



# WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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## ★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Tex and Hipshot,

I wanted to let you know that the Wolverine Rangers, the organization of the 15 Cowboy Action Shooting Clubs in the state of Michigan, has recently completed the steps necessary for us to have the capability to accept on-line registration for the SASS Michigan State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting (Wolverine Rangers' Range War - August 31st thru September 2nd). We also have the capability to accept payment by credit card via PayPal or with a PayPal account. The links are identified below.

We also have the links posted on the Wolverine Rangers Website at [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org).

Regular link to online registration:  
<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1209362-8DpX0zt44r>

Mobile friendly link to online registration:  
<https://www.formstack.com/m/?1209362-8DpX0zt44r>

We are already accepting on-line registration for Range War via this process. I was the first one to use it and it is very quick, easy, and user friendly. I would highly recommend that other big matches consider implementing on-line sign up. Most Cowboy Action Shooters are now computer literate (although some of us have had to be dragged into it and in some cases kicking and

screaming). This eliminates the normal practice of having shooters manually fill out the application form and then writing a check and sending everything via snail mail. This also makes it easier for the club running the shoot because it eliminates a lot of the paper handling that comes with receiving applications and checks via the mail.

I would like to thank my daughter Cosmopolitan Christine (SASS# 89401 - Emily Kucinich) the Secretary for the Wolverine Rangers, for taking the initiative and getting this done for us. I would not have had a clue on how to do it. If any other Club is interested in establishing on-line sign up for their matches with the ability to pay through PayPal, please feel free to call Cosmopolitan Christine at our office at 248-528-0440 or via email at [egillary@gillarylaw.com](mailto:egillary@gillarylaw.com). She is willing to help any other Cowboy Action Shooting club understand the process on how to get this done. I would point out that she is only working part time at this point and is spending the rest of her time taking care of The Lady's and my grandson, Jacob.

I would also like to thank Laporte Lil (SASS # 33413) our webmaster for making the appropriate changes to our website to allow shooters access the online application and payment through our website. She is the best webmaster in the business.

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All payments will be made through PayPal and registrants will receive a confirmation of payment from PayPal in addition to a registration confirmation from the Wolverine Rangers.

The one issue which we do not have a good handle on at this time is what the total cost will be for using the on-line registration and payment through PayPal. We pay 2.9% plus .30 per transaction. Our treasurer Snareman (SASS #21425) estimates that the cost will run about \$650 for Range War. This will of course depend on how many shooters avail themselves of the on-line registration and payment through PayPal. The advantage is that it is very shooter friendly and there is significantly less paper work and manual work by having everything done on-line when compared to manually opening the mail with the shooter applications and then inputting everything into the computer. It will be a lot easier from an administrative standpoint for the clubs putting on the bigger matches. I will submit a report to both of you after Range War to let you know how it worked out.

By the way, we would love to have either of you (or both) and/or any other Wild Bunch member come to Michigan for Range War this year over Labor Day weekend.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

R.J. Law (SASS Life # 15466 and Territorial Governor)

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## ROCKFORD REGULATORS

We have been busy at the Rockford Sportman's Club. We had three matches in April and will have two more in May. It has been a lot of fun for a lot of us. At the April monthly shoot we had 47 shooters in attendance and that did not include Tessa Two Gunner and me as we were out of state for spring break. With that, I would like to thank Deuce Stevens and h00t Hamilton for writing stages, setting up the match and running it. Thanks goes to Lainey Mae for taking care of scores too. And of course thanks goes to the team who keep the range looking great.

At the match there were two clean shooters, Deuce Stevens and Split Aces. Great shooting guys. It should be noted that Deuce took the overall top shooter too. Nice!

On April 22nd we had a Bare Bones match. We had 23 in attendance at this match. As I remember, it was a pretty nice day too. There were three of us who shot clean, Dakota Fats, Riverview Rattler, and me (Ketchum Quick).

Card Shark Charlie held his Old Coot Shoot match on April 25th. There were 16 shooters out for this match. Not too shabby for a Wednesday match! Well Deuce Stevens shot another clean match and took the overall top shooter for the match. Good job my friend.

At our May 5th match we had a whopping 51 shooters out for a day of fun. We were blessed with nice weather that day. After the scores were tallied up there were four of us who finished with a clean match. They were Dakota Fats, Bad Brass, Cayuse Jack and me (Ketchum Quick). I ended up finishing at the top of the heap for the day.

