

# Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association Newsletter



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020



## *PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*

*It's the new year and it's time to start preparing for another shooting season. So I must do an inventory of tasks to do.*

- 1. Need to assemble a state shoot schedule, Ron Fernwalt has that done.*
- 2. Need to get raffle license and tickets, Dave Maddox has done that.*
- 3. Need to solicit match sponsors, Ron is doing that.*
- 4. Need to get table for Lapeer show, I have got that done.*
- 5. Need to get tables for Kalamazoo show, Dave has done that.*

- 6. Need a gun builder for the raffle, Steve Byers volunteered and has parts to start.*
- 7. Need to confirm meeting place for Feb.1 meeting, Kathy from Eaton Rapids club called me to confirm.*
- 8. Need to set agenda for meeting, Diane had that done.*

*Obviously lots of people help these things get done. The rifle and pistol shoot runs thanks to lots of people working together. The shotgun shoot rolls smoothly because lots of people lend a helping hand. It's amazing how a little time can be so helpful.*

*This is a good time to thank everyone again for all your help throughout the year. And that is for all your help everywhere you go. Our local shoots run smoothly thanks to everyone lending a hand. We all gain shooting opportunities from our combined help.*

*We will be looking forward to seeing you again soon. Happy New Year to all and safe travels to all.*

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**2020 MSMLA Club Directory Updates**

It's time to update the MSMLA Club Directory. Please take a couple of minutes to review your club's listing in the directory, which is posted on the MSMLA.org website. If there are any changes that need to be made, please have the contact person listed on the site email: [daneely@frontiernet.net](mailto:daneely@frontiernet.net) or call 517-592-8762.

And how about spending a few more minutes penning a short article about your club's next shoot, range improvements or new shooting events for 2020? The MSMLA is as strong as you make it, so why not start out the New Year with a resolution to promote the black powder shooting sports in your neighborhood?

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**Braxton Mathis**-----Plainwell  
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### ***UPMLA MONTHLY SHOOTS FOR 2020***

*For the next calendar year, the UPMLA monthly shoots will be held as usual on the first Saturday of the months of January Through June. The dates of the shoots for 2020 are:*

*January 4 March 7 May 2*

*February 1 April 4 June 6*

*These shoots will be at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club near*

*Baraga. The format will probably follow that of the monthly shoots held during the last several years, although changes may be made because of circumstances or from pure orneriness of the shoot organizers.*

*Registration will begin at 10:30 AM Eastern time. Shooting starts at 11:00. The Ottawa club will be co-sponsor of the shoots of January, March, April, and June as part of that club's long-standing arrangement with the UPMLA.*

#### ***UPMLA Officers for 2019-20***

*At the annual rendezvous in July, the members attending the annual business meeting performed the important task of electing officers for the following year.*

*The election results:*

*President – Lyle Hebert*

*Vice-President – Andy Schumer*

*Treasurer – Karen Keen*

*Secretary – Bob Keen*

*Sandra Mead was elected to the Board of Directors to fill the last two years of the vacant position that resulted from Schumer's election as Vice-President. John Maki was elected to the three-year Board term that opened with the expiration of Clint Collick's three-year term. Jim Mead remains Board member for the last year of his three-year term.*

*Deserving a formal THANK YOU are hard-working outgoing officers John Pera (president), Donne Williams*

### ***NATIONAL MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE ASSOCIATION BLACK POWDER HALL OF FAME***

*Two people from Michigan were the proud recipients to enter into the NMLRA Black Powder Hall of Fame. They were Dick Miller from Jenison, which is a member of the Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club and Sharron Smith from Beaverton which is a member of the Tobacco River Muzzle Loading Gun Club. Congratulation to both of you.*

### ***MANISTEE CLAN MUZZLE LOADING GROUP NEWS***

*The muzzle loading group is alive and well. They have had some losses in shooters the last couple of years, but this year they have a new shooter Aisha. She is learning quickly and shooting well. The club welcomes anyone that shoots muzzle loader be it cap*

n ball, flint, inline or pistol. Bring it out and have some fun with them.

Their club events will be published on their web site as soon as they come available.

Check the times and dates there at:  
[manisteemuzzleloaders.org](http://manisteemuzzleloaders.org)

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### *MY DEER HUNTING*

**This year Turned out to be a good year!** For deer season anywase.

I started the Rifle season on the 15th opener only seeing three doe.

