

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hola Amigo's. Well, spring is in the air, if you haven't already, get those hog legs out and oil 'em up. We have a bunch of shooting to do this year. You better make sure you have all your reloading done 'cause there ain't gonna be much time when we get started!!

If you haven't already, get your renewals in for the Rangers membership. Mail Order Annie is in full swing sending out the calendars and membership cards, so don't miss out.

As most of you know the Rangers decided that we need to have uniform shotgun targets for Range War. To pay for these new targets the Rangers and their affiliated clubs will be working on different fund raisers to meet our goal. Basically, we need to raise about \$4,000 to buy 55 shotgun poppers by late August. The ones we are considering are made by Handlebar Doc and used by the Evil Roy School. They are well built and will give us many years of great service. Handlebar Doc will be putting on a shooting school at the 2004 Range War and would be able to bring the targets with him saving us the shipping fees as well. This is a great cause that will really help with the continued success of Range War. Once this goal is met, and in the same line of thinking, the next logical step is to have an entire set of targets and stands that the Rangers own that are used only for Range War. This will help in many areas, first it saves the clubs from having to drag steel from halfway across the state. Second, the targets will be uniform and designed to reduce splatter and bounce back. Third, we should get many years of service out of them because they will only get used once a year.

Kicking off the fund raising and merchandise campaign is our new Wolverine Rangers Marketing Director, Allegan Dan (Bill Penning). Bill was nominated and voted to the Rangers Board

to help advertise and promote the Wolverine Rangers. I am very excited to be working with Bill as I think that sometimes the Rangers have been hiding their light under a basket. Well, I can guarantee that with Bill leading the way folks will know who and what the Wolverine Rangers are.

Until next time remember - There is no normal life, there's only life, so go out and live it."

Regards, *Chili Pepper Pete*

Rockford Regulators

Howdy to all the Wolverine Rangers from the Rockford Regulators. With strong winds topping 50 mph on Friday, and sleet on Sunday, the Rockford Regulators slipped in the March 6th shoot between the days of bad weather. We had 56 shooters turn out for our version of Open Range. The stages were written by Deuce Stevens and his lovely wife K.J. It was an excellent job for their first attempt at stage writing. Those of you that have written stages know how difficult this really is. With weather in the low 30's, little wind, and a peek at the sun every once in a while, it was a fine day for CAS. Anytime that I got a little chill I just kept telling myself that THIS is the weather we dream about in August. Grin...

I would just like to thank all those who support us from all over the state. Your participation is greatly appreciated. It sure does my heart good to see all my friends and make new ones at every shoot. I don't think I will get any arguments that the friendship is one of the key elements in making CAS the great sport it is.

We look forward to having a safe, exciting and fun year ahead. Spring can't be far off, I hope. See you all on April 3 for our next shoot. Until then, stay safe.

Your Pard, Diewalker

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Lapeer Wranglers

We have been running our Winter League for the past four months at our new pistol building. The attendance has averaged been 25-30 which is approximately 10 more shooters per match than we had in previous years. Thanks to all that attended and helped "break in" the new building. Work still continues with painting and completion of the bathrooms still to be done. Never fear, the work will be done in plenty of time for Great Lakes Match #7 at the end of June. For those of you who would like to camp, the new building will have showers in both the men's and ladies bathrooms.

Our Winter League rules stated that in order for a shooter to qualify for a prize they had to attend all four shoots and the banquet at Lenny Millers. Based upon those qualifications, here are the shooters and the order in which they finished:

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| 1. Dodge City Dick | 622.28 |
| 2. Raisin River Ron | 641.45 |
| 3. Son of a Stinkweed | 649.84 |
| 4. Ruff Trax | 702.28 |
| 5. Dodge City Duke | 707.59 |
| 6. Beerbelly Willie | 727.27 |
| 7. Wall-Man | 828.46 |
| 8. Ricochet Bill | 841.79 |
| 9. Larado Van | 845.33 |
| 10. Wolf Creek Tom | 889.93 |
| 11. Deadwood Steve | 925.51 |
| 12. Just Plain John | 1021.17 |
| 13. Rafters | 1409.47 |
| 14. Bea Sweet | 1675.59 |
| 15. Cantankerous Mary | 1990.67 |

All other shooters either missed one or more shoots or did not attend the banquet. Think spring!!!!!!!

