

**MICHIGAN STATE
MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION
NEWS LETTER
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018**



**THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE
GONE TO ALASKA**

Summer is flying by and fall is coming soon. Diane and I recently did some flying of our own. We enjoyed two weeks in Alaska. We flew into Anchorage to start our trip. From there we traveled to Seward seeing dall sheep and moose along the way.



From Seward we took an afternoon boat ride to Holgate glacier and back. Along the way we saw humpback whales, harbor seals and sea otters. We then traveled north to Denali. The mountain was hiding most of the time. Our tour of the park saw more sheep, moose, caribou and grizzlies.

We then traveled to Fairbanks and then continued on north. Our tour took us up the Dalton Highway all the way to Deadhorse and Prudhoe Bay. In route we crossed the Arctic Circle and eventually dipped our feet in the Arctic Ocean. Then we flew back to Fairbanks and then on home.



The Arctic loop saw **musk ox**, caribou, grizzly, golden eagle and lots of waterfowl. Lots of scenery and memories. Definitely worth the wait. The occasional rain didn't dampen our enthusiasm. We went to experience Alaska and saw as much as we could fit in 13 days.

*Don't worry, I will ramble on more when I see you. Those of you who have been there will understand. And those of you who haven't, start planning your trip. It's wonderful there. See you at a shoot soon.
Lyle*

KEELER SOCIETY

The members of the Keeler Society continued the fun "mustache" match this year. Held at both Michigan state shoots and Michigan territorial shoots. At the territorial rifle shoot held at Beaverton's Tobacco River Club an interesting target was shot.

Ken A. folded his target so that one shot would make 5 holes for him. Upon retrieving his target the holes had multiplied. With a little help from his friends Kenny has a very ventilated target. I am sure this target would bring a smile to Pa's face. Shooting for the fun and companionship.



Not often does a gun builder get the chance to shoot the firearm that he or she has toiled over for several hours. While at the Michigan Territorials at Beaverton, I was talking with Ron Smith about the flintlock rifle he had won at the Michigan State Championship shoot. He had called me the week before to tell me of the progress he had made working up a load, and sight adjustments for the new flintlock. He had told me he had just shot his first 50xxx, off of cross-sticks with his new gun and they, the gun and he, were getting along just fine. We were talking about the Keeler mustache match and that he was going to shoot the match with his newly acquired flintlock. As I was drooling over the possibility of shooting

the gun that I had done for Michigan State rifle raffle, Ron says why don't "we" shoot the match with his newly acquired flintlock. I quickly responded with a "HELL YAH". The weight was great, the balance was great and the accuracy was fantastic. Ron shot the match first and then I shot the next relay. The gun builder came through and outshot the raffle winner. Thanks Ron for the opportunity to shoot your gun. Greatly enjoyed it.

*David Maddox
2018 State Rifle Builder*

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MICHIGAN RIFLE/PISTOL TERRITORIAL

We had a very successful shoot with 38 registered shooters, with 13 competitors being from out of state. There were 102 aggregates sold and 376 targets shot. Top Gun award was won by Marcie Anderson from Ludington,

MI. We had 8 Junior/Sub Junior aggregates shot by 5 Juniors. We had a great potluck dinner on Saturday night with all the meat being provided by the shooters from the Black Swamp Muzzleloaders club from Findlay, OH. Lots of stories and tall tales,

Cari

LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB



*Labor Day Week-End, Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club
Laingsburg Michigan*

Labor Day Week-end 2018. The weather was OK. The shooting was fantastic. The best part of the week-end for me is RO-ing for the kids shoot that is held at the close of the day on Saturday. I start out by giving the kids the course of fire and then I give them a safety talk. They are all ears. All of the shooters receive a trophy for their efforts. The trophies are put together, from trophy donations, by James Brotherton. It has to be a labor of love for the kids. Jim spends all winter tearing apart the trophies and then revamping them for the kids. Trust me the

*kids shoot very well. The big kid in the back
Is Jim. Thanks Jim for all you do.*

— at Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club.



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*We had a good turnout at the MSMLA
Shotgun Championships this year at
Grand Valley. The weather was nice
and a fun time. David McMurray was
re-elected as out Shot Gun Chairman.
David has been doing a good job for the
committee.*

*There were 32 competitors at the State
Shotgun Championships and they all had
shot the Keeler match to get the patch*

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**From left to right Nick Melnyk, Wendy Geil
and John Snyder**

*These three folks shot perfect scores in the
re-entry match at the MSMLA – Shotgun
Championships and got their hats shot.
Congratulations to you. Keep up the good
work.*

STATE SHOOTS

*I will have more information on the state
shoots in the next issue due to finger injury,
it is very hard to copy and paste and type
with one hand.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any club interested in having the MSMLA State Shotgun Championships held at their club for a 3 year commitment for 2020, 2021 and 2023 must have their request in by June 1st to MSMLA, % David McMurray, 10510 North 6th Street, Otsego Mi.49078

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting season is open for different game. Lets' see some pictures and a story about your hunt. It can be rabbit squirrel, turkey or any big game.

NEWS

News is needed from your club. Send to rbfern@triton.net or MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

- SEP 22 TRADE GUN EVENT GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS
- SEP 22 .22 RIFLE WOODS WALK CLINTON RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS (DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS)
- SEP 29 ROBIN HOOD ARCHERY SHOOT (TRADITIONAL BOW) GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS
- SEP 2 – NOV 4 FALL AGGREGATE BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
- OCT 6 & 7 MEAT SHOOT GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™
- OCT 6 ASHLEY WOODS WALK ASHLEY SPORTSMAN CLUB (8554 Mason Rd, Bannister)
- OCT 14 WOODS WALK Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsman Congress
- OCT 19 – 21 FALL RENDEVOUS LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
- OCT 20 LEVER ACTION RIFLE WOODS WALK CLINTON RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS (DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS)
- OCT 20 TURKEY SHOOT BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
- OCT 20 - 21 TURKEY SHOOT COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB
- NOV 2, 3, 4 TURKEY SHOOT SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES (TECUMSEH)
- NOV 11 WOODS WALK Clinton River Muzzle Loaders , Detroit Sportsman Congress

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