

MARCH/APRIL 2024

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Just a short message this issue. Good news from our winter meeting. We filled an open position on the board. Welcome Manon Lutzke. A new youthful member. Fresh and news ideas are always welcome.

On a disappointing note we only had one club representative. It's hard to coordinate and advertise club events when the clubs aren't expressing much interest or effort. We must all work together if we want to continue and expand the sport we love. Time to go, been a bit under the weather lately. Hope to see you soon at the range. Lyle

The Last Relay for Randy MacInnes. 12-25-56 to 11-18-23

Randy MacInnes was born into a

muzzleloading family on the 25th of October in 1956. He had no choice but to become a shooter because it was in his DNA. His father, Jerry MacInnes was an avid black powder competitor and that got past on to his son Randy.

Randy married his wife, Shelly, of forty-eight years on the 25th of July in 1975. Together

they had three children Ashley, Michael, and Matthew.

Those of us that had the pleasure of knowing Randy on a personal level will tell you that being around him was fun and never boreing. I had the pleasure of going to the Alvin York chunk gun matches with Randy on two different occasions and there was never a dull moment. He always had an interesting story to tell and those stories always included some humor. We made those trips in his old Dodge motor home never knowing if that thing would be able to make the return trip or not. Randy saw that as part of the fun but Bill Shellhorn and I weren't so sure.

There was another trip that stands out and that was when twelve of us Michiganers went to Maine to compete in the Maine Territorial Matches. That was an absolute blast. We were welcomed in by our friends in the state of Maine and we were treated to a good old fashioned "Lobstaa" Bake. Whenever any of the twelve of us get together we always talk about repeating that trip because it was so much fun. Randy and Shelly were a big part of making that possible. No one mentions the scores we shot or the medals we won because shooting black powder gave us an excuse to do things that we wouldn't have otherwise done. On our return trip home Randy got a flat tire on his motor home. We had five of our

RV's parked along a busy highway changing Randy's flat tire and he suggested that we cover up our Michigan license plates. He didn't want us to give the people in Maine a less than favorable impression of what the people from Michigan were like.

One important lesson that I got from Randy was to always make the best of what you've been given. He went through more than his share of hardships during his lifetime but he was always able to pick up the pieces, set new goals in life, and move on with what time he had left. Randy has been a member of the Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association for as long as anyone can remember. He also had the distinction of being selected to become a member of the Roy Keeler Society here in Michigan. He maintained an active roll in both of those orginazations and his hard work and dedication will be deeply missed.

Over a long period of time Randy suffered from a number of serious health problems but you'd never know it to talk to him. He was up beat and positive about everything and he was just an all-around good guy to spend time with.

As the years pass if you stick around long enough before you know it, you're old. When you get old your friends and loved ones begin to pass away. The loss of a friend is never easy to deal with but saying so-long to Randy was especially hard for an awful lot of people. When Randy passed away an awful lot of the fun went out of all of our lives. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Respectfully submitted The Roy Keeler Society.



Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Facebook Group

There is a group page on Facebook for MSMLA information. Those on Facebook are encouraged to join the group to receive updated information on news, events and activities. You can search for Michigan State Muzzleloading Association to find the group.

We have had a few instances of administrator approved posts going against the Facebook community standards. Repeated offences can result in the loss of our group presence on

Facebook. It is important to realize Facebook does have community quidelines that prohibit postings that promote the sale of prohibited items, in our case anything that refers to, or promotes the SALE of weapons or firearms. Before sharing or posting anything to the MSMLA site please make sure it doesn't violate this policy. Any flyers for events or shows must be checked to verify they don't refer to the SALE of weapons or firearms. You can comment on, provide pictures, or ask questions about firearms but cannot refer to the SALE of firearms. As administrators Jenny and I must approve any posts that appear on the group page but we would appreciate your attention prior to posting.

We obviously don't agree with all of the community guidelines Facebook has but we must realize we are a guest on their platform and must conform to their rules. have the heart to let her die and old maid just because she had money, either

TODD GOMAH

Todd loves the sport of Muzzle Loading and the competitiion. He is always placing in the top three at most shoots. He is always struggling to place first but always ends up just short of first place and always easy to take 2nd or even 3rd p;lace and on occasion he has ended up with a fourth and fifth.