Wall-Man

Straight Shots from Saginaw

We hope all our pards survived this cold winter. Some are back from their "winter range" while a few are still lingering a bit longer, getting in that last ray of sunshine and attending a few more shoots before heading home. We know everyone is

ready for another great year of Cowboy Action Shooting. Looks like a lot of great ideas coming from the Wolverine Rangers, raising money for state shoot targets, etc. Our hats off to all the work this organization does to keep Cowboy Action Shooting in Michigan at its finest.

The Saginaw Six-Shooters will be having a Cowboy Action Shooting display at the Midland Gun Show on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 & 4. Our cowboy volunteers hope to meet many prospective shooters and promote our shooting sport. Be sure to stop at our display and say "howdy" if you're in town. You can't miss us.....we'll be in our cowboy attire, of course!

Here are a few particulars for those interested in this gun show. It's big with lots of guns and goodies for all kinds of shooters.

WHAT: Midland Gun Show

WHEN: Saturday, April 3rd from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday, April 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Midland Civic Arena
 515 E. Collins in Midland

ADMISSION: \$6 per day

Door prize drawing at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Catered food available for purchase both days.

The Saginaw Six-Shooters are excited about finally becoming a SASS affiliated club. It's been in the fire for a few years and this winter the Saginaw Field & Stream Club agreed to this request, along with another positive surprise. There will be overnight camping available at our matches this year. We have two areas designated which should accommodate our long-distance travelers. We would appreciate you calling or e-mailing Bad River Marty for further details if you plan on staying overnight.

Our first shoot of the season is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the shooters meeting set for 9:30 a.m. Our shooting fees have changed just a bit. Non-Wolverine Rangers will pay \$18, Wolverine Rangers \$15. Of course, our chuck

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wagon cook is serving lunch at no additional cost.

Our practice nights will begin May 5 and are on Wednesday's starting around 5:30 p.m. and lasting until dark or we run out of bullets, whichever comes first.

Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty

Fund Raising

Howdy. At Range War last year I heard many shooters voice their dissatisfaction with the targets we were shooting, and in particular the shotgun targets.

Remember the Speed Shotgun Side Match? I swear a howitzer wouldn't have helped me! I ran that stage for a couple of hours and when it was slow I would shoot it. I imagine I used at least four boxes of AA's! Enough so that I went to Wally World to buy more before the end of the match.

Seeing as I run with Chili some, I got to talking to him and we'd kick ideas around. The subject of new targets kept coming up and he'd tell me how little time he had to pursue the matter. After a while (I'm a little slow sometimes....) I was seeing that he did have plenty to do and really didn't have the time to dedicate to fund raising for new targets.

Fund raising? Well you see, the Wolverine Rangers are a 'non-profit' organization and although there is some money available there ain't enough to buy \$4000 worth of targets.

We shoot 10 stages at Range War and need an average of 6 shotgun targets per stage. That way when one quits on us we'll have a spare (and believe me, the only way you want to buy these is in quantity) or use some for our side matches.

So anyway, we're coming up with ideas and Chili says something about putting me on the Board as a 'Member at Large' (I'm a large guy so....) and I say something like "we need a Marketing Department", and the next thing I know he makes one of these "proposals" and I'm elected to the Board!

Well, now I've got my work cut out for me, and

one thing I know for sure, I can't do it alone.

A couple of the things we've done so far are:

1. Set up a 'Buy A Miss' program which most of the clubs will be participating in. (see below)
2. Set up a 'Mercantile'. We will be offering several things to purchase.

