



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pard,

It is late January as I am writing this Captain's Letter and we still have not had much snow yet. I am fine with that. Many of us are at this time wondering why we are still in the North whilst many of our pards are in warmer climates. Maybe it is because we like to experience all 4 seasons? Yeah, that's it!

Seriously, I actually like the winter. Seeing a blanket of snow on the ground and breathing the cool crisp air is invigorating. I can do without the ice and snow on the roads but there is a tranquility to a nice winter day.

Now down to some business. I was in Vegas for the Territorial Governor's Summit in December and was present for all of the TG meetings. I had to leave early on Saturday to catch my plane home and did not get the official results before I left. The only agenda item that passed was item #1 which states that any shooter who does not finish 2 or more stages is not eligible for an award. I had mixed feelings about that one because the only circumstances which I had experience with was when a shooter (such as Split Rail down at GOA a couple of years ago) was not able to finish due to health reasons. My feeling was that if he could still beat some shooters who shot all of he stages then more power to him. I could see the other side, however, which was basically that in any other sporting event the competitors are required to complete the event in order to be considered for an award.

The one issue which did get somewhat heated, in large part from me, was item #5 which had a set of category rules. One of the rules would allow the match directors to set a minimum number (10 was being discussed) for large matches before the match director would be required to offer the category. There was some pretty vocal opposition on that from many of the women and from some of the men whose wives shot in unpopular categories. As you all

probably know, The Lady shoots Classic Cowgirl. I don't think that there have ever been 10 shooters in that category in any match including the National Championships. Classic Cowgirl is a difficult category to shoot because the women have to shoot duelist and shoot at least .40 caliber in their rifle and pistols and shoot either a hammered double or an 1887 lever action shotgun. The Lady shoots that category because she likes it and wants to shoot it. She has not shot any other category in about the last 8 years or so. I believe that it is unfair for the match director in a major match not to offer the official SASS categories. If this was a track meet and a competitor trained for the mile run, the match director would not tell the competitor that he or she had to run the 100 because there were not enough competitors in the mile run to have a good show.

The other point was that such a rule would disproportionately affect the women shooters. The powers that be were losing track of the most important rule of Cowboy Action Shooting – **DON'T PISS OFF THE WOMEN.** I would say that I believe I may have had an influence in keeping the Classic Cowgirl category available at Winter Range for this year. 'Nuff said on that.



Cosmopolitan Christine is in the process of putting the 2012 Calendar together. If you are a club representative and you have not sent in your shooting schedule for this year please do so ASAP so that we can get the Calendar done.

That is about it for now. Please don't forget to give your kids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them.

Best regards,
R.J. Law
R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers



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L.C.S.C. "WRANGLERS"

Just a few lines to bring everyone up to date on the happenings in "Wranglerville". We finally were able to get a 2012 calendar together and passed by our board. I have sent out copies of this final list of dates to many of our shooters. Anyone wishing a copy, just let me know and we'll send it to you via email or regular mail.

Our Winter Shoots continue for two more months. Feb. 12th and March 18th. 9:30am/2:30pm. We will be shooting four stages and we have individual shooting available for approximately one hour after the match is over. We will have our banquet at Lenny Miller's on March 24th from 4-6pm.

Our regular shoots, long range shoots, Fun shoots and silhouette matches begin again in April. We will have our Great Lakes Match #15 on May 26th & 27th. On May 28th we have our first "Wild Bunch Match" of the new year. Future "Wild Bunch Matches" will take place on July 22nd and September 9th.



Wall-Man

SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

The Holidays are over and it is time to think about our new shooting season. As an effort to increase our club membership, this year we will be having a Free Members Only Match on April 28th (lunch included). After that we will

begin our regular shooting season on the third Saturday of the month starting on May 19th. Also new this year will be our two one-day matches on the weekend of July 21st-22nd. We hope that you all will attend and camp out with us. A pig roast is being planned so the food should be abundant.



We will begin the new year with our General Membership meeting on March 24th at the Lil' Chef Restaurant in Midland at 6PM. Several Board of Director positions are up for election so nominations are being accepted. You do not have to be a SC member to attend.

We have several improvements planned for our range this year so we will be setting up a work day in early May. A new stage is in the works and other improvements are on the to-do list.

The shooting season should be a lot of fun this year. We hope to.....See you down at the creek!

The Vicar's Wife

for all of Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club
Secretary/Scorekeeper SCS&GC

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ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Howdy Pard and Pardettes!

