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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.

Our Next club meeting is
September 8th.

From the Shotgun Crew

Thanks to Myrna Holloway for the Chocolate/Cherry cake brought to shotgun!! It was delicious. It was appreciated and shared and enjoyed by all.

A Patriot Speaks

If freedom of speech is taken away, then the silent and the uninformed, like sheep, will be led to the slaughter
George Washington

50\50 WINNER

Billy Thurkettle

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Billy Thurkettle

Mark Fox

Ron sends his gratitude to the team for doing such a great job at the Frontier Shoot!

Jeff's Journal

It's Tuesday August 6th and I'm still in recovery mode after our 63rd Frontier Shoot. No. I was not really injured in any way, it's just all the activity surrounding the shoot is quite taxing to my 20 yr. old ankle injury. I'll be fine after a few days of inactivity and some ice packs. Truthfully, it happens anytime I spend that much time on my feet and walk that much. Was it worth it? It most certainly was.



I do enjoy having so many people congratulating our club members on another successful event. Recently, someone asked me "how is your club able to have so many events and do them so well". I told him "It's because of teamwork, our people are so dedicated to continuing the successes of the past and being able to enjoy the fruits of our labor year after year. We have such a fabulous facility it would be a shame not to make the most of it. Also, because expenses

like insurance and taxes keep rising, we really don't have much choice. Do we? This year was quite different for me, having to do double duty due to Ron Fernwalt's accident and injuries. Then again, the team came together and made it all happen again. I thank you all for the great job you did at every venue, the range officers, target shack workers, registration, target scoring, kitchen, silent auction, shotgun crew, outhouse patrol, trading post, powder sales, archery, woods walk, clean-up and wherever else I missed. Thank you for a job very well done. APPLAUSE!! APPLAUSE! Thankfully too we only had a brief shower one morning and then again overnight on Friday, so we didn't get rained out, but the humidity and heat were nasty and a little overwhelming at times. We had a couple close calls with heat exhaustion on the range, they were ok thanks to quick action by our range officers. Please be cautious when conditions are like that heat exhaustion is dangerous. This morning's thunderstorm finally cleared the air of all that, so the weekend looks to be much nicer.

Ron is at home doing therapy and getting better every day I will be seeing him later this week to get all the financials together for the September Shoots and Meeting on the 7th and 8th.

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I guess I kind of got ahead of myself, we've only just begun August's schedule. After this weekend's break we still have MSMLA Shotgun Championships the 15th to 18th, and then on the last weekend of the month on the 24th and 25th it's the highly anticipated ladies only "Fun Tyme at the Range". Wow! Then it will be September, and we will all be asking ourselves, where did the summer go, it's definitely not here yet, lets enjoy the rest of the time we have until then, while we can.

See you soon. Jeff

Ladies Fun Tyme at the Range August 24th & 25th

Ladies grab a girlfriend for this fun tyme!
ONLY \$20- which includes lunch and dinner and of course
LOTS OF FUN!!

We shoot 4 rounds before lunch, 5 after lunch which includes the Janet Tessman memorial Match and a Team Target, which is always a blast. Oh and let us not forget we do a rolling pin toss, knife and hawk throwing and a bean bag toss.
Then dinner, prizes and just hanging out!

DON'T MISS OUT!



**GREAT
FUN!!**



FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

Here are the scores from the monthly shotgun matches:
Saturday:

10 YD	16YD	20YD
ED Henson-7	Kevin Price-8	Kevin Price-

Sunday:

20YD	16 YD
Kevin Price	Ron Fernwalt-8, Kevin Price-7
	Tom Maxson-6

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle Groundhog

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | 32 |
| 2. Larry Horrigan | 31 |
| 3. Ed Henson | 30 |

Men's 25 yd Rifle Hat

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| 1. Ed Henson | 43 |
| 2. Bill Barnum | 41 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 38 |

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty- Buffalo

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| 1. Jimmy Dauthrich | 45 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 39 |
| 3. Larry Horrigan | 39 |

Men's 50yd Trade Gun- Buffalo

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| 1. Bill Barnum | 35 |
| 2. Ed Henson | 23 |
| 3. Roger Pierce | 20 |

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun Turkey

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | 27 |
| 2. Dennis Priddy | 27 |
| 3. Roger Pierce | 18 |

Men's 25 YD Pistol- Bull

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| 1. Dennis Priddy | |
| 2. Mark Smith | 72X |
| 3. Jerry Johnson | 68 |

Women's 50 yd Rifle-Large Bull

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 31 |
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Women's 25 yd Rifle—Rhino

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 32 |
| 2. Dominique Carl | 20 |

Women's 25 yd Rifle Novelty-Cup

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| 1. Leanne Pierce | 18 |
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Special- 25yd 3 Bull

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| 1. Larry Horrigan | |
| 2. Jimmy Dauthrich | 35 |
| 3. | |

Juniors 25 YD

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Juniors 50YD—Buffalo

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Woods Walk-Flint

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Wood Walk- Trade Gun

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| 1. Ed Henson | |
| 2. | |

Air Gun

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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Archery-Men

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Ed Henson | 265 |
| 2. Kevin Heimstra | 232 |
| 3. Neal Armstrong | 203 |

Archery-Women

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| 1. Shar Heimstra | 145 |
| 2. Jackie Armstrong | 118 |

Christmas in July Party!!



Frontier Shoot 2024







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2024 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2024

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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