

# MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION

## NEWS LETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2013

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (Newly Elected)

Just returned from the Michigan State Championship Shoot. It was a very good shoot, well attended and with great hosts such as Grand Valley Cap n Ballers, what more could you ask for? The weather was great, the shooters were great but, the mosquitos were as big as Buicks.

The Association elected some new officers and board members this year.

President           **David Maddox**

Vice President   **Jim Brotherton**

Secretary         **Jenny Sanders**

Treasurer         **Marty Maddox**

Board Members:

**Eric Hoskinson**

**Joe Valentin**

**Randy MacInnes**

Congratulations to all.

Something new this year was the issuing of Charter Club "50" buttons. The buttons were given along with the State chevrons for shooting a "50" or perfect score in a match.

The State gun raffle was won by: (A fine firearm Made by Ted Thelen.)

    Nathan Bitely

    Kalamazoo Michigan

Later on in this news' letter a better explanation to the rules concerning cross stick matches are included. These rules quoted are from the NMLRA rule book, and used to structure our shoot by.

If you would like to have a better explanation on any of the rules we use, just let me know and I will do my best to get a better explanation. E-mail to: [dmaddox07@centurytel.net](mailto:dmaddox07@centurytel.net)

As Ted reported last month another club is interested in taking the State Shoot for 2015, 2016 & 2017.

The Club is none other the "Columbiaville Sportsman's Club". Thanks CSC.

Keep It Safe!

Respectfully,

**David Maddox**



The picture of you “boys” is absolutely precious! All of us wives had gone shopping at the local outlet mall during the shoot and found these shirts in the side walk sales. We each bought our husbands one and decided we couldn’t leave Dick out, so we sprung for his too. (We knew we’d never get Roy in one, so his is a fitting shirt for the picture.) You all were such good sports to put them on, and then had your picture taken, was just icing on the cake. What a laugh we all had!

I have a jigsaw puzzle we had made from the picture.

I am guessing that the picture was taken in 1993, Joe Kita is missing from the picture, and he would have been a part of the gang if alive. We all traveled as one big band of Indians!

We have two of the tribe, Tim Grover and Roy Felix, that have gone ahead to set up the tps (I hope they are tin tps). And I can tell you when I hear the really loud thunder I am assured, somehow Roy had talked his way into heaven, and has challenged God to a bench match.

Those they have left behind are Tom Maxson, Ron Fernwalt, Dick Smith, Roger Maze, Wayne Lamson. Not sure about the rest of the guys, but Tom’s still hangs in our closet, a reminder of the good sports they all were, to wear a shirt that looked a bit like a circus tent.

Not sure which club we were at, possibly Lansing.

Good times, good people, great memories!

Paulette Maxson

Being a new bee I can’t name all seven, I do know, Fernwalt, Smith, Lamsom, and Roy Felix. I have seen one or two of them in my time, great idea to put the old pictures in. See ya

*lyle and diane McGregor*

# **SPRING BROOK TRADING POST**

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A Saturday morning at 6:30 30 plus pound, bird 11 3/4 beard, taken by David Taylor

I did shoot my turkey this Spring though, 24 lbs.  
Illah Pratt

### BRIDGEPORT GUN CLUB

*The Bridgeport Gun Club Rendezvous for 2013 was a success. The weather included much sunshine and little rain. There were 18 camps, including 3 Tepee's. Approximately 50 competitors challenged themselves to the various items on the shooting line. The archery woods walk had a new target...the buffalo. The hawk & knife course had a 3-D swinging leg that proved to be very hard to stick.*

*The Boy Scouts Troup 205 presented a Flag Retiring Ceremony on Friday night. It was a very nice event to take part in. They also had a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday that brought in the public and T.V. 5 News.*

*On Sunday, following the award ceremony the raffle prizes were drawn. Jim W. received the 54 cal. Rifle, which he will proudly carry in camp at the 150th Celebration in Gettysburg. Roy M. that shot on Saturday won the binoculars. The shooting bag by Trader Bill went Jeff P., a newer muzzleloader shooter.*

*Lyle & Diane wish to thank all the volunteers who helped in setting up, running & cleaning up after the weekend. Safe travels to all...we hope to see everyone next year.*

# **THE JAG SHOP**

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SCHUETZEN & SWISS BLACK POWDER PERCUSSION CAPS

# CROSS STICK RULES 101

Cross stick shooting is a different animal when it comes to shooting. Everybody shoots the cross sticks a little different, but I have been asked to explain the rules of shooting cross sticks.

