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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Happy New Year everyone. I hope this upcoming year will be safe and prosperous for you and your loved ones. Like most of you, I've just about recovered from the holidays. It is great that we still have matches going on to ease the pain. From the number of people clubs are getting at their outdoor matches we sure have some die-hard shooters out there. If you have never been to a winter outdoor shoot go ahead and give it a try. Dress codes are relaxed so don't worry so much about what you look like just dress warm, especially your hands and feet and get out there.

I just wanted to mention that if you have not shot at the new Rockford club I highly recommend that you do. I attended the January 5 match, and boy, was I impressed. I could hardly believe how much they have gotten done since September. Great Job Folks!

We have **not** gotten a lot of response back on my request about a cowboy social. If you have any thoughts on the subject drop me a line, otherwise we'll let the issue drop.

Our plans to take a contingent to the SASS regional at The Susquehana Round-Up have been squelched as they have already sold out. We are currently looking for other options and will keep you posted.

Plans for the 2002 Range War are well underway and we will be having another Board meeting on February 23 to update and discuss progress. If you have any thoughts or ideas on the Range War please let us know.

The 2002 schedule has been posted on the website as well as directions to all the clubs. The clubs really worked hard at trying to minimize the overlap of shoots. We feel that this is very important to both the clubs and the shooters. We hope that in this upcoming year shooters try to get out and see some of the clubs they have not shot at yet. Variety is the spice of life and I can tell you that each of the clubs have a different flavor to them.

*Regards,
Chili Pepper Pete*



Wolverine Rangers - Territorial Governors' Summit

3rd Annual Territorial Governors' Summit Las Vegas, NV - December 7-9, 2001

Things started out informally Friday evening with hot and heavy discussions in the hospitality room. Saturday morning the meeting was called to order by Hipshot. Thirty-nine states and one hundred forty clubs were represented. The first subject was SASS policy. For the first time, the results of the meeting are binding. Next were clarifications and discussions on National programs, State Championships, Regional Matches, RO Courses, and SASS Scholarship programs. The committee reports followed. The External Modifications report was passed at 100%. Next item was the Long Range Rifle Committee report, passed at 96 yes, 2 no. (These reports are too long to give here but will be printed in the new rulebook.) Then followed the hot stuff. The 49er Category (age 49 and up, in the Traditional category only), passed 62 to 50. (See additional info. below) Breaking up the junior category into smaller age groups failed. The Gunfighters being able to "change leads" was passed. (In a nutshell changing leads means a maximum of two rounds may be fired sequentially from the same gun, still hitting the targets in the same order as everyone else.) Creating a new category for Frontier Duelist failed. Frontiersman Gunfighter also failed. It was clarified that Senior Class may shoot guns of their choice. Dropped Round will be clarified to add "on the ground", passed. Redefining "shot dry" was a very hot subject that was sent to committee, to return Sunday with better wording and was passed. Defining a "miss" also took a lot of time. It was sent to committee and was passed on Sunday to keep them as we presently score them. Empty shell or cases on carriers or left in shotgun was voted to keep the rule as-is. Using single barrel shotguns with extractors passed. Sunday was spent clearing up subjects that had to be sent to committee and also sharing ideas among the governors. The above mentioned items were just the high spots.

Follow-up as of January 7, 2002 per the December 2001 Territorial Governors' Bulletin:

The SASS Board of Directors approved all but one of the items from the summit. They turned down the addition of the 49er Category in a page long letter justifying their decision. This is causing much discussion. Governors were under the assumption that everything was binding. This should be interesting.

You can bet that next year the governors will revisit Frontier Duelist and Frontiersmen Gunfighter with different verbiage. (According to Doc "revisit" means rehash and wear down the opposition so that next year there will be new categories for black powder shooters.)

The Territorial Governors requested that the summit be a day longer next year. The dates are December 5-8, 2002, Las Vegas, NV with a new wrinkle. SASS is considering hosting a CAS Convention to coincide with the Governors Summit. It would be for anyone interested and would include seminars, specialty classes, entertainment, exhibitions, and a Saturday evening ball with door prizes and newly developed awards of recognition. Watch for details in the Chronicle.

