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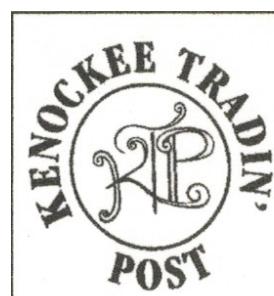
### SPONSORS NEEDED

Don't forget January is a good time to get out and get sponsors for both Rifle/Pistol Championship and the Shotgun championship. Talk to your local club, business's in your area and ask them if they would like to sponsor a match or 2. The cost is only \$25.00 per match. There sponsor ship will be on the web from the time they sponsor a match until September of 2027.

Have them make a check out to MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City Mi. 49330



**PATTY BOWMAN with her 11 point  
Well that's what to 1's side by side**



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**MARK SMITH** bagged this nice 8 point with all 8 Tines being long

## ANNUAL MSMLA MEETING

Will be held at the Eaton Rapids Conservation club Saturday February 7, 2026. beginning at 11.00 am. All clubs have the opportunity to send 1 person for 1 vote at the annual meeting. Be sure and pass this along to your club even tho they get a copy of this state newsletter.

## ***MUCC ARTICLE***

Thank you for reaching out to us with your questions and concerns regarding MUCC and its future direction. You asked for information you could share with your membership on where MUCC is headed and why you should remain with us. In that light, I can provide the following:

- MUCC is not changing its mission. Instead, we are driven to understand the broader view of the mission. Michigan is still the land of lakes, rivers, and forests, just as it was when MUCC was founded 90 years ago.
- However, the stakeholders have changed. At MUCC's conception, Michigan had a large population of hunters, trappers, and anglers. Today, that population has significantly decreased, and will most likely continue to decline unless we broaden our vision/mission to bring more people into the "Outdoors".
- MUCC must define what "Outdoors" will mean to future generations and what activities may hold great interest to them. These activities may not be the same as what MUCC has traditionally thought of as "Michigan Outdoor" activities.

The Executive Board and Staff at MUCC have expended considerable effort to broaden the stakeholder group without alienating the core constituency of

MUCC. I can't honestly say that we have the answer to that question at this moment. But what I can state emphatically is that this group of people is extremely passionate about finding that answer and ensuring that MUCC is there to support Michigan's outdoors people for the next 100 years and beyond.

As for why organizations like yours should remain loyal to MUCC, that answer is simple to me. There is strength in numbers. The greater the number of people engaged with MUCC, the greater our strength when working with decision-makers in our local, state, and federal offices. Secondly, these endeavors are not without a financial cost. Without the support of organizations like yours, we cannot continue to pursue the goal of providing future generations with the opportunity to enjoy the things we feel so passionate about.

If you have any further questions/concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Regards,

Mike Mitchell

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JAN 24 - 25** **½ NUTS SHOOT**  
**RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS**

**YEAR AROUND 4TH SUNDAY**  
**RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS**

**FEB 7** **MSMLA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**EATON RAPIDS**

**FEB 7** **WINTER FEST**  
**DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS**

**FEB 21** **FROST BITE SHOOT**  
**BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB**

**MARCH 1** **ANTIQUE MUZZLE LOADER & LIVING HISTORY SHOW** **LAPEER**

**MARCH 8** **WOODS WALK**  
**DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS**

**MARCH 21-22** **KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW** **KALAMAZOO**  
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## ***MICHIGAN SHOTGUN TERRITORIAL***

*June 26, 27, 28, 2026  
at Grand Valley Cap n Ballers™*

*New this year is the Youth, Junior Competitor and the registration is only \$1.00 and the youth aggregate cost is nothing \$.00, plus cost of targets to shoot the territorial.*

*If they choose to shoot an adult aggregate the aggregate cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non members.*

*A youth must be under 21 years of age. The youth aggregate is 10 targets from the 10 yard line, 10 targets from the 16 yard line and 14 targets in skeet singles. A youth may use percussion, flintlock muzzle loader or black powder cartridge shotguns.*

*If the youth has no muzzle loader to compete with Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ will do the best they can to supply the use of a gun for them.*

*Any questions give Ron a call at 616-836-5760*



**Lacey Porter** bagged this doe and did a mighty fine job of it. I didn't hear whether her husband Garrett got his or not. Well, I guess we will wait and see. We have a couple of days left yet before the newsletter goes out. Congratulations Lacy, job well done.