And **ALL** the monies will go for shotgun targets.

So far we have two videos available.

1. The First Annual Rockford Regulators Black Powder Shoot.
2. A neat video using pictures from Range War 2003 set to appropriate cowboy music produced by Wolverine Wrangler.

Both will be available in DVD and VHS format.

We will also have stickers for sale with the WR logo so you can proudly display your membership.

The items will be displayed for sale both here in the Epitaph and on the Wolverine Rangers website.

I would encourage you to buy what you can; the money is going to a good cause!

If you have any good ideas on how we can raise money for this project please let me know! You can reach me at allegandan@macatawa.com or 616-510-0354.

Allegan Dan

Buy A Miss Program

The Wolverine Rangers have launched a "Buy A Miss" program to raise the necessary funds to purchase our own shotgun targets for this year's Range War. Most clubs are participating and those who aren't are helping in other ways.

There are two programs, a \$3 or a \$5 donation. All proceeds given to the Wolverine Rangers will be used and **only used** for the purchase of these shotgun targets.

The program was launched at the Shoot Straight Cattle Company in Ionia in March. Twenty-three shooters participated! We are off to a resounding start! Thank you to all who participated. We encourage all our members to take advantage of this as its a good cause.

Allegan Dan

Wolverine Rangers—Articles of Interest

Shootin' in the West

A number of us have been in Arizona this winter enjoying not having to shovel snow and also taking in a number of shooting matches along the way.

Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, Lucky Lennie, Country Girl, Secondhand Jack and Laporte Lil shot the two-day "Fire and Ice" match at Casa Grande the weekend prior to Winter Range. Cactus Kay placed 1st in Senior Ladies, Doc and Lennie were 2nd and 3rd in Senior Duelist respectfully, and Lil placed 3rd in Ladies Traditional.

The stage props at Winter Range were better than ever this year. They've come a long way in the last several years. We shot four stages each day for



Wolverine Rangers shooting Winter Range were - back l-r: Dakota Doc, Lucky Lennie, Country Girl, R.J. Law, The Lady, and Baldy Bill; front l-r: Cactus Kay, Laporte Lil, and Secondhand Jack. Missing from photo is One Son of a Gun.

three days, with side matches the day before and team events the day after. When the dust settled the results showed Cactus Kay 2nd in Ladies Senior, Lucky Lennie 2nd in Senior Duelist, and Dakota Doc 6th in Senior Duelist. Cactus Kay and Lennie received a plaque and belt buckle, Doc receive a belt buckle. One Son of a Gun shot a clean match in the Senior category and R.J. Law was awarded best dressed working costume. Both received a plaque.



Pictured above is Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, and Lucky Lennie with their awards.

Congratulations to our Wolverine Rangers pards for their great performance. Check out all the match results at <http://www.winterrange.com/results.htm>

If you've never had the opportunity to experience Winter Range, you might want to consider it. Registration opens in late spring/early summer, but what is even more difficult to obtain is campground reservations at the Winter Range site — Ben Avery Shooting Facility. If you're in the mood for shopping, Winter Range is the place to be with a hundred+ vendors selling all types of cowboy goodies. The weather is usually, I repeat usually, good with morning temperatures very cool and daytime temperatures in the 60-70 range, but it can sometimes reach into the 80's. Winter Range is well organized and runs very smooth. They provide a great shooting experience, a terrific prize for each and every shooter, and have entertainment or dinner in the big top each night for a fee. Lil

Alias Changes

Let it be known that from this day forward Simeron will now be known as Duke Santana, Bloody Jack known as Jack Bickley, and The Desert Horse will be known simply as Desert Horse.

