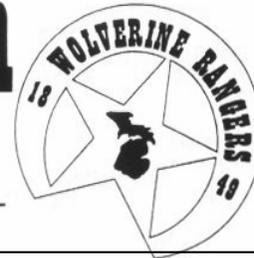


# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Holy Mackerel! What a great time Range War was. I sure hope that those of you that attended the match had as good a time as I did. From the start of the Evil Roy class to the closing shot of the man-on-man competition everything went perfectly. I would like to congratulate our state champions, Colt McAllister and Wildcat Elly. Great shooting and Well Done! I would also like to congratulate all the category winners and to all the shooters that came out to participate. You are all champions in my book.

Every year we continue to make this match more of an event that should not be missed. We had over 230 shooters, more vendors, and more prizes and awards than ever before. Everyone I spoke with seemed to be having a great time, and the few complaints or suggestions were minor but will be taken under advisement. The Wolverine Rangers are committed to making this the best shoot possible for all the participants. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please don't hesitate to get them to a Board representative or e-mail them directly to me at [Chili\\_pepper917@hotmail.com](mailto:Chili_pepper917@hotmail.com) We want to hear from you.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped put on this event. A shoot of this magnitude takes hundreds of hours of preparation and setup. To all of you that pitched in and got the job done I give you my heartfelt thanks. Without that effort I fear that our shoot would fall short of the mark that you deserve.

To all those that participated in our charity events I wish to say thank you for your wonderful generosity. We raised over \$3,000 for the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation and \$500 for the SASS Scholarship Fund. That is incredible.

I, with a degree of sadness, have to announce that Rick and Lou Stover will be stepping down from the Secretary/Treasurer position of the Wolverine Rangers. They have been tireless in their efforts in working and supporting the Rangers and deserve our utmost gratitude. Thank you both for all you've done. The good news is two fold though. First, Rick and Lou are staying on the Board to represent DSC and, secondly, Mike and Patsy Green have volunteered to take on the positions of Secretary/Treasurer. So I'd like to welcome No Cattle and Mail Order Annie to the WR BOD and say "I look forward to working with you."

Till next time remember, "There is no normal life, there's just life. So go out and live it."

*Best Regards, Chili Pepper Pete*

## Ramblings from the Bunkhouse

Well, another state shoot has come and gone. Everyone that helped to make it possible should give themselves a pat on the back. It takes a lot of people to accomplish everything that needs to be done and this year was the best to date. Thanks everyone.

We are stepping down from the Secretary/Treasurer positions. It has been a great honor to support the Wolverine Rangers while holding these positions and we will continue on the Board, only as club representatives of DSC. We won't go away saying it wasn't a lot of hard work, but as it is said in our family, "If it's not worth working for, it isn't worth having." The Wolverine Rangers are definitely worth

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working for. The positions are being passed to No Cattle and Mail Order Annie, and we are sure they will strive to keep the high standards and expectations that have always come with the positions. Please continue to give them the support and help that you have shown us.

Again, we would like to say it has been a great honor and privilege to work with the Board in this capacity.

**Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou**

### Straight Shots from Saginaw

The Saginaw Six Shooters have enjoyed a summer of fun practices every Thursday night, come rain or shine, averaging around 20 shooters each time. With the changing seasons we will no longer shoot on Thursday night as we just plain ran out of daylight.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> a hot dog roast was held before our practice shoot. It was a fun time and everyone celebrated the many freedoms we enjoy here in the United States. We had a lot of good vittles and even more camaraderie between shooting pards, new and old.

In August, a group from the Saginaw Six Shooters traveled to the Midwest Regional Championship Guns of August in Middletown, Ohio. Everyone had a lot of fun and agreed it was a very well run, challenging fun shoot. For being flatlanders, the Six Shooters hiked up that giant hill where the stages were scattered and did our club proud by having many of us place well in the standings. Those that received plaques included Lady Bluebird for Best Dressed Townie Lady; No Buk Chuck, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Frontier Cartridge Traditional; Secondhand Jack, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior Duelist; Katie Callahan, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ladies 49'er; and Bad River Marty, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Gunfighter and shot a Clean Match. Nice work, Six Shooters!

We also had a fine representation at the Wolverine Rangers Range War in Port Huron over Labor Day weekend. Our club sponsored a stage, along with

providing three stages for the match. A lot of volunteer help went into the setting up and tearing down of these stages, along with many other jobs our club members performed. Our special thanks go out to everyone who donated their time and effort to make this the best state shoot yet! And, Chili Pepper Pete, our hats are off to you!!! Where did you learn all those diplomatic skills???

Laporte Lil and Katie Callahan ran the Ladies Side Match and got to meet many of the women shooters. No Buk Chuck and Elsie Rose assisted with the Gillary Foundation Charity Challenge, which helps to place defibrillators in our Michigan high schools.

