

# MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION

## NEWS LETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2013

### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I just returned from my trip to the Winter Nationals at the Ben Avery Range. It was a long hard drive but worth every minute. The scenery and terrain changes are enough to keep the long drive interesting plus the chance to see animals and birds that we've never seen before. Sad to say we did not see the big game animals we hoped to see but did see numerous birds and small game that were new to us. The Gambrel quail, doves and jack rabbits were a daily sight at the camp ground and occasionally a coyote would come through during the night. The shooting in Arizona is basically the same program as at Friendship but it just doesn't seem that way. There are separate ranges for each discipline except the offhand rifle and pistol are on the same range but segregated. I spent most of my shooting time on the skeet range and actually managed to take a medal in the flint daily qualifier while my travelling companion [ Alan Shourds ] took the championship in that division. I also managed to get in a couple rounds of silhouettes but my 45 caliber rifle was not up to the task of knocking down the targets beyond 100 yards. I also tried to shoot the smoothbore aggregate, suffice to say that I didn't do well.

On the local front, Lyle tells me that the ticket sales for the raffle gun went well at the Lapeer Show and hope that continues at Kalamazoo next weekend. Cal Mebon has offered help with the ticket sales there so Lyle and I can wonder the show a little bit.

At the Board Meeting in February Joe Valentin volunteered to make next year's raffle gun from a Jim Chamers kit and finish off this year's gun with some engraving which has been completed and Lyle assures me adds a lot to the gun. There has been 2 clubs express interest in hosting the State Shoot when we leave Grand Valley but no letters has been received as of yet. We are still looking for a powder horn to go with this year's raffle.

As we move forward into spring I hope to be getting to more shoots. I would like to have been at Linden today but I am still not recovered from the trip to Arizona. I also missed the Finger Nipper at Houghton Lake while I was gone but I have been informed that all who attended had a good time.

Ted

## SPARKS FROM THE CAMPFIRE

by Henry Rozmarek

**LAST BATTLE for FT. RENDEZVOUS First Day of Battle:** On the morning of Nov. 30, 1990, our president received a call from a local police commander asking permission to use our range

And trap house to hold a training session (trap shoot). Since their dues were paid, the president said the only restriction would be **fine shot only**, since there were houses in the proximity of our shot gun range - across the Little Manistee River. The commander agreed to these stipulations

And reassured him they would clean up and leave the property as they found it. Later that day, our then president ventured out to the range, saw law enforcement vehicles parked inside the gates and assumed the range was being used as previously arranged. As he drove away from the range property, a car flagged him down - it was a homeowner that lived north of the property. He was upset that bullets were falling like snow on his house and in his yard. When the homeowner was told who was using the range, he proceeded there to let the shooters know the circumstances – the officers sent him packing. When the homeowner called the police station to report the incident, they called him a “crackpot.” He was MAD AS HELL and called the prosecuting attorney who contacted a judge and got an injunction to permanently close our range. It became “locked down” to ALL members. We were also liable to be sued for residential

Damage, and there was nothing we could do about it. This set the stage for the impending battle.

*To be continued in future newsletters...*

# THE JAG SHOP

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SCHUETZEN & SWISS BLACK POWDER PERCUSSION CAPS, FLINT

## NMLRA SCHOLARSHIP

Hello all,

Just want to get out the word that the NMLRA is offering \$1,000.00 Scholarships. The Association offers two, Gunmaker's Hall offers one, and new this year the NMLRA's Women's weekend will offer one \$500 scholarship to a woman who wants to/or is returning to school to further her education. I have not learned if the NRA will also be giving us \$10,000.00 for an additional 10 scholarships. John Crone seemed to think that we would receive that grant also.

Anyone may contact the office, ask for Brenda and have the application form sent to them. All applications must be in by JULY 1, 2013. No exceptions to the cut off date.

The committee reviews each application and scores them individually. As chair, I add the individual scores and the highest scoring people are awarded the scholarships. I will recuse myself this year from individually scoring the applicants since my grandson plans to apply. The committee members are from Pennsylvania, Texas and Minnesota, not counting myself.

Please spread the word about this program in your club newsletters and by word of mouth. You may even request the application and get it into the hands of someone you feel would deserve this money. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office or myself.