We Rockford Regulators have been hard at work planning our 2012 shooting season and hope to see some of you fine folks back at our little town of Liberty this season. We are planning to shoot on the first Saturday in February and we will be back for more in March. The February shoot will be a Bare Bones match, meaning there will be no lunch served and scores can be found on the Wolverine Rangers web page. The March shoot will be a regular shindig in that we will have lunch and match results afterwards. So mark your calendars and try to stop by if you can. We would be happy to have you!



We are continuing our bounty on clean matches for the 2012 season and have given away a bunch of free matches in the past. With that, in January, Bullwhip Karl was the winner by default, his rival clean shooters from the December match were unable to attend so he shot for free. Congrats Bullwhip on your free shoot.



At the January match we had pretty good weather when you consider that this is Michigan after all. The weather was in the low 40s and sunny to start the day. It clouded up a bit by the time we were in the full swing of things but overall it was a pretty nice



day considering the time of year. We had thirty three shooters in attendance and there were two shooters who were clean at the end of the match, Bad Brass and Broke N West. Hope to see you both at the February match guys and one of you will shoot for free. The top shot for the January match was Doc Noper. His raw time was 82.87 and with just one miss he came in at under 90 seconds. That is some great shooting Doc!

That is about it for now, as I mentioned above, I hope you guys can come out for some fellowship and fun with your favorite shooting irons.

Best regards,

Ketchum Quick and the Rockford Regulators

Best regards,
Ketchum Quick

The Wolverine Rangers have now set-up a "forum" used to inform or discuss anything of interest related to Cowboy Action Shooting. Click on "FORUM" between "Epitaph" and "Match Results" on the website to be taken to a page that will explain a bit more about it. A link on the page will take you to the actual forum page where you will first have to register. Deuce Stevens and Ketchum Quick are the moderators so contact them if you have questions. Please remember this is new to all of us so there will be a bit of a learning curve.

Regards,
Laporte Lil

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ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

The town of Rocky River sits idle during January and February with only a few hearty cowboys that venture out for some practice on Saturday mornings from 10 AM until noon.

On the third Saturday in February, the cowboys will conduct their monthly committee meeting followed by cowboy skeet with our coach guns. We will see if our skills match up to the fast moving clay pigeon.

For 2012 we have 10 monthly matches scheduled on the 3rd Sunday from March through December.

This year the DSC cowboys have added two new matches to their calendar of events.

First, on March 10, 2012 there will be a twilight match with regular cowboy guns. The match will be a three stage cowboy match starting about an hour before sunset (see WR schedule for time) and continuing into darkness. The steel targets will be painted white and illuminated with candles. This should be challenging and fun.

Next, on June 24, 2012 at 9 AM the DSC cowboys will host a military service rifle match utilizing bolt action rifles from any country. This match will be shot from 25 to 40 yards at steel and shoot through targets.

DSC will continue hosting cowboy silhouette

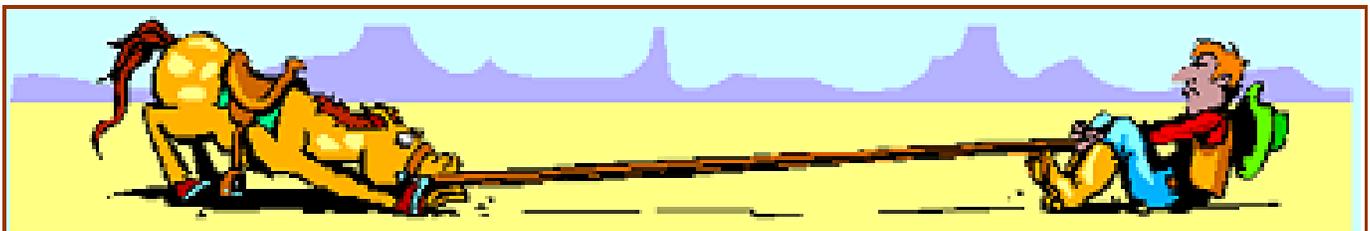
matches using iron sight cowboy rifles during the 2012 shooting season. These matches are shot with larger than normal targets because we are not using optical sights. Calibers are .22 rim fire and center fire pistol calibers. The match will be fired from 25 to 50 yards at chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. We have classes for everyone so if you only have a rifle with a scope we will not turn you away.

Rim fire shooter will not be forgotten. We will have a cowboy match using rim fire hand guns and rifles. The targets for these matches are made of lighter steel so a light bullet impact can be scored. We might even have a category for .22 automatics with a magazine change for fun.