We feel that it is very important that all clubs be represented in person, or by proxy, at the Territorial Governors' Summit. Attending keeps us current on what is happening in the world of cowboy shooting and equally important is the chance to listen to and talk with people from all over the country. The discussions are priceless and at times very entertaining. We, from Michigan, consider ourselves very fortunate when we hear what is happening elsewhere. The fact that, through the creation of the Wolverine Rangers, our clubs and shooters throughout the state work together, plan together, help each other out and have a great time doing it. **We wouldn't trade what we have here with anyone.**

Lucky Lennie, Cactus Kay, and Dakota Doc

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Ramblings from the Bunkhouse

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of the Wolverine Rangers for the respect and trust in voting us in as secretary/treasurer. It is a hard act to follow and a tougher job to pick up where Cactus Kay left off.

This transition has been very smooth with the assistance of two very hard working people. No one ever really knows what goes on behind the scenes with memberships, badges, registrations for Range War, scoring programs and the many, many other tasks that are a part of this position. We now have two people doing what one was doing before and it is still a tough job. Our hats are off to Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay for all the great work they have already done and are still continuing to do. They may have retired from their executive board positions, but are still a great part of the Wolverine Rangers.

Lavender Lou and I will do our very best to help push the Wolverine Rangers into great strides for the future. We are anticipating great things to build on the foundations that have already been set. The Ranger Hot Line (248) 299-0641 is up and running and as always you can email us with any questions at wolverinerangers@yahoo.com. We will get back to you ASAP.

Since we took on this job we have gotten twelve new members. Look for them at the shoots and show them your best cowboy hospitality.

Remember, cowboy isn't just a shooting game. Its ethics and enthusiasm should be a way of life.

Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

Rockford Regulators

Wow! What a great run we are having. Our first shoot was in October with 30 cowpokes wishing us good luck and the rain never came. December threatened rain all week but stopped by 8:00am the morning of the shoot for 21 shooters of which we had six new ones.

Now the New Year has come and our first shoot on January 6 hosted 23 of some of the fastest gun slingers yet and two new gun hands. Our ranges and parking lots were plowed for easy access. The stages were designed by Diewalker with two 10 second bonus shots (messed No Cattle's computer program up pretty good too). Certificates will be mailed out shortly. Since Diewalker is a Gunfighter, all of the stages were to his liking. Lunch, as before, was hot and tasty followed with door prizes and our sincere thanks for making this a great shoot. Anyone who is responsible for putting on a shoot knows the hard work that it takes and it is seeing the enjoyment on the faces of the competitors that makes it worth while.

Our "Brass Pickers" wanted me to send on their thanks for your generosity. For those who don't know what a "Brass Picker" is, they are the young ones that can still bend over at the waist and pick up the shells off the ground. Thank you for your generosity and well wishes. We, Diewalker, No Cattle, Tucson Stu, & Table Top Tom, are looking forward to a great season this year and with your participation and suggestions we will give you your time's worth.

December results: Top Gun and Traditional - Fireball; Duelist - Cayuse Jack; Frontier Cartridge - Barry County Kid; Gunfighter - Diewalker; Modern Lady - Sassy Red; Traditional Lady - Deadeye Deb; Modern Senior - Peter Pistolero; Traditional Senior - Tucson Stu.

January results: Top Gun and Traditional - Slippery Pete; Duelist - Table Top Tom; Frontier Cartridge - Rifeld Slug; Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter - Fireball; Gunfighter - Andy Horshurodinon; Modern - Lucky Lenny; Modern Lady - Cactus Kay; Traditional Lady - Sassy Red; Modern Senior - Dakota Doc; Traditional Senior - Tucson Stu.

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DSC Rocky River Regulators

What a way to see the New Year in, temperatures were well below freezing when the cowboy shooters started to mosey on in to have a breakfast of hot biscuits and sausage gravy. This was prepared for us by our master chuck wagon cook, Isim. Once everyone was tanked up with coffee and the empty place between their ribs was full, the 41 brave souls headed to the range for five challenging stages. The cold steel took on a whole new meaning as our fingers turned blue and the actions on our shooting irons became heavy and just a little harder to operate.

