the monthly club meetings to be paid to the treasurer. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CHRISTMAS PARTY

July 27, 2024 6:00pm

Bring a dish to pass, meat will be provided. Bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange FUN!! More fun games will be played and everyone get raffle ticket for coming!

If you have not RSVP'd please text or call Jackie 616-248-7146 by July 23rd.
THANK YOU

A Patriot Speaks

America will never be destroyed from the outside, if we should falter and lose our Freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves from within.

Abraham Lincoln

FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS

We still have spots to fill. The price is only \$25.00 to sponsor a match. See attached Sponsorship list.

Jeff's Journal

Goodday Everyone;

I'm writing this month's article on the first day of the State Shoot which is at our club this year. It's a Wednesday afternoon and the heavy rain from the storm is finally diminishing. I anticipated it would be raining today, so I held off writing my journal until today since I knew I could not be doing anything outdoors. To begin. Special thanks to everyone involved in getting the grounds and ranges ready for this weeks shoot. This Spring has been very windy, so there was an excessive number of debris to get cleaned - up. In some areas we were fine in others not so much. Ron is very dedicated to getting the mowing done put cannot keep getting off the mower to pick-up tuff. Let's make a sincere effort to keep the group areas clean especially since we are looking so good



right now. Continuing with the thank yuzu's, A special thanks to my crew involved in getting the 25yd line hangers replaced, that took place over a couple of weeks and there were many people involved in the project. I could not be happier with the result and just in time for the shoot too.

Above I listed two of the most visible accomplishments that have been done in preparation for this year's events. There have been so many more, I could not begin to list everyone. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard- working group here at Grand Valley. You are the best, THANK YOU.

We cannot rest on what's been done because the next two months are super busy, almost every weekend right through July and August. Please check our calendar for all our future events. This past Sunday was one of those days weatherwise that you just wanted to be outdoors. Our Club Shoot was well attended as was the monthly meeting.

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There were 4 things I brought -up at the meeting you will need to know before Frontier Shoot.

1-The Thursday night fish fry cannot be held this year due to illness and recovery of our chairpersons, **for this year only it will be just a Potluck.**

2-The people we had for Kitchen Service last year, will not be available this year. Mark Meyer has volunteered to be in charge of meals for the event. **There will be NO Evening Meals served.** Breakfast and Lunch only at the listed times.

3-Next meeting and shoots are the weekend of July 27 and 28.

4-There are still open spots to be filled **IN THE KITCHEN.** In particular a person to Take orders and handle money in the kitchen. Please consider the opportunities. Sponsored members, here's a great chance to be of help on our biggest event. Just a final note Ron reported at the meeting the Jag Shop is having a very good year and I reported our ATF license has been successfully renewed thru 2027. Keep the sales coming and don't forget we have percussion caps available too. Hey! The sun is starting to show itself again, I've got stuff to do out there.

See you soon; Jeff

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.

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Tom Maxson showed up to try shotgun. He is going to be a great shooter!!

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

10 YD	16YD	20YD
ED Henson	Ed Henson	

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle Hedgehog

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| 1. Brat (?) | 33 |
| 2. Jeff Terrell | 29 |
| 3. Todd Gomah | |

Men's 25 yd Rifle 3-bull

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| 1. Joe Baird | 35 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 34 |
| 3. Todd Gomah | 26 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty— Flys

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| 1. Joe Bird | 40 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 30 |
| 3. Mark Smith | 20 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun—Bull

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | 27 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 19 |
| 3. Drew Carrington | 16 |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun Acorns

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| 1. Bill Barnum | 27 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 20 |
| 3. Todd Gomah | 10X |

Men's 25 YD Pistol—Large Bull

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| 1. Mark Smith | 90X |
| 2. Todd Gomah | 69 |
| 3. Dennis Priddy | 67 |

Women's 50 yd Rifle—Large Bull

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 45X |
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Women's 25 yd Rifle—Cow Skull

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 10 |
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Women's 25 yd Rifle Novelty—Rhino

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 28 |
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Special— 100YD Bear

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 10 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 4 |
| 3. Joe Baird | 3 |

Juniors 25 YD

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Juniors 50YD—Buffalo

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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 | |
| 2. Tom Knight | |

Air Gun

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | |
| 3. Jeff Terrell | |

Archery

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| 1. Ed Henson | 263 |
| 2. Doug Schmier | 252 |
| 3. Suzanne Schmier | 172 |

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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RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	DREW HARRINGTON
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	PAT MALLOY
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	PATMALLOY
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	ERIC HOSKINSON
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.....NEAL ARMSTRONG
WOMEN'S MATCH.....JACKIE ARMSTRONG

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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
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 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 HARRIGAN, DENNIS PRIDDY, 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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