

Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association Newsletter



MAY/JUNE 2026



*Pictured is **Leon Dennis** with the 2026 State Rifle. 40 caliber Isaac Hayes Replica Flint Lock. Thank you Leon for building the rifle this year. Get your tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00*

*from Dave Maddox at 9270 McKinley Road,
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The above powder horn of Lyle McGrogor, Past president of MSMLA and a Keeler member will go with the Rifle built by Leon Dennis.
Thank you Diane for your generous donation.

Also a birds Eye spalted maple bowl of Lyle McGregor turned by Ron Fernwalt

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SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed for the 2026 Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun matches for 2026. We are in need of the sponsors so we don't have to raise registration prices for the events. Ask your club if they are willing to sponsor 1 or 2 matches for the association. We have like 30 clubs in the state of Michigan and as you can see later in the newsletter there are very few

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clubs that support the association. You can also see your local sporting goods store to see if they are willing to sponsor a match or two. By sponsoring a match for \$25.00 they can put their web site, address phone number or all three on the sponsor page. The sponsors will show up on the web as a sponsor thru the year of 2026 and until September of 2027. Make check out to Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association (MSMLA), 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330



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SHOTGUN TARGETS

The first trap matches, originating in the early 19th century (circa 1831), used **live birds**—specifically pigeons, blackbirds, or bats—released from cages or boxes called "traps". As animal welfare concerns grew, these were replaced in the late 19th century by artificial targets, initially **glass balls**, followed by clay discs invented by [George Ligowsky](#) in 1880.

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•**Live Birds (1831–Late 1800s):** The original target was live pigeons released from boxes, with formal matches recorded in Cincinnati in 1831.

•**Glass Balls (1860s–1880s):** Glass balls, sometimes filled with smoke or feathers to simulate a hit, were used as a popular alternative.

•**Clay Targets (1880on wards):** George Ligowsky invented the first clay target in 1880, which, along with improved versions like the "Peoria Blackbird" (made of coal tar and pitch), became the standard, eventually replacing live birds.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 23	ARCHERY KICKOFF GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
MAY 21 - 25	GRAND TRAVERSE RENDEVOUS BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB
JUNE 6 & 7	SPRING SHOOT LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
JUNE 13 - 14 MATCH	HANDYCAP SHOTGUN TRAP GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
JUNE 6	PISTOL NOVELTY MATCH GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
JUNE 13 - 21	NMLRA SPRING SHOOT FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA
JUNE 14	WOODS WALK DETROIT SPORTSMAN CONGRESS
JUNE 20	SPORTING CLAYS (Modern Shotgun) GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS™
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JUNE 19	HOWARD CITY CONSERVATION CLUB
JUNE 26 - 28	MICH TRAP & SKEET
TERRITORIAL JUNE 27 - 28	GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLER SHOOT TIME MANISTEE MANISTEE

JULY 8 - 12 MSMLA RIFLE/PISTOL
CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND VALLEY CAP N BALLERS

JULY 12 WOODS WALK DETROIT
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JULY 17, 18, 19 WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS
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MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

It'll be a busy few weeks for our club getting things ready for our 66th annual "June Shoot at Old Fort Rendezvous" June 27 & 28 (Military Match June 26). Our dedicated members came out one Saturday last month to pick up tree debris and rake/blow leaves in the campground and around buildings. Linda Palmer and Doug Hodges worked tirelessly on his equipment for hours while Ruth Palmer catered soup & brownies in the pavilion for the volunteers. Such great folks!

Our focus this spring has been on minor building upgrades and assuring that ranges are in good shape for members. Sadly, the entry gate move for road

safety will not be done until later this year. THEN, we don't know how we'll manage the new bureaucratic campground permit regulation that requires campsites to be numbered. Oh, for the good ol' days!

We're definitely looking forward to that special last weekend in June to spend time with our black powder folks in friendly competition, good food, fun and games. Oh, and we have a new turkey head for the Woods Walk!

