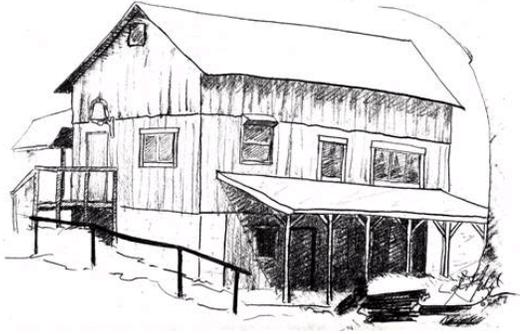


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Freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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50/50 WINNER

Jerry Johnson

ATTENDANCE WINNER

Judy Turner & Jerry Tessman

Jeff's Journal

Finally. Yes, finally the snow all melted at the Range and we could have a shoot and meeting. Actually, we did have club shoots in December and January with limited assess, last month there was just too much snow to even get in the gate. We made up for that last weekend calling it the February Shootn'th at all. I say we but actually it should be them, since I don't do those cold weather events anymore.



Special thanks to Larry for handling those months so our diehard shooters could do their thing and the rest of us could stay home and be warm and dry.

This past Sunday with the bad Winter stuff gone and the sun shining many more of our shooters were there to try their luck on some rather tricky targets, because of better weather the scores were much better too. I had planned to shoot this month, in fact I had everything ready to go on Saturday night, then Sunday morning I had to make a emergency trip to the hearing center because one of my hearing went on the fritz and needed repair by the time I was back home it was just to late to shoot. Now. I'll have to get in some practice this month, so I don't embarrass myself at the Zimmerman Memorial Shoot next month on the 11th. This is one of my favorite events to be part of, if you haven't been here before I suggest you come to this one because the targets are unusual and we really do have fun.

At the meeting several issues were brought up and fortunately I could respond because I took the time to get my hearing aid repaired. The things we discussed are as follows.

Continue...

1. Work detail Saturday, Marcg 14th to cut-up and clean-up (4) fallen trees. 10am
2. Reminder asking for donations to the History Show March 21 & 22.
3. The roofing project will be done in the next few weeks.
4. Hopefully? The powder shipment will arrive in a couple weeks quantities will be limited to five # per individual or family. Price unknown until arrival.
5. Spring Shoot is only two months away, plan now where you can help sign-up at next month's meeting April 12th.
6. Memorial Service for Pat and Russ Bradfield is March 22nd in Holland Mi
7. I was asked how my eye surgery went. My answer I can see better now the fog is gone. Will I be a better shooter now? We'll see--- and with that I'll see you soon. Jeff

FROM THE SHOTGUN CRIB

We will be starting our monthly shoots at shotgun Sunday April 5th beginning at 9 am through 1 pm. So, get that smoke poles cleaned up and ready to burn some powder. The following Saturday we will be setting up the sporting clay's course and getting the final clean up taken care of.
Ron

MEAT PRIZE WINNERS

A big thank you goes to Dick Miller for supplying meet prizes this month in a drawing. The winners were selected by the attendance record. President Jeff Terrell drew the numbers out and the meat prizes went to: Ed Henson, Ben Kerkstra Kurt Nienhouse, Russ Povenz, Tim Brand, Judy Turner, John Turner, Neal Armstrong, Ron Fernwalt, Roger Pierce, Sue Manes, Bonnie Fernwalt, Eric Hoskinson, Jeff Terrell, Larry Horrigan, Lee Patterson, Marc Fox, Linda Verburg, Jerry Tessman and Dan Ray.
Thank you again Dick Miller, it was much appreciated.

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- 1.
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Novelty Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.
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Novelty Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men's 25yd Rifle

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|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1. | Drew Harrington | 28X |
| 2. | Eric Newcomb | 19 |
| 3. | Kurt Neinhouse | 19 |

Men's 25yd Rifle

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|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Mark Smith | 36 |
| 2. | Ed Henson | 25 |
| 3. | Larry Horrigan | 25 |

Men's 25yd

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Ed Henson | 36 |
| 2. | Larry Horrigan | 19 |
| 3. | Eric Newcomb | 18 |

Men's 50yd

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|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Larry Horrigan | 32 |
| 2. | Ed Henson | 26 |
| 3. | Eric Newcomb | 25 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun

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|----|----------------|-----|
| 1. | Larry Horrigan | 42 |
| 2. | Ed Henson | 41X |
| 3. | Mark Smith | 18 |

Men's 25yd Trade Gun-

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 1. | Mark Smith | 34 |
| 2. | Ed Henson | 25 |
| 3. | Drew Harrington | 17 |

Men's 25yd Pistol-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 50yd Pistol

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 25yd Rifle

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| 1. | Leanne Pierce | 25 |
| 2. | Linda Verburg | 7 |
| 3. | | |

Women's 25yd Rifle

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| 1. | Leanne Pierce | 28 |
| 2. | Linda Verburg | 14 |
| 3. | | |

Women's 50yd Rifle

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|----|---------------|----|
| 1. | Leanne Pierce | 35 |
| 2. | Linda Verburg | 25 |

Woods Walk-Flint

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|----|----------------|-----|
| 1. | Ed Henson | 180 |
| 2. | Kurt Neinhouse | 130 |

Woods Walk- Trade Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk Percussion/Silhouettes

- 1.

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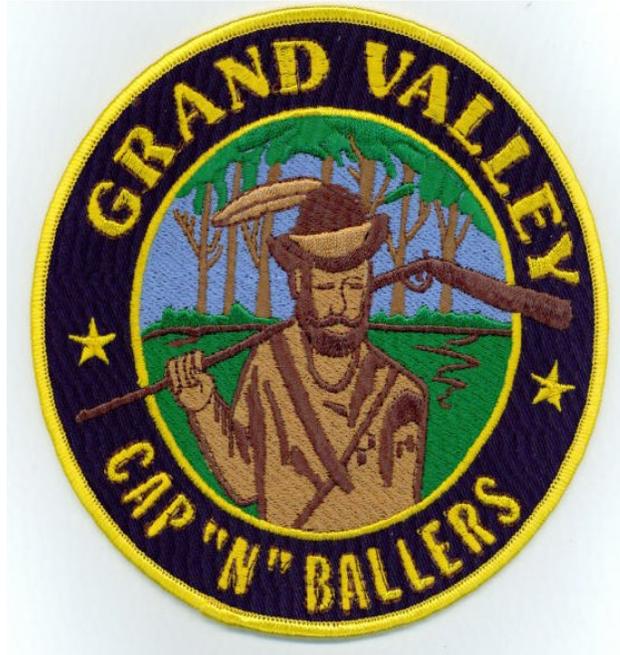
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