And lastly, the wild bunch matches will continue for 2012. To shoot this match you will need a 1911 handgun in 45 ACP, a 1897 pump shotgun and a lever action rifle 40 caliber or larger. If you don't have all of these firearms, bring what you have and shoot in our open category and have some fun. Just like in regular cowboy matches the steel targets are shot from 7 to 15 yards but instead of using two handguns multiple magazine changes are made in the 1911 and the shotgun is loaded before the timer starts.

See you in March for the first match.

J.J. Longley and Terrebonne Bud



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STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it's a great time to mention some things of the heart. This will be a very special Valentine's Day this year for Marty and myself. I know, this is a cowboy shooting newsletter, but pards, keep on top of any heart problems that show up, get your physicals, watch some of that food you're eating (and I don't mean watch it going into your mouth!). Your spouse, family and friends do want you to be around to be their Valentine and pard. So, while you're getting ready for the 2012 shooting season, be sure to take care of yourself as well as you take care of those six-shooters.

Things are looking better for Bad River Marty after his heart attack. He had two additional stents put in on January 11th. and is currently waiting to begin cardiac rehab. Hopefully, he will quit calling me "The Warden" once he can return to doing more around here. I really thought I may have to change my alias.

We would like to tell everyone thank you for the visits, prayers, cards, calls, and e-mails. Our pards have definitely played a part in Marty's recovery and for that, we are forever grateful.

We're looking forward to another great shooting season in Saginaw and sure hope you



pards will be able to come and shoot with us. We'll be doing regular matches & Wild Bunch, as well as Wednesday night practices. This is your invite, folks, so plan on shooting with your pards at Saginaw.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and take care of that heart of yours. It's pretty special. And remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

God's blessings to you all.

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

HURON RIVER RAIDERS

The Huron River Raiders will be holding Cowboy Action practice sessions for 2012 on:

April 14

May 19

August 11

September 8

October 6

The shooting starts at 10:00 and ends at 1:00. Guns and ammo are available, so bring a friend or the kids for a non-member \$7.00 each range fee.

We also feature our sport at the annual "Good Old Days" open house at the Multilakes grounds on August 25th from

10:00AM-6PM for \$5 per person.

Regards,

Cool Hand Carl

Marshall of The Huron River Raiders

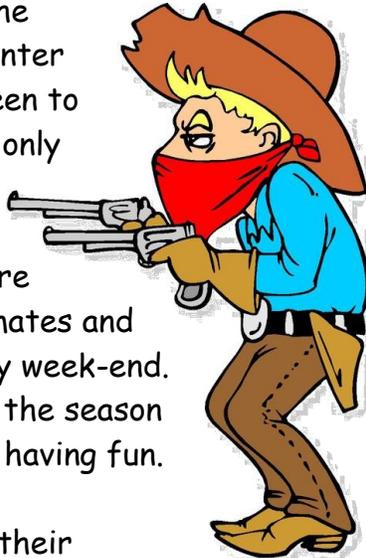
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BUTCHER BUTTE BUNCH

Howdy from the Butcher Butte Bunch, Fenton Lakes

Well here we are in the middle of Michigan winter although it has not been to bad this year, we can only dream of shooting a cowboy match, and envy our pards that are wintering in warm climates and getting to shoot every week-end. It won't be long until the season is here again to start having fun.



Fenton will be having their matches on the second Sunday of the month like last year, except for April, it will be the first Sunday, since Easter didn't seem like a good day to start. We will have to wait and see if April Fools Day has any effect on our scores. Registration will be at 8:30 mandatory meeting at 9:30. Looking forward to seeing all of you cowboys and cowgirls again.

Sassy Sue and The Butcher Butte Bunch

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UPCOMING SHOOTS

February

4	Rockford	Monthly Shoot
12	Lapeer	Winter Shoot
20-26	Phoenix, AZ	Winter Range

March

3	Rockford	Monthly Shoot
10	Utica	Twilight Shoot
18	Utica	Monthly Shoot
18	Lapeer	Winter Shoot

April (1st week only listed)

1	Fenton	Monthly Shoot
6	Rockford	Monthly Shoot



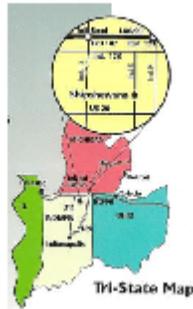
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HIDDEN VALLEY COWBOYS

Hidden Valley Cowboys starts their season of shooting April 15, 2012, continuing the third Sunday of the month through October. We are sponsoring a Cowboy Expo in March with proceeds going toward improvements to the Hidden Valley Cowboy range. We are very excited about the potential an event of this nature may have. **Sauk Trail Mike & Sauk Valley Stubby**

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- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

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