

Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association Newsletter

JULY - AUGUST 2026



Larry Horrigan Vice President of the Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ Muzzle Loading Gun Club was inducted into the Keeler Society at the 2026 Michigan State Muzzle Loading Rifle/Pistol championships held at Grand Valley Cap n Ballers on Sunday July 12th.

Congratulations Larry, a well deserved award of the Keeler Society. There will be more of a write up in our next issue of the newsletter



Mike Reece 10 years straight winning the Revolver/Pistol aggregate at the MSMLA Rifle Pistol Championship. Congratulations Mike and more to come.

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The UPMLA rendezvous and UP
Championship shoot was held on 16
July.

<[https://upmuzzleloaders.com/events/
26/ren/rn26.htm](https://upmuzzleloaders.com/events/26/ren/rn26.htm)>

Our Open Invitational & Fall Memorial
Shoot is scheduled for 3 October.

<[https://upmuzzleloaders.com/events/
26/inv/in26.htm](https://upmuzzleloaders.com/events/26/inv/in26.htm)>

Thanks.

--Bob Keen

MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

A big thank you goes out to all the
black powder folks that came to our
66th annual "Shoot Time at Old Fort
Rendezvous" June 27 & 28. It turned
out to be a perfect summer weekend
for camping and shooting. We hope
you, the family and/or friends had a
good time competing and enjoying the
hard work it took to put it on.

We had 55 registrations this year -
some attending for the first time. It

was a joy to see our black powder
community grow. Even though it only
happens one weekend a year, lasting
friendships were made. A special
thank you goes to the Palmer family
for providing outstanding hospitality to
all that attended. We were able to
meet their youngest addition who is 6
months old.

As a prelude to our country's 250th
anniversary of its founding, the local
newspaper published an excellent
article (including photos) on the black
powder tradition that we keep alive.

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THE MANISTEE CLAN

From Left to right is the Woodman family and Dave Woodman in the Straw Hat, Ira Thumma, Collette Aradaza and Ace Hentrickson. The Manistee club was well represented. They will be waiting for your arrival next year in Manistee for the MSMLA Championships.



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Larry Horrigan - (269) 845-0460



THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE MSMLA ARE:

President - Jim Brotherton

Vice President – Matt Miller

Treasurer – Aisha Hendrix

Secretary – Diane McGregor

Board Members

Mannon Gray – 2026

Ira Thumma – 2026

Dave Maddox – 2026

The Knife for 2027 is being donated by Matt Miller and the Gun Builder is Dennis Priddy.

Andy Bitely will donate a powder horn to go with the Raffle Muzzle Loader and Ron Fernwalt will donate a bowl to go with it. Anyone else that would like to donate get ahold of Dave Maddox or myself and I will direct you in the right direction

J & L Horrigan Ent.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 12 WOODS WALK
DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

JULY 17, 18, 19 WHITE RIVER MUZZLE
LOADERS RENDEZVOUS WHITE RIVER MUZZLE
LOADERS

JULY 18 - 19 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

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VALLEY CAP N BALLERS

AUG 6, 7, 8 FRONTIER SHOOT 54TH
GRAND VALLEY CAP n BALLERS™

AUGUST 7, 8, 9 RENDEVOUS
COLUMBIAVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

AUGUST 9 WOODS WALK
DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

AUGUST 13 - 16 MSMLA STATE SHOTGUN
CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND VALLEY CAP N
BALLERS™

AUGUST 14, 15, 16 MICHIGAN RIFLE/PISTOL
TERRITORIAL BEAVERTON

AUGUST 15 CENTER FIRE PISTOL WOODS
WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

AUGUST 21 - 23 BENZIE RENDEVOUS
 BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

AUGUST 22 FUN TYME AT THE RANGE" *
 GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
{AN EVENT FOR WOMEN ONLY}*

AUGUST 29 & 30 FALL SHOOT
 LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