Some of you may know that I hunt Public Land near Glennie Mi. Each year.

I and whoever I "**Con**" into walking back in for 50 minutes to my old spot say

"This is the last Time I'm Hunting this Far Back, never again and so on and so on.

Well I must admit It's Getting Harder each year. The Day before Season I

load a small Pop-up Blind, folding Chair and an old sleeping Bag to keep warm if needed, onto a deer Cart, and head for the hills, and yes there are hills, lots of them.

Set up in the same exact spot I been for 10 years and quietly leave.

Well any ways on the second Day it was cold -3 F when we left the Fancy Truck with temp gauge in the mirror. I stay in town and drive out to the woods each day to hunt. Not too far just a little ways.

So about 6:00 am, we hit the Trail and by 7:00 I am settled and hunting. At about 10:00 I called the fellow I

"Conned" into hunting with me to see how he was doing. We have to use a small two way Minolta Radio to communicate No Cell service in the hills.

**See anything I asked?** *Just my Breath, How about you?*

One Doe about a half hour ago. **You staying warm?** *Just Barley.* **I'm inside this sleeping Bag with the Bottom cut off, nice and warm with face mask on.**

*Great Talk to Ya later.*

At Eleven I saw a doe headed south and decided to Rattle and make a few grunts with her in sight. Well she didn't like that and picked up her pace and headed away not scared but just not liking what she heard.

Then I immediately saw a second deer angling my way Quick , Got the Rifle up and Saw it was a Buck in the Scope and tried to pick a opening,

**Boy you better Hurry up Adam** he's going to get behind some real Thick stuff and then Behind you and it will be over. BANG I Pulled the Trigger. Good shot I said to myself. I settle down and waited.



The call whispered over the Radio, *Was that you? Yup no one else out hear but me. What was he? Well It was a Buck with horns. How Big? I duno Six or eight to fast- Call Back in a Half hour.*

*OK. So I followed the blood To the top of a small Hill. and there he was expired. He Grew a 11 pt.*

*They Have a Buck Pole in Glennie for just the weekend so with Inspiration from my fellow Hunter I entered it . And to my surprise I won first place. I had Numerous people ask where did you get Him? I told two young fellows Teenagers on **State Land**. One Fellow said I didnt think the got That big on State Land! I told him I shot 3 Nice one"s almost as big from the same spot in 3 years. No way he says. Yup but its a hour walk to the spot, Almost not worth it ,Time you get him out. Oh /d go that Far in if /thought /get one Like That!*

**Humm I thought ???**

**Adam Sass**

## **NOTICE**

**THE GVCNB JAG SHOP JUST GOT WORD OF AN INCREASE IN POWDER PRICES FROM THEIR SUPPLIER SO YOU MAY WANT TO GET AHOLD OF THEM TO GET YOUR POWDER. THEY STILL HAVE AVAILABLE SOME CANNON POWDER F 1 AT**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEB 1 MICH STATE M. L. ASSOC. ANNUAL MTG EATON RAPIDS C.C. 11.A.M.**

**FEB 7 - 9 HOG RENDEZVOUS  
TECUMSEH (SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES)**

**FEB 9 WINTER FEST Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsman Congress**

**FEB 15 FROST BITE SHOOT BENZIE SPORT CLUB**

**MAR 1 CONTEMPORARY MUZZLELOADING ARMS & ACCOUTERMENTS SHOW-----LAPEER**

**MAR 15 WOODS WALK Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsman Congress**

**MAR 21 - 22 KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™ KALAMAZOO**



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hog Shoot

February 7th-9th, 2020

### Blanket Shoot

*Friday/Saturday (February 7 & 8)*  
15 shot blanket woods walk  
&  
tomahawk match after 2pm  
[Range opens at 12pm on Friday]



### Meat Shoot

*Sunday (February 9)*  
15 shot woods walk meat shoot.  
[Range opens at 10am Saturday and Sunday]

*Receive a commemorative 50th year anniversary medallion with your entry.*

### Location

DeGroot property on Kopke Rd.  
Britton, Michigan  
*Tent site camping is available, on Thursday February 6.  
No hook-ups allowed.*

Contact Dennis Conner for questions.  
517-522-8976  
sauktraillongrifles@gmail.com

## **STATE MEETING-----FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**Article III, Section IV States: At the association business meeting, every muzzle-loading club in Michigan will be authorized one representative with the power of one vote. The directors and officers will also have one vote each.**