Thanks,  
Sharron Smith  
NMLRA Scholarship Chair

### **CHECK THOSE POWDER HORNS**

I was at the Winter Woods walk at Laingsburg this year and there was an accident with a powder horn. Apparently there was a question as to whether the person involved had put powder in his barrel during the loading process. Rather than take a chance on a dry ball he decided to flash his pan to clear the barrel in case there was powder in it. When we pulled the trigger the gun was low by his side and pointed at the ground. The flash from the pan ignited the man's powder horn through a small crack in it. The net result was a blown out horn and priming horn that was in his shot pouch and some burnt clothing. No injuries were sustained and there was no indication the person had done anything wrong as far as woods walk safety procedures [ie. his powder horn was plugged]. The man stated later that he had noticed a small crack in the horn but was more concerned about moisture than anything else. This could happen to any of us. It serves as a reminder to all that accidents can happen to any of us and check you horns for cracks. Any crack is too large.

Ted

### **SPONSORS**

All the members have done a fine job in sponsoring matches for the Michigan State Rifle Championships this year. I and the association thank you much for that. We have less than 8 Muzzle Loading clubs in the state of Michigan that have sponsored a match or matches. I ask you all to ask your local club if they would be willing to sponsor a match for rifle for a mere \$25.00. The sponsors help much in defraying the cost to you as members for entry fees. The state association puts together the state shoot schedule with a distribution of over 2000 copies distributed, nearly 1000 e-mailed out in the news letter from January thru October, plus a web site with a lot of valuable information available, supports the Keeler Society, free news letter's by e-mail, (only \$10/year for snail mail).

At your next club meeting ask if they wouldn't be interested to help support their state association.

Thanking you in advance.

# **SPRING BROOK TRADING POST**

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Black Powder Shopp

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## SHOTGUN NEWS

It's hard to believe the grips of winter are letting go and it's showing signs of spring. By the next time the next newsletter comes out the shoots will have begun. It's not too early to get involved though. You still have time to sponsor a match for the shotgun championships. As of the time I am writing this we only have half of our matches sponsored. So if you are interested please contact me.

We are also still looking for clubs to host 2014, 15, and 16 championships. For more details on requirements I can get those to you via snail mail or email.

Thanks

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## NUMB SKULL SHOOT

*It was a brisk Sunday morning. The thermometer read 7 degrees. By 10 am 27 Numb Skulls had arrived, including 2 women and 1 junior shooter. The targets were set awaiting the shot from the smoke poles. The fun began with an easy target; at 7 yards the circus peanut. However, the licorice at 25 yards seemed to survive many shots. The shoot was a frozen success.*

*First Place Winners: Junior - Gerald Littlejohn*

*Woman - Nicole Tomlinson*

*Pistol - Jeff Fiyak*

*Trade - Bob Gibelyou*

*Percussion - Wayne Baughman*

*Flintlock - Mike Sullivan*

*Thank you to all that helped. The Spring Shoot is April 21, 2013. New targets await the arrival of spring and we look forward to seeing new faces as well. Tiger & Two Dogs*

*(for more information call Lyle or Diane @ (989)746-0723)*

**FOR SALE:** English Fowling Gun, All parts from Track of the Wolf, 42" bbl 54 call, Queen Ann L&R lock maple full stock, Very lite curl, Brass but plate and trigger guard, thimbles. Gun has 5 shots fired and needs frizzen work no spark. Parts cost over \$700. Will sell for \$350.00 plus shipping I will email photos. Contact John Turner PH"269 420 282, E-mail: [jojturner@comcast.net](mailto:jojturner@comcast.net)

## KEELER SOCIETY

Don't forget to get names in to Bob Elka for nominees to the Keeler Society by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Last year we had no new names added to the list. If you have sent a name in and that person has done more than what you wrote, be sure to send that to Bob. This is not a popularity contest to get into the society; it is what that person has done to promote the sport of muzzle loading as pa did. Bob's address is: Robert A. Elka, 9346 Oak Road, Willis, Mi. 48191. If you need a ballot you can get it from the state shoot scheduling, sending Bob a letter or MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi 49330 or [rfern@triton.net](mailto:rfern@triton.net)

# MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION

## RIFLE MATCH SPONSORS

2013

### Match

1. 25 Yard Off Hand-----**Columbiaville Sportsman Club**
2. 50 Yard Off Hand-----**Manistee Clan of Muzzleloaders Inc**
3. 50 Yard Rest-----
4. 100 Yd Rest-----
5. 50 Yard Rest-----**Randy & Shelly MacInnes**
6. 100 Yard Rest-----**Randy & Shelly MacInnes**
7. 100 Yard Off Hand-----**Robert A. Elka**
9. 50 Yard X Stick-----**Alex Maddox**
10. 100 Yard X Stick-----
11. 50 Yard X Stick-----**JB & Marge Brotherton**
12. 100 Yard X Stick-----**Richard & Gladys Wiltse**
13. 25 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
15. 100 Yard Off Hand Flint-----
16. 50 Yard X Stick – Flint-----
17. 50 Yard Rest Flint-----
20. 25 Yard Off Hand Women----- **Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club**
21. 50 Yard Off Hand Women-----
22. 50 Yard X Stick Women-----**Tobacco River Muzzle Loaders**
23. 50 Yard Rest Women-----**Dave & Marty Maddox**
26. 25 Yard Off Hand Juniors-----**Guy R & Sharron Smith**
27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors-----**Guy R & Sharron Smith**
30. 50 Yard Musket-----**John Fullerton & Shery Wolbers**
43. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS
44. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS

### Match

31. 100 Yd. Musket----**John Fullerton & Shery Wolbers**
34. 25 Yd Pistol or Revolver---
35. 50 Yd, Pistol or Revolver-----**Serge Bourdeaux**
36. 25 Yd. Revolver---**The Hoskinson Family (The Computer Guy)**
37. 50 Yd Revolver----**Serge Bourdeaux**
38. 25 Yd Flint Pistol-----
39. 50 Yd Fl;int Pistol-----**Serge Bourdeaux**
40. 50 Yd Off Hand (Co-ed)-----
41. 25 Yard X Stick11Yrs & Under-----
42. 50 Yd Rest-11 Yrs. & Un der-----**John & Diana Reist**
47. 25 Yard Off Hand-----
48. 50 Yard Off Hand-----
49. 50 Yard X Stick-----
50. 50 Yard Rest-----
51. 25 Yard Off Hand-----
52. 50 Yard Off Hand-----
53. 50 Yard X Stick---**Wes & Gloria O'Dell**
54. 50 Yard Rest-----
60. 25 Yard Off Hand Old Timers---
61. 50 Yard Off Hand Old Timers---
62. 50 Yard Rest Old Timers-----**Clyde & Betty Carr**
63. 100 Yard Rest Old Timers----**Bud & Betty Thompson**
  
45. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS -----**Wayne Lamson**
46. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS

### AGGREGATES

- A. Michigan State Championship---**Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™**
- B. Flint Off Hand Championship---
- C. Womens Championship-----
- D. Junior Championship-----**Joseph N Valentin**
- E. Musket Championship-----**Dick Williams Gunsmithing**
- F. Flint Lock Championship---**Lyle & Diane McGregor**
- G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver-----**Sauk Trail Long Rifles**
- H. Bench Championship-----**JB & Marge Brotherton**
- I. Cross Stick Championship-----**Wayne Lamson**
- J. Off Hand Championship-----**JB & Marge Brotherton**
- K. Roy Keeler Championship----- **Eaton Rapids Conservation Club**
- L. Thelma Keeler Championship----**Eaton Rapids Conservation Club**
- M. Guy R. Smith Overall Championship---**Guy R & Sharron Smith**
- N. Novice Championship-----**Joseph N Ealentin**
- O. Flint Primitive-----**Bridgeport Gun Club**
- P. Open Primitive-----**Alan Pichan**
- R. Old Timers-----
- T. Lite Bench Aggregate---**Ron & Sharon Smith**

### PRIMITIVE

101. Norm Blaker-----**Sauk Trail Long Rifles**
102. James "Mac" Hall Open Woods Walk---
  
103. Primitive Woods Walk---**Columbiaville Sportsman Club**
104. Free Trapper---**Lyle & Diane McGregor**
105. Primitive Free Trapper---
106. Fer-Du-Lac-----**Bridgeport Gun Club**
107. Knife Throw---
108. Tomahawk Throw-----
  
109. Father Marquette-----
110. Kids Knife----
111. Kids Hawk-----**John & Diana Reist**
115. Junior Knife-----**Kelly Alexander**
116. Junior Hawk----**Antiques by Travel**
100. Trade Gun Woods Walk---
- S. Trade Gun --
- U Lady's Hunter Agg **Serge Bourdeaux**

If you would like to sponsor a match, see or contact:

Ron Fernwalt-----16808 Peach Ridge-----Kent City, Mi. 49330-----616-836-5760-----e-mail [rbfern@triton.net](mailto:rbfern@triton.net)





### REMEMBER WHEN

**Who can remember the year and the names of these gals with this fine gentleman? The lady or the gentleman that writes the best story first, will be published in the next state news' letter. Other stories will be in future issues on this Remember When picture.**

