



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

**BEAVERTON RIFLE/PISTOL
TERRITORIAL**



Deb Primeau receiving Keeler Letter of appreciation from Keeler member David Maddox. Picture taken at Michigan

Territorials at Beaverton Michigan. Deb is the treasure for the Tobacco River Muzzleloaders Gun Club

I was told that there was a gentleman that was adjusting his sight to get better shots on the target. He kept adjusting and adjusting and was getting no where on moving his shot over closer to the 10 ring. This went on for some time and another fella was helping him and then finally realized that he was looking at his neighbors target instead of his own. I wasn't told who it was as it would be quite embarrassing I am sure.

Oh well, we all mess up some times and always get caught in our mistakes. I've been there done that.

***News from the Tobacco River Muzzle Loaders
Club in Beaverton Michigan.***

The rifle & pistol Territorial matches were held in Beaverton again this year on August 15th, 16th, & 17th. If you weren't there you missed a real good time.

This year our club was given a generous donation of black powder. We were told to use it in any way we wanted that would benefit our club. Since our club gets a portion of the money from aggregate sales we decided to give a

pound of black powder to anyone that bought four aggregates. This put money in our club's treasury because it prompted most of the shooters to buy four aggregates instead of two or three. It was a benefit to the shooters as well as our club so everyone came out ahead.

The remaining powder was sold to people there and we made enough money to build some new shooting benches. The new shooting benches will be used by our club members as well as at our annual Hunting Rifle Sighting In Days this November.

We made enough money at this event to make it very likely that we will host the territorial matches again next year. That will be determined at our annual meeting this fall.

Our club membership continues to hover between 90 and 100 but most of our members are only interested in shooting modern firearms. The result of that is that we don't have very many of our club members showing up to help conduct a muzzle loading event. These past two years we have had the good fortune of having Dave Maddox coming to our range to help run the firing line so thank you Dave.

In closing I will say that the Spirit of Roy Keeler Society chose our club this year to receive special recognition for our efforts for keeping our sport alive in the state of Michigan. We have the certificate proudly displayed in our clubhouse so the next time you're at our club please check it out.

Submitted by Wayne Lamson on behalf of the officers and members of the TRML in Beaverton, Michigan.



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MSMLA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MSMLA aggregate A championship was won by Justin Burk with Jennifer Burk placing 2nd and Mark Todd Smith placing 3rd.

Aggregate B Flint offhand championship was won by Justin Burk, 2nd went to Serge Bourdeaux and 3rd went to Jennifer Burk.


Aggregate C Womens Championship went to Jennifer Burk with 2nd going to Manon Gray and 3rd going to Aisha Hendricks.

Aggregate D Junior Championship was won by Jarom Neil and 2nd went to Mathew Lewis.

Aggregate E Musket Championship 1st place was Rich Brown, 2nd going to David Woodman and 3rd went to Rick Peterson. Aggregate F Flintlock Championship went to Adam Sass and 2nd went to Ira Thummawith 3rd going to Mark Todd Smith.

Additional Aggregate scores will be in the next issue

Flint Championship went to Lacy Porter, 2nd going to Kevin Price and 3rd to Jan White.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MSMLA SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

The MSMLA shotgun championships were attended very well. We threw over 2800 targets which is up from previous years.

The state trap championship went to Blake Hamilton and 2nd went to Aaron Moystner and 3rd went to Jim Mathis.

The junior state championship went to Lucy Granger followed by Ellie Granger.

Lady State Championship went to Lucy Granger, 2nd Amanda Weisel and 3rd went to Ellie Granger.

Ellie Granger took 1st place in the State Novice and Junior Novice Championship.

Percussion Championship went to Blake Hamilton, 2nd was Aaron Moysner and 3rd went to Jim Mathis.

**SEPTEMBER 13 - 22 N. M. L. R. A. NATIONAL MATCHES
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SEPTEMBER 20 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
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SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21 HOWARD CITY
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SEPTEMBER 20 .22 RIMFIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK
DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

OCTOBER 4 & 5 MEAT SHOOT
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OCTOBER 11 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
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OCTOBER 12 MEMORIAL SHOOT
DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

OCTOBER 25 LEVER ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE WOODS
WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

OCTOBER 18 TURKEY SHOOT
BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

OCTOBER 25 & 26 TURKEY SHOOT
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MANISTEE NEWS

We were happy to see the campground gradually fill up as the last week in June progressed.

Some members came a distance to help set up for weekend. There were 50 family registrations this year, and the club grounds buzzed with activity from dawn and into the nighttime hours.

Saturday's weather turned out to be a perfect northern Michigan day. Sunday morning's "Roving Range" matches were held in the rain, though. We commend the flintlock folks for trying, since it was nearly impossible to keep the powder dry. Luckily, the sun came out at noon in time for folks to pack up their camps and head for home. Some shooters left disappointed at their targeting skills with a determination to improve. Most all had another fun and a memorable weekend at camp or exploring the area's scenic beauty.

