Hi everyone, hope you are all well. It is getting
on to fall and the end of shooting season draws
near. We still have a few shoots left and then
many of the clubs have turkey shoots and sight
in days. Many of these events are long running
annual events and can be lots of fun. They are
also good places to meet new people and
sometimes find new shooters. It is time also
that we start planning for next year. Setting
dates and getting all the things needed to
make those events fun. I would like to ask that
this year along with listing shoot dates in the
state schedule [the best advertising around for
$5 ] that you email or snail mail your shoot
flyers either to Ron Fernwalt or to Eric
Hoskinson. Eric will set up a link on the state
website to your flyer. This will help to reach
the younger crowd’s that are more tech savvy
than some of us. Reaching new people will
help us all. More people more fun!

I am happy to announce that we have a gun
builder for 2017! Randy MacInnes is putting a
rifle together for us. Sorry Mike, yours got put
on hold again. Lol. I will have more info in the
next newsletter but I am sure it will be another
great prize for some lucky person. Building the
state raffle gun is a fun project. You get lots of
inquiries about what parts are used, how long,
what finish you used and many other things. It
becomes a big sharing event. If you come and
help sell tickets for a bit at the gun shows or at
a shoot you will be enthused by the
response. It’s a lot of fun. We will be glad to
have you join us selling tickets next year. It’s
easy and a very social day. It’s a great time to
catch up after the winter break from shooting.

We are still looking for a gun builder for
2018. If you have any interest please contact
me. We can discuss what you might want to
build and see what we need to make it a
reality. We also need a knife builder for
2018. This is a knife of your design and
style. This knife becomes a lasting trophy to
the winner of the Michigan State Aggregate
Championship. This is a unique one of a kind
trophy, one that is highly sought and coveted
by the people competing at the State
shoot. Maybe you can win your own piece of
art. I know I will be trying for it. Please
consider one of these projects. You will be
glad you shared your skill and abilities.

Enough of my soapbox.. As hunting season
starts I hope you all have a safe and successful
season. I have a squirrel hunting weekend, a
bird hunting weekend and UP deer camp in the
works plus a couple of muzzleloader deer
hunts planned. These are social hunts as much
as anything. We do hunt just not always real
hard. If you have any hunt stories or pictures
please share them. They are always popular
reading.. Till next time, play safe and have a
good time. Lyle

**JERRY BOYER MEMORIAL MATCH**

The Jerry Boyer Memorial Blanket Match has
passed into history. It was hosted for 42 years
by the Marlette Sportsman association,
although always not at that venue. Being held
in mid-July the weather was always a
Jerry Boyer was a founding member of the Marlette club. He was an avid muzzleloader shooter. His primary interest was in the American Indian facet of the primitive area of the muzzle-loading culture. He dressed as an Indian brave, boasting his own teepee. He was quite skilled at beadwork. He was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1974 in which his wife, Dawn, was also injured.

The match was an aggregate of several targets, none of which were round, including a running deer. They were shot in distances ranging from 15 to 100 yards. This year Rudolph subbed for Bambi. Knife and tomahawk throwing matches were also held, in a separate aggregate.

In this final year Alan Pichan won the high aggregate prize as well as an individual match prize. Bob Wheelock won the knife and tomahawk aggregate, known as “Duke’s Trophy”. Bob, Nik Woods and Adam Sass also won individual match prizes. Of course, being a blanket match, each shooter went home with something.

Manuel Navarro and Shirley Davies were given awards in appreciation and recognition of their long-standing assistance in putting on the match.

Many thanks to all who donated prizes, participated in the match, and assisted in the preparation through the years. It was a good run but, like all good things, it had to come to an end, perhaps sooner than we would have liked.

Atque in perpetuum, Jerry, ave atque vale.

Submitted by Joe Valentin

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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

MSMLA – SHOTGUN COMMITTEE MEETING

The MSMLA – Shotgun Committee meeting will be held September 17th, 7:30 pm at the Grand Valley Cap N Ballers club house basement.

MSMLA SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was a good turnout for the shotgun championships this year with competitors from Michigan, Indiana and Canada.

A big thank you goes out to Janet and Jerry Tessman for pulling and scoring all day Thursday and Friday of the event.

It was quite hot and muggy during the event, along with some rain on Sunday morning and the amount of birds that were thrown was down from last year.

Our attendance at the membership meeting was on the low side, but a lot of things were discussed and will have final approval at the membership meeting the 17th of September.