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Long Rangers

Howdy all. We are going to add to our long range shoots some side events so as to get out some of the other firearms we have. Here is what I have in mind. On May 23 - bring two pistols, June 26 - pocket pistol and derringer, July 25 - .22 cal. pistol and rifle, August 29 - one pistol. Let's get ready for the state shoot! Registration is at 9:30, side events 10:00, long range shooting at 11:00 until everyone is done, then more side events if the shooters wish. Oh, by the way, long range pistol will be available at every shoot. If you have any questions, contact Micky Lobe. Thanks and let's have fun!

Mickey Lobe

Items For Sale

1) American Derringer Corp. M-1, 38 cal., polished stainless steel, in original box, like new—\$250. 2) Ruger stainless steel Single Six, .22 cal., 7 1/2" barrel, adjustable sights—\$250. 3) Classic Old West black leather Derringer suspenders, like new—\$45. 4) Black basket weave pork chop spur straps—\$10. Contact Nevada Gambler at 248-682-0977 or 4vaqueros@outdrs.net

"HANDLEBAR DOC" CLASS

We finally talked Handlebar Doc into adjusting his schedule so he could come and teach a CAS class in Michigan. We are very excited. He is one of the top cowboy action shooters in the nation finishing first in Men's Modern at Winter Range 2004. He is very personable and an extremely good teacher. He limits class size to 12-14. This allows him to work with students individually. He also works with a timer to show students their improvement.

The class will be Wednesday and Thursday September 1st and 2nd (preceding the Wolverine Rangers Range War) in Port Huron. The cost is \$275 for the first shooter, \$175 spouse, and Juniors shoot free with a paid adult. The cost includes the two-day range fee. To hold your place send a \$50 deposit as soon as possible to Wolverine Rangers, 3329 Rogue River Rd., Belmont, MI 49306. Send installments monthly until the class is paid for by August 1, or you may send the whole payment now if you wish.

If you have questions contact Dakota Doc or Cactus Kay at docandkay@yahoo.com or 817-371-6600.

Cactus Kay

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You Are Cordially Invited To Attend

SHOOTOUT AT RANGE ROAD

Presented By

Michigan Pistoleros & WestWorld

Blue Water Sportsman's Association, Port Huron, Michigan

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2004

9:00 a.m.

Shotgun Team Event at the clubhouse. Birds thrown for specific time and random angles. Most birds hit in specified time. Teams selected by draw. Shooters may only load two rounds at a time.

10:00 a.m.

Four Main Stages

1:00 p.m.

Side Events and Lunch Provided

Speed Shotgun	Pocket Pistol	Dueling Tree (Man-on-Man)
Speed Rifle	Derringer	Gunfighter Stage – For Fun
Speed Pistol		

SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 2004

9:00 a.m.

Wild Bunch Shoot—Selected by draw.

MUST HAVE: '97 or '87 shotgun
1911 style automatic pistol and extra clips
Lots of ammunition

10:30 a.m.

Four Main Stages

1:30 p.m.

Awards and Lunch (bring your own lunch)

\$50 fee per shooter	Checks payable and mail to:
Juniors shoot free	Paula Smith
Registration by May 15 th preferred	4345 S. Linden Rd.
Dry camping available	Flint, MI 48507

Sincerely,
Dakota Doc & Cactus Kay - 810-733-8454 or docandkay@yahoo.com
Border Town Hombre & Wiiwan - 519-336-1690 or codeeagle@hotmail.com

NAME _____ ALIAS _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Select one of the following categories:

Men's Modern	Duelist	Ladies Modern
Men's Traditional	Senior Duelist	Ladies Traditional
Men's 49er	Black Powder	Ladies 49er
Men's Senior		Ladies Senior

Wolverine Rangers—Miscellaneous

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members Lightning Wayne, Dakota Fats, Ringo, Johnny Ringo, High Iron, M.T. Wagon, Panhead Pete, Colter, Kenny Hittum, Two Gun Troll, Shannon, Blazin Billy Gunn, Slim Bisley, Ogallala Miss, Grumpy Jo, Card Shark Charlie, Hot Skillet, Fat Arrow and returning member Slim Single Shot. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers.