**THE GUN:** Any caliber but the gun is not to weigh over 14#, with the sights and ignition installed. The gun may have a false muzzle loading aid. Patched round ball only.

**THE CROSS STICKS:** Two pieces of wood with a maximum width of 2 ½", 1 ¼" thick and 40" long. The legs may have a 4" spike in the bottom of the leg to help you put the cross sticks into the ground.

**CROSS STICK PADDING:** No padding or sandbags maybe used on the cross sticks; however, a single thickness of light material or leather maybe used to protect the gun.

**CROSS STICK PLACEMENT:** The cross sticks are to be driven firmly into the ground at the firing line in a manner that will not allow them to tip over when the firearm is discharged.

**CROSS STICKS FIRING POSITION:** Cross stick matches **must** be shot from the sitting position. A piece of padding no more than 2" thick may be placed on the ground to protect the shooter in the shooting position. No holes are to be dug for the shooters feet or heels (no spiked shoes allowed). The rifle will be supported by the cross sticks, one shoulder and one or both hands only.

**CROSS STICK TARGETS:** When a record cross stick target is posted by the competitor, it **must be the only record target of any type posted during that relay.** The record cross stick target is the only target to be posted by the competitor at that distance during that relay. Posting a practice target at a distance not occupied by the record target is allowed.

## **MOST IMPORTANT RULE:**

# HAVE FUN!

**SIDE NOTE:** If you have trouble getting up and down, it is allowable for another to load for you. For those of you with medical problems the following rule, from the NMLRA Range Rules, would apply.

### 3070—PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SHOOTERS

—A shooter who, because of physical handicap, cannot fire from the prescribed shooting position outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing, is privileged to petition to the NMLRA Executive Committee for permission

to assume a special position or to use modified equipment, or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned

to the Committee outlining in detail the reasons why the special equipment or position must be used. The petition will be accompanied by pictures

of the shooter in the position he desires, and if special equipment is required, the pictures will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all

pictures must be accompanied by a doctor's statement if the physical handicap is not completely evident in the pictures submitted.

(a) Each petition will be reviewed by the NMLRA Executive Committee. The committee may require additional or supplementary statements

or pictures. After review, the NMLRA secretary will be instructed by the committee to issue a special authorization certificate to individuals

who submit petitions and pictures that have been approved. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.

(b) Shooters who have received special authorization certificates will be required to carry them when competing in competition governed by

NMLRA rules, and to present the certificates when requested by officials of the competition or by NMLRA officials.

(c) In the event of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a shooter, the Range Officer will compare the questioned

position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the shooter. If the shooter's position or equipment does not, in the

opinion of the officials, conform to that authorized by the NMLRA secretary (or if the shooter has no authorized certificate or pictures), the



protest shall be allowed, and the shooter will be required to change immediately to the position or equipment that has been approved, or

to an otherwise legal position or equipment.

(d) Should a protest be carried beyond the Range Officer, the original protest will be endorsed by the Chief Range Officer to show what action

he has taken and will be forwarded to the NMLRA Executive Committee.

(e) National Records may not be established by use of scores fired in special positions or with special equipment as may be authorized according to this rule.

(f) Two types of authorization are issued: temporary and permanent. Permanent authorizations are issued to competitors who are permanently handicapped.

If you would like a copy of the NMLRA Range Rules, it can be downloaded from the internet address below.

[http://nmlra.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/web\\_RangeRuleBook5-10.pdf](http://nmlra.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/web_RangeRuleBook5-10.pdf)

David Maddox,  
Newly Elected President MSMLA  
NMLRA Range Officer  
NMLRA Field Rep.



There is not much of a story. Anson & Judy Morgan celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week end, at the Goodells County Park, Goodells, MI. There was a large attendance of family and friends. A nice buffet dinner was served. That's all I can tell you about the party.