His fellow shooters got to talking about dry balling, Todd began to brag that in the last 30 years of shooting that he never dry balled.

When somebody dry balls he always comes up with that story that you have to pay attention so you don't dry ball. Oh, I forgot to mention that Todd did place first at the Benzonia Frozen Finger Shoot held on February 24th. He took first place in the DRY BALL AWARD. Submitted by: Unknown Auther

Thanks – Eric Hoskinson



TWO YOUNG MEN were discussing marriage. One asked. "You wouldn't mary a gal just for her money, would you? "No" the other man replied, but I wouldn't <u>J & L Horrigan Ent.</u> Custom turned smooth bore barrels Larry Horrigan 269-793-3265 Cell 269-845-0460 E-mail lehorrigan@hotmail.com

<u>Manistee Muzzle Loading</u> Club

It won't be long before club grounds and range cleanup begins. The area has had less snowfall than in past years, and club members have been able to use the ranges most of the winter (so far). The club's seven (7) shoot groups will start their meets and matches in May. Preparation is ontrack for our 64th annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort Rendezvous," June 29th & 30th.

This muzzleloading competition has become a family tradition for many folks. Four (4) Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) classes are scheduled for May, July, Aug. and Sept. by our club's NRA-licensed instructors. The Appleseed Program will be at the club July 13th & 14th. The 2-day course definitely improves marksmanship skills and teaches

Revolutionary War history during breaks.

Visit their website for details -

appleseedinfo.org.

All of the above information can be found on our club's website manisteemuzzleloaders.club. Events are posted as soon as they become available.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Steve Hren member of the NewOceo Free Trappers and the Manistee Muzzle loading club passed away on February 27th at the age of 80. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Carmen's address is 876 South Dickinson, Fremont, Mi 49412



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 16 - 17 KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW KALAMAZOO FAIR GROUNDS kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com

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APRIL 6	APRIL FOOL SHOOT BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
APRIL 14	WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS
APRIL 20	SPORTING CLAYS (MODERN) GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
APRIL 9 – SEP 3	3 SUMMER AG ` BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
MAY 3-5	SPRING SHOOT GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
MAY 5	WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS
MAY 3-5	MEGA WOODS WALK SAUK TRAIL (TECUMSEH)
MAY 17-18	FAMILY RENDEVOUS GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™
MAY 17 – 19 OAKLA	SPRING RENDEZVOUS ND COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB

- MAY 18 SERVICE RIFLE WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRES
- MAY 18 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun) GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERSTM
- MAY 25 ARCHERY KICKOFF GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

MAY 23 - 27GRAND TRAVERSERENDEVOUSBENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

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RIFLES

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BARRELLS

25 Caliber / 3/4 in Straight Octagon / 42 inch long / WE Rayl-----\$200.00 40 Caliber 13/16 inch straight Octagon / 36 inches long / Rice Barrell---\$200.00 40 Caliber / 1 1/8 inch straight Octagon / 34 inches long / Maker Unknown _-----\$200.00

50 Caliber / 1 1/8 inches Straight Octagon / 42 inches Long / Green Mtn Bbl--____\$200.00

2023 NATIONAL PLACING TERRITORIAL TOP GUN REPORT FROM MICHIGAN Aggregate A OH Championship Leo Holmes 5th

Aggregate B Flintlock Championship	
Nate Holmes	2nd
Leo Holmes	10 th

Aggregate E One Gun Champions	hip
Nate Holmes	2nd
Matt Crum	3rd
Leo Holmes	10 th
Aggregate I Skeet Championsahip	כ
David McMurray	4 th
Kevin Hiemstra	38
Aggregate J Trap Championship	
David Yeubanks	1st
John Turner	2nd
Ron Fernwalt	3rd
Kevin Price	4 th
Garrett Porter	5 th

