

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Isn't summer in Michigan great? The tourists move in, highways become parking lots (road construction), the sky becomes pristine blue (80% of the time), and cowboy action shooting keeps getting bigger and better. Cactus Kay and I had the opportunity to shoot Saturday at Port Huron with some of the old, reliable shooters whom you see at nearly every shoot. Border Town Hombre aka Dave Bryan is very creative and original in his stage designs. Here is a place to test your gun toting skills. No Buk Chuck breezed by me so fast I thought I was in a tornado. Billy Dick and Led Foulin' continue to put on shooting demonstrations and finished first and second respectively.

We are approaching the 100-entry mark for the Range War. Remember, if you have any time to spare, additional person power would be appreciated on Wednesday, August 29, Thursday, August 30, and Monday, September 3, at Blue Water Sportsman's Association. It takes quite a few hands to put everything in place and then take it down again. So far the Range War is shaping up to include additional activities at no extra cost to the shooters. Look over your schedule of events carefully so you can plan on getting in on all of the fun. As in the past, all of the clubs are involved in designing and setting up scenarios and stages. You are going to be pleasantly pleased with their selections.

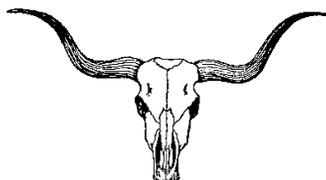
We are getting quite a number of calls from vendors. It looks promising for the shooters to have a larger selection on which to spend money. As in the past Larry Hopewell, the master engraver from Taos, New Mexico, will be on hand tapping away on somebody's gun. Had a call from a vendor in Louisiana last evening requesting travel directions. Vendors are inquiring from far and wide.

Don't forget the membership shoot at Durand Sportsman's Association on August 5, 2001. We are starting the members' meeting at 9:30a.m. "Two board members at large" is an agenda item as well as any other topics members wish to discuss. The shooting will begin following the members' meeting and a shooter will be crowned All Around Champion Cowboy for 2001. Competition is becoming fiercer each year. Cowboy skeet (using your cowboy gun) will be an option at the end of the main match shooting.

There are several Michigan cowboy action shooters headed for the Midwest Regional scheduled for October 11-14, 2001 at Barry, Illinois. Anyone who wants to attend, and shoot with the Michigan shooters, should indicate their preference on the entry form. The top Michigan male and female shooters from the 2001 Range War will be given a free entry to the Midwest Regional, along with a belt buckle denoting their championship status.

Get involved in your shooting sport if you have the time. The rewards are significant.

Dakota Doc



SAFETY IS A MATTER OF ATTITUDE

TIDBITS by Cactus Kay

- It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone to find out that our badge manufacture has gone out of business. We are in business with a new one with instructions that the quality control has to be better along with the clasp!
- We have Wolverine Ranger decals for your gun cart, etc. available for \$5.00 for a small or \$10.00 for a larger one. Your alias to match is also available for \$5.00. You can call in an order (810-733-8454) or catch me at a shoot.
- This is such an honest group of people. I love it. Anytime someone has lost something and has come looking for it, inevitably it has been turned in. People ask about the safety of leaving guns, gun carts, etc. unattended for short periods and I tell them, to my knowledge, we have not had a problem. I also tell them that doesn't mean it couldn't happen. So far so good and my hat's off to a great group of people.
- Someone should have let me know that the Club Particular sheet said 2000 instead of 2001. I felt foolish because it had gone out to over half of the renewals by the time I discovered it. I'm never offended by constructive criticism so keep me on the right track!
- We went to Port Huron to shoot their last shoot and found out what I'm NOT good at. I can't hit anything on the move. Nothing like keeping you humble. It was a great shoot and very creative. I'll do better next year. Guess I'll have to practice.
- We're headed for the Soo to shoot their August match if anyone would like to join us. There are lots of friendly people up there.
- Look forward to seeing you at the Wolverine Ranger membership shoot and annual meeting on August 5th at Durand. Remember to call in your reservation (810-733-8454). We need to be able to plan paperwork and lunch numbers.
- The final long-range only shoot is at Durand the day before the membership meeting. Plan to come and spend the night. There is room to camp.

Membership Meeting and Free Shoot

(Wolverine Rangers Only)

Sunday, August 5, 2001

Durand Sportsman Association

8:30a.m.-9:30a.m. - Check-in

9:30a.m. - Membership Meeting

Shoot follows the meeting

Bring your regular cowboy guns plus 22 rifle, 22 pistol, pocket pistol and derringer. Bring ammo and borrow the guns you don't have.

RSVP to (810) 733-8454 if you'll be attending or have questions.

Range Operations Safety One Course

DSC - August 18, 2:00p.m.

Port Huron - August 31, 6:30p.m. (at the Range War)

This course is well worth while and we recommend it for all cowboy shooters. Contact any club board member for more information.

