

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

Howdy Folks. By the time you read this the new calendars should have been mailed to those who renewed their membership. We apologize for the delay but good things take time. I would like to give special thanks to Texas John Critter and High Maintenance for their hard work in putting the calendar together. Thank you! Remember; if you have not renewed your WR membership please do so as soon as possible.

I am sorry to have to announce that Kim Denny, aka Nitro Nellie, has resigned from the WR Board due to personal reasons. She is one of the founding members of the Rangers and has given a great deal to our club. We will miss her at the meetings but I'm sure that we'll see her at the shoots. Thank you, Kim, for all of your hard work.

On a happier note, I would like to welcome Ron Bailey, aka Alibi, to the Wolverine Rangers Board of Directors. Ron is going to be representing the Lapeer Wranglers along with Wall-Man and I look forward to working with him on the Board.

Plans for the 2002 Range War are moving along nicely and final details are already being hashed out. Applications will be available starting in April or you can download one off the website. Please keep in mind that we are looking for volunteers to help setup and especially takedown. Monday afternoon and Tuesday (September 2 and 3) are big days for takedown and cleanup. We could really use your help on those days.

*Best Regards,  
Chili Pepper Pete*

## **Ramblings from the Bunkhouse**

We are sorry for the delay but as of this writing, we are still waiting for the calendars. There is a lot of hard work that goes into creating such an expose of dates and photographs. Several people have been involved in this endeavor and when it is completed it will be a premium wall hangin' for your enjoyment.

We have many new members who have joined the ranks of the Wolverine Rangers and we would like to welcome you all.

Range War applications are now available. You can get a copy off the website or for all the Rangers who have renewed their membership a copy will be in with this paperwork.

We would like to compliment the Saginaw Six Shooters for hosting our

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February 23 Board meeting as well as putting on a very good shoot. Way to go Bad River Marty and all his pardners.

April finds us with another busy shooting season and we are sure you won't have any problem finding a shoot to attend. You may have trouble choosing which one of the excellent Wolverine Ranger affiliated clubs to go to first. When you do make your choice, remember have fun, be a good sport, help the new shooters, work with your posse and as always **SAFETY FIRST**.

### Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

#### Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy. The Lapeer County Sportsman's Club Wranglers have just concluded their Winter League with the following results:

1. R.J. Law
2. Smoken Smitty
3. Ricochet Bill
4. Onyx
5. Wall-Man
6. Johnny Guitere
7. Dodge City Duke
8. Saddle Tramp
9. Wacko Kid
10. Tucco Cockroach
11. The Lady
12. Griz Armstrong
13. A.J. Peacock
14. Bushy Mills
15. Crow Bait
16. Wolf Creek Tom
17. Alley Kat
18. Sheriff Cooper
19. Bee Sweet

Job well done by all that participated! Our outdoor season will begin on April 6th when we hold our first long range shoot during set-up time for the April 7th regular monthly match. We will start around noon and try to wind up by 3 or 4pm. We will follow the same schedule on May 4th, June 15th (however no monthly match until June 29th &

30th), September 21st, October 5th, and November 2nd (depending on the weather). We are trying this way of getting in our long range shoots rather than extending the day after our regular monthly shoots and team events. Besides we who put on these shoots want to participate also which we could not do before. Think spring!!!

*Wall-Man #5009*

#### Michigan Pistoleros

It's hard to believe the shooting season is upon us already. We left for the winter in October. We shot the Midwest Regional in Barry, Illinois and from there we went on to Texas to shoot the regional at the Tin Star Ranch. (In many respects our Michigan State Championship is superior to both of these regionals. Of course that's only our opinion but we can back it up with many examples. Just ask.) We were in Texas for about a week when family called us home. We thought it was temporary, but have wintered in Michigan this year. We were only going to host two shoots this year in Davison but you know how best laid plans go astray so we borrowed back the Memorial Day shoot from Saginaw and now we are back up to three dates. We hope to see you at Williams Gun Sight on Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day), Sunday, June 23rd, and Sunday, July 28th. Dry camping is available the night before the shoot.

*Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay*

#### DSC Rocky River Regulators

Yahoo! What a winter we had. The weather was good, wasn't too cold and our shoots all went off without a hitch. We can thank the BIG BOSS for watching over us.

Our February shoot was a "little muddy" due to the warm temperatures, but everyone had a good time. The cowboy stew was hot and I'm not talking spicy. Everyone had a good meal and then went back to shooting. (Hope everyone's mouth has recovered from the blisters.) One thing you can

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say for the Rocky River Regulators, they put on a good chuck.

Speaking of eating, tickets are now on sale for our Pig-Out-of-Luck on July 20. There will be roast pig and all the trimmings. Live entertainment consisting of a bluegrass band and a cowboy poet. Free side events to all ticket holders. There will be a \$5.00 charge for the side events if you do not buy tickets to the dinner. Tickets will be \$15.00 per adult and \$7.00 for juniors 17 and under. Along with all of this we will be having "Western Games". Some examples are cow roping, biscuit tossing, skillet flinging, pancake flipping, horseshoe throwing and any other devilish tricks we can conger up. So bring your sense of humor and your appetite for one wing-ding of a weekend. Oh yeah! We will have our regular shoot on Sunday, July 21. There are camping facilities with a few electrical hook-ups available.

Our April shoot is Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be combining side events into the main stages, so bring your pocket pistol and derringer. These will be timed separately. **No club guns will be available.**

May's shoot will be on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The side event for this shoot will be speed rifle and will be combined with the regular stages, but timed separately.

Words of Wisdom - "Tossing your rope before building a loop, don't catch a calf."

Think safety first.

### Mackinaw Kid

#### **Straight Shots from Saginaw**

Forty-five brave buckaroos and cowgals made their way to our February 23<sup>rd</sup> shoot. The air was nippy but the bright sunshine warmed us up a bit, as did the campfire (compliments of our local boy scouts who were camping out that night at the club....now

that's true grit!!!). We all had a lot of fun and enjoyed seeing old pards again.

Men:        1. Fireball  
              2. Texas John Critter  
              3. Bad River Marty  
              4. Faygo Kid  
              5. Dakota Doc

Ladies:     1. Katie Callahan  
              2. Shotgun Mary  
              3. Wiiwan  
              4. Mercantile Annie  
              5. Dazey

Spring is comin' round the bend so start planning now to polish those pistols, paint your wagon, and head on over to our April 20<sup>th</sup> shoot. Registration is from 8:30-9:30 am with the shooters meeting at 9:30 am. Cost is \$15 with tasty grub provided. (Bless that Naughty Nell for keepin' our innards from growlin'.)

We will be having our Wednesday night practice shoots beginning in May, 6 pm 'til dark. Cost is only \$5 for non-members, \$3 if you're a Saginaw Field & Stream club member.

We'd like to encourage all shooters to take advantage of the opportunities to help out during the shooting season...brass grabbers, score keepers, watching the loading and unloading tables, setting up and tearing down. Like the old saying goes: "There are those willing to work and those willing to let them." Everyone working together will keep the sport alive and growin'. And here's a thought to keep under that hat of yern...we're pretty blessed to live in a country that lets you play cowboy with REAL guns!!!

Hope you can make one or all of our shoots this year.

And remember...Live life....Give it your best shot!

**Bad River Marty**

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### Rockford Regulators

The February shoot was just super with sunny skies and moderate temperatures. Some of us Double "R" cowboys visited the Saginaw Six Shooters on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and enjoyed a pleasant day in their sunshine. Many of us were lulled into thinking the snow and cold were history. Well-----think again!

Shoot day arrived with the worst blizzard of the year. Yours truly smashed up his steed on the way to the Rockford Regulators just three miles away. We hauled contestants back to the range in pickup trucks because two-wheel drives just wasn't a good idea. Did I mention Saginaw Six Shooters? No Buk Chuck and Bad River Marty showed up around 10am – tuff cowboys.