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Match

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- 1. Ed Dennis 25 Yard Off Hand Match AMS-----**MATT CRUM**
- 2. Jerry and Randy MacInnes 50 Yard Off Hand AMS-----**IN MEMORY OF JERRY MACINNES ***
- 3. Harry Hauch Sr.50 Yard Rest AMS-----**MATT & AMANDA MILLER**
- 4. *Ernie Swain and Ed Ballots 100 Yd Rest AMS*-----**SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON**
- 5. Joe Kita 50 Yard Rest OS-----**WAYNE LAMSON ***
- 6. Chuck Kimbrell 100 Yard Rest OS-----**MATT & AMANDA MILLER**
- 7. 100 Yard Off Hand AMS-----**LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**
- 9. Randy MacInnes 50 Yard X Stick AMS-----**IN MEMORY OF RANDY MACINNES ***
- 10. 100 Yard X Stick AMS-----**THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY-**
- 11. 50 Yard X Stick OS-----**MATT CRUM**
- 12. 100 Yard X Stick OS-----**WAYNE LAMSON ***
- 13. Dick Potts 25 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----**WHITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS**
- 14. 50 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----**THE JAMES PRIMEAU FAMILY***
- 15. James Boyer 100 Yard Off Hand Flint OS-----**IRA & SUE THUMMA 2026***
- 16. Ira Thumma50 Yard X Stick – Flint OS-----**IRA & SUE THUMMA 2026***
- 17. David Maddox 50 Yard Rest Flint AMS-----**DAVID MADDOX ***
- 20. Sharron Smith 25 Yard Off Hand Women AMS-----**THE SMITH FAMILY***
- 21. 50 Yard Off Hand Women AMS-----**RUTH PSLMER**
- 22. Fran Hall 50 Yard X Stick Women AMS-----**TOBACCO RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS***

- 23. Marty Maddox 50 Yard Rest Women AMS-----**IN MEMORY OF MARTY MADDOX ***
- 26. 25 Yard O H Juniors AMS....-----**JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON**
- 27. 50 Yard Rest Juniors AMS-----**JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON**
- 30. Chuck Langworthy 50 Yard Musket-----**THE SMITH FAMILY***
- 31. 100 Yard Musket-----**LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**
- 34. Eric Hoskinson 25 Yard Pistol/Revolver-----**ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY**

- 35. Kevin Andres 50 Yard Pistol Revolver-----**IN MEMORY OF KEVIN ANDRES**
- 36. 25 Yard Revolver-----**ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY**
- 37. 50 Yard Revolver-----
- 38. 25 Yard Flint Pistol-----**ERIC THE COMPUTER GUY**
- 39. 50 Yard Flint Pistol-----**WASHTENAW PIONEERS MUZZLE LOADERS**
- 40. Barb and Stu Cuatt 50 Yard OH Co-ed AMS-----**SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON**
- 41. Monte Heiser 25 Yd X Stix 11 yrs & Under AMS-----**IN MEMORY OF JOHN REIST**
- 42. 50 Yd Rest 11 yrs & Under AMS-----**IN MEMORY OF JOHN REIST**
- 43. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS-----**JAMES LEIGEB**

- 44. 50 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS-----**THE SMITH FAMILY***
- 45. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest OS -----**THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY**
- 46. 100 Yd Lite Bench Rest AMS-----**THE SMITH FAMILY***
- 47. 25 Yard Off Hand AMS-----**THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY**
- 48. 50 Yard Off Hand AMS-----**THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY-**
- 49. 50 Yard X Stix AMS-----**BLACK RIVER LONG RIFLEMEN**
- 50. 50 Yard Rest AMS-----**BLACK RIVER LONG RIFLEMEN**
- 51. 25 Yard Off Hand AMS-----**DIANE MCGREGOR**
- 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-----**WHJITE RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS**
- 61. Leanard Walline 50 Yard OH Old Timers AMS-----**MANISTTE MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**
- 62. Mert Watson 50 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS-----
- 63. 100 Yard Rest Old Timers AMS-----**MANISTEE MUZZLE LOADING GUNCLUB**
- 64. 25 Yard Trade Gun—No Rear Site-----**SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON**
- 65. *25 Yard Trade Gun – No Sighter Target and No Rear Site-----**IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR**
- 66. 50 Yard Trade Gun – No Rear Site-----**JIM & TAMMY BROTHERTON**
- 67. Ted Thelen 50 Yard Trade Gun—No Sighter Targets and No Rear Sites-----**TED THALEN**

