

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

This is my first report to you as your new Captain of the Wolverine Rangers. My plan is to periodically update you on the business of our organization and to give you my thoughts about where we are and where we are going.

First of all, let me update you on what happened in our recent Board of Directors meeting on January 20th. I asked Bad River Marty to be First Lieutenant and he graciously agreed and was elected by the Board of Directors. Marty has a lot of experience in cowboy action shooting and runs a great shoot in Saginaw. He will be a valuable addition as an officer on the Board of Directors.

Deuce Stevens will be our Match Director this year for Range War. Deuce, Marty and I have had some general discussions about our philosophy for Range War and we will be working on submitting a plan for the Board of Directors for a meeting in March. As soon as we have something more concrete to let you know about, we will do so. Our objectives for the shoot are to make it a premier state championship and to make it a fun shoot for the participants. We are in the entertainment business and we want to make sure our customers will want to come back and shoot with us again in the future. You will hear more about this in upcoming Epitaphs.

We have begun distributing the trauma/first aid kits for each of the clubs. These were purchased by the Board last year. I would ask that all clubs who have not yet received their kit to please contact me and I will make arrangements to get yours to you. These kits should be accessible at each shoot. Hopefully we will never have to use one but it is important to have such a kit available in the event of accidental injury.

I would like to welcome Killin' Kelin as our new Secretary for the Wolverine Ranges. Kelin and I will be working closely together to make sure the administrative work is done. She has some good ideas and I believe will do an excellent job.

I would also like to take this opportunity in closing to again thank No Cattle and Mail Order Annie for their leadership of the Wolverine Rangers over the past few years. They have both worked hard, did a very nice job and are deserving of our thanks and appreciation. I would also like to thank Card Shark Charlie and Lainey Mae for the work which they have done in handling a lot of the administrative duties regarding membership for the past few years. These are thankless jobs and involve a lot of work. The next time you see No Cattle, Mail Order Annie, Card Shark Charlie and Lainey Mae, please tell them thanks.

Hope to see all of you on the range this year.

Shoot fast and clean,

R.J. Law



SHOOTIN' SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!



Wolverine Rangers Club News

Straight Shots From Saginaw

Hope everyone is staying warm. Did you notice your calendar this month? Valentine's Day is Feb. 12th. Hint! Hint! Hint!

Some of our club members are wintering in Arizona and will be shooting Winter Range in March. We'll keep you posted on how they do.

We attended the Wolverine Ranger board meeting in January and Bad River Marty was elected as First Lieutenant. I just want to let everyone know that Katie DOES salute him every morning. We are looking forward to another great state shoot and encourage volunteers to not be shy. There are plenty of jobs to go around!

For the past 4 years we have been sitting up a cowboy display at the Midland Gun Show to promote cowboy action shooting. This year is no exception. Mark your calendar for April 21-22 if you like BIG gun shows. Here's the information...a little early, but then, it's fun to start planning even if there is snow on the ground. Maybe tell your shooting friends if they are looking for a nice show to attend, this is one they won't want to miss.

WHAT:	Midland Gun Show
WHERE:	Hang Time Sports 1321 E. Wackerly Road Midland, MI
WHEN:	Saturday, April 21, 2007 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2007 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
COST:	Admission is \$9 per day with FREE parking. Advance tickets: \$8. Something new: Before you leave on Saturday, get a wristband and on Sunday you can bring a friend and both enter for the price of one.
FOOD:	Available for purchase in the food court.

For any pards interested, Saginaw will begin its Wednesday night practice shoots in mid-April. We invite anyone who wants to join us to come on out and have some fun practicing. \$5 is cheap for all the harassment and whoopin' and hollerin' ya get to do!!!

And remember to live life. Give it your best shot!