All-in-all, we had 20 hardy souls who ventured out into the weather. Now for those cowboys who stayed at home – they can come on out in April and see the same stages. You see, we worked ourselves through three stages and voted the fourth as the last one for the day. We think we need another go at it to shoot all of the stages.

White chili, taco chips, salsa and brownies were on the table when we drug our cold and wet bones into the clubhouse. Fran Kazmierski prepared enough food for 35 cowboys. I am told by the helpers that when those cowpokes went to see the leather goods, made by Circle J~F Saddlery, they didn't leave much food behind. My, wasn't that lunch GOOD! Not only good but hot too.

Thanks to all who toughed it out. And to those who stayed behind, come on out and see us next month. Lonesome Dove is the scenario with five stages, BIG targets with sloppy joes, chips, and bundt cake for lunch.

### February:

Top Gun & Traditional - Fireball  
 Duelist - Deldorado  
 Duelist Senior - Thunderiver Bill  
 Frontier Cartridge - Barry County Kid

Gunfighter - Revenant  
 Modern - Sawgrass  
 Modern Senior - Peter Pistolero  
 Traditional Senior - Lue Dee Kriss  
 Traditional Lady - Ogallala Miss

### March:

Top Gun - Texas John Critter  
 Traditional - No Buk Chuck  
 Duelist - Table Top Tom  
 Frontier Cartridge - Cowboy  
 Gunfighter - Bad River Marty  
 Modern - Lucky Lennie  
 Traditional Senior - Lue Dee Kriss

### *Table Top Top*

### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

The buffalo are back on da northern range here at the Soo, waiting for you trolls to come up and try your luck at our first shoot of the season, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 9:00 am, cost is \$20. Lunch is extra.

When you shoot at our events, you'll receive a number of raffle tickets for prizes we draw at each shoot. You'll also receive tickets to put in for our seasonal drawing. This year we'll be giving away a NINGO Model 97 12 ga. at our September shoot and a Chippewa Regulator custom gun cart at the October shoot. Come up each month and get those tickets into that ticket jar.

We'll be having shoots on the following dates:

Saturday – May 18  
 Saturday – June 15  
 Saturday & Sunday – July 20-21 (2 days of fun!)  
 Saturday – August 17  
 Saturday – September 21  
 Saturday – October 20

We're looking forward to seeing ya, hey! Fun ta watch – fun ta shoot.

**Yooper Fred**

**Wolverine Rangers Miscellaneous**

**For Sale**

Triple K. (Cabelas) holster rig. Rt. hand double loop holster and cross draw. Medium sized cartridge belt with 44/45 bullet loops. \$70 for the complete rig. Contact: Attica Jack at 586-463-7973 or [denniscoon@aol.com](mailto:denniscoon@aol.com)

**Reminder of Calendar Changes**

**May 27** - Has been moved to Davison (from Saginaw)

**July 14** - Hastings **\*\* CANCELLED \*\***

**For Sale**

Two American Western Arms Longhorns, Blue/CCH, 4 3/4" barrels, .45 Colt, used in 4 matches. I just like my Rugers better. Can be seen at <http://community.webshots.com/photo/24926072/32627482DqxlvJ> \$700 for the pair, plus shipping if need be. Contact: Texas John Critter at 616-506-7325 or [texasjohncritter@hotmail.com](mailto:texasjohncritter@hotmail.com)

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Mackinaw Kid	DSC	248-852-0351
Micky Lobe	Durand	810-629-9709
Table Top Tom	Rockford	616-363-2430
Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
Yoooper Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700

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**Website, etc.**

A new feature has been added to the website. In addition to all of the 2002 shoot dates being listed in the "Calendar", each individual club's schedule is also listed on their individual "Club" page.

Also, it's time to sign up for the Wolverine Rangers Range War. Applications can be downloaded from the website.

*Win without boasting, lose without excuse!*