



Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association Newsletter

November December 2025

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Just received word that J B Brotherton of the Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club passed away in the last few hours. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time. I will give you the details as soon as I hear.

MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

Plans are in the works for our 66th annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort Rendezvous," June 27 & 28, 2026. It's a traditional muzzleloading competition that has managed to survive the onset of modern firearms. We don't foresee any changes, so put the dates on your calendars for a fun time! More info to follow.

We're all ready for the cold months! The club's main drive and ranges won't be snow plowed or shoveled, but a few hardy members

will still be able to use the ranges if the snow isn't too deep. Our range officers were able to assist the community's hunters sight in 44 rifles at the Nov. 8 & 9 Sighting-in-Days. A bit of trivia: Since 2010 when the NRA began keeping records, our club has held 116 Concealed Pistol License (CPL) classes and passed 1,700 attendees for licensure. We continue to promote the safe and responsible use of handguns.

Until next year, we hope you stay safe, healthy and happy during the holiday season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 31 "LAST BLAST OF THE YEAR"
BLUE WATER SPORTSMAN ASSN
2026

JAN 10 LAINGSBURG WINTER WOODS WALK
LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

MSMLA SHOOT SCHEDULE

I will be sending another reminder out after the 15th of November to have your final shoot dates to me by the 15th of December for the 2026 events. For those that have sent me their shoot dates be sure and check them over to see that I didn't make any mistakes.

SPONSORS NEEDED

I will be sending a letter out right after the first of the year asking for sponsors for rifle and shotgun. The sponsors will be in the state newsletter and will be on the web until September of 2027. Talk to your club and see if they would be interested in sponsoring a match or two for Rifle/Pistol or Shotgun or both. Club members try and get your local sporting goods store to see if they would like to sponsor a match or 2. The cost is only \$25.00 per match and where else can you get free advertising for 18 months or longer.

INCOME OUTSIDE THE BOX

Ideas to make your Muzzle Loading Gun Club more successful you may have to think outside of the box to get more income. You can have a sporting goods sale at your club and sell tables and have it on a 1 or 2 day during the winter. If you can supply a meal that would be great, but you may have to have the vendors bring a sack lunch. You could have water, soda and coffee.

I know that Beaverton has sight in days and charge so much per rifle.

Other idea's is to have a Bake Goods Sale. Grand Valley Cap N Ballers once a month has modern sporting clay's and 5 stand which they have done very well. I also understand that Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club does some modern shotgun shooting.



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STATE RIFLE/PISTOL RESULTS

Aggregate G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver

1st place went to Michael Reece, 1nd going to Donald Howard and 3rd went to Mark Smith.

Aggregate H Bench Championship went to Justin Burd, followed by Jennifer Burd and 3rd went to Adam Sass

Aggregate I Wayne Lamson X Stix
Manan Gray took 1st place, 2nd went to Justin Burk and 3rd going to Serge Bourdeaux

Aggregate J Offhand Championship 1st place was won by Justin Burk followed by his wife Jennifer Burk and 3rd went to Serge Bourdeaux

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Aggregate K Roy Keeler championship
went to Matt Miller, 2nd to Justin Burk and
3rd went to Paul Whiteman

**Aggregate L Thelma Keeler
Championship** went to Jennifer Burk, 2nd
went to Jennifer Buchanan and 3rd went to
Madison Lutzke



**Aggregate M Guy R Smith Overall
Championship** was won by Justin Burk, 2nd
David Woodman, 3rd Rick Peterson

**Aggregate N Joe Valentin Novice
Championship** was won by Desiree Neil,
2nd going to Steve McCarty and 3rd to
Brooke Woodman

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**Aggregate O Robt A Elka Off Hand
Trophy** was won by Justin Burk, followed
by Serge Bourdeaux and 3rd going to
Jennifer Burk

**Aggregate P Alan Pichan Primitive
Championship** was won by Adam Sass,
2nd Rich Brown and 3rd went to Ben
Kerkstra

Aggtagate R Old Timers Championship
was won by Ira Thumma. 2nd going to
David Woodman and 3rd was won by Rick
Peterson

**Aggregate S Bud Thompson Trade Gun
Primitive Championship** was won by
Adam Sass, 2nd going to Larry Horrigan
and 3rd to Serge Bourdeaux

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Aggregate T Lite Bench

Championship was won by David
Woodman, 2nd going to Manon Gray
and 3rd to Adam Sass

**Aggregate U Trade Gun Line Match
Championship** was won by Calvin
Meabon, 2nd went to Serge
Bourdeaux and 3rd went to Adam Sass

NOTICE

if anyone want a picture with their
aggregate trophy let me know and I will e-
mail it to you