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LAPEER

Great Lakes Match #4—June 29/30 & July 1

The noontime sun beat down on some twelve cowboys and cowgirls as the side matches began on June 29. J.A. Wilder #3625 and Richochet Bill #6504 said, "Let the matches begin". When the smoke and dust had cleared the following winners were declared:

Derringer	Billy Dick #4746
Pocket Pistol	Kid Billy #9150
Long Range Pistol	Billy Dick #4746
22 Rifle	Two Bit Charlie #31323
22 Pistol	Billy Dick #4746
Single Shot Rifle	Dodge City Duke #21629
Lever Action Rifle	Kybo Cowboy
Lever Action Pistol	Kid Dick #9149
Caliber Rifle	

Day two dawned with breakfast and a quick shooters meeting under the direction of rangemaster Richochet Bill. Forty-two cowboys, cowgirls, and juniors began the first of five stages. The highlight of the first five stages was the stage featuring pop-up clay targets triggered by falling poppers. This was the work of Smokin Smitty #31896 and Saddle Tramp #21568. Shooters cussed and discussed the clays that sprang up about six feet requiring that one be very quick with the 97 or double barrel. After finishing the five stages shooters retired to their motel rooms or steel teepees to get ready for the Tenderfoot Tess #6774 steak and trimmings dinner and the costume judging afterwards. With the excellent dinner over, the following were given the coveted plaques as

2001 Best Dressed:

Cowboy	Shootin Old Coot #26129
Cowgirl	Red Eye Lil #18031
Townie Man	Poco Loco #18396
Townie Woman	Mrs. Poco Loco
Jr. Cowboy	Joshua Loper #29256
Jr. Cowgirl	Miss Wacko Kid II

Day three dawned under a blazing sun. After the shooters meeting the cowpokes again attacked five new stages. The featured stage was once again our famous "movin' target". This year the target was

triggered by the shooter hitting a popper which fell causing the mover to begin its journey down the rails. By 2:30pm all shooters had finished their stages and gathered outside the club house for rounds of "cowboy trap". While the "cowboy trap" match was taking place, stats were tallied and score sheets were run off in order that each shooter would have his or her own copy to take with them when they left. The following results were obtained:

Top Cowboy and Traditional Class

	Billy Dick #4746
Junior	Kid Dick #9149
Modern	Sawgrass #29939
Senior	Dodge City Duke #21629
Women	Red Eye Lil #18031
Duelist	Led Foulin' #18030

Plaques were awarded to these excellent shooters. As a special note, Billy Dick beat Kid Dick by 3.98 seconds to win the Top Cowboy Award. Watch your back, Billy Dick, there's someone sneakin' up on ya!

Special thanks should be given to Dick Schalaus, Jeff Patten, and Tammy and Randy, our kitchen help, for a job well done.

Also special thanks should be given to the following sponsors -- Duncan Outdoor Shop of Bay City, Lenny Millers of Dryden, Tool Tech Gunsight of Oxford, Patterson's Pharmacy of Oxford, Almont Saddlery of Almont, Insty Print of Lake Orion, Cubbies Trophy's of Oxford, Rusty Steele of Grosse Pt. Farms, Dan Shippy of Ortonville, Rusty Tucker of Allenton, Tim Hughes of Holly, Rosey Bros. of Dryden, Brian Clark of Imlay City, Jim O'Conner of Grosse Pt., Randy Gillary of Troy, Ace Hardware of Oxford, Dominos of Lake Orion, White Horse Inn of Metamora, Greg's of Metamora, and Andy Seerocki of Sterling Heights. A great time was had by all and hopefully we'll see more of ya for Great Lakes Match #5 next year.

Wall-Man #5009

Wranglers Territorial Governor for SASS

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HASTINGS

We've seen two great shoots in June and July in Hastings. We shot five stages both months and the competition was great. We started using a new computer scoring program in July, which slowed us up a bit, but I think once we get used to it we'll do just fine. Top shooters were as follows:

June

Modern	Sawgrass
Traditional	Seven
Duelist	Table Top Tom
Ladies Modern	Nitro Nellie
Ladies Traditional	Wildcat Elly
Senior	Dakota Doc
Junior	Tim West

July (braving the very hot weather)

Modern	Doc Roy L. Pain
Traditional	Seven
Duelist	Led Foulin'
Ladies Modern	Nitro Nellie
Ladies Traditional	Wildcat Elly
Senior	Dakota Doc
Junior	Tim West
Frontier Cartridge	Barry County Kid

Both Pistol Pete and Doc Roy L. Pain shot clean matches in July. Congratulations!

Our next shoot is slated for August 12th. Please join us if you can.

Nitro Nellie

Please note: The October 14 Hastings shoot is being cancelled as it conflicts with the Oglesby Regional Shoot in Barry, Illinois.

DURAND

Hello shooters. We had our first shoot on May 26 and our second on June 23. We started an hour earlier than last year, at 11:00 a.m. There were some that didn't get the word so we let them sign up until noon. Both days really were pleasant, no rain. We had a couple people come out to see everyone in action and ended up shooting, and another one that just watched on Saturday then shot on Monday in Davison. Even had one join the Wolverine Rangers! There were 18 shooters for the first shoot and 17 for the second, so we were done by around 3:00 p.m.