Our last Old Coot Shoot scheduled was May 24th. Card Shark Charlie and the crew of usual suspects had a good day for shooting.

Thanks to all that attended our annual Fun 'n Gun match on June 2nd and 3rd. We hope the 52 shooters had a great time. Our theme this year was the new

True Grit movie. The stage start lines were from that movie, and if you saw the film you know that there were some great lines. We had lots of laughs.

On Saturday after the first five stages we had side matches including long range, Cowboy Trap, and speed events.

As always, thank you, who support our club by attending our matches we will do our very best to make our matches fun, interesting and of course a safe place to enjoy our sport.

Best regards,  
Ketchum Quick



## THE DOUBLE BARREL GANG

Our May match was shot by 32 shooters. The over all winner was Duce, 5 stages in 91.56 seconds. The top lady was Tessa Two Gunner. Drover Dan, Duce, and Dakota Fats were clean shooters. Weather was normal for Hastings rainy. We had to skip the wild bunch match because of the rain.

Normally we shoot that ahead of the regular match about 9 a.m. Thanks to all how came out and shot our match even in the rain. Thanks to Cayuse Jack, Gun Slinger, and Snare man for there help setting up and moving stages. Hastings will under go major changes in the next few weeks with new pistol bays being constructed.

Keep your powder dry Dakota Fats  
Wall-Man

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## ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

On April 15, 2012 the Rocky River Regulators were ready to host the April monthly match. The winner was Mother Nature. Rain, thunder, and lightning were the menu for the morning. After shooting bay 2 was washed out and the wood decking around the cowboy town was deemed slippery and hazardous the match was called off. DSC wishes to apologize to anyone that traveled a distance and expected to shoot, however the match director made the decision based on SAFETY first, second, and third. Our goal at DSC is to always provide a quality shoot in a safe environment. Come back on May 20th, it will be a lovely day for a match.

May 20th was PERFECT. Blue skies, 85 degrees and no humidity, it doesn't get much better weather in Michigan. The shooting was even better with 43 cowboys and cowgirls trying for top honors. When the scores were tallied River Rattler was top gun, followed by Apache Wolf and J.J. Longley. Shooting clean matches were Riverview Rattler, Apache Wolf, and Dakota Doc. The top three cowboys from DSC were J.J. Longley, Dar B Shureshot, and Rochester Kid.

Wild Bunch matches are still happening at DSC. Check the Wolverine Rangers web site for specific dates. Although we are trying to drum up support for the SASS version of this activity, at all of our monthly matches we have an OPEN category where you can shoot ANY semi automatic hand gun (with lead bullets) and ANY cowboy rifle and shotgun. So if you don't have all the "right" equipment you can still come out and have fun at our monthly

matches. See you June 3, 2012 for the next 5 stage Wild Bunch match. If you miss this date the next WB match is the first Sunday in August.

The next monthly cowboy match is June 17, 2012.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley



## STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

We all love cowboy shooting but what if you could have a day of free shooting, free food, and drawings to possibly win some free \$\$\$? Sounds good, right? We thought so, so here's your personal invite to join all your pards for the Wolverine Rangers Members Only Free Shoot & Meeting. You just have to be a current member of the Wolverine Rangers to participate...and for anyone who isn't, but wants to be, they can join any time right up to registration that day! Spread the word, folks!!

The Saginaw Six-Shooters at Saginaw Field & Stream Club are the hosts this year and we sure hope you can join us. And while you're at it, why not join us the day before, on Saturday, June 30th. for our regular match. We'd love to have you come and shoot BOTH days. We have a great camping area where

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you can set-up on Friday and enjoy a fun weekend.

We'd like to have a head-count for the Wolverine Rangers Members Only Free Shoot by June 25th. Please contact Bad River Marty (989) 585-3292 or e-mail mnbbell@yahoo.com. (Also, let us know if you'll be doing both days and camping.)

For each shoot, registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a safety meeting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is served after we shoot, followed by awards, etc. After Saturday's main match, we'll have our Wild Bunch Mini-Match after awards are handed out. Cost is only \$5. Contact Ethan Callahan for details on this. j20bell@yahoo.com

We greeted 26 dedicated shooters at our May 26th shoot. Although it was raining when most of them got out of bed and traveled to our club, the rain stopped, we started on time, and ended in some truly great weather. Overall winner was Bad River Marty, with Riverview Rattler, Duelin' Dylan, Tacoma Tad and Apache Wolf in the Men's Top Five. Top Five Ladies were Ruby Red Jo, Laporte Lil, Roxie LaRue, Elsie Rose and Chiricahua Mama. We had 11 shoot the match clean. Way to shoot-em up, pards!

