



# The Smoke Pole

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Grand Valley Cap'n Ballers™  
Muzzle Loading Gun Club

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## October 2024

**Heartfelt Thank you** to Audra Hill, who donated all the meat for our Meat Shoot prizes. She did it in honor of Bob. The Meat shoot was a favorite of his.

### GVC&B Club Officers 2024-25

**President:** Jeff Terrell  
**Vice President:** Larry Horrigan  
**Secretary:** Lee Patterson  
**Treasurer:** Chelsea Fox  
**Range Officer:** Roger Pierce  
**Newsletter:** Jackie Armstrong

### Board Members (Year Elected)

Dennis Priddy 2024  
Bonnie Fernwalt 2024  
Tom Verberg 2024  
Leanne Pierce 2024  
Neal Armstrong 2023  
John Turner 2023  
Ed Henson 2023

### A Patriot Speaks

The Life of a Nation is secure only while that Nation is Honest Truthful and Virtuous.  
Fredrick Douglas

### 50/50 WINNER

(Meat drawings were done)

### ATTENDANCE WINNER

Jeff Terrell

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

### Jeff's Journal

Were you able to be at the range for The Meat Shoot and Octoberfest last weekend? I'm here to tell you if you weren't you missed a really good time. For once. The weather was not an issue, granted it was downright chilly in the morning (like low 40's) but once the Sun came up it was just beautiful. I think we got close to 70 not bad at all for early October. Attendance wise, we had one of the best years we have had in recent memory. I believe that total would be somewhere in the mid- 40's, when you consider both shotgun and rifle. That is good news (I hope) for future events and maybe will even have that continue into next year. After shooting awards were presented, we gathered at the pavilion to celebrate with the October Fest Party. Scott and Michelle Silverman were in charge of that and as usual did a great job.



What good cooks we have here. Esp. the cherry upside-down cake, one of my favorites. After dinner we had a story telling session which was both fun and, in some cases, quite informative.

Overall. It was just a wonderful day to share with my friends and be together. Thanks everyone! I did registration and scoring on Saturday, so I didn't get to shoot that day. Dawn took over that position on Sunday which gave me the chance to be on the range Sunday morning. One of my favorite venues of ours is the Long Hunter range, so I shot that and was able to score 17 of 20 which got me first place. I was happy, winning after all is still a pretty good feeling. Unfortunately, it just does not happen enough.

We still have a couple more events to go this month: at Shotgun we have Sporting Clays on Saturday this weekend. Then on the 26<sup>th</sup> we will have our very first annual Squirrel Shoot with **an added bonus lunch will be provided**. You cannot go wrong on this deal. I think that will be a great way to end our event schedule for this year.

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After all the shooting was over, we proceeded to the clubhouse for our important October Meeting. Important mostly because of the election of officers for 2025. The meeting began with committee reports and the usual announcements. There was no old business, under new business, we were happy to swear in Jason and Brittany as our newest sponsored members. Then the elections took place. The good news is all positions on the Board were filled and those people were elected. The full list is in the newsletter, I am looking forward to serving with them next year. Please thank these people for their dedication to our club when you can. You will see we have a new Treasurer this year. That position has been held for the past 15 years by Ron Fernwalt. IF you didn't know, he was responsible for setting up the bookkeeping system we have today, that in itself has played a major role in achieving the success we have today. His dedication to that position and our club is far beyond words. I'm truly thankful for the professional relationship and personal friendship we have had, one will change, the latter will not. Ron, as you always say "As a team we shall succeed". Indeed. We will. Thank you for your help in getting us there.

Jeff

*Thank you to all the guys who helped with the men's church group, Neal Armstrong brought out. They all had a blast and want to come back!*



**FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB**

Here are the scores from the monthly shotgun matches:  
Saturday:  
None to report

**No scores to report  
because we had  
our meat shoot!**

**GVCnB 2025 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE**

**Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2025. Payment must be made to The membership chairman either at any meeting or post-marked no later than January 31, 2025. This form must be completed with payment. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. Fill out ahead of time to avoid confusion. Thanks.**

**If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2025. If not paid within 30 days after January 31, the unit must be moved off club property, or it will be impounded by local law enforcement.**

**REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE CAMPING UNITS ON CLUB PROPERTY ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY INSURANCE ON THEIR UNITS OR ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY.**

**Please fill out the following in very clear and legible print and return to GVCNB, Membership Chairman, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mailAddress** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**NMLRA Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues \$50.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campsite Fee \$150.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Submitted \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Camping Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**or Lot Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Status Regular** \_\_\_\_\_ **Life** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Joined GVCnB** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\*\*\***



# **Michigan** **State** **Squirrel** **Shoot**

October 26, 2024 at Grand Valley Cap 'N' Ballers  
3506 26th St, Hopkins, MI 49328

## **Registration 9am**

Shooting starts at 10am through 2:30pm  
\$20 donation includes both rounds and lunch.

## **Program**

20 Shot novelty squirrel target round at the main range by the  
block house in the morning.

## **Lunch Break**

10 Shot Novelty Squirrel target round and shoot off on the Woods  
Walk range in the afternoon.

Questions?

Contact Larry Horigan (269) 793-3265 or Dennis Priddy  
(517) 852-0939



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