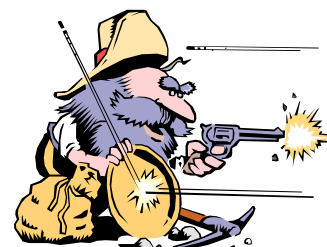
Katie Calahan & Bad River Marty

Double Barrel Gang

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good holiday season. First, I'd like to thank all the cowboys and cowgirls for coming out to shoot in Hastings throughout the past year. The Double Barrel Gang has been busy at it this winter getting the range ready for the 2007 season. We recently put in 2 new bays with the help of the following pards: Hair Trigger Elden, Ruby Jo, Two Rig A Tony, Shoulda Dun Gun, and Dakota Fats. Trees were cut down and moved out of the way to prepare for the bays, but not without injury. Shoulda Dun Gun broke his ankle when a tree rolled onto his leg. He had to have a steel plate and seven screws put in...no, we didn't hold him down and screw a steel plate to him (but that would have made for an interesting target), Ruby Jo drove him to the hospital. He's at home now and recovering for the winter. Please pray for a speedy recovery for him, and please pray for Ledge Lady, since she has to wait on him! We still need to build up a side berm, but that will be completed before the first match of the year in March. I would like to thank all of the people mentioned above for all of their hard work! I couldn't have done it without you. Together we're working to make the Hastings shoot even better.

See you in the spring!

Slippery Pete



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Lapeer Wranglers

We are halfway through our four month Winter League shoots and the following individuals are having quite a close contest for top cowboy. Andy Horshurodinon, Bean Counter Slim, Ricochet Bill, Deadwood Steve, Steeldust Jack, Wall-Man, P. Poor Shoot'n, Dodge City Duke, Horse Keeper, Rotten Rob, Butch Haircut, Waco Kid, Four Finger Carl, Ruff Trax, Rafter Five, and Maverick. There are still two shoots to go so stay tuned!

We have also had two fun side-matches after each of the previous two months shoots. The first involved shooting at a small diamond target with a .22 cal. pistol. P. Poor Shoot'n was the winner. The second also involved the same small diamond target being shot with a .22 cal. rifle. Steeldust Jack was the winner of this very close contest. For our last two Winter League shoots the side-matches will feature a derringer for the third shoot and a pocket pistol for the fourth shoot. Hopefully this will give all involved some needed practice for the upcoming Wolverine Ranger's Range War later this year. You do not have to have shot the previous two months to shoot in the Winter League. Anyone is welcome to shoot...you just cannot be the match winner if you have missed any of the previous shoots. Come on out and get the cobwebs out of your barrels!

We are also purchasing some new steel thanks to Horse Keeper. This will be used to resurface our old poppers and create new SASS cowboy targets for our plate racks. This should add some variety to our usual targets and provide some new challenges for all our shooters.

Again thanks to Horse Keeper for providing the skill needed to complete these projects. And speaking of future projects, we are planning to add a facade to stage #5 and improve the road which runs from the rifle range down to our stages. I'm sure this would be welcome news to anyone who has or will be shooting at range in the future.

Stay Warm!

Wall-Man

Johnson Creek Regulators

Howdy pards well the Johnson Creek Regulators have been busy in the off season. We have some new stages worked up and are looking at making some new props. We will also be working at the Outdoorama on Feb. 24th. We hope to see many Wolverine Rangers come to our table to renew old friendships and make some new friends, so come out and join us.

To kick off a new season, at our March 24th shoot, we will be trying out man on man targets. We want to try something new to make our shoots even better than they already are. For more info you can contact Cheyenne Raider at cheyeneraider@sbcglobal.net.

All the Johnson Creek Regulators are excited about our June 23rd shoot. Michigan Out of Doors T.V. will be coming out to WWCCA to do a segment on Cowboy Action Shooting. We would like to invite as many Wolverine Rangers as possible to come out and join us. We are working on what stages will be shot that day. This is a great opportunity for us to promote CAS and to profile all the CAS clubs in the state and to get more people interested in our sport.

Our cookie Sourdough Steve will be on the job again this year, and from what I hear he has some great cowboy food that he'll be serving up Sourdough and his helpers do a great job with our lunches after our shoots. We really appreciate all the work that they do. Our first shoot will be March 24th. Registration starts at 8:30am, safety meeting at 9:30am, shooting starts at 10am. Come out and join us and mark your calendar for June 23rd for our Michigan Out of Doors shoot.

Adios and Happy Trails,

Ranger Jack

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West Walker Rangers

Applications for the Michigan State Black Powder Match June 30th and July 1st have been e-mailed to all those I have e-mail addresses for. Additionally, registration forms are available on the Wolverine Ranger web page and at www.wWSC.org Early registration will be appreciated.

As previously mentioned the give-aways will include; hats from Mike the Hatter, ammo from Great Basin Cartridge, holsters from either Kirkpatrick or Rod Kibler.