Aggregate K Pistol Champions	ship	
Mike Reece	1st	
Mark McKein	$\boldsymbol{5}^{^{th}}$	
Aggregate N Hunters Championship		
Leo Holmes	3rd	
Matt Crum	6 th	

Aggregate 0 Sighted Smooth B	ore
McKayla Weihl	9 th
Ted Thelan	10 th

Aggregate 0Ladies Offhand ChampioJennifer Buchanan5thSandy Thomas8th

Aggregate R – Smooth Bore	Champi
Adam Sass	1st
Alan Shourds	$\boldsymbol{5}^{^{th}}$
Mike Wiley	${m {\cal B}}^{^{th}}$
Aggregate S Ladies Trap Cha	nmpionsh
Bonnie Fernwalt	1st
Linda Yeubanks	2na
Lacy White	3rd

Aggregate U Ladies Hunter Cha	mpio
Sandy Thomas	2nd
Jennifer Buchanan	$\pmb{\mathcal{B}}^{th}$
McKayla Weihl	10 th

Aggregate Z Ladies Skeet Champion	
Bonnie Fernwalt	2nd
Linda Yeubanks	3rd

Aggregate AA Flintlock Trap Cha	тр
Ed Henson	1st
Aggregate bb Flintock Skeet	
Ed Henson	3rd

Aggregate CC Revolver Championship Mike Reece 9th

Congratulations to all of you that shot the Territorial in Michigan and placed in the top 10 in the NMLRA Nationals and thank you for supporting the NMLRA, Tobacco River Muzzle Loaders and Grand Valley Cap N BallersTM Muzzle Loading Gun Clubs. FIELD REP'S REPORT"s No reports, activities slow down during the winter

LANSING MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB SHOOTS 2024 -LMLGC SPRING SHOOT JUNE 1-2

> -NSSA SKIRMISH JUNE 14-16

> -NSSA SKIRMISH JULY 26-28

-NSSA SKIRMISH AUGUST 16-18

-LMLGC FALL SHOOT AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

-LMLGC WINTER WOODS WALK JANUARY 11 2025

SPONSORS NEEDED

Has your club or a local company in your area sponsored a Michigan Championship Rifle/Pistol or Shotgun Match for 2024? Your sponsorship helps defray the cost of the matches, printing the state event schedule, the Keeler Society and also advertises for your club or Company that is sponsored. If it is your cluib or a business be sure and put their website and or phone number on who to contact. Those clubs and businesses the sponsorships will be in the state newsletter and by the first of september the list of sponsors will be on the webb until august of 2025.

At the end of the newsletter will be the matches that are sponsored and what is available to sponsor.

The cost to sponsor a match or aggregate is only \$25.00. Make checks out to MSMLA and mail to MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330



AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1 LOCATED AT 8545 GARRISON RD LAINGSBURG MI 48848 LINE MATCHES-25,50 AND 100 YARDS WOODS WALK SHOTGUN KNIFE AND TOMAHAWK CAMPING AVAILABLE KITCHEN SERVING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT



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> Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Shooting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch break from 12 to 1:00

* Cost is \$15 per shooter including a chili pot for lunch

* There will be 10 (3) shot squadded novelty targets at 25 yd * All matches will pay 3 places

Saturday April 6,

2024 Rain, Shine or Snow A raffle will be held again this year. Raffle donations appreciated Tickets \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00