### NEW ARRIVALS

**Leah Marie Stoykovich - Born 1-25-13, 18 inches, 5 pounds 12 ounces. The daughter of Jessica and Mike Staykovich who are members of Grand Valley Cap N Ballers**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 16 - 17	KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™	KALAMAZOO
MAR 30	APRIL FOOL SHOOT	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
APRIL 6 – 7	STEAK & DOLLAR SHOOT (Trap & Rifle)	GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™
APRIL 13	SPRING BLANKET SHOOT	WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS –ROTHBURY
APRIL 20	BLANKET PRIZE WOODS WALK	POWDERHORN COUNTY MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB
APRIL 21	BRIDGEPORT NOVELTY SHOOT	BRIDGEPORT
APRIL	BLACK RIVER LONG RIFLEMEN, BANGOR	<b>CANCELLED FOR 2013, MAJOR RANGE WORK</b>
APRIL THRU SEP	SKEET & TRAP 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> SAT & SUN	GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™
APRIL 3 – MAY 22	SPRING LEAGUE	COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB
APRIL 16 – AUG 27	SUMMER AGG	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
MAY 3 - 5	SPRING SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™
MAY 3 – 5	MEGA WOODS WALK	SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES
MAY 4	UPMLA QUARTERLY SHOOT	BARAGA (Ottawa Sportsman Club)
MAY 4	BLK PWDR CARTRIDGE SHOOT	PINE RIVER LONG RIFLEMEN
MAY 17 – 19	SPRING RENDEVOUS	OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB
MAY 17 – 19	RENDEZVOUS	HART LONG RIFLES
MAY 18	SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
MAY 25 – 28	TC RENDEVOUS	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
MAY	COLUMBIAVILLE MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT	<b>CANCELLED</b>
MAY 31 – JUN 2	NMLRA MICH. SKEET TERRITORIAL	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

# **STEAK AND DOLLAR SHOOT**

**APRIL 6 & 7, 2013**

**REGISTRATION \$5.00**

**GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS**

**MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB™**

**SOUTH WEST OF DORR, MICHIGAN ON 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET at 3576 – 26<sup>th</sup> St. Hopkins, Mi. 49328**

**SHOTGUN TRAP**

**Prizes will be paid after each shotgun match**

**Shoot time for both shotgun and rifle**

**9 – 4 Saturday**

**9 – 1:30 Sunday**

**RIFLE MATCHES**

**\$5.00 FOR EACH 20 SHOT MATCH**

**20 SHOTS AT SILHOUETTES**

**20 SHOTS – WOODS WALK**

**20 SHOTS NOVELTY ANIMAL**

**20 SHOT LADY'S MATCH**

**TRADITIONAL ARCHERY**

**PRIZES PAID EACH DAY**

**PAYING 5 PLACES IN EACH MATCH**

**Free Camping-----Electrical Hook up-----\$5.00**



Feb 17 March 10 April 14 May 4 (TGRR)  
May 5 June 9 July 14 Aug 18(Fun Shoot)  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Rendezvous Oct 10, 11, 12, 13

Blanket Shoots begin at 11:00, Register 10:00 till Noon  
Minimum of 14 shots for Blanket shoots  
Trail Walk, Clanger and Novelty Targets plus knife and hawk

Patched round ball only, no poly-patches. No loading from the horn or flask. Open sights only. No hoods, shades, optics, or peeps attached the firearm. Range rods are allowed. INLINE actions permitted with patched round ball and open sights.

Ear & Eye Protection Required. Juniors bring your hunter education card.

Fees: \$7.00 per shooter, \$3.00 for shooters 16 and under, accompanied by a paying adult.

Blanket prize, minimum value of \$10.00 must be related to the 1740-1835 time period. (Optional participation)

Points awarded for period dress of the 1740-1835 era. For more information: [www.lapeersportsmens.org](http://www.lapeersportsmens.org)

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Secretary:  
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# SPRING SHOOT

MAY 3, 4, 5, 2013

GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

3576 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET

HOPKINS, MI.

RIFLE, YOUTH MATCHES SATURDAY BLANKET SHOOT

WOODS WALK

KITCHEN

SHOTGUN TRAP & SKEET W/RE-ENTRY MATCHES

## Friday, May 3

Registration & Target pickup	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Shotgun—Trap & Skeet	10: 00 am – 5 pm
Registration, Targets, Range— <b>Closed for Lunch</b>	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Primitive Rifle—on your own "bead shoot"	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Line Matches	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## Saturday, May 4

Breakfast	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Registration & Target pickup	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Primitive Woods Walk- <b>Blanket Shoot</b> (awards 4 pm)	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Shotgun—Trap & Skeet	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm
Line Matches	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Lunch served	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Registration, Targets, Range— <b>Closed for Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</b>
Knife & Hawk	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Kids B-B Gun Matches	4:00 pm approx
Chili Cook-off	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Awards	7:00 pm
Quiet time in campgrounds	Midnight

## Sunday, May 5

Breakfast	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Shotgun—Trap & Skeet	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Primitive Rifle - on your own	9:00 am 11:00 am
Novelty Line Matches	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch	11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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