The following Saginaw Six Shooters came home with various awards and plaques: Tacoma Tad, Cree Vicar Dave, Bad River Marty, Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, Secondhand Jack, Lady Bluebird, Good Shots Gettem, Old Sy, Kid Alfred, and Wolverine Wrangler

And what can we say about Hooterville, the Mayer, and the Soiled Dove Contest? Only that it was all a real "HOOT"! The Hooterville Hussies, along with their Madame Hoot (Naughty Nellie), made certain they ALL won in the floozy contest. (Perhaps it was that gentle reminder that all of them could shoot that had the Mayer and his judges shaking in their boots!) And didn't they look charming riding in their own Trollop Trolley escorted by Baldy Bill. What a gentleman!!!

Although there was an appearance by a handful of Temperance ladies, they were no match for the Hooterville girls, and quickly made their exit from Madame Hoot's establishment. Of course, a few squirt guns placed in the hands of some of the hussies did "dampen" the Temperance parade just a little. But some good did come of it. To the dismay of the Temperance ladies, one of their very own followers crossed over to become a Hooterville Hussy. Cheers from the Hussies and the crowd were heard as she shed her dismal black jacket and hoisted up her petticoats. Hurray for the Hussies!

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This year's performance by ALL will be a hard act to follow next year... but the Hooterville gal's aren't worried. They are quite an innovative group and all have connections with the Mayer of Hooterville.

A lot of laughter.... a lot of memories. You can see what you missed at this year's Wolverine Rangers Range War by clicking onto Allegan Dan's photo album pages. Information on getting to his site is on the Wolverine Rangers website. He's done a fine job and you really should make a visit to his website. It's well worth it!

We would like to thank our shooting pards who made this past summer a lot of fun, with all their help and for being so safety conscious. Without all the good, supportive attitudes in CAS, it would not be such a fast growing, fun sport. Thanks everyone for making it just that!

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

**Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty**

### DSC Rocky River Regulators

By the time you read this article, the membership free shoot will be over. We hope you attended and had a great time.

October 19<sup>th</sup> is our annual chili cook off. Everyone is welcome to enter a chili to be judged. You don't have to be a shooter to enter. Categories will be: hottest, wild game, fowl, beanless, white, most flavorful, and seafood. Please bring your chili in a saucepan that can be placed on the grill for warming and a ladle to dish it up.

One of our future events will be our New Year's Eve shoot which will take place on December 28<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will have something warm and hearty for lunch and a big bonfire. For this shoot, cowboy footwear is optional.

**Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou**

### Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

Well, pards, once again Eagleville's luck with the weather was good. For the third time rain and thunder showers were predicted for the day of our shoot, and it rained all around the area, but not at Eagleville. So, don't let rainy forecasts discourage you from coming to future shoots.

Those of you who have been to Eagleville will be glad to hear that we have replaced some small targets with larger ones and moved other targets closer. We have also improved our loading/unloading tables. We welcome suggestions for any improvements we could make.

We had seventeen shooters at our September 13 match. Lightning Wayne was the top shooter, followed by EZ Munny, Thummpner John, Peter Pistolero, and Kewadin Kid.

Our next shoot will be held Saturday, October 11. Registration is at 9:00am, mandatory shooters meeting at 9:30am. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch. For more info, visit our website at [www.eaglevillecowboys.org](http://www.eaglevillecowboys.org) or contact Kewadin Kid at [rheadley@ersc.org](mailto:rheadley@ersc.org)

**Thummpner John**

### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

Our September 20<sup>th</sup> match had 31 shooters with two new shooters and quite a few spectators. The weather was breezy and cloudy to start out but ended with a bright blue sky and sunshine. It was a typical early Fall day filled with lots of fun and laughter echoing along with the ring of the targets.

We are happy to announce that Katie Callahan, a long-time, active participant of our shoots, was the winner in our September drawing for the Norinco 12 gauge shotgun. She also had won a box of shotgun shells earlier so she was chompin' at the bit to get out and start blastin'.

And then... The highlight of the day was a mystery gift drawing. Mercantile Anne's name was drawn

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on the first ticket but **NO!!!** Yooper Fred was adamant that another ticket had to be picked. Again, Anne's name was pulled and again Fred said to draw again... and again. Finally, conceding to the inevitable, Anne Merchant was awarded the gigantic, double-wrapped, Yooper (duct) taped gift. After her struggle to unwrap and cut through the barriers of all that tape and paper, a beautiful, custom-made gun cart, especially designed and monogrammed for Mercantile Anne emerged. Needless to say, Anne's expression was...PRICELESS!!!

And then... As the awards ceremony was closing, Secondhand Jack leaped from his chair and shouted "Wait, wait! There's one more winner. Someone has to pay-up for a challenge "she" lost to me!!!" Humbly, Laporte Lil produced a \$10 bill from her vest pocket and promptly rubbed it on her "fanny", then autographed it, and presented it to the euphoric winner, Secondhand Jack. We all know there will be paybacks, Secondhand, so watch out!