Summer will be here soon and so will the Wolverine Rangers Members Only Free Shoot & Meeting. We'll be looking for your RSVP to join us. Until then...Live life. Give it your best shot!

**Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan**

### SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

Summer has officially arrived at Sucker Creek. We had our first match of the season on May 19th and the temperature pushed the 80 degree mark. The overall top five shooters by time were: Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Johnny Bing-Go and Lightning Wayne. Clean match awards went to: Andy Horshurodinon, Bull Redding, Johnny Bing-Go, Split Aces, and Tacoma Tadd. We had a great time and a good lunch in spite of the hot weather.

The club is still working on the new restrooms across from the Train stage and we hope to have them completed by our next match on June 16th. Thanks to all our club members and pards for coming out and helping both with the clean-up day and the new construction. Also, thanks to Cree Vicar Dave for taking all the pictures at our last match. All pictures and scores have been posted on our website: [www.SuckerCreek.org](http://www.SuckerCreek.org).

Our next match is June 16th. We are now shooting five stages with an optional sixth



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stage (Match Director's choice). Please don't forget about our two one-day matches on July 21st and 22nd. We will be roasting a big fat pig so there should be plenty of food. Overnight camping is welcome and free prior to any match, just let Kid Al Fred (kafll.henry@charter.net or 832-8426) know so we can make sure that the gate is unlocked.

We hope to see you down at the Creek!  
Wolverine Wrangler



## JOHNSON CREEK REGULATORS

Well Pard we are halfway through the 2012 season. And so far the Michigan weather gods have been good to us. Our remaining shoots will remain on the 4th Saturday through October.

The SASS World Record Stage has proved challenging at best. Deuce has nothing to worry about so far but there are a few shoots to go. As a reminder, this is a fun stage that will award prizes according to the Lewis Class System - depending on the number of participants - multiple class winners. \$10 dollars for three attempts. Come on out and give it a try.



Pokey Packrat has livened up our pre-shoot activities with some fun side matches. So far we have tried to shoot marshmallows on a stick and suckers. The marshmallows were much easier than the suckers. Top shooter got 5 marshmallows but top cowboy only got 2 suckers. It's a \$2 entry fee, winner take all. Wonder what he has planned next month? Carolina Cowboy is bringing some nifty new props up from down south. They look to be easy to set up and better yet east to store. They are a metal grid frame with fabric store fronts made for windows and doors. For clubs that have to setup and teardown every month, it appears to be a great alternative. One of the southern states is using them for their state shoot.

June's match will feature a classic cowboy lunch - beans and cornbread. Shakey Puddin has been testing the receipt for a couple of months to make it just right and I think she has it down pat. Think Blazing Saddles!!!!

Till Then, Happy Trails  
Rainmaker Ray

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## UPDATES FROM LAPORTE LIL

### FORUM UPDATE

The settings on the forum have been changed so that all registered users in good standing can now post topics and replies and see them immediately (without having moderator approval.) This will speed up the process for much more dialogue. If you have questions about the forum, contact Deuce Stevens or Ketchum Quick.

### RANGE WAR REGISTRATION NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS

As covered in the Captain's Letter, the Wolverine Rangers are pleased to announce that payment for Range War 2012 is now available with a credit card. If you choose you can still pay by check and mail in your registration. There's also a mobile link if you want to go that route. Just click on "Shooter Application" on the left side of the Range War page and choose your option.

### FREE END OF TRAIL REGISTRATIONS

There are still three free entry certificates available for EOT in June. The certificates are valid when accompanied with a paid entry. R.J. Law will give them away to Wolverine Rangers members on a first come first served basis. Click on the link above to e-mail R.J. if you would like a certificate.

### SHOOTER CATEGORIES

There are two new SASS recognized age categories. Cattle Baron, men 75 and older and Baroness, women 75 and older. Shooters may register in these categories for Range War 2012.

### SPORTING CLAYS AVAILABLE AT FENTON

the Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club board of directors has approved a proposal to let cowboys shoot the sporting clays range after Butcher Butte matches for \$13 per 50 bird round instead of the usual \$18. We usually finish up with plenty of time for those who might want to participate to get on the course under the "last group out by 2:00 p.m. rule." So if the hike to our "back 40" stage 5 doesn't wear you out throw in a couple of spare boxes of shot shells next time you come to Fenton.