## **POWDER PRICES**

Powder prices have gone up. GVCNB Jag shop have their new prices. See their add and give them a call for the price. Prices could change from one shipment to the next.

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## MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

Hope all our muzzle loading friends are surviving the winter chill that has set in. We actually had a January thaw when Manistee's temp got up to 58 degrees! It was a very refreshing break but made some of us old timers anxious for springtime.

We continue to plan for our 66th Annual "Shoot Time at Old Ford Rendezvous" the weekend of June 27 & 28. The 2026 shoot program hasn't been completed yet, but only dates are to be changed. All matches and match times remain the same as last year. Dan Ursom was able to complete the cover artwork, though. Many of us look forward to seeing what he comes up with each year. A full program will be available real soon.

Not much news to share in these dormant months. If weather permits, bundle up and get out there to stay in practice so you don't find dust and cobwebs on your black powder firearm come spring!

*Sandy Saxman*

## LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

I RECEIVED WORD THAT Bill Shellhorn passed away in December. That is all the information that I have at this time.

## CLUB CONTACT

I and Dennis Neeley have been called and asked where a muzzle loading club is located so they can shoot their muzzle loaders. I ask where they are located and I have looked up the contact person for the club nearest them and give them a phone number to call and they call me back and say the number is disconnected or the person passed away, Very embarrassing.

Go to Michigan State Muzzle Loading association on the web and go to club directory and look up your club name and see if the information is correct. If it is not correct e-mail the correction to Dennis Neely at [daneely@frontiernet.net](mailto:daneely@frontiernet.net) or [taneely@frontier.com](mailto:taneely@frontier.com). Or you can e-mail the information to me and I will see that he gets the information.

Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

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# Fort Rendezvous

Manistee Michigan



66th Annual  
Shoot Time  
June 27 & 28  
2026

Have the hills all gotten steeper?  
Are the valleys so much deeper?  
Have the years flown by so swiftly as they do?  
During the cold winds of December,  
as lost comrades we remember,  
some day there'll be a joyous rendezvous!

# **MICHIGAN**

# **STATE MUZZLE LOADING**

# **ASSOCIATION**

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TO ENCOURAGE AND ADVANCE SHOOTING OF MUZZLELOADING FIREARMS, AND TO PROMOTE HIGHER STANDARDS OF SAFETY, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH SPORTS.

## **2026- MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING SHOOTS & EVENTS – 2026**

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DATE	NAME OF SHOOT	LOCATION	CONTACT
JAN 3 -4	FROSTED PAW	COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB	B
JAN 11	WINTER WOODS WALK	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB	CE
JAN 24 - 25	½ NUTS SHOOT	RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS	AD
YEAR AROUND 4TH SUNDAY		RIVER VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS	AD
<b>FEB 7</b>	<b>MSMLA ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>EATON RAPIDS</b>	<b>CA/AB</b>
FEB '7	WINTER FEST	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
FEB 21	FROST BITE SHOOT	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
MARCH 1	ANTIQUE MUZZLE LOADER & LIVING HISTORY SHOW	LAPEER	ZB
MARCH 8	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
MARCH 21-22	KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW	KALAMAZOO	
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APRIL 11	ART ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS	H8
APRIL 4	APRIL FOOL SHOOT	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
APRIL 12	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
APRIL 18	SPORTING CLAYS (MODERN)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
APRIL 7 – August 25	SUMMER AG	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
MAY 1 - 3	SPRING SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H8
MAY 3	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
MAY 16	TRADE GUN CHAMPIONSHIP	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H4/H5
MAY 16	SERVICE RIFLE WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRES	BC
MAY 16	SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
MAY 23	ARCHERY KICKOFF	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H2
MAY 21 - 25	GRAND TRAVERSE RENDEVOUS	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
JUNE 6 & 7	SPRING SHOOT	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB	CB
JUNE 13 - 14	HANDYCAP SHOTGUN TRAP MATCH	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3

