

UPPER PENINSULA MUZZLE LOADING ASSN. Summer/Fall 2025 Newsletter

Well, it seems that summer's coming to an end. The days are shorter, the weather's colder, and we're seeing some color on the trees. I've even heard that a few snowflakes have been spotted in the UP. Fall is my favorite time of the year, and I look forward to cool nights and vibrant colors, but we also have to close out the summer activities.

The 2025 Rendezvous was held July 17th, 18th, and 19th. We had eight camps, sixteen single memberships, twelve families, and twenty three registered shooters. The monsoon rains managed to hold off most of the time – only the Friday fun shoot got wet. The Friday evening ice cream social and trivia contest are becoming a tradition, and everyone seems to enjoy it. The number of shooters was down a bit from last year, but the competition was still high-quality. The hawk, knife, and archery competitions seemed to go well, too. The main thing is always that we hope everyone has fun. Results of the competitions are enclosed with this letter.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday evening, as usual. The slate of officers remains the same as last year. Andy Schumer is President, Bob Keen is Vice President, Lyle Merrill is Treasurer, and Tom Caylor is Secretary. John Depuydt was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Dates for the 2026 Rendezvous will be July 16th, 17th, and 18th at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club. A couple of minor suggestions were made regarding some of the events, and these will be addressed by the Board at a spring meeting.

The annual Fall Memorial Shoot will be held on October 4th. As usual, registration starts at 10:30 (9:30 central). Shooting starts at 11:00. The usual course of shooting is eight rounds, but bring some extra just in case. Hawk and knife contests start immediately after the shooting. Cost for shooting is \$3. If you're staying for lunch, bring a dish to pass. After lunch we award prizes. This event is open to any safe shooter; you do not need to be club member. It's a great event to bring a guest. It's low-key, and a lot of fun!

If you have **not** yet renewed your membership for 2025-26 you will find renewal form and a return envelope in this mailing. Payment should be to the UPMLA. If there isn't a form in your letter it means that you are paid until 2026. If I've made a mistake let me know at tcaylor2@gmail.com. If you want to, you can just do the renewal at the Fall Shoot.

There are a few new members who have not been to an event yet. There are two things that you ought to know. All of our events are at the Ottawa Sportsmens Club, which is located six miles west of Baraga on Highway 38. Second, all times given on our website for the events are Eastern time. Remember, if you're in the Central time zone, subtract an hour.

Most of you already know this, but for those who don't, the monthly postal shoots have been taken over by Andy Schumer. If you want to get in on this activity just send Andy a note with your name and address. Enclose \$20 to cover postage and ink (for targets). I really enjoy this, and I always look forward to getting the targets. It kind of forces me to get out and practice. Andy's address is: 36750 Klingville Rd, Chassell, MI 49916.

That's it for now. Look for the next newsletter later in the fall. Look for Rendezvous results on the following pages.