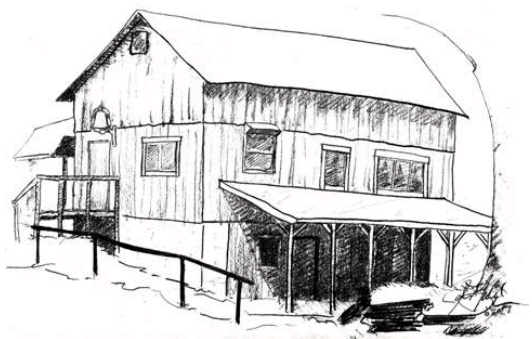




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October 2026

Squirrel Shoot October 24th

9:00 am Registration
Shooting starting at 10:00

A PATRIOT SPEAKS

AMERICA WILL NEVER BE DESTROYED FROM THE OUTSIDE, IF WE FALTER AND LOSE OUR FREEDOMS IT WILL BECAUSE WE DESTROYED OURSELVES FROM WITHIN.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

PS Remember Abe's words November 3rd and VOTE!

GVC&B Club Officers 2025-2026

President: Larry Horrigan
Vice President: Jerr Johnson
Secretary: Ron Fernwalt
Treasurer: Chelsea Fox
Range Officer: Roger Pierce
Newsletter: Jackie Armstrong

Board Members (Year Elected-2 year position)

Neal Armstrong 2025
Dave Fox 2025
Drew Harrington 2025
John Turner 2026
Jan White 2026
Dennis Priddy 2026
Ed Henson 2026
Jeff Terrell 2026 1 year

50/50 WINNER

Multiple winners for meat prizes
ATTENDANCE WINNER
Karen Barnum & Ron Fernwalt
CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff's Journal

My goodness haven't we been blessed with some beautiful weather this Fall, at least the last two weeks have been. Sadly, the last two events in the last week of September, the Pistol Shoot and Sporting Clays, were either cancelled or washed out due to the heavy rain that weekend. This past weekend for The Meat Shoot there was no such problem, we had nothing but blue skies and sunshine on both days



of the event. That's just the way I like it, and because of that I actually got to shoot. Shoot, yes, I did however my lack of practice and competition was very evident I could not get a scoring group all day Saturday, then on Sunday I was just too tired to even try to shoot again. I would be really happy to see this weather hold on for a while so I could get in some shooting before the cold arrives.

The rest of the competition did very well turning in some excellent scores and then picking-up some tasty looking "meat" prizes for their effort. We had great attendance again for this year's event as we have all our events this year. Thanks to everyone who participated in them so we can continue to have the success we have had again this year. Good News. We're not done yet, we still have the Squirrel Shoot on the 24th of this month, Sporting Clays this Saturday and again on November 7th, after that we will be shutting down things for the W-----.

The planning committee has chosen October 29th for date to gather and get started on setting dates and reviewing events for 2027, if you are involved in that process or want to be, the meeting will be held at the Windsor Woods community building at 6pm. I hope to see you then.

Lastly and also importantly the meetings were held on Sunday, and officers were elected to govern our club for next year, those are posted in N.L.

Continue...

This year it was my decision to not seek re-election as your President, that journey began for me in October 2007. That's 20 years ago, I felt it was time for new people to be involved before the opportunity was gone. I was elected right after a very turbulent time in our club's history, thankfully we were able to get through all of that and are now continuing to move forward and grow our club. Yes. We have had some setbacks during that time, but the good times have erased those many times over. I would like to thank all of you for trusting me to be your leader for all those years and thank you for buying into our system and your co-operation and hard work which made it all possible. It is my sincere hope you will continue to encourage and support your new leaders as you have me. I'm hopefully not going anywhere soon, in fact as past President I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors, the Jag Shop and be in charge of the Zimmerman and Ladies shoots. I'm not completely ready for retirement yet, but I will admit it's going to be weird not sitting in the front at those meetings.

See you soon: Jeff

DURING THE HUNTING SEASON OCTOBER 1st UNTIL JANUARY 1st THE WALKING OF DOGS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO CAMPGROUND TRAILS ONLY. IN ADDITION THEY MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.
The motion passed with only 2 dissents.

GVCnB 2027 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31ST, 2027

Air Gun

Archery-Men

- 1.
- 2.

Archery-Women

- 1.
- 2.

On the Firing Line

Line Matches-Not all scores given

Men's 25yd Rifle-Novelty

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 25yd Rifle

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 25yd

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Men's 50yd

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

25yd Trade Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

50yd Trade Gun

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

25yd Pistol-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

50yd Pistol

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Women's 25yd Novelty

- 1.
- 2.

Women's 25yd Rifle One Bull

- 1.
- 2.

Women's 50yd

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Woods Walk-Percussion

- 1.

Woods Walk- Trade Gun

1. Javon Mallery
2. Ed Henson
- 3.

Woods Walk Flint Lock

1. Karl Wilkins
- 2.

GVCNB SMOKE POLE NEWS OCTOBER

CAMPING

Members that have camping units on the grounds, and have been plugged in to the electric, if you have exceeded your 20-day limit be sure and give the check to Jackie if you are camped on the main campground and to Ron if you are camped at shotgun which is \$2.00 per day.