And then... To top off the gala festivities, 26 cowboys and cowgirls rode into Cozy Corners Café in Barbeau for a scrumptious feed. During the gabbing and chowing, a bona fide Chippewa Indian Princess (or so she said) enthusiastically pounced upon Bad River Marty, claiming to recognize him as a leading cast member in the movie "Last of the Mohicans". The look on Marty's face was ...PRICELESS!!! After a few minutes of constant harassment, he weakened and gave her the autograph. Of course, by this time all the cowboys and cowgirls were laughing, but none more than Rodeo, the culprit behind the setup. We think there may be some paybacks coming on this one too.

Our club has been busy this summer with many improvements including expanded parking. Our shooting range has grown to almost double the original size, allowing much more space between stages. Shooters will also find many species of steel critters roaming the range, especially a new pack of wolves giving shooters a real challenge to control their growing population.

Our final shoot of the season is scheduled for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration is 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. with the shooters meeting following. We will be having a turkey shoot that day, along with our drawing for the matching pair of black powder pistols. You can also plan on enjoying a good, old-fashioned hoedown. It's fun you sure don't want to miss. We hope you can attend. For additional information, contact Yooper Fred at 906-635-9700.

**Giddyup Gal**

***RO II class offered***  
**Check the column "Tidbits by Cactus Kay" for more information.**

### Items For Sale

H&R model CR3855 Long Range Single Shot 38-55 Winchester caliber rifle. 28" barrel, open sights, hand checkered American black walnut stock and forend. Comes with three boxes of ammunition and a factory case for \$350. Contact Rodent at david.vollmer@detroitdiesel.com or 313-592-5876.

1) Cimarron Lightning, 4 3/4" bbl., blued, case hardened frame. Test fired only. \$380 and includes a \$40 certificate for Laser Engraving by Red Keg Will. 2) Laser Engraving: pistol grips \$40/pair, rifle/shotgun butt stocks \$50/side (9 square inches of engraving). Includes standard artwork or furnished black and white artwork. Contact Red Keg Will for the Lightning and/or the Laser Engraving at cwde@tds.net or 989-687-5984.

### Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members Dodge City Dick, High Chin Bob, Keel Over, Rooster Cognizant, Col. Samuel Larkspur, Ben Plinken, Cody Billings, Sheeza Pistol, and Federal Lawman. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

## Wolverine Rangers — Miscellaneous

### Tidbits by Cactus Kay

- Hang onto your hats! Dakota Doc and I are teaming up with Border Town Hombre and Wiiwan to put on shoots next season at Blue Water Sportsman's Club in Port Huron. They will supply the creativity (which they are really, really good at) and we will supply the **BIG TARGETS!** We are toying with a two-day shoot, Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in May. Hold those dates!!! More information and other dates to follow.
- We will be holding an **RO II CLASS** at Hastings on October 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the match if there is enough interest. You must have taken RO I and be a SASS member to take this class. The fee is \$25. The class is great for **ALL** cowboy shooters and is especially applicable if you are ever the timer, function as a posse leader, if you help put on shoots, or write scenarios. Pre-registration is a **MUST**. Call 810-733-8454, leave your name and phone number or e-mail us at docandkay@yahoo.com. This will be the last RO II class this season.
- We have had a number of people ask us if Evil Roy is coming back to teach a class next year. If we have enough interest we will certainly try to make that happen. If you are interested in taking the class contact us now as above.
- We received information from SASS asking clubs if they would like to create a "unique ornament of standard size" for the SASS Convention Christmas Tree this season. Do we have anyone out there that would like to do this? It might be fun to have the Wolverine Rangers represented this year. Contact us soon, as above, for more details. The ornament has to be in before the end of October.

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*A cowboy's true character is revealed  
by what he does when no one is watching....*

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#### **Took a Ride to Eagleville**

On Sunday, August 3rd Table Top Tom and I took a ride to Central Lake, Michigan to check out One Son of a Guns' new shooting digs. What we found quite pleasantly surprised us to say the least. A pretty large group of cowgirls, young buckaroos and a great number of cowboys were having fun. A number of grizzled old cowboys from down under were introducing the new "want to be cowboys" to the fine spirit of shooting fun, safety and rules of the games. A nice lunch and an auction sale of goods to support the newly established cowboy range took place while we were visiting.

The range and its members are holed up in a small valley just east of Central Lake, calling themselves "The Antrim Bunch". The Bunch have established a real pleasant, rustic and nicely laid out shooting range with a number of shooting stages that could be shot with rifle, shotgun and pistols, as well as some long-range side matches.

Although only in the beginning stages of growth, I would say it will surely become a fine shooting locality in the next year or less. The Bunch shows all indications of making the future visiting shooters welcome and will provide for a great time.

The trip from Grand Rapids to Central Lake is quite a haul, but well worth it, and we intend to return for a shoot in the near future. Shoots will take place the second Saturday of the month (November is their last shoot of the year) and the lunch provided alone is worth the trip. For more information e-mail [eaglesnest@torchlake.com](mailto:eaglesnest@torchlake.com) or [rheadley@ersc.org](mailto:rheadley@ersc.org)

Regards,  
Sunvale Pete

**Interested in an RO II class?  
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