

**MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING
ASSOCIATION
NEWS LETTER
JULY/AUGUST 2015**

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

July 2015 State Shoot is in the record books and a great one it was. The numbers were up a little bit from 2014 and we saw quite a few new shooters (new to the state shoot). The weather co-operated, for a change. It was a beautiful week for shooting.

I can't remember when we had such a fantastic year for volunteers. We did not have to beg even once for someone to range officer or run registration. A VERY BIG THANKS to Joe Valentin and Ron Fernwalt for the great job they did filling the spots needed. A big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, it is greatly appreciated and necessary for the Association to function.

Columbiaville did a fine job of taking care of our needs. The range and grounds looked fantastic. We will be returning to Columbiaville Sportsmans Club in 2016. The mosquito's were very hungry and we did our part feeding them. Eight tie or new records were shot at the state shoot for 2015:

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| Ron Smith | Match 16 | 50-5x |
| Rick Wiltse | Match 44 | 50-2x |
| Dick Thorn | Match 17 | 50-3x |
| Lyle McGregor | Match 100 | 100 |
| Marcie Anderson | Match 103 | 70 |
| Russ Anderson | Match 103 | 70 |
| Wes O'Dell | Match 103 | 70 |
| Jim Spittler | Agg. U | 174-4x |

Great shooting and congratulations.

The newly proposed inline match didn't take off as we hoped it would. If it is to remain in the program we are going to have to see more participation.

As you read this, those of you that were to receive aggregate medals have been contacted as to how we will get them to you. We appreciate your understanding in the situation surrounding the aggregate medal mix-up.

The Association elected Board members and are listed below w/email addresses. Feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns you may have:

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Until my next writing shoot well and keep your powder dry.
David Maddox

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GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS NEWS

Several months ago I wrote in this newsletter about our clubs intent to purchase the business name and black powder inventory of Bob Yoakam's "Jag Shop". At that time I could not have anticipated that it would take 5 more months to complete that transaction. We had hoped to be open for business at our Spring Shoot on the first weekend in May . That was wishful thinking for us because it would take an additional two months before our license finally arrived just four days before the 4th of July weekend. That delay was almost entirely the time it took to process our license request from ATF .We know we lost out on some early season sales but we hope to make that up by having powder available for Frontier Shoot that is now just 3weeks away. Now we had two things to celebrate that weekend our Country's Independence and the Grand Opening of our new business the Grand Valley Cap "n" Ballers " Jag Shop. The Independence Day celebration at our club itself was rather quiet however our neighbors across the street at Sandy Pines and an individual just down the street from us decided to have dueling fireworks displays after dark. I don't think it could have been much louder than it was. I had the feeling what it must have been like to be on a ship at dawn off Normandy on D-Day. The barrage finally ended a hour and a half later at mid-night and I was able to get some sleep. Sunday morning was our first day to sell powder and sales were very good. If you have been purchasing powder from the Jag Shop in Otsego you can now purchase from the Jag Shop at GVCnB. We will be open for sales on all our Club Shoot weekends the first of every month and at our events throughout the year. If you are in need of a larger quantity of powder you can contact one of the people listed later and they will make a appointment with you for that sale. All transactions are by cash or check with proper I.D.

We currently have in stock both Schuetzen and Goex in 2F . Schuetzen and Swiss in 3F and 4F. and cannon powder from Goex in 1F and 1 1/2F. In addition we have a quantity of pyrotechnic powder in 5F If you have a need for that or know someone who does please let us know. For more information on the above

or to make an appt. for a purchase please contact one of the following people.

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They GVCnB Jag Shop crew look forward to servicing your Black Powder needs in addition we invite you to attend one or all of our upcoming events, Frontier Shoot August 6th thru 9th. We made many changes to our program this year to make it more fun. Check it out at gvcnb.org.

M.S.M.L.A State Shotgun Championship Aug 13-16.

Ladies Rifle Frolic Aug.29 and 30

Trade gun Sept.12 and 13

Meat Shoot Oct. 3 and 4

We hope to see you at the Range very soon. Jeff Terrell (Pres.GVnNB)



Anson Morgan

Each year a new person is selected to join the ranks of the Roy Keeler Society. The person selected is chosen by existing members of the society and the fact that Anson Morgan was chosen proves that the system is working very well.

The criteria for being selected is quite simple and that is to find a person that helps fellow enthusiasts of the black powder shooting sports without trying to become the center of attention. This describes Anson to a T. Anson is always there to offer advice or to help with any problem that might arise. He's not the guy out in front of the crowd trying to impress everyone with his vast knowledge. In fact he's quite often quite well hidden in the crowd. However if he should be asked for

help there is nothing Anson wouldn't do to help anyone he meets.

The world would be a better place if more people were like Anson. Having him join our ranks is both fitting and proper because if anyone ever represented the qualities that Pa Keeler exemplified it is Anson Morgan.

We're sure Pa is grinning from ear to ear.

HART LONG RIFLES

We are having some summer events at Hart Long Rifles 25 Yard muzzle loader egg shoots - Each shooter will shoot 5 eggs at 25 yards. In case of a tie after first round (5, 4 or 3 eggs) each shooter who ties will go to a second round of 5 eggs and on until we have a distinct winner of the shoot for the day. Each day indicated below will be an all day shoot from 10 AM to 6 PM. Registration fee is 5.00 per shoot.

Dates are as follows-

June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th, August 19th, Sep 9th, Sep 23rd and October 14th
October 28th Tournament (Double points for each egg)

additional information on website

www.hart_long_rifles.com or contact Dave Siedschlag 231-233-5717.