Because some individuals are such good shooters, I decided to put in a handicap system and all but one of the people I have talked to like it, but there is no escaping practice. This worked out very well at the second match. Dead Eye Midge had to shoot bowling pins at 200 meters in two different classes and Led Foulin' in one. Needless to say, they didn't make it. Let's see what the next victims can do!

All-in-all, it was fun shooting 15-18 shots at 200, 30 shots at multiple targets at 100, and even a handgun at 25. Everyone shot the same handgun and ammo, and nobody shot their own.

Thanks for coming out to the shoots. Our next shoot is scheduled for August 4 with sign-in at 10:00 a.m. and shooting beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring lots of ammo.

August 5 is our membership shoot. Hope to see you all there. I know you loved my wheel at Doc's shoot, well, I have something new!

Lets shoot at all the clubs when we can and have fun -- THAT IS ALL SHOOTING IS ABOUT.

Thanks, Ringo Wiguns, for the early morning help.

Micky Lobe



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PORT HURON

Westworld had another shoot on July 14. We had a really nice shoot on a beautiful, sunny Saturday. Border Town Hombre stuck it to them again with some challenging stages, from shooting at bottles and cans, to moving targets, and some where you had to shoot on the move. Where does he come up with these ideas?

Most stages required not only speed but also accuracy. You know what they say, "Don't expect to go to Blue Water and shoot clean unless you're a real good shot".

Billy Dick is a good shooter who took 1st place again, followed closely behind was Led Foulin', with No Buk Chuck placing 3rd.

Thanks to all the cowpokes who came out to support our shoots. Hope to see you all again at next year's matches.

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WANTED

Five more stage sponsors for the August 31-September 3 Wolverine Ranger Range War. If you would like to sponsor a stage, please contact Dakota Doc or any of the WR Officers/Board of Director members.

REWARD

The satisfaction of helping your club.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS OF DSC

Well another great weekend has just past. On Saturday, July 21 we had our Second Annual Pig-Out-of-Luck. Talk about some good eating!!! Fifty-seven people got to enjoy a pig that looked like charcoal when we first took it off of the grill, but once we broke the skin off...WOW! Andy Horshurodinon (formerly known as The Original Red Leg), Camptown, Dee Hale, Chili Pepper, Camptown Kid, Lavender Lou, and myself (Mack) went to work carving the pig that we had named Arnold. Everyone else stood around watching and taking their chances at getting their hand slapped while stealing small, choice pieces of pork. By the way, Chili, we never did find your piece of finger. What a way to end a whole day of side matches and practicing. Yes, there will be a 3rd Annual Pig-Out-of-Luck next year. We will be announcing the date on next year's schedule.

July 22, we had 52 shooters that braved high temperatures and even higher humidity levels. I don't think anyone will even consider taking up armadillo farming after shoot stage 5. Ask someone who was there about that one.

All of our building had a fresh coat of paint and new signs, thanks to Ridge Runner Slim for doing a great job on the new saloon and sheriff signs and to El Dorado Ed for our no trespassing sign. Sure hope it helps!

This year, like last year, DSC will be hosting two stages as well as pocket pistol, and derringer at the state shoot. Hope to see you all there. This year will be bigger and better than last year.

Our next shoots are August 19 and September 23. Hope you can join us for the fun.

Many thanks to Laporte Lil for kindly letting us get our article in "just a little late".

Remember: A bucket of luck when you need it, is better than a wagon load of talent.

Mackinaw Kid

Upcoming Shoots

(see details in this newsletter
or in your calendar of events)

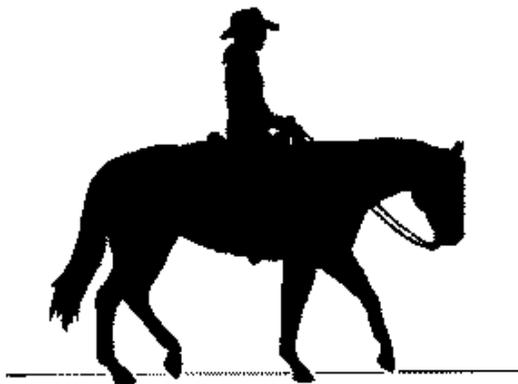
August

4/5 Durand
12 Hastings
18 Sault Ste. Marie
19 DSC
19 Lapeer
31 Wolverine Ranger Range War
(begins)

September

1/2/3 Wolverine Ranger Range War
(continues)
15 Sault Ste. Marie
16 Lapeer
23 DSC
29 Saginaw

Y'all get the lead out and go shoot!



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Mackinaw Kid	DSC	248-852-0351
Micky Lobe	Durand	810-629-9709
Nitro Nellie	Saranac	616-527-1531
Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
Yoopers Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700



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