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Match

1. Ed Dennis 25 Yard Off Hand Match AMS	ED DENNIS
 Le Dennis 25 Tard Off Hand Match Adds Jerry and Randy MacInnes 50 Yard Off Hand AMS 	SHELLY MACINNES *
3. Harry Hauch Sr.50 Yard Rest AMS	LVLF & DIANNE MCGREGGOR
 4. Ernie Swain and Ed Ballots 100 Yd Rest AMS 	
5. Joe Kita 50 Yard Rest OS	
 6. Chuck Kimbrell 100 Yard Rest OS 	
7. 100 Yard Off Hand AMS	
9. 50 Yard X Stick AMS	
10. 100 Yard X Stick AMS	
11. 50 Yard X Stick OS	
12. 100 Yard X Stick OS	
13. Dick Potts 25 Yard Off Hand Flint OS	
14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint OS	
15. James Boyer 100 Yard Off Hand Flint OS	
16. Ira Thumma50 Yard X Stick – Flint OS-	IRA & SUE THUMMA 2026
17. David Maddox 50 Yard Rest Flint AMS	
20. Sharron Smith 25 Yard Off Hand Women AMS—	
21. 50 Yard Off Hand Women AMS	
22. Fran Hall 50 Yard X Stick Women AMS	
23. 50 Yard Rest Women AMS	IN MEMORY OF MARTY MADDOX *
26. 25 Yard O H Juniors AMS	
27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors AMS	
30. Chuck Langworthy 50 Yard Musket	THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
31. 100 Yard Musket	THE SMITH FAMILY
34. Eric Hoskinson 25 Yard Pistol/Revolver—	
35. 50 Yard Pistol Revolver	
36. 25 Yard Revolver	
37. 50 Yard Revolver	SERGE BOURDEAUX
38. 25 Yard Flint Pistol	SERGE BOURDEAUX
39. 50 Yard Flint Pistol	
40. Barb and Stu Cuatt 50 Yard OH Co-ed AMS	THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
41. Monte Heiser 25 Yd X Stix 11 yrs & Under AMS	JOHN & DIANA REIST
42. 50 Yd Rest 11 yrs & Under AMS	
43. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS	
44. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS	
45. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS	
46. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS	
47. 25 Yard Off Hand AMS	MATT CRUM
48. 50 Yard Off Hand AMS	
49. 50 Yard X Stix AMS	THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
50. 50 Yard Rest AMS	THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY
51. Thelma Keeler 25 Yard Off Hand AMS	
52. 50 Yard Off Hand AMS	
53. Judi Stutz 50 Yard X Stix AMS	
54. 50 Yard Rest AMS	WES & GLORIA O'DELL
60. Cy Misner 25 Yard OH Old Timers AMS	
61. Leanard Walline 50 Yard OH Old Timers AMS	ALAN PICHAN
62. Mert Watson 50 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS	
63. 100 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS	
64. 25 Yard Trade Gun—No Rear Site	
65. *25 Yard Trade Gun – No Sighter Target and No Rear Site	
66. 50 Yard Trade Gun – No Rear Site	
67. Ted Thelen 50 Yard Trade Gun—No Sighter Targets and No Rear Sites	

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B. Flint Off Hand Championship	JB & MARGE BROTHERTON
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C. Womens Championship	
D. Junior Championship	
E. Musket Championship	
F. Flint Lock Championship—	
G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver Championship	SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES
H. Bench Championship	WAYNE LAMSON *
I. Wayne Lamson Cross Stick Championship	
J. Off Hand Championship	JB & MARGE BROTHERTON
K. Roy Keeler ChampionshipMen Only	
L. Thelma Keeler ChampionshipWomen Only	
M. Guy R. Smith Overall Championship	
N. Joe Valentin Novice Championship	JOE VALENTIN
O. Robt A. Elka Off Hand Trophy	
P. Alan Pichan Primitive Championship	
R. Old Timers Championship –60 and Over	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
S. Bud Thomspon Trade Gun Primitive Championship	SERGE BOURDEAUX
T. Lite Bench Championship	
U Trade Gun Line Match Championship	
PRIMITIVE	
100. Trade Gun Woods Walk	DENNIS & TAMADA NEELV
101. Norm Blaker	
101. James "Mac" Hall Woods Walk	
102. James Mac Than woods wark	
104. Free Happer	LILE & DIANE MCGREGOR
100. Ves O'Dell Knife Throw—	
107. Wes O Den Kinne Thiow—	
100. Kids Knife—11 and under	
111. Kids Hawk11 and under115. Junior Knife15 and under	
116. Junior Hawk15 and under	
NOVICE	
201. 25 Yard Off HandOS 3 bull target	
202. 25 Yard Off Hand—OS 1 Bull Target	