Thank you in advance
The Shotgun Committee

LOCKS

I have found 3 padlocks that have been left open and now one will have to be replaced because no doubt someone moved it or messed with it and the combination has been changed. When you unlock the padlock, you **need to** close it (**LOCK IT AND CHANGE NUMBER**). Those locks are expensive. If it is setting with the latch open and gets turned the combination can change.

DUMPSTER

November 4th is the last day you can use the dumpster. If you have garbage after that you need to take it home.

GVCnB 2027 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE

Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2027. Payment must be made to The membership chairman either at any meeting or postmarked no later than January 31, 2027. 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, 2027. 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 _____

NMLRA Membership # _____

Dues \$60.00 _____ Campsite Fee \$150.00 _____ Total Submitted \$ _____

Group Camping Area _____

or Shotgun Lot Number _____

Membership Status Regular _____ Life _____

Year Joined GVCnB _____

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 FEE PER DAY. ANY GUEST CAMPING WITH THEIR UNIT IS REQUIRED TO PAY \$5.00/DAY FOR ELECTRICAL USE.**
5. Additional electrical use, after the 20 days included in the annual fee, is to be paid for at the monthly meeting to Ron at shot gun and Jackie on the main campground

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.

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2026 FRONTIER SHOOT SPONSORS 2026

RIFLE

MATCH 1	25 YARD OH AMS-----	CHRIS LONGCORE
MATCH 2	50 YARD OH AMS-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 3	100 YARD OH AMS-----	KARL & MOLLIE WILKINS
MATCH 4	25 YARD OH AMS-----	FLINTLOCKS LLC ---317-933-3441
MATCH 5	50 YARD OH AMS-----	
MATCH 6	100 YARD OH OS-----	DANLEPO
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-----	DAN LEPO
MATCH 14	50 YARD OH NOVELTY-----	
MATCH 17	25 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	GEORGE ROBERTS-
MATCH 18	50 YARD OH TRADE GUN-----	GEORGE ROBERTS
MATCH 19	25 YARD OH NOVICE-----	BRAD WOOKWORTH
MATCH 20	50 YARD OH NOVICE-----	
MATCH 23	25 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 24	50 YARD YOUTH X STIX AMS-----	
MATCH 25	25 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	ANBTHONLY BRADLEY---ajb-853@gmail.com
MATCH 26	50 YARD OH JUNIOR AMS-----	
MATCH 27	25 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 28	25 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 29	50 YARD PISTOL/REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 30	50 YARD REVOLVER-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 31	25 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 32	50 YARD FLINT PISTOL-----	CAP ^ BALL FANATIC CHANNEL
MATCH 33	25 YARD CO-ED-----	MARY POTEE
MATCH 35	50 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 36	100 YARD X STIX AMS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
MATCH 38	100 YARD X STIX OS-----	J * J TRADES AND STUFF
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-----	
FRIDAY PRIMITIVE*	PERCUSSION	FLINT
TRADE GUN-----	WOMEN'S---	JUNIORS---
SATURDAY PRIMITIVE:	MATCH 1	MATCH 2
MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5
MATCH 6	MATCH 7	MATCH 8
MATCH 9	MATCH 10	

SHOTGUN

MATCH 62	GVCNB MENS CHAMPIONSHIP-----DAN LEPO
MATCH 63	GVCNB LADY'S CHAMPIONSHIP -----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 64	GVCNB JR CHAMPIONSHIP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 70	TRADITIONAL STYLE-----MONTERAY PINES GENERAL STORE
MATCH 71	NOVICE 10 YARDS-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
MATCH 75	CO-ED PROTECTION-----DAN LEPO AND BONNIE & RON FERNWALT
MATCH 76	10 YARD TRAP-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com
MATCH 77	16 YARD TRAP-----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 78	20 YARD TRAP-----GUNS N GEAR—616-875-7000--BLENDON PINES GUN CLUB blendonpinesgunclub
AGGREGAT MATCH'S 76, 77, 78-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000	
MATCH 79	LADIES 10 YARD TRAP----BLACK GOLDT RANSPORT MILLING PAVING--616-896-1560
MATCH 80	LADIES 16 YARD TRAP-----
MATCH 81	LADIES 20 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
AGGREGATE MATCHES 79, 80, 81-----BRAD WOOLWORTH	
MATCH 82	JUNIORS 10 YARD TRAP-----IN MEMORY OF TODD FERNWALT
MATCH 83	OLD TIMERS 16 YARD TRAP-----PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 88	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----DAN LEPO AND PERFECT PIZZA -- 269-793-7000
MATCH 89	FLINT 10 YARDS-----MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 90	FLINT 16 YARDS-----IN MEMORY OF MORRY HOLLOWAY
MATCH 91	SKEET SINGLES-----DORR STANDARD SERVICE—616-681-9136 dorrstandard.com
MATCH 92	SKEET DOUBLES-----CENTER SHOT GUN RANGE—centershotgunrange#range.com

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