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2025 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL

Make sure you get you fees mailed in before January 31st, 2025. The form is in this newsletter below.

A Patriot Speaks

A nation of well-informed people who have been taught to know and respect the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins.
Benjamin Franklin

GVC&B Club Officers 2024-25

President: Jeff Terrell
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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
John Turner 2023

50/50 WINNER

Lee Patterson
ATTENDANCE WINNER
Dennis Priddy & John Devries

Jeff's journal

Happy Winter's Day Everyone. It's Thursday morning and it's not snowing here in Wayland right now. We had about 5 in. of snow last night, but we have had sunshine all morning. I can see the snow clouds just to the west, so I'll bet it's snowing at the range again. Today it's great to be



living just east of 131. If you didn't know, that seems to be the dividing line for all of our weather forecasters. It is however, very cold and windy out there so I'll be very happy to stay inside and stay warm and dry. Doing so means after I'm done with writing my Journal, I'll be recruited to help with the house cleaning and putting up Christmas deco-

rations. We are doing so a little late this year because Sally's been working longer hours at Kirkland's due to lack of workers. Hopefully. We will be done with our decorating by the weekend, then we can just sit back and enjoy the season.

I have nothing to report on last Sunday's Shoot and Meeting, there are two reasons for that, number one because I was not feeling well, due to a mix-up with me and a new heart medication. Thankfully that's OK now, that I know what not to take together. Secondly. There was no official meeting since there were not enough people their quorum wise to hold an official meeting. We will not be having any meetings in January or February, so it will be March before we get together again for that, I can appreciate not having to be at the range during bad weather, but sadly I'll miss not seeing many of you for a couple months. The Club will open for the scheduled shoots both months. Larry Horrigan will be in charge of those, if you have any questions about weather conditions you can call him to see if it's a go.

FYI. We will be having tables at the History Show again next year, so I'm asking months in advance. We do not have as many Trade Goods as usual, so while you have free time this Winter, Please consider items that you no longer have a need for and donate to the Club to sell. That way we both win, the Club makes money and you can reduce your inventory of unused stuff. Thank you for your consideration of that idea.

FYI again. Thanks to all of you are members and our guests for helping Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers have another very successful year. Working together we grew all of our events, even (added a new one) to the calendar. We were also able to make much needed repairs to facilities and I was able to see well attended work details, all with the camaraderie that makes us Grand Valley. Thanks again folks, we did good.

Lastly. I want to wish you and your families a very, very. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Stay warm, stay safe and I'll see you later or sooner whatever the case may be. Jeff

P.S. At the Board Meeting in October, there was a motion for addition to the Constitution regarding financial record keeping, please see last page of the newsletter to see proposal changes.

MEMBERSHIP

Be sure and fill out the membership form that is in the newsletter when you send your dues in. This also includes life members as we are noticing that phone numbers and e-mail addresses have changed.

Thank you for your support!

Bonnie

SPONSORS FOR 2025

It is getting to be that time of year to think about getting sponsors for our matches for 2025. If you would like a letter to send to your local business, such as your sport shop or someone that is interested in supporting muzzle loading let me know and I will e-mail you a sample letter to use. The cost is only \$25.00 per match and send to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Ron

5 STAND

Weather permitting, we will be having 5 stand at the shotgun range with modern shotguns. It will be the 2nd Saturday of January, which is the 11th. If it is cancelled due to the weather, I will e-mail you or you can call me on Friday the 10th (616-836-5760) to see if we are still having it. Hope ya all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ron

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 50 yd Rifle

1. Ed Hensen
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Todd Gomah

Men's 25 yd Rifle

1. Ed Hensen
2. Larry Horrigan
3. Keven H.

Men's 25yd Rifle Novelty

1. Dennis Priddy
2. Ed Hensen
3. Larry Horrigan

Men's 50yd Trade Gun

1. Joe Bord
2. Ed Henson
3. Larry Horrigan

Men's 25 yd Trade Gun

1. Larry Horrigan
2. Joe Bord
3. Dennis Priddy

Men's 25 YD Pistol- Bullseye

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 50 yd Rifle

1. Leanne Pierce

Women's 25 yd Rifle

1. Leane Peirce

Special—

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk-Flint

- 1.

Wood Walk- Trade Gun

1. Ed Henson 130

Air Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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 treasurer FOR \$150.00 FOR THE CAMP SITE AND \$50.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES either at any meeting or post-marked no later than January 31, 2025. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. This form must be completed with payment.

IF YOUR CHECK IS NOT POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND NEED TO START OVER AGAIN TO BECOME A MEMBER.

If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2024. 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, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

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 _____

CAMPSITES AND CAMPSITE REGISTRATION

The \$150.00 a year camping fee reserves the campsite and includes 20 days of electric hookup without additional charges.

Anyone camping at Shotgun will pay the event fee, plus the additional current up charge for A/C use.

At major events, i.e.; Zimmerman, Spring Shoot, Family Rendezvous, Frontier Shoot, Ladies Fun Tyme At The Range, and October Fest/Meat Shoot, members are **REQUIRED** to pay the electrical charge for that event.

All members paying the event electrical fee will not have those days deducted against their 20 day limit.

After a registered reserved campsite member has surpassed the 20 day electrical use limit, those members will be charged a \$2.00 a day electrical fee if plugged in.

Article 5 Section 4 Addition E

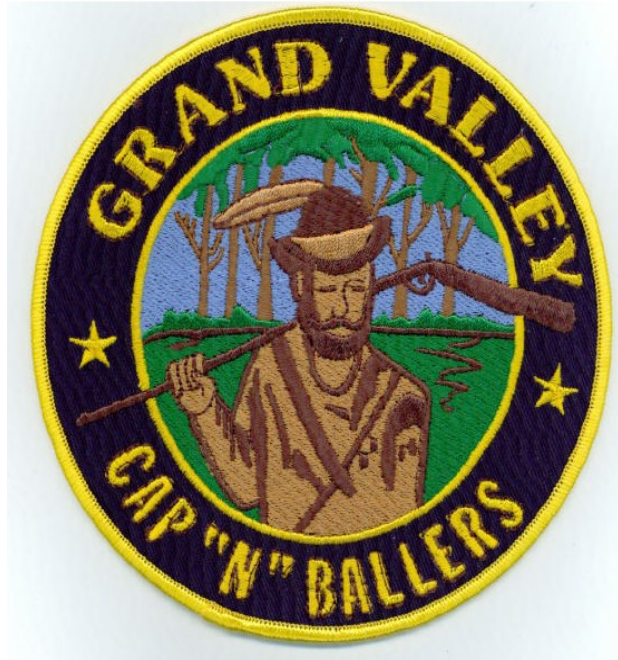
Currently says:

Treasurer shall use the current version of Microsoft Excel as the standard financial operating and record keeping of all financial transactions for Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers.

Motion to amend it to:

The Treasurer shall use the current master document of Microsoft Excel and/or a bookkeeping software like QuickBooks to manage and record Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers financial transactions.

GRAND VALLEY CAP M BALERS™



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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