The results of the championship are as follows: The Michigan State Trap Championship went to Ken Hobday with a score of 24 out of 25, 2nd went to Jim Mathis followed by Jan White.
Junior State Champ was Drake Buell, 2nd went to Devon Westphal and Braxton Mathis placed 3rd.
Lady State Champion went to Erie Ann Lernout, 2nd was Ardith Knop and 3rd went to Cathleem Taylor.
Nick Meinyk placed 1st in the Percussion Championship, Jan White 2nd and Ardith Knop 3rd.
Flint Championship winner was Jan White followed by Missi Taylor.
The Flint/Percussion Aggregate Championship went to Jan White, 2nd went to David Taylor and Missie Taylor placed 3rd.
The State Novice Champion this year went to Nick Meinyk.
The Junior Novice Championship was won by Drake Buell and 2nd went to Braxton Mathis.

**LANSONG MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB**

More than sixty years after its founding, The Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club enjoys a diverse membership with interests in competitive shooting, gun building and collecting, hunting, historical re-enactment, and preservation of our rich American shooting heritage. The LMLGC currently consists of over 100 member families. Family involvement is encouraged and the club has competitive shooters in the women's and junior's categories.

Serge Bourdeaux from Jackson won the Off Hand, In Line Hunters Match and the Bud Thompson Trade Gun Aggregate. He also placed 3rd in the Trade Gun Line Aggregate, Flint Primitive Aggregate.

**LANSONG MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB**

**KIDS MATCHES**

Talking with Jim Brotherton at the State Shoot the LMLGC is still continuing the kid's matches. This is great for our young folks. If anyone has pictures and a write up I will get it in to the next newsletter. Just send to rbfen@triton.net
Marcie Anderson from Ludington won the Women’s Championship, Thelma Keeler, Aggregates and placed 2nd in the Flint Primitive, Flint Championship Aggregate’s and 3rd in the Open Primitive and Guy R. Smith Overall Aggregate.

**MSMLA SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

I want to thank Janet and Jerry Tessman for pulling at the MSMLA Shotgun Championships. They spent all day Thursday and Friday in the tower pulling and only broke for lunch. I also want to thank all of the other people that pulled, if I mention names I will forget someone.
Ron Fernwalt, Range Officer

Ira THumma of Shepard placed 1st in the Flint Championship Aggregate, 2nd in the Bench Championship, and 3rd in the Old Timers Aggregate.

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Bob Wheelock From Flint placed 1st in the Guy R Smith Championship, Old Timers Aggregate’s and 2nd in the 2nd in the Musket Championship Aggregate3rd in the Michigan State Championship Aggregate.

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1. 25 Yard Off Hand
2. 50 Yard Off Hand
3. 50 Yard Rest
4. 100 Yd Rest
5. 50 Yard Rest
6. 100 Yard X Stick
7. 100 Yard Off Hand
8. 50 Yard X Stick
9. 50 Yard X Stick
10. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint
11. 25 Yard Off Hand Juniors
12. 100 Yard X Stick
13. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint
14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint
15. 100 Yard Off Hand Flint
16. 50 Yard Stick
17. 50 Yard Rest Flint
18. 25 Yard Off Hand Women
19. 50 Yard Off Hand Women
20. 50 Yard X Stick
21. 50 Yard X Stick
22. 50 Yard X Stick Women
23. 50 Yard Rest Women
24. 25 Yard Off Hand Juniors
25. 50 Yard Rest
26. 100 Yard Rest
27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors
28. 50 Yard Musket
29. 100 Yard Musket
30. 25 Yard Pistol/Revolver
31. 25 Yard Pistol
32. 25 Yard Pistol
33. 50 Yard Pistol
34. 50 Yard Pistol
35. 50 Yard Pistol
36. 50 Yard Pistol
37. 50 Yard Pistol
38. 25 Yard Flint Pistol
39. 50 Yard Flint Pistol
40. 50 Yard OH Co-ed
41. 25 Yd X Stix 11 yrs & Under
42. 50 Yd Rest 11 yrs & Under
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
48. 50 Yard Off Hand
49. 50 Yard X Stix