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AGGREGATES

- A. Michigan State Championship-----**THE ELKA FAMILY**
- B. Flint Off Hand Championship-----**WASHTENAW PIONEERS MUZZLE LOADERS**
- C. Womens Championship-----**MYRNA HOLLOWAY**
- D. Junior Championship-----**THE WOODMAN FAMILY**
- E. Musket Championship-----**LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**
- F. Flint Lock Championship-----**IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR**
- G. Serge Bourdeaux Pistol/Revolver Championship-----**SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES**
- H. Bench Championship-----**WAYNE LAMSON ***
- I. Wayne Lamson Cross Stick Championship-----**WAYNE LAMSON ***
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- K. Roy Keeler Championship---Men Only-----**EATON RAPIDS CONSERVATION CLUB**
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- P. Alan Pichan Primitive Championship-----**ALAN PICHAN**
- R. Old Timers Championship -60 and Over-----
- S. Bud Thomspen Trade Gun Primitive Championship-----**JAMES LEIGEB**
- T. Lite Bench Championship-----**THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY**
- U Trade Gun Line Match Championship-----**SHERRY WOLBERS & JOHN FULLERTON**

PRIMITIVE

- 100. Lyle McGregor Trade Gun Woods Walk-----**DENNIS & TAMARA NEELY**
- 101. Norm Blaker-----**SAUK TRAIL LONG RIFLES**
- 102. James "Mac" Hall Woods Walk-----
- 104. Free Trapper-----**IN MEMORY OF LYLE MCGREGOR**
- 106. Fer-Du-Lac-----
- 107. Wes O'Dell Knife Throw-----
- 108. Tomahawk Throw----
- 110. Kids Knife---11 and under
- 111. Kids Hawk----11 and under
- 115. Junior Knife---**15 and under**-----
- 116. Junior Hawk----15 and under

NOVICE

- 201. 25 Yard Off Hand---OS 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 -----IN MEMORY OF KEVIN ANDRES

If you would like to sponsor a match, see or contact:: Ron Fernwalt-----16808 Peach Ridge-----Kent City, Mi. 49330 (616-836-5760)

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MATCH 3	20 BIRD LADY ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....	
MATCH 4	PERCUSSION CHAMPIONSHIP.....	BETTY CARR
MATCH 5FLINT ST. CHAMPIONSHIP.....	THE ELKA FAMILY
MATCH 615 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.....	
MATCH 10	FLINT ONLY.....	MIKE BEATY
MATCH 11	DOUBLES - 20 BIRDS.....	
MATCH 12	LADIES ONLY.....	
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	TRANTHAM PROTECTION-----	MIKE BEATY AND THE ELKA FAMILY
MATCH 33	HANDICAP.....	
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)-----

We are still in need of sponsors for the shotgun championships and see your sponsors and get them in by the 1st of August and Rifle/Pistol championships in by the 1st of June.

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<i>AGGREGATE SC:</i>	<i>SKEET TERRITORIAL</i>
<i>AGGREGATE SF:</i>	<i>LADY 16 BIRD SKEET TERRITORIAL</i>
<i>AGGREGATE SD:</i>	<i>FLINTLOCK SKEET TERRITORIAL</i>
<i>AGGREGATE SG:</i>	<i>YOUTH SHOTGUN</i>

RE-ENTRY MATCHES

<i>MATCH 76</i>	<i>10 YARD</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 77</i>	<i>16 YARD</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 78</i>	<i>20 YARDS</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 79</i>	<i>LADY'S 10 YARD</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 80</i>	<i>LADY'S 16 YARD</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 82</i>	<i>JUNIORS 10 YARD</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 89</i>	<i>FLINT 10 YARDS</i>	<i>10 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 91</i>	<i>SKEET SINGLES</i>	<i>16 BIRDS</i>
<i>MATCH 92</i>	<i>SKEET DOUBLES</i>	<i>14 BIRDS</i>

MATCHES PAYS BACK CASH & COMPONENTS

MATCH 88 TRANTHAM PROTECTION 20 BIRDS/TEAM
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