

**MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING
ASSOCIATION
NEWS LETTER
MAY/JUNE 2015**

Even with the cold weather it is comforting to know that the Black Powder shooting season is going to be in full swing soon. I'M ready!

That's the way I started out the newsletter for March. Guess what, we were still getting snow at the end of April. I've had all the fun I can possibly stand with the weather. May seems to be starting out a little better but I do remember getting snow during the Memorial day week-end. Not a good holiday.

The State Shoot is at Columbiaville this year and for the next two years. Plan to attend. It should be a very good shoot.

At the February meeting held at Eaton Rapids, the board and the attending membership voted to raise registration rates. After much discussion it was decided to eliminate the separate fee for the senior registration. The new rate for all shooters, excluding novice and Unlimited Inline Hunter Aggregate will be \$20.00 for single registration and \$30.00 for family registration.

The following paragraph is from the March newsletter and is definitely going to be in our shoot program for 2015. I hope all that shoot it, enjoy it. I believe it will be fun.

The new Factory In-line match was put together at the February meeting thanks to the work of Serge Bourdeaux and Ted Thelen (with Ron Smith in the wings). It will be a four target aggregate shot with any off the shelf in-line Black Powder Rifle. You may use any projectile, any ignition (no electronic) with

Black Powder or Black Powder substitute. No muzzle breaks will be allowed however, porting is permitted. All rules and shooting positions will be displayed in the program. This is a non-medal aggregate with a 75% pay back from a \$5.00 match fee. Re-entry will be permitted for entire aggregate. High aggregate score is used for payoff. Good Luck! If you would like to have an early copy of the rules e-mail me at dmaddox07@centurytel.net.

The State Association is still in need of a rifle builder for 2016. If you or someone you know would like to build a rifle for the State Association for 2016 please let me or another board member know. The association would buy the parts the only thing we are asking for is the labor and your talent.

For 2016 I will be looking for someone to take over the raffle sales and distribution. I am certain we have someone in our membership (or soon to join) that can do a better job than I. My plate seems to be overflowing as it is and I can't seem to find the time that our gun raffle deserves.

Randy MacInnes was hawking raffle tickets at the Lapeer gun and did a good job. Thanks Randy. Lyle and Diane sold tickets at Kalamazoo gun show and as always did a great job. Thanks Lyle and Diane. (I'm certain others helped also but, I didn't get their names)

A big thanks to all who pushed to sell raffle tickets. It is a very difficult job to do and I am certain that we all lose a friend or two for a couple of weeks because we keep asking the same people to buy our tickets. It is greatly appreciated.

A lot of raffle tickets are still available. If you would like some, contact me and I will get them to you.

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
MSMLA President**

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TURKEY HUNTING



Zack Wadsworth bagged his Turkey this year.



Missy Taylor bagged her Turkey this year. She had one of the first seasons and done a very good job.

John Crawford, John Turner and Ron Fernwalt has the late season this year and have been hunting up in the White Cloud area and have not bagged their turkey yet. It was a rainy week when they were out and understand they drank a lot of coffee and made road trips to gun and sport shops.

Congratulations to all that bagged their turkey this year. For those that didn't, hope you didn't over indulge in caffeine.

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There was no one that wrote in about these two and all I can tell you about them is it is Bonnie Fernwalt and Tom Maxson. They were shooting cross sticks somewhere in the state but don't know where. If anybody has information on a story, send it to the editor and it will be in the next issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 15 – 17 RENDEZVOUS HART LONG RIFLES
- MAY 16 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
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- MAY 17 BRIDGEPORT FUN SHOOT BRIDGEPORT

- MAY 22 - 24 NMLRA MICH. SKEET & TRAP TERRITORIAL
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- MAY 22 – 25 TC RENDEVOUS BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
- JUNE 6 & 7 SPRING SHOOT@SCIOTA RANGE
LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
- JUNE 12 – 14 2ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL SHOOT TECUMSEH
- JUNE 13 YOUTH DAY GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS
- JUNE 19 - 21 HOWARD CITY JUNE RENDEZVOUS
- JUNE 20 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
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- JUNE 13 – 21 N.M.L.R.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA
- JUNE 19-21 BRIDGEPORT FUN RENDEVOUS
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- JUNE 28 35th ANNUAL FUN SHOOT LINDEN
- JUNE 27 & 28 SHOOT TIME MANISTEE
- JULY 3 – 5 OPEN TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP
GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
- JULY 3 - 5 53RD ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY SHOOT
BEAVERTON
- JULY 8 - 12 MICH. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES
COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB
- JULY 17 WHITE RIVER RENDEZVOUS SHOOT ROTHBURY
- JULY 18 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Learned yesterday of the passing of Tony Jonas. Tony belonged to the Tobacco River Muzzle Loaders back in the 60's and 70's. He also belonged to Pine River Long Rifles way back when. He was a great gun builder and fast friend with Cotton Volrath. Have not learned about any services, but will let you know if I do. I best remember Tony playing his harmonica and playing with the other players late into the night at shoots. He was a tall, gently man with a beautiful smile. He will be missed.

NOTICE

I have mentioned several times that if you or your secretary would send articles and flyers on your club events, I will put them in the state newsletter. Articles can be in the subject matter of the e-mail, an attachment or snail mail. Flyers should be sent e-mail as an attachment. The information needs to be to me by the 10th of January, March, May, July, September and November. There are over 200 newsletters that go out by e-mail and it is posted on the MSMLA web site. My e-mail address is rbferrn@triton .net and the snail mail address is MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330. If you send an e-mail, I will answer you back that I received it. If you don't get an answer back send it again or call me at 616-836-5760.

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MSMLA RIFLE/PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 rules and matches are posted on the web. Go to msmla.org and they will be there. Thank you to Eric Hoskinson (the computer guy) for the great job that he does.

SPONSORS

The association wants to thank all of those that have sponsored a match this year. The rifle/pistol matches are turned in and ready to

print the program along with the sponsor's name. There are still a few matches left open for shotgun trap sponsors. The cost is only \$25.00 per match. Talk to your club and see if they would like to sponsor a match this year. Make checks payable to MSMLA – Shotgun, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330.

SKEET & TRAP TERRITORIAL

Don't forget the NMLRA skeet and trap territorial At Grand Valley May 22, 23 and 24. There are also re-entry matches in both skeet and trap. Grand Valley has 3 traps with a skeet overlay on trap 3. There is plenty of camping with water and electric to each site. For more information call Ron at 616-836-5760.