THANK YOU to the members who volunteered their time for the many tasks it took to prepare and staff the event. Club events will be published on our website as soon as they are

available. manisteemuzzleloaders.club

LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

LMLGC every fall always have youth matches and all of the kids participate when the matches are done for the day on Saturday. The club members take the year on putting the trophy's together for the youth.

All of the youth look forward to this event and they are targets for the youth.

Thank you to David Maddox for supplying the pictures





Stephanie Strosberg
winner of the rifle

Congratulations Stephanie

WHERE'S MY PHONE

Al Lowrie lost his phone at the LMLGC fall shoot. He ask Range Officer Dave Maddox to notify the competitors and spectaters to look around and see if they could find it and return it to the Range Officer so Al could pick it up there if it was found. Tom Dean and Al went back to his truck to see if it was lost in his truck. Got back to the truck and Tom says let me call you and see if it is in the truck. Tom gives Al a call, the phone began to ring and by golly they found it. Ya, it was in Al's pocket

WHY SHOULD I AND OR MY CLUB BECOME MUCC MEMBER

AI Overview

Being a member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) or an affiliated club is beneficial for individuals and organizations who want to protect Michigan's outdoor heritage

. As an individual, you can influence policy and support conservation efforts, while affiliated clubs gain access to a larger network and amplify their voice on a statewide level.

For individuals and local clubs

Influence conservation policy

- **Set policy priorities:** Both individuals and affiliated clubs can propose policy resolutions that guide MUCC's advocacy efforts in Lansing. This process, which has led to significant legislation like the Bottle Bill, gives you a direct voice in state conservation and outdoor recreation policy.
- **Defend your rights:** Your membership supports MUCC's mission to protect the rights of hunters, anglers, and trappers. Since 1937, the organization has been a leading force in preventing legislation that harms outdoor traditions.

Support hands-on conservation

- **Fuel conservation projects:** Membership dues and volunteer efforts support vital on-the-ground (OTG) habitat restoration projects. These initiatives improve wildlife habitats on public lands and waters across Michigan.

- **Invest in education:** You help fund youth outdoor education, including the Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp, which teaches skills like archery, fishing, and hunter safety.

Access exclusive benefits

- **Receive discounts:** Members get exclusive deals and discounts from conservation partners on brands like onX, Dunham's Sports, and more.
- **Stay informed:** You receive a subscription to the *Michigan Out-of-Doors* magazine, which provides news, stories, and information relevant to Michigan's outdoor enthusiasts.

For affiliated clubs

Amplify your club's influence

- **Boost your advocacy:** Your local club's voice becomes part of a larger, unified effort. By affiliating with MUCC, your club can influence statewide policy discussions that might otherwise be out of reach.
- **Leverage expert staff:** Your members' policy resolutions are carried out by MUCC's professional staff, who handle advocacy, communications, and program management.

Strengthen your organization

- **Attract new members:** Highlighting your affiliation with a respected statewide organization like MUCC can attract new members who are interested in a broader conservation network.
- **Network with other clubs:** Your club gains access to a network of nearly 250 other affiliated local clubs. This provides opportunities for collaboration, resource sharing, and expanding your reach.

Enhance member value

- **Offer MUCC benefits:** Your club members can access all of the individual MUCC benefits, including the magazine subscription and partner discounts.
- **Support youth education:** Your club can participate in and help sponsor MUCC's youth education initiatives, such as the summer camp, which aligns with your club's conservation goals.

SHOOTOUT TIME AT BENZIE 2025!

If you missed the 39th Annual Muzzleloader Rendezvous and Shoot at Benzie August 22-24, then you missed out on a really fun time! Masterminded and hosted by Mark Smith and Todd Gomah, the shoot was a blast (no pun intended) from beginning to end. Of course, it didn't hurt that the weather was stunningly beautiful!

Those interested in shooting had plenty of events to choose from: line matches for rifle, trade gun, pistol and bench, plus a primitive woods walk for both rifle and trade gun. And being as devious as they are, the boys had a surprise awaiting those who shot the woods walk. Let's just say it got your attention! The Benzie Sportsman's Club also had a nice archery range set up, and that was open to any of the shoot participants who wanted to bring a bow and arrow along.

There were prizes galore! Beautiful wood plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in line matches and primitives.

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And get a load of the table for raffle prizes! Just about everyone who bought a raffle ticket went home with a treasure—along with some cat calls about what he or she got!



In addition to fun on the range, there were plenty of other things to enjoy, both at the Sportsman's Club and in the Benzie area. The potluck at the range Saturday night was just outstanding. How did all that wonderful food magically appear?? You name it, you got it—gourmet food at a muzzleloader event! Go figure. Kudos to everyone who contributed. Y'all all done good!

