

**MICHIGAN STATE
MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION
NEWS LETTER
SEP/OCT 2015**

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well the travel trailer is put to bed for the winter so our shooting season is done for the time being. Marty and I just returned from Lansing after a great week-end at their Fall Shoot. A good time was had by all. I ran the range from the range tower and Marty helped in scoring keeping JB under rein. The youth shoot was Saturday after the range had closed. Jim Snyder's Grandson came out with high score and top honors. Good shooting Logan. We have had several shooters donate their medals back to the association for recycling. A very large THANK YOU to all for donating, it helps the association save a lot of money. I don't have the figures from Lyle as yet but, I understand that we have several years of aggregate medals. The aggregate medals are the expensive ones. Thanks again. We do have a rifle builder for 2016. Mike Sullivan has agreed to build a rifle for us. I understand it will be a Hawkin Rifle of large caliber. Thanks Mike.

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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This year's Frolic was pretty darn good. We had a nice show of ladies and younger ladies. Everyone acted like they had a grand time.

We added something new this year. It was dancing balloons and ping pong balls. I won't tell you what they are, as perhaps you will come out next year and find out for yourself. The male workers were wonderful. So I will say a big thanks to all of them. Tim Priddy did the training secession this year and did a great job also.

So ladies, start planning now to come to the Frolic next year.



Janet Tessman, Chair person

Deer Season Club Fund Raiser

We have been opening our club range to the public for the purpose of sighting in hunting rifles for the past 20 years. We do it just before the opening of fire arms deer season each year and to any muzzle loading club that does not do this I would suggest that you give it some serious consideration for next years deer season.

When you open our club range to the public you increase public awareness of what your club is doing, as well as provide a safe place for the hunters to sight in their guns.

There is very little preparation work that is needed, no awards to hand out, no ties to break, and no guns to clean when you are done.

The first consideration is safety. Most people that hunt deer have very little exposure to how a rifle range is conducted, and most of them have very little knowledge about how to handle a gun safely. To help with this we have a sign posted where the hunters sign up and pay their fee that tells them to carry their guns with the barrel pointed straight up in the air. We also tell them to have the action of the gun open at all times unless they are up at the firing line.

Some people actually read this sign and understand it but many people don't. Because of this we will have someone on the range to greet each new group of hunters and explain the importance of these two things before they get their guns out of the cases.

We will set up about 10 targets at 25 yards, 25 targets at 50 yards, and another 25 targets at 100 yards before the hunters start to show up. We will have one bench set up at 25 yards, 4 benches at 50 yards and 4 benches at 100 yards. Along with this we will have a spotting scope set up at 25 yards, 2 spotting scopes set up at 50 yards, and 2 more set up at 100 yards.

When the people start showing up we tell them that they can shoot where ever they want to and we will watch their shots for them and offer help if it is needed. We will look for a target in front of the position that they have chosen that is not all shot up and tell them which target position to shoot at.

When they are sighted in to their satisfaction at that range they can go to another range and shoot if they want to.

We usually have one person running the 25 yard line two people running the 50 yard line and another two people running the 100 yard line. So 5 people can run the entire range.

We have found that it is best just to buy commercially available targets with the one inch squares printed on them for this purpose. We have also found that by buying a bunch of the round shaped adhesive backed stickers we can patch the targets a few times before a new target needs to be stapled over the top.

When most of the targets are shot up we will close the range for target posting. We have found that even when the range is real busy we only need to do this about once every two hours or so. That is the reason that we post so many targets all at the same time. When we shut down the range for posting targets we will leave a couple of club members at the firing line to watch for safety issues, and the rest of us will go down and replace, or repair targets.

We have found that it is best to charge a set fee per gun rather than charge a set fee per shooter. We have been charging \$4.00 per gun and we have been averaging about 300 shooters each year.

In the end we provide a safe environment for a hunter to sight in their guns. We provide the targets, sand bags, benches, and spotting scopes, so all the hunter needs to bring is a gun and some ammo. We have found that we can bring a few tools to the range with us and do some minor repairs to further benefit the hunters.