### **MSMLA SHOTGUN NEWS**

With the state rifle shoot over that only means one thing. The state shotgun championships are right around the corner. August 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup> too be exact. This year's shoot will be held at Gun River in Otsego. It is a great club with top notch hosts. This year they will be serving breakfast and lunch on

Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The special edition to the menu this year will be Saturday dinner. That is right no potluck this year. Good news is we all won't have to clean our crockpots afterwards. They are charging 5 dollars for the dinner. I believe Pat said it will be burgers and hotdogs for lunch and pancakes eggs and a meat for breakfast.

Don't forget to bring your auction donations for Saturday evening. This has always been fun and a great fundraiser.

Also on Saturday evening we will also have our meeting.

Talking with Dave McMurray he said we have the club until 10pm. So what does that mean. After our posted shooting hours we are able to shoot some modern rounds. Maybe a round or two of skrap will be in order.

Hope everyone left that weekend open and hope to see everyone there. Even if you have never tried shotgun come on out as we will find a way to get you on the trap line.

Thanks  
Mike MacInnes  
Shotgun Chairman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| JULY 27                   | BLANKET PRIZE WOODS WALK                    | POWDER HORN COUNTY MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB     |
| JULY 27                   | FLINTLOCK ONLY SHOTGUN SHOOT                | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB               |
| AUG 1 – 4                 | FRONTIER SHOOT 52 <sup>ND</sup>             | GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™                   |
| AUG 10                    | BLANKET SHOOT MUZZLE LOADER or 22 cal.      | WHITE RIVER MUZZLELOADERS                     |
| AUG 16 – 18               | GREAT LAKES RENDEZVOUS                      | FREELAND                                      |
| <b>AUG 16 – 18</b>        | <b>MICHIGAN STATE SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> | <b>GUN RIVER SKEET &amp; TRAP</b>             |
| AUG 16 - 18               | NMLRA MICHIGAN TERRITORIAL                  | BEAVERTON                                     |
| AUG 17 - 18               | OVER-THE-LOG STATE CHAMPIONSHIP             | BROKEN LOCK - ALMA                            |
| AUG 24 - 25               | LADIES RIFLE FROLIC                         | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™                   |
| AUG 23 - 25               | SQUIRREL SHOOT                              | PRLR – MIDLAND                                |
| AUG 23 - 25               | 27 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RENDEVOUS           | BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB                         |
| AUG 30 SEP 1              | NMLRA MICH. TRAP TERRITORIAL                | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™                   |
| COLUMBIAVILLE FALL LEAGUE | AUG 7 – SEP 22 -                            | ML RIFLE, PISTOL, TG, LT BENCH & BP CARTRIDGE |
| AUG 31 – SEP 1            | FALL SHOOT @SCOTIA RANGE                    | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB               |
| SEP 14 – 22               | N. M. L. R. A. NATIONAL MATCHES             | FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA                           |
| SEP 14 – 15               | JACKPOT TRAP SHOOT                          | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS                    |
| SEP 14 – 15               | TURKEY SHOOT                                | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB               |
| SEP 20 – 22               | FALL RENDEVOUS/SHOOT                        | HOWARD CITY                                   |
| SEP 27 - 29               | BROKEN LOCK SHOOT                           | ALMA  |
| SEP 20 – 22               | FALL RENDEVOUS                              | OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB                 |
| SEP 21                    | SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)             | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™                   |
| SEP 8 – NOV 10            | WINTER AGG                                  | BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB                         |

## LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

For those who haven't heard the bad news, Dick Williams died late Saturday night (June 1, 2013) of a massive heart attack. You can see his obit on [obitmichigan](#). The funeral is at snows funeral home in Saginaw this Thursday. He will be missed greatly, he was a good friend as well as employer.

Dennis Priddy mom passed away early this morning July 15, 2013. She had what was called a triple A. Abdominal Aorta Aneurism (spa). She had surgery for it over 10 years ago and had a stent put in. Apparently it broke.

Almost all of Dennis' artistic talent came from her. She was a very talented painter. She was 88 years old. There will not be a funeral. A family gathering will happen later.