### LAPEER CHANGE

Starting in June 2012 the Lapeer Wranglers will be shooting their monthly matches without a lunch break after three stages. They will be using this new way of doing things at least until the end of the 2012 season. At that time they will evaluate the change and decide either "go" or "no go" for making the change permanent.

### Senior Web Lady



## Wolverine Rangers

### Members Only Free Shoot & Meeting

Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012



Hosted by

Saginaw Field & Stream Club

Registration begins 8:30 a.m.      Shooter's meeting 9:30 a.m.

W.R. Meeting will follow the match awards and will include

Special \$\$\$ Drawings. Yee Haw!!!!

**\*Contact Bad River Marty by June 25<sup>th</sup> with Wolverine Ranger RSVP**

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Double yer fun, Pard! Camp Friday night, shoot our Saginaw Match on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Ranger's Free Shoot on Sunday. Camping is free. We have a potluck Saturday night for those wishing to participate and Cowboy Church Sunday, July 1st - 7:30 a.m. at the campground. Contact us if you plan to camp.

**"Guaranteed to have more fun than should be allowed!"**

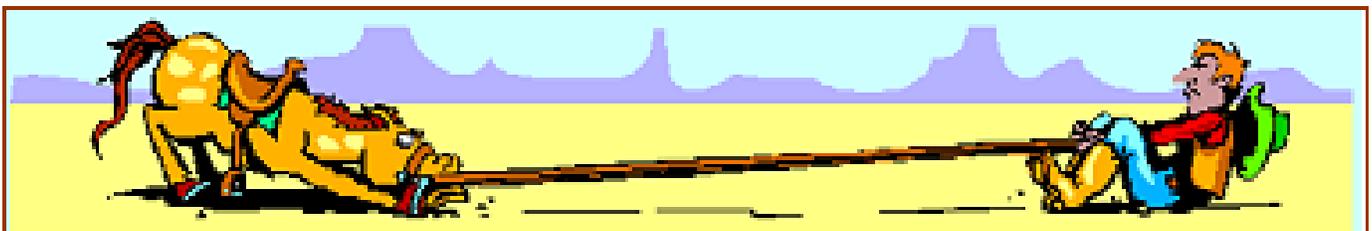
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## UPCOMING SHOOTS

<u>June</u>		
2	Bellaire	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
2	Rockford	Annual Two-Day Shoot
3	Rockford	Annual Two-Day Shoot
3	Utica	Wild Bunch Match
9	Hillman	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
9	Hastings	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
9	Lapeer	Cowboy Long Range (Noon-4 p.m.)
10	Lapeer	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
10	Fenton	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
16	Breckenridge	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
16	Sault Ste. Marie	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
16	Plymouth	Practice (3 p.m.-close)
16	Lapeer	Cowboy Fun & Silhouette (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
16	Utica	3-Stage .22 Cowboy Match (Noon)
16-24	Edgewood, NM	End of Trail (SASS World Championship)
17	Sturgis	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
17	Utica	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
20	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
23	Central Lake	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
23	Plymouth	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
23	Scottville	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
24	Utica	Bolt Action Military Rifle (9 a.m.)
30	Saginaw	Monthly Cowboy Shoot (two separate shoots)

<u>July</u>		
1	Saginaw	Wolverine Rangers Members Only Shoot
1	Port Huron	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
7	Bellaire	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
7	Rockford	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
8	Fenton	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
14	Hillman	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
14	Hastings	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
14	Lapeer	Cowboy Fun & Silhouette (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
15	Sturgis	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
15	Rockford	Bare Bones Wild Bunch
15	Utica	Monthly Cowboy Shoot (Cowboy t-shirt & shorts)
18	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
21	Sault Ste. Marie	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
21	Breckenridge	Monthly Cowboy Shoot (Pig Roast)
22	Breckenridge	Monthly Cowboy Shoot (two separate shoots)
22	Lapeer	Cowboy "Wild Bunch Match" (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)
28	Central Lake	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
28	Plymouth	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
28-29	Scottville	Two-day Cowboy Shoot (scored separately)

<u>August</u>		
4	Bellaire	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
4	Rockford	Hawaiian Cowboy Shoot
5	Port Huron	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
5	Utica	Wild Bunch Match (T-shirt & shorts)





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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- 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

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets
- Requests to receive Epitaph by mail

SENIOR WEB LADY

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

EPITAPH EDITOR

- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

★ **CONTACT INFORMATION** ★

*Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information*

*Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary*

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