There have been more than a few people that have started shooting black powder, and a few people that have joined our club, due to the exposure of this yearly event. If any one would like more information about this activity just drop me an email at wwlamson1@ejourney.com and I would be happy to help in any way that I can.

Wayne W. Lamson in Beaverton.

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MICHIGAN RULING FAVORS SPORT SHOOTING RANGE ACT

In a unanimous decision handed down April 1, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that shooting ranges are protected by the Sport Shooting Ranges Act (SSRA), while confirming the right of existing range owners to operate their ranges regardless of township ordinances that have emerged since the statute became law.

Submitted by Morrie Holloway, taken from the NMLRA Legislative Watch

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MSMLA SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

We had a successful turn out for the state shotgun championships. The weather could not have been any better. We had Kenneth Moore and his wife, traveling in from West Virginia and Johnathon Wadsworth from Texas.

David McMurray was elected as Chairman of the Shotgun Committee. Congratulations Dave.

The MSMLA State Championship was won by Paul Mercer from Canada with a 24, 2nd went to Dick Wadsworth from Marcellus with a 23 and James Mathis from Martin, Mi. with a 23.

The Junior State Champion went to Drake Buell, 2nd went to Johnathon Wadsworth and 3rd went to Braxton Mathis.

The Lady State Champion is Erie Ann Lernout, 2nd went to Krystan Parker and 3rd went to Ardith Knop.

The Percussion Championship went John Turner, 2nd went to Dick Wadsworth and 3rd went to Dennis Sitzer.

The Flint Championship went to Missie Taylor, 2nd went to David Taylor and 3rd went to Kevin Price.

The State Novice Champion is Johnathon Wadsworth, 2nd went to Drake Buell and 3rd went to Mike Kowalski.

The Junior Novice was won by Johnathon Wadsworth followed by Drake Buell and Braxton Mathis.

The Flint Percussion Aggregate was won by David Taylor followed by Paul Mercer and 3rd went to Missie Taylor.

Roy Keeler Aggregate followed by Russ Anderson and Ken Thomasma. **MATT** also wond the Michigan State Championship Aggregate, 2nd went to Marcie Anderson and 3rd went to Russ Anderson.

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JANET LANGWORTHY won the Womens Championship Aggregate, 2nd went to Marcie Anderson and 3rd went to Marty Maddox.

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It was recommended a year or so ago to have members send in the e-mail address of their local sports writer from their newspaper and TV Station. I have received one. Yes, only one. If I can get e-mail address and names I can put the list together and send it out to you and they will also get a copy of the State News



MATT CRUM won the won the Off Hand Aggregate Championship followed by Russ Anderson and 3rd went to Ken Thomasma. **MATT** also won the

Letter. We are not having the participation around the state from what I am hearing and this would be a good way to try to build our membership. What I will need is the name of the person, name of the newspaper or TV Station and their e-mail address. Send them to rbfern@triton.net. Ron



JAYDEN WRIGHT won the Junior Aggregate Championship. His mother Nicole Galliger won it when she was a youngster.



RUSS ANDERSON won the Flint Championship Aggregate, 2nd went to Jeff Fiyak and 3rd went to Ira Thumma. **RUSS** also won the Pistol/Revolver Aggregate followed by Gordon Elliott and 3rd going to Lyle McGregor. **Russ** won the Open Primitive Aggregate followed by his wife Marcie and 3rd going to Wes O'Dell. Being the age that Russ is and the years of shooting he has behind him, **Russ** placed 1st in the Old Timers Aggregate with Ken Thomasma placing 2nd and Ira Thumma took 3rd.



BOB WHEELOCK won the Bench Aggregate Championship, 2nd going to Dick Thorn and Richard Wiltse placing 3rd.

THANK YOU

The association wants to thank Janet and Jerry Tessman for attending the MSMLA Shotgun Championship and spending all day Thursday and Friday pulling and scoring. It was very much appreciated by the competitors, which gave them more time to participate. Again, thank you.

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