W.R. Members Free Shoot

The W. R. members only free shoot for 2004 will be held at Rockford on Saturday, July 31. Fun Night will be held the evening before if you'd like to get a little extra practice beforehand. Limited camping is also available. If you have questions contact No Cattle at nocattle@comcast.net, 616-363-2837 or Diewalker at diewalker@yahoo.com, 616-837-0428.

CLUB CONTACTS

One Son of a Gun	Central Lake	231-544-2461
Scholfield Ranger	Durand	810-629-6494
Rady Delgado	Grand Rapids	616-735-2915
Lucky Lennie	Hastings	616-891-8376
Texas John Critter	Ionia	269-506-7325
Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
Border Town Hombre	Port Huron	519-336-1690
Diewalker	Rockford	616-837-0428
Bad River Marty	Saginaw	989-585-3292
Yoopers Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700
Mackinaw Kid	Utica	248-852-0351

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Discount on Dillon Products

If you're planning on ordering a Dillon product, use code B62 through May 31, 2004 and receive a 5% discount. The discount is good only on Dillon brand products and does not include merchandise not of the Dillon brand. The discount can be used multiple times until May 31. Pass the word to other cowboys that may want to know. The discount was extended to participants of Winter Range but we were told at the Dillon store that anyone can use it as it will show how much of their products are purchased by CAS shooters. Lil

New Feature on the Website

Any *current* Wolverine Rangers member that is *employed* at a business that supplies goods or services that may enhance the Cowboy Action Shooting experience, can now request a link be added on the Wolverine Rangers website to their employer's business. Also listed will be the type of goods or services provided, the Wolverine Rangers' alias (and real name if they want) and a business phone number. Contact Laporte Lil.

Volunteers Needed!!!

We're looking for some volunteers to help with contacting businesses who may be willing and able to become Range War sponsors. If you have some spare time (retired?) and have some kind of sales experience, you qualify!

We're also looking for some people who are able to help edit and duplicate DVD's and record tapes.

This is your chance to be a real help to the Wolverine Rangers. We all know there are things that are lacking at our shoot and there ain't but one way it's going to change! It takes money.

If you're willing to donate a few hours a week, please get in touch with either Allegan Dan or Chili Pepper Pete.

allegandan@macatawa.com , phone 616-510-1354 or chili_pepper@hotmail.com



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It's time to renew your membership!

TG Meeting - 2003 SASS Convention

I appreciated the opportunity to represent the Eagleville Cowboys at the 2003 SASS Convention and Wild West Christmas in Las Vegas. Our club officers selected (railroaded) me to be our TG, a fancy title as the club representative. There were over 200 TG's at the summit. Following is a short summary of the items discussed, cussed, and whether passed or failed.

1. Should clubs require wrap-around shooting glasses. (they can now)
2. Frangible bullets, not lead, dissolves into powder when hits steel. (sent to committee for study for one year)
3. Shotgun belt slides may not be worn over shotgun belts. (passed)
4. Dry firing may not be done at loading tables. (passed)
5. Shadow shooting (pantomiming) after leaving the loading table is prohibited. (much discussion, more against than for, vote on later)

6. A "miss" was defined as not hitting the appropriate target, i.e. hitting a rifle target while shooting at a pistol target is only a miss, not a miss and a procedural. (passed)
7. A Gunfighter (one gun in each hand) may shoot the guns in any order as long as the stage is followed properly. (passed)
8. Failure to stage guns at the proper place is the responsibility of the shooter, not the R.O. (passed)
9. Failure to engage only applies to non-shooting functions of the stage. (not settled)
10. The 49er category is now open ended, age 49 and up, and any type of firearm. (passed)

This was a quick summary of over 200 different opinions and over 11 hours of discussion at the TG Summit Meetings. Interesting.....

Respectfully,
One Son of a Gun