AUGUST 30 – NOVEMBER 1 FALL AGGREGATE
 BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 5 ARCHERY NOVELTY SHOOT
 GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

SEP EMBER 13 WOODS WALK
 DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

SEPTEMBER N. M. L. R. A. NATIONAL MATCHES
 FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA

SEPTEMBER 19 SPORTING CLAYS (modern Shotgun)
 GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™

SEPTEMBER 18 HOWARD CITY
 HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB

SEPTEMBER 19 .22 RIMFIRE RIFLE WOODS WALK
 DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS

SEPTEMBER 19 GVCNB PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP
 GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS

**MSMLA SHOTGUN
CHAMPIONSHIP** is being held at
Grand Valley Cap N Ballers™ on
August 13th to the 16th.

We are still in need of sponsors for
those matches. Talk to your club and
see if they would like to sponsor a
match and support their state
association. The cost to sponsor a
match is only \$25 and the name will

be on the web until September of
2027.

Make check out to MSMLA, 16808
Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330

J & J

TRADING POST & STUFF

269-423-2563

The Rifle/Pistol sponsors will be on the
web at NMLRA.org in about a week or 10
days..

The association wants to thank you all for
sponsoring a match to help defray the cost

FOR SALE

45 Caliber Thompson Center 45
Caliber Muzzle Loader in Excellent
condition-----\$350.00

Liz Miklosi
616-540-1969

I have personally looked at this gun
and run a cleaning patch down it and
the barrel is in excellent condition.



MATCH SPONSORS

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

MATCH 1	25 BIRD ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™*
MATCH 2	20 BIRD JR. ST. CHAMPIONSHIPS.....	
MATCH 3	20 BIRD LADY ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....	
MATCH 4	PERCUSSION CHAMPIONSHIP.....	BETTY CARR
MATCH 5	FLINT ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....	THE ELKA FAMILY
MATCH 6	15 BIRD ST. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.....	MIKE BEATY
MATCH 7	JUNIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.....	DICK & BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS
MATCH 8	ORIGINALS.....	DICK & BETH CHUBB ANTIQUE GUNS
MATCH 9	HUNTERS MATCH.....	IN MEMORY OF NANCY SHINABAARGER BY JOHN SHINABARGER
MATCH 10	FLINT ONLY.....	MIKE BEATY
MATCH 11	DOUBLES - 20 BIRDS.....	
MATCH 12	LADIES ONLY.....	IN MEMORY OF NANCY SHINABARGER BY KEVIN & SARAH PRICE
MATCH 13	CLYDE CARR MEMORIAL MATCH.....	BETTY CARR
MATCH 14	NOVICE ONLY.....	BETTY CARR
MATCH 15	JUNIORS ONLY (RE-ENTRY).....	
MATCH 16	SUB JUNIOR 11 & UNDER.....	
MATCH 17	DOUBLES.....	
MATCH 18**	TRADITIONAL STYLE SHOTGUN.....	DON KOOPMAN
MATCH 19**	CRAWFORD NUTTALL TRADE GUN MATCH---	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™*
MATCH 20	OLD TIMERS 60 & OVER.....	MIKE BEATY
MATCH 21	LADYS 20 YARD.....	
MATCH 23	JUNIOR.....	DON KOOPMAN
MATCH 24	LADIES.....	
MATCH 25	FLINT ONLY.....	MYRNA HOLLOWAY
MATCH 26	SHOOT TILL YOU MISS.....	RON & BONNIE FERNWALT*
MATCH 27	PERCUSSION OR FLINT.....	
MATCH 29	16 YARD NOVICE.....	
MATCH 30	DEAN & PAT KING CO-ED PROTECTION...	
MATCH 32	TRANHAM PROTECTION-----	MIKE BEATY AND THE ELKA FAMILY
MATCH 33	HANDICAP---...IN MEMORY OF NANCY SHINABARGER BY KEVIN & SARAH PRICE	
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)-----