AGGREGATES
A. Michigan State Championship—Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™
B. Flint Off Hand Championship—
C. Womens Championship—The Baughman Family
D. Junior Championship—Joe Valentin
E. Musket Championship—Dick Williams Gun Shop
F. Flint Lock Championship—Lyle & Diane McGregor
G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver—Sauk Trail Long Rifles
H. Bench Championship—B & Marge Brotheron
I. Cross Stick Championship—Wayne Lamson
J. Off Hand Championship—J B & Marge Brotheron
K. Roy Keeler Championship—Eaton Rapids Conservation Club
L. Thelma Keeler Championship—Eaton Rapids Conservation Club
M. Guy R. Smith Overall Championship—
N. Novice Championship—Joe Valentin
O. Flint Primitive—Bridgeport Gun Club
P. Open Primitive—Alan Pichan
R. Old Timers—
S. Trade Gun—Serge Bourdeaux
T. Lite Bench Aggregate—
U. Trade Gun Line Match—Deo & Wanda Freeman

PRIMITIVE

100. Trade Gun Woods Walk—Dennis Neely
101. Norm Blaker—Sauk Trail Long Rifles
102. James “Mac” Hall Open Woods Walk—
103. Primitive Woods Walk—
104. Free Trapper—Lyle & Diane McGregor
105. Primitive Free Trapper—
106. Fer-Du-Lac—Bridgeport Gun Club
107. Knife Throw—Russ & Marcie Anderson
108. Tomahawk Throw—Russ & Marcie Anderson
109. Father Marquette—
110. Kids Knife—
111. Kids Hawk—JOHN & DIANA REIST
112. Junior Knife—
113. Junior Hawk—

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MATCH

1. 25 Bird St. Championship—David McMurray*
2. 25 Bird Junior State Championship—Clyde & Betty Carr
3. 20 Bird Lady St. Championship—Dick & Jo Wadsworth*
4. Percussion Championship—Ron & Bonnie Fernwalt*
5. Flint State Championship
6. 15 Bird State Novice Championship—Paul & Louise Mercer
7. Junior Novice Championship—Clyde & Betty Carr
8. Flint Only 16 Yards—Mike & Mary Beaty
9. Hunters Match 10 Yard—Mike & Mary Beaty
10. Flint Only 10 Yard—David Taylor
12. Lady’s Only 10 Yard—Clyde & Betty Carr
13. Cooks Shoot 10 Yard—Mike & Mary Beaty
14. Novie Only 10 Yard
15. Juniors Only Re-entry-- 10 Yard
17. Doubles – Yard – 10 Pair—Mike & Mary Beaty
18. Traditional Style Shotgun- 10 Yard—Don Koopman
19. Trade Gun- 10 Yard—Dan Nuttall & John Crawford
20. Old Timers-10 Yard—Team Hobday in memory of Maylan Hobday
21. Lady’s 55 and Over-10 Yard—Morry & Myrna Holloway
22. Juniors-16 Yard
23. Lady’s-16 Yard
24. Shoot Till You Miss—16 Yard—Mike & Mary Beaty
25. Percussion/Flint-16 Yard
27. Dean & Pat King Co-ed Protection (18 Yard)—Pat King*
28. Friday Protection-20 Yard
29. Saturday Protection—20 Yard
30. Sunday Protection-20 Yard—Dave McMurray*
31. Handicap—20 Yard—Grand Valley Cap N Ballers
32. Percussion/Flint- 27 Yard
33. Black Powder Cartridge 16 Yard—Team Hobday
34. Black Powder Cartridge 20 Yard—Team Hobday

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BY-LAWS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION

Article I  Name – The name of the association shall be the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association, Inc.

Article II  Objective – The object of this association (Corporation) shall be to encourage and advance shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of safety, sportsmanship, and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

Article III  Membership:
Section I – Admission to membership – Any registered shooter at the Michigan State Association’s annual championship shoot will be considered a voting member at the General Membership Meeting.

Section II – Certificates of Membership – The association (Corporation) may issue cards or certificates evidencing membership in the association (Corporation) to each member.

Section III – All motions passed at the association’s General Membership Meeting will be considered a mandate by that assembly for said issue to be further discussed and voted upon at the association business meeting.

Section IV – At the association’s business meeting, every muzzleloading club in Michigan will be authorized one representative with the power of one vote. The directors and officers will also have one vote each.

Section V – Termination of membership – Any club displaying conduct detrimental to the
cause of muzzleloading may be barred from membership in the Corporation and shall lose its vote. Such action shall be transacted by the Board of Directors. Any person displaying conduct detrimental to the cause of muzzleloading may be barred from participation in any Corporation sponsored activities. Such action shall be transacted by the Board of Directors.