JUNE 6	PISTOL NOVELTY MATCH	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	BB
JUNE 13 - 21	NMLRA SPRING SHOOT	FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA	DD
JUNE 14	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
JUNE 20	SPORTING CLAYS (Modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
JUNE 20	.22 RIM FIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
JUNE 19	HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB	HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB	EE
<b>JUNE 26 - 28</b>	<b>MICH TRAP &amp; SKEET TERRITORIAL</b>	<b>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLER</b>	<b>H3/H6</b>
JUNE 27 - 28	SHOOT TIME MANISTEE	MANISTEE	II
<b>JULY 8 - 12</b>	<b>MSMLA RIFLE/PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS</b>	<b>CA/AB/H3</b>
JULY 12	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
JULY 17, 18, 19	WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS RENDEZVOUS	WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS	DA
JULY 18 - 19	SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
JULY 18 - 19	MUCC SPORTING CLAYS FUND RAISER	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS	H3/AC
AUG 6, 7, 8	FRONTIER SHOOT 54 <sup>TH</sup>	GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™	H1/H8
AUGUST 7, 8, 9	RENDEVOUS	COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB	B
AUGUST 9	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
<b>AUGUST 13 - 16</b>	<b>MSMLA STATE SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™</b>	<b>AC/H3</b>
AUGUST 14, 15, 16	MICHIGAN RIFLE/PISTOL TERRITORIAL	BEAVERTON	
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AUGUST 15	CENTER FIRE PISTOL WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
AUGUST 21 - 23	BENZIE RENDEVOUS	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
AUGUST 22	FUN TYME AT THE RANGE" *	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H8/H3
	{AN EVENT FOR WOMEN ONLY}*		
AUGUST 29 & 30	FALL SHOOT	LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB	CB
AUGUST 30 - NOVEMBER 1	FALL AGGREGATE	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
SEPTEMBER 5	ARCHERY NOVELTY SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H2
SEPTEMBER 13	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
SEPTEMBER	N. M. L. R. A. NATIONAL MATCHES	FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA	DD
SEPTEMBER 19	SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
SEPTEMBER 18	HOWARD CITY	HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB	EE
SEPTEMBER 19	.22 RIMFIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
SEPTEMBER 19	GVCNB PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS	BB
OCTOBER 3 - 4	MEAT SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™	H3/H8
OCTOBER 10	SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H3
OCTOBER 11	MEMORIAL SHOOT	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
OCTOBER 24	LEVER ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
OCTOBER 17	TURKEY SHOOT	BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB	TT
OCTOBER 25, 25	TURKEY SHOOT	COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB	B
OCTOBER 24	SQUIRREL SHOOT	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™	H4/H5
NOV 8	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
DEC 13	WOODS WALK	DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS	BC
DECEMBER 31	"LAST BLAST OF THE YEAR	BLUE WATER SPORTSMAN ASSN	F

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**2027**

JAN 10 - 11

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COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

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**STATE MEETING-----FEBRUARY 7, 2026**  
**Article III, Section IV States: At the association business meeting, every muzzle-loading club in Michigan will be authorized one representative with the power of one vote. The directors and officers will also have one vote each.**

**STATE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP-----JULY 8 – 12, 2026**

**STATE SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP---AUGUST 13 - 16 , 2026**

*“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”*

*Second Amendment to the Constitution*

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