For those who aren't shooters...well, the Benzie area has you covered. Canoe the Betsie River, visit the Benzie area Historical Society and Museum, play putt-putt golf at the Crystal Falls Mini Golf course, or do like Mooner did and get a **HOLE-IN-ONE!** on 17 at the stunningly

beautiful Pinecroft Golf Course that overlooks Crystal Lake.

THANK YOU MARK AND TODD FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK TO MAKE THIS SHOOT A SUCCESS. YA RECKON WE COULD CURSE YA INTO HOSTING A **40TH ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS AND SHOOT IN 2026??**

submitted by:

Sherry cowboy wolbers

MANISTEE MUZZLELOADING CLUB

At our July annual meeting, two proposed amendments to the club's Bylaws were voted on and passed. The Bylaws now require 2/3 of the Board of Directors own and/or shoot a muzzleloading firearm and that all members upon payment of dues are allowed to vote in club elections. This will protect our black powder heritage while providing all members equal voices in club matters.

Things are winding down for the year. September will see the last CPL class, MDOT highway cleanup and shoot group matches or meets. The 100 yd. range bench roof cover is near completion, and members will then move on to winterizing the buildings and grounds for the big chill. The club

will hold Sighting-in-Days as a service to hunters on November 8th & 9th. Planning will continue over the next several months for the 2026 event and shoot season.

FIELD REP'S REPORT

BLUE WATER SPORTSMAN MUZZLE LOADERS finished their summer league with a pot luck dinner and awards. They had 24 shooting rifles and 12 shooting pistol. Top in the rifle division shooting flintlocks were Roy Young, Dave Amon and Kingley Camm. Top in the handgun division were Roy Young, Mike Berlin and Fred Juczak. Ron announced that during the fall they will be meeting on Homers Range every Tuesday from 9 to noon.

COLUMBIAVILLE MUZZLE LOADERS have wrapped up a successful summer league.

DETROIT SPORTSMAN MUZZLE LOADERS enjoyed a good summer of shooting and have many upcoming events to look forward to.

LAPEER FIRELOCKS are wrapping up their summer league and preparing for their upcoming show in March.

LINDEN SPORTSMAN CLUB MUZZLE LOADERS have concluded their summer league and getting ready for the fall hunt.

*We know we have muzzle loaders gathering at **HURON POINT SPORTSMAN CLUB, MULTI-LAKES AND OAKLAND COUNTY.** Hopefully news from them next time around.*

above information submitted by **Anson & Judy Morgan.** **NMLRA field reps,** life members of Blue Water Sportsman and Lapeer Firelocks. In 2026 they will celebrate 50 years as a muzzle loading shop in the state of Michigan!

Ron Fernwalt reports that he has been talking with Mark Smith from Benzie, gave him information and application to becoming a chartered club.

He also gave information to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers to apply for a grant and also information for putting all of their events in muzzle blast under the charter club page.

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Waiting for the results of the winners at the MSMLA shotgun championships at Grand ValleyCap N Ballers

FUN TYME AT THE RANGE

Grand Valley Cap N Ballers had a good turn out for the Fun Tyme at the range. There were two new participants that have not been to GVCNB before. A fun time was had by all.

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9 - 1:30 on Sunday

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Saturday

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20 Shots Woods Walk

20 Shots Paper Novelty Targets

20 Shots Lady's Match

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20 Shots Long Hunter Range

20 Shots Paper Novelty Targets

20 Shot Lady's Match

Additional Trade Gun Match

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Sunday

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The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
CLINTON RIVER MUZZLELOADERS
38th Annual
MEMORIAL SHOOT

This public muzzleloading event is held each year to honor the memory of our muzzleloading enthusiasts that have passed on. The event will be held Sunday, October 19, 2025 at the DSC's Delaney Park Primitive Range Complex in

Shelby Township, Michigan. Competition will begin with a flag raising and memorial ceremony. Shooting competition is open to traditional muzzleloading long-arms. Modern In-line muzzleloaders and poly-patches are not allowed. Conical and jacketed bullets are permitted in rifled muskets. Sight-shades and scopes are not allowed on primitive arms. All loading will be done from pocket or pouch. Loading directly from horn, flask or can is not permitted. Eye and ear protection are required on the range. Period, primitive dress is requested if you are shooting a traditional arms. NMLRA rules are used unless noted. Range Officer's decisions are final. Separate divisions for Rifles and Smoothbores (Trade-guns/Fowlers).

Food and Prizes!

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Opening Ceremony 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Sign-In 9:30-Noon

Rifle Woods-walk 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Hawk & Knife 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Trade-gun Woods-walk 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Rainout date: October 26, 2025

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MATCHES

*20 Shot Novelty squirrel targets at
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Lunch Break

*20 Shot Novelty Squirrel targets at
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*All paper targets must be shot and
turned in to be scored. Targets not
turned in are subject to point
deduction penalty*

REGISTRATION

9:00 am

*Shooting starts at 10 am through
2:30 pm*

*\$20 donation includes both rounds
and lunch*