Dennis' address is:  
4550 Barryville Road  
Nashville, Mi. 49073

John Shinabarger lost his mother early Friday morning July 19, 2013. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be performed at a later date. Johns address is: 7541 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Jenison, Mi. 49428

## "LADIES RIFLE FROLIC"

Hello Ladies Just wanted to take the time to invite you to the "Ladies Rifle Frolic." Where: Grand Valley Cap 'N' Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club in Dorr, Michigan. When: August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have lots to enjoy. We have a 10 target aggregate. I want to be sure to mention that each target pays a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place consisting of Powder, Caps and Cleaning Patches. We have Novice matches, Youth, woods walk (bring a \$10.00 prize, take one home according to how you win) A novelty line with the same deal bring a prize take home a prize.

There is knife, hawk, fire starting, frying pan and rolling pin toss, apple peeling with a knife, (no peelers gals).

Saturday night is potluck, club furnishes the main meat.

You may pre-register by email or mail to: Janet Tessman, 32624 C.R. 669, Lawton, MI 49065 or

[janetandjerry@frontier.com](mailto:janetandjerry@frontier.com).

Questions: 269-624-7405

Expecting to see you there, don't be square! Janet

## SPONSORS

The association wants to thank all of the sponsors that supported the matches this year. Sponsoring a match keeps the cost of the shoot down and helps support the venues that we do. If you would like to sponsor a Rifle/Pistol match for the MSMLA Rifle/Pistol Championships 2014, send a check to MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330.

Thank you again for your support

**MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION**  
**RIFLE MATCH SPONSORS**

**2013**

**Match**

1. 25 Yard Off Hand-----Columbiaville Sportsman Club
2. 50 Yard Off Hand-----Manistee Clan of Muzzleloaders Inc
3. 50 Yard Rest-----
4. 100 Yd Rest-----
5. 50 Yard Rest-----Randy & Shelly MacInnes
6. 100 Yard Rest-----Randy & Shelly MacInnes
7. 100 Yard Off Hand-----Robert A. Elka
9. 50 Yard X Stick-----Alex Maddox
- 10.100 Yard X Stick-----
- 11.50 Yard X Stick-----JB & Marge Brotherton
- 12.100 Yard X Stick-----Richard & Gladys Wiltse
13. 25 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
15. 100 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
16. 50 Yard X Stick – Flint-----
17. 50 Yard Rest Flint-----
20. 25 Yard Off Hand Women----- Lansinbg Muzzle Loading Gun Club
21. 50 Yard Off Hand Women-----
22. 50 Yard X Stick Women-----Tobacco River Muzzle Loaders
23. 50 Yard Rest Women-----Dave & Marty Maddox
26. 25 Yard Off Hand Juniors-----Guy R & Sharron Smith
27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors-----Guy R & Sharron Smith
30. 50 Yard Musket-----John Fullerton & Shery Wolbers
43. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS----- The Baughman Family
44. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS-----Wayne Baughman

**Match**

31. 100 Yd. Musket----John Fullerton & Shery Wolbers
34. 25 Yd Pistol or Revolver---
35. 50 Yd, Pistol or Revolver-----Serge Bourdeaux
36. 25 Yd. Revolver---The Hoskinson Family (The Computer Guy)
37. 50 Yd Revolver----Serge Bourdeaux
38. 25 Yd Flint Pistol-----
39. 50 Yd Flint Pistol-----Serge Bourdeaux
40. 50 Yd Off Hand (Co-ed)-----
41. 25 Yard X Stick11Yrs & Under-----
42. 50 Yd Rest-11 Yrs. & Un der-----John & Diana Reist
47. 25 Yard Off Hand-----
48. 50 Yard Off Hand-----Matt Crum
49. 50 Yard X Stick----- Matt Crum
50. 50 Yard Rest-----
51. 25 Yard Off Hand-----
52. 50 Yard Off Hand-----
53. 50 Yard X Stick---Wes & Gloria O'Dell
54. 50 Yard Rest-----
60. 25 Yard Off Hand Old Timers---
61. 50 Yard Off Hand Old Timers---
62. 50 Yard Rest Old Timers-----Clyde & Betty Carr
63. 100 Yard Rest Old Timers----Bud & Betty Thompson
  
45. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS -----Wayne Lamson
46. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS

**AGGREGATES**

- A. Michigan State Championship---Grand Valley Cap N Ballers ™
- B. Flint Off Hand Championship---
- C. Womens Championship-----Patti Baughman
- D. Junior Championship-----Joseph N Valentin
- E. Musket Championship-----Dick Williams Gunsmithing
- F. Flint Lock Championship---Lyle & Diane McGregor
- G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver-----Sauk Trail Long Rifles
- H. Bench Championship-----JB & Marge Brotherton
- I. Cross Stick Championship-----Wayne Lamson
- J. Off Hand Championship-----JB & Marge Brotherton
- K. Roy Keeler Championship----- Eaton Rapids Conservation Club
- L. Thelma Keeler Championship-----Eaton Rapids Conservation Club
- M. Guy R. Smith Overall Championship---Guy R & Sharron Smith
- N. Novice Championship-----Joseph N Ealentin
- O. Flint Primitive-----Bridgeport Gun Club
- P. Open Primitive-----Alan Pichan
- R. Old Timers-----
- S. Trade Gun – Serge Bourdeaux
- T. Lite Bench Aggregate---Ron & Sharon Smith
- U Lady's Hunter Agg

**PRIMITIVE**

101. Norm Blaker-----Sauk Trail Long Rifles
102. James "Mac" Hall Open Woods Walk---
103. Primitive Woods Walk---Columbiaville Sportsman Club
104. Free Trapper---Lyle & Diane McGregor
105. Primitive Free Trapper---
106. Fer-Du-Lac-----Bridgeport Gun Club
107. Knife Throw---
108. Tomahawk Throw-----
  
109. Father Marquette-----
110. Kids Knife-----
111. Kids Hawk-----John & Diana Reist
115. Junior Knife-----Kelly Alexander
116. Junior Hawk----Antiques by Travel
100. Trade Gun Woods Walk---



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chuck Leonard Memorial Shoot Woods Walk

Saturday  
September 7,  
2013 11:00 a.m.  
Duane and Linda  
Thilo

15950 Sheridan Road  
Clinton, Mi. 49236

- \$5.00 Entry Fee- Prizes awarded- Also blanket prizes if desired
  - Trade Gun match for those who desire
    - Knife and Hawk match
  - Free camping-- Water and fire wood provided
    - Potluck Meal Saturday after shoot

*Sunday, September 8, 2013 Sauk Trail Long Rifle Shoot (same Location)*  
For more information contact Linda at 734-649-2624 or Duane at 734-649-0088

## **JACKPOT TRAP SHOOT**

**SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2013**

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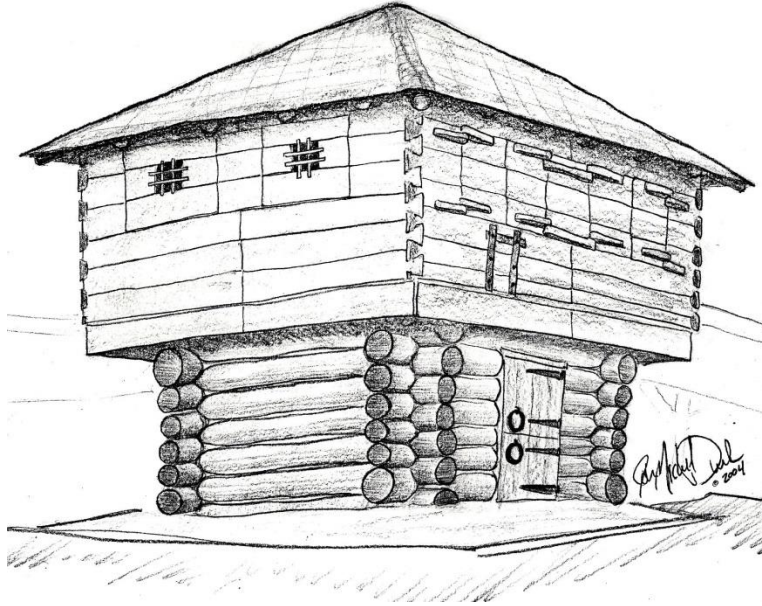
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# FRONTIER SHOOT



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**AUGUST 1, 2, 3, 4, 2013**

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# **MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION**



## **SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 2013**

**FRIDAY 9 A.M. – 6 P. M.**

**SATURDAY 9 A.M. – 6 P. M.**

**SUNDAY 9A. M. – 1 P.M.**

## **GUN RIVER SKEET & TRAP**

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