Also we will be having the woods walk open Wednesdays through Sundays all summer.

David Siedschlag
Secretary
Hart Long Rifles

In late May, Tami and I traveled to Pierceton, Indiana, to watch the taping of four episodes for Jonathan Townsend's "18th Century Cooking," which appears weekly on the James Townsend and Son YouTube Channel. The trip will result in a future article, hopefully in *Muzzle Blasts*.

At the end of the day, Jonathan did an experimental interview with me about traditional black powder hunting. He posted the interview last evening. Please send along your constructive criticisms and ideas, because if the online response is favorable, more segments will be forthcoming. I will also post a direct link on the TBPH website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9WzchoVg8U>

Thank you for your time, be safe and may God bless you all,

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MUZZLE LOADERS

For 2015, GVCnB has made every effort to bring you a new and improved Frontier Shoot experience. Here at one of the best muzzle loading events in the mid-west you will find something for competitors of all ages and experience. From novice to expert, there are line, primitive, and silhouette matches, and a complete shotgun program to be had. And—our off-hand and bench ranges are covered! Both primitive and modern camping are available; along with firewood and plenty of water. (Limited electricity is also available on a first-come-first serve basis.) If you have never been to an event of this type, come see what we are all about. You'll find history, period dress, and more.

See reverse for map & directions →

Attention everyone you can think of that might be interested in making a week of vacation: as you may know, this year there will be no weekend in between Frontier Shoot and State Shotgun Shoot. I have spoken to the board of Grand Valley Cap n Ballers, and they have

agreed to let us have the use of all of the clubs ranges, so that during the week between both shoots we are planning to have a woods walk, a 5 stand, sporting clays in the woods and any other shooting event that we all can come up with. All of the planned events will be black powder only.

If you are coming to camp for Frontier Shoot, you can continue to camp for the week for a small fee.

Please note that the cost of registration has been reduced for shotgun so bring your shotguns, rifles, pistols (all black powder) and enjoy a whole week of shooting and friendship at GVCnB.

If you have any questions, please email me at pmrcer@bell.net.

2015 RIFLE BUILDER



LYLE MCGREGOR

Lyle McGregor of Bridgeport was the rifle builder for this years' rifle raffle. Many hours was spent on this beautiful piece of work. The winner of the rifle was James C Fulmer from Hamburg, Pennsylvania. Yes James writes the article "Beyond Friendship" which you will find on the last page in Muzzle Blast. Lyle sold the winning ticket to James at the Kalamazoo Living History Show in Kalamazoo this past March. Congratulations James, hope to get a picture of you and the rifle in the near future.



Well the 2015 Bridgeport Gun Club Fun Rendezvous has had come and gone. Over 60 participants came to join in the activities. This was the second year for the Friday Night Bead Shoot. We called it a warm up for Saturday & Sunday.

White canvas sailed out on the field for 17 camps. The Midland Highlanders provided music following the Saturday potluck. Approximately 11 friends from the Sanford Brigade participated in the woods walks and line shoots.

A Big Thank You to the Bridgeport Gun Club Members for cooking breakfast... and thank you to all. This event cannot be a successful fun event without you: our volunteers, campers and competitors.



Scott Sheldon,

won the 2014 MSMLA rifle built by
Joe Valintin.



*On Memorial Day Weekend in
Benzonia, MI he prepared the rifle
the first time. His friends
witnessed the giddiness as he
entered the woods walk.
His hands began to tremble, than
bang...
the first shot was fired!*



*Thank you Scott for sharing it with
us...*

*Tiger, TwoDogs,
Bloody Hawk & Snowshoe*



Five of the Keeler Society members were present at the 2015 MSMLA Rifle Championships in Columbiaville. From left to right are Joe Valentin, Ron Fernwalt, Anson Morgan, Randy MacInnes and Dave Maddox.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| JULY 25 | BLANKET PRIZE WOODS WALK | POWDER | HORN | COUNTY |
| | MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB | | | |
| JULY 25 | FLINTLOCK ONLY SHOTGUN SHOOT | | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING | |
| | | | GUN CLUB | |
| AUG 6 – 9 | FRONTIER SHOOT 52 ND | GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™ | | |
| AUG 7, 8, 9 | PRIMITIVE RENDEVOUS | COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB | | |
| AUG 8 | BLANKET SHOOT & RIMFIRE WOODSWALK. | | | |
| | WHITE RIVER MUZZLELOADERS | | | |
| AUG 13 – 17 | MSMLA STATE SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS | | | |
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| AUG 14 – 16 | NMLRA MICH. RIFLE/PISTOL TERRITORIAL | BEAVERTON | | |
| AUG 16 | BRIDGEPORT FUN SHOOT | BRIDGEPORT | | |
| AUG 21 – 23 | 29 TH ANNUAL RENDEVOUS | BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB | | |
| AUG 29 - 30 | LADIES RIFLE FROLIC | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS | | |
| AUG 30 – OCT 24 | WINTER AGG | BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB | | |
| SEP 5 & 6 | FALL SHOOT | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB | | |
| SEP 12 – 13 | JACKPOT TRAP SHOOT | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS | | |
| SEP 12 - 13 | TRADE GUN SHOOT | GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS | | |
| SEP 12 - 20 | N. M. L. R. A. NATIONAL MATCHES | FRIENDSHIP, IN. | SEP | |
| 18 - 20 | FALL RENDEVOUS/SHOOT | HOWARD CITY | | |
| SEP 19 & 20 | TURKEY SHOOT | LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB | | |
| SEP 19 | SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun) | | | |
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| SEP 20 | BRIDGEPORT FUN SHOOT | BRIDGEPORT | | |

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