Article IV  Meetings

Section I – Annual Meeting – An annual meeting of the members shall be held at the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Rifle Championship Matches for the transaction of such business as may rightly come before the membership. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be published in the official publication of the association at least 15 days prior to holding of such meeting. Other notification may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.

Section II – Special Meetings – Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings, time and place shall be given at least 15 days prior to holding of such meeting. Other notification may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.

Section III – Order of Business – the order of business at all meetings of the membership, Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall be as follows:

A. Roll Call of Officers
B. Reading of minutes of last preceding meeting
C. Filling of vacancies – Elections
D. Report of Officers and Committees
E. Old Business
F. New Business
G. Adjournment

Section IV – Rules of Order – Roberts Rules of Order revised shall govern the meetings of this corporation where they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

Article V  Special Committees

Section I – Shotgun Committee
The Shotgun Committee will consist of 10 members plus a chairman. The shotgun Committee will have full control of the State Shotgun Program keeping consistent with Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Policies.

Section II – Shotgun Committee – The Shotgun Committee shall elect a member of that committee to serve a minimum of a 1 year term on the Board of Directors. This officer will be elected at the State Shotgun Championship Matches in August. This officer will be the 10th member of the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Board of Directors.

Article VI  Board of Directors

Section I – Number, Tenure and Qualifications – The Business, Property, and Affairs of the association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be members of the NMLRA. The Board of Directors shall consist of 10 persons unless the member selected by the
Shotgun Committee is already serving on the Board of Directors. If the person selected by the shotgun committee is already serving on the Board of Directors, the Board will consist of 9 members. The board of directors will be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Terms of office of the Board of Directors shall be 1 year, 2 years and 3 years. Three new directors shall be elected each year.

Section III – Special Meetings – Special meetings of the Board may be called by any member of the Board. Written notice shall be mailed to each Board member 15 days prior to the date of the holding of such meetings. Such written notice may be waived if all members concur.

Article VII – Officers – Election – Removal

Section I – Officers – The Officers of the association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other Officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Section II – Election and Tenure – The Officers of this Corporation shall be elected annually at the annual meeting. Officers need not be Board of Director members and shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors unless they are a member of the board. All Officers may attend regular meetings of the Board of Directors. New Officers may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. The President of the Association shall not serve more than three (3) years consecutively.

Section III – Removal – Any Officer elected, or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed necessary by the Board by a three fourths vote of the members of the Board; provided that such Officer and all Directors shall have been served with written notice. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting.

Article VIII Termination – Dissolution

Section I – The Board of Directors by a majority of the Board members present at a duly called meeting, shall have the power to dissolve the Corporation (Michigan State Muzzleloading Association, Inc.) and that should the Corporation be dissolved, all assets will revert to the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association.

Article VIII

Regarding selecting a new location for the next Michigan State rifle matches and shotgun matches
The Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association will make a tentative three year commitment to any club interested in having the State Rifle or Shotgun matches at their range.
Each club or range that is selected by the membership as a host club may terminate the three year commitment early if they should choose to do so.
At the expiration of the three year commitment or the termination of the commitment by the host club: applications from other clubs will be submitted to the Michigan State Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and be voted on by the membership.
At the expiration of the three year commitment or the termination of the commitment by the host club, the state matches must move to a new location as long as there are petitions from other clubs that will meet the state rifle and or shotgun match requirements.

The shotgun membership will have full control on where the MSMLA shotgun championships will move to after their three year commitment and will be approved by the shotgun committee at their fall meeting. The shotgun chairman will work with other clubs thru out the state to move the championships every three years. The shotgun chairman is responsible for reporting any decisions made by the shotgun committee to the MSMLA board.

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Jeffrey from Grand Haven won the Joe Valentin Novice Aggregate and as you can see from the picture that he is a very happy winner. 2nd place went to Matt Magdic of Grand Haven and 3rd went to Joe Frappert of of Saginaw.

(Sorry I have no picture of the 2nd and 3rd place winners.

SPONSORS FOR 2017

Now is a good time to start getting sponsors for the MSMLA 2017 Rifle and Shogun Championship matches. The cost is only $25.00 per match. For a business be sure and put their phone number or web site address if they desire to have that. Send check or money order make out to: MSMLA or MSMLA – Shotgun and mail to 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330.

I have received sponsor for shotgun, let’s see if we can’t fill all of the matches for 2017.

Have a great day and send me the results of your hunting and fishing trips. I have been doing quite well at fishing this summer. Ya, I know, I am using a spinning rod, but they would have used them back in the 17 and 1800 if they had them. ----Your editor, Ron