We would like to thank all the diligent workers who braved the cold to help put on this shoot. If you weren't there for lunch you missed Palamino Sue's cheesy potatoes, smoked sausage and cherry cheesecake.

Here are the top three of each class:

Modern: Catlow, Moe Gunns, Three Duces McKee

Frontier: Chili Pepper Pete, Texas John Critter

Traditional: R.J. Law, Cousin Gary, Camptown

Senior: Dakota Doc, Dodge City Duke, Lue Dee Cris

Gunfighter: Andy Horshurodinon, Doc Hass El Blad

Duelist: Ridgerunner Slim, Fox, Isim

Women: Cactus Kay, The Lady, Palamino Sue

Keep your nose to the wind. Think safety first, last and always! See you at the shoot on February 17.

Mackinaw Kid

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Announcing an alias change for one of our current cowboy action shooters. From this day forward Red Eye Lil will now be known as Attitude Annie, which is more fitting according to a reliable source very close to her!

Randy Railers - Durand

Well, another summer season is behind us but hold on, there is still some shooting going on. Lapeer, DSC, Saginaw, and Rockford still have dates during the winter months. You can find the dates on the website. The various clubs have really put a lot of time and effort into their targets and props so that we can all have a good time at a fair cost. Let them know that we appreciate it. We will have a lot of opportunities during the upcoming season as there are numerous dates and clubs to choose from without excess conflicting shoots.

I would like to welcome the Rockford club to our organization which gives us yet another shoot location. I have had the opportunity to shoot there twice. They have done a great job preparing the shoots -- proper, safe, and fair distance on their target placements and target size, a willingness to listen to suggestions of ideas, well written scenarios, and lunch included in the price of the shoot. I would certainly recommend that you try them. They shoot the first Saturday of the month.

Thank you to Billy Bob Digwell for the very nice article on our Range War which was published in the January 2002 Cowboy Chronicle.

I would like to again thank all those who help at all the shoots. What makes cowboy action shooting fun is the teamwork so everyone can have fun, not just a few. I hope all those who helped at the Range War last year will help again next year, and anyone willing to help will contact your area club board member, myself or Chili Pepper Pete, all are available throughout the year. The more help we receive the less each has to do. Thanks again to all for the teamwork. See y'all soon!

Micky Lobe

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Straight Shots from Saginaw

A big Happy New Year to all our shooting pard. It looks like another fun-filled year and the Saginaw Six Shooters hope you can make their first shoot of 2002 on Saturday, February 23rd. Who knows what the weather will be like but one thing for sure, we'll be having a rip-roarin' good time. Registration runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m. with the shooters meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 with grub provided. Cowboy attire with woolies optional.

Don't forget our Practice Shoots from 9:00am-noon the first Saturday of the month. These will run through April and the cost is \$5 for Saginaw Field & Stream non-members.

We all look forward to our shoots and as we begin this new year, let's remember to support our president, legislators and military who are engaged in the battle against terrorism. We cannot let evil conquer good. We stand united, one nation, under God. Keep the faith. And remember...Live life. Give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty

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Lapeer Wranglers

By the time you read this the Wranglers will have completed two of the four shoots beginning in December and continuing through March 2002. As is our policy, no match winner is announced until our banquet in March. A general hint, however, might suggest that "a certain lawyer", our new "fearless leader", and "a co-match director" are currently leading the pack.

The first side match was won by myself with a score of 12-15 birds in cowboy trap.

We have had to switch our banquet in March from the White Horse Inn in Metamora back to Lennie Miller's in Dryden. This is where we had gone for the past four years.

Certainly hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know we did. Now if I could just get my new Rugers back from the gunsmith.....

Wall-Man #5009

From your Editor/Webmaster

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- If you have cowboy items for sale, trade or are looking for an item, let me know at laportelil@yahoo.com and I will place an ad on the website and also list it once in the Epitaph, space permitting. I'll need the details of the item, including the price, your alias, phone number and e-mail address. This service is free to all Wolverine Rangers members.
- Be sure to check "Match Results" on the website. Clubs forwarding results to me will be posted as quickly as possible.