It has been difficult to get Kirkpatrick to commit so I have decided we will have holsters from one of these two manufactures one way or another.

Also included in the prizes is a certificate entitling the bearer to 2 nights free cabin rental and 2 free admissions for 1 person, for either a regular monthly match or one of the special shooting events held at Possumtrot, Put on by the Highland Regulators at Possum Trot, Ky. If you haven't been there, it's an experience you will never forget. Best description I've heard, "a real live Indian Camp".

All the Stages are written but still need to work on props. Since there will only be a couple of Epitaphs before the match, this is as good a time as any to put the word out.

If there is anyone interested in helping me set up Thursday and Friday before the match feel free to get a hold of me.

Actually, setting up is the easy part, getting all the equipment to the range is the pain. So if you feel like you want to give a hand I will surely accept your help.

I hope you put the BP match on your calendar.

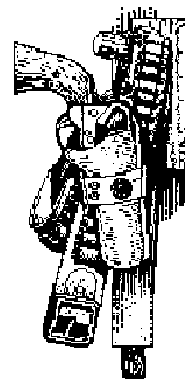
Now the other plea! As for other scheduled matches at West Walker, fact is, they are all up in the air. The club for the most part doesn't give me any problems, I could hold matches pretty much

anytime I want except the 2nd and 3rd Sat of the month. The problems I run into is storage of target equipment and cowboy membership / help.

Having to load a trailer and unload a trailer by yourself every time your going to put on a match gets old real fast.

So time will tell. Watch the Wolverine website calendar for possible shoot dates.

Two Rig a Tony



Rockford Regulators

We invite you to join us all winter long on the first Saturday of the month as usual.

Case Harden



If ya see this hombre on the range,
you should know who yer facin'
Our new Captain; R.J. Law

Wolverine Rangers Club News

DSC-Rocky River Regulators

The month of December brought unseasonably warm temperatures to the town of Rocky River. With early morning temperatures in the fifties and overcast skies, 34 Cowboys climbed out of the bunkhouse to join us for our monthly match. When the hoot'n and holler'n was all over, the top three in overall scores for the match were; J.J. Longley 1st, R.J. Law 2nd, and Moe Gunns 3rd. We also had four Cowboys who shot a clean match, they were; Dar B Shureshot, Short Stack, Goatlips and Dodge City Duke. Way to go Cowboys!

January was a different story; we were back to our usual Michigan weather. With the temperatures in the twenties and the wind whipping around, 30 Cowboys and Cowgirls fought the elements to be top gun in the town of Rocky River. When the smell of gun smoke cleared the air, the top three overall shooters for the day were; Deuce Stevens 1st, Faygo Kid 2nd, and KJ Stevens 3rd. There were also five Cowboy's who had a clean match, they were; Deuce Stevens, Moe Gunns, Camptown, Andy Horshurodinon, and Grubby Hardrock. Who says you can't have fun in the cold!

The ground work is being laid for the 2nd annual 2 Day Match; Ambush at Rocky River. Mark your calendars for October 20th and 21st. Watch for more information on the DSC and Wolverine Ranger website.

The DSC Cowboys hold regular weekly practice and a monthly match 12 months a year, come rain



or shine. Winter Saturday practice is from 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Our next match will be held on Sunday February 18th and our March match will be held on Sunday March 18th. Spectators are encouraged to join us at our matches. Remember to bring eyes and ears. That's all for now. Look forward to seeing you in the town of Rocky River.

Shotgun Willy

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Copy of the Winchester 1987 lever 12ga shotgun. The stock has been shortened and a leather butt added. Used very little. \$400
Contact: No Buk Chuck at 989-624-5072 or nobukchuck@sbcglobal.net

Target stands (same as ones given away at Range War). \$40 each or a special of 10 for \$300
Contact: Mike E the Blaster 517-639-7191 or mikesgunshop@frontiernet.net

Ruger Vaquero, .357, 5 1/2" barrel, has spring work. \$350
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Reproduction Sharps 45-70 Govt., 29 inch Octagon Barrel, Double trigger (Set & Hair), Made in Italy By: I A. B GARDONE V. T. Long range Tang sight included. \$765
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Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to the brand pard!

Kerry Galloway—aka—"Lead Rounds" from Canton