203. 50 Yard Off Hand—OS 1 Bull Target

204. 50 Yard Cross Stick---OS 2 Bull Target

205. 50 Yard Rest—OS 6 Bull Target------ALEX MADDOX*

210. CARL HUBEL 25 YD NOVICE PISTOL REVOLVER -----ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY

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MATCH 3	20 BIRD LADY ST. CHAMPIONSHIP
MATCH 4	PERCUSSION CHAMPIONSHIP
MATCH 5	FLINT ST. CHAMPIONSHIP
MATCH 6	15 BIRD ST. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP
MATCH 7	JUNIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPDICK & BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS
MATCH 8	ORIGINALSDICK & BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS
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MATCH 9	HUNTERS MATCH** MIKE BEATY
MATCH 10	FLINT ONLYIN MEMORY OF MORIS HOLLOWAY
MATCH 11	DOUBLES - 20 BIRDS
MATCH 12	LADIES ONLYBETTY CARR
MATCH 13	CLYDE CARR MEMORIAL MATCHBETTY CARR
MATCH 14	NOVICE ONLY.
MATCH 15	JUNIORS ONLY (RE-ENTRY)
MATCH 16	SUB JUNIOR 11 & UNDER
MATCH 17	DOUBLES**DON KOOPMAN
MATCH 18**	
MATCH 19**	
MATCH 20	OLD TIMERS 60 & OVER
MATCH 21	LADYS 20 YARD
MATCH 23	JUNIORLYLE & DIANE MCGREGOR
MATCH 24	LADIES**WAYNE & ARDITH KNOP
MATCH 25	FLINT ONLY
MATCH 26	SHOOT TILL YOU MISS
MATCH 27	PERCUSSION OR FLINT**JOHN & JUDY TURNER
MATCH 29	16 YARD NOVICE
MATCH 30	DEAN & PAT KING CO-ED PROTECTION MIKE BEATY &
MATCH 32	TRANTHAM PROTECTION
MATCH 33	HANDICAPLOUISE MERCER
MATCH 35	PERCUSSION OR FLINT
MATCH 36	GVCNB SKEET SINGLES
MATCH 37	GVCNB SKEET DOUBLES
MATCH 38	GVCNB REGULATION ROUND OF SKEET

FLINT/PERCUSSION AGGREGATE (of Matches 3 & 4)-----GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERSTM **WHERE NEEDED**

UNDER THE WEATHER

Lyle McGregor has had some health issues and is in the hospital and underwent some surgery and is recovering at the hospital probably up until March 14. Keep Lyle in your prayers during this difficult time. Lyle's address is 4344 Old Baker Road, Bridgeport, Mi. 4872



MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

Welcome to Spring Shoot 2024 at Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™

We are pleased that you have chosen to join us for a full weekend of shooting.

Registration: Registration is \$25.00 per individual or \$30.00 per family (self, spouse and children 17 and under). Space is available for both primitive and modern camping with water and firewood available. Limited electricity is also offered on a first come first served basis at \$10.00 for the weekend. Trading is included in registration, however traders may call Dawn Thurkettle at (616, 222, 7372) to reserve a specific site.

(616-323-7373) to reserve a specific site.

Please note that GVCNB welcomes all primitive shooters/campers, with primitive camping for non-shooters only at \$10.00. All persons occupying a campsite must register, whether shooting or not.

NOTE: There will be no kitchen service available for this event. Coffee and water will be available at the clubhouse. We will be having a potluck on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship time. NO TRADERS FEE, HOWEVER IF YOU WANT TO COMPETE YOU MUST REGISTER

SPRING SHOOT

MAY 3, 4, & 5, 202

CONTACT INFO: John Turner 269-420-2824/ or jojuturners44@comcast·net Ron Fernwalt 616-836-5760 or rbfern@triton·net Visit us on the web at gvcnb.org



Who can identify this picture and send me a story on who they are, what club and all the good stuff. Send to <u>rbfern@triton.net</u> or msmla, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, <i>Mi. 49330



From left to right Dave Maddox, Ira Thumma, Matt Miller and Randy Macinnes at Columbiaville