

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hola Amigo's. 2003 is almost over and we're coming into the busy time of the year so let me wish all of you a fun and safe holiday season.

The Rangers are buying a 40' long storage unit and with the approval of the Blue Water Sportsmen's Club it will be able to remain at the Blue Water range. The intent is to start collecting targets and props that will be used for Range War and have a safe, dry place to store them. We hope that over time we will collect an entire set of shotgun, pistol and rifle targets that will be used only for Range War. We also have canopies, tables, and now building props that need to be kept clean and dry.

Our good friend No Buk Chuck has stepped down from the WR Board and First Lieutenant position. I'd like to personally thank Chuck for all his hard work and dedication to the Ranger organization. I told him that just because he wasn't on the Board didn't mean that he was off the hook for anything, so we'll see how it goes. Mackinaw Kid was nominated and elected to be the new First Lieutenant. Make sure the next time you see him you congratulate him or give him your sympathy either way. I would also like to recognize Lavender Lou as a new Board representative from the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. Lou will be replacing me as a club rep as I am unable to attend many of the DSC functions and committee meetings.

The SASS Convention and Territorial Governors Summit is coming up in December and the Wolverine Rangers will have a strong contingent of representatives in attendance. We will have four current Territorial Governors and at least two proxy votes from Ranger affiliated clubs. I am also aware of many other Ranger members going out to enjoy the festivities. As I learned from last year, this is a great opportunity to spread the good works

of the Ranger organization and help grow interest in WRRW. It also allows you the shooters to have a say in rule changes and the direction of SASS through your TG's.

Well, that's about all I have for now, so till next time remember—"There is no normal life, there's only life, so go out and live it."

*Happy Holidays,
Chili Pepper Pete*

Straight Shots from Saginaw

October was a busy month for the Saginaw Six-Shooters. Our October 11th match was attended by 39 shooters, all anxious to see what the notorious Bad River Marty had in store for them. Not to disappoint anyone, shooters found they had a variety of stages to challenge their shooting skills, from one tucked in the woods to a super-sized stage that filled the whole lower range. After many a laugh and a fun time, our scorekeeper Red Keg Will, tallied up the hits and misses. Overall results:

Men's:

1. Bad River Marty
2. Led Foulin'
3. Ethan Callahan
4. Tacoma Tad
5. No Buk Chuck

Women's:

- Katie Callahan
- Elsie Rose
- Roxie LaRue
- Lady Bluebird
- Lady Lightning

October found two of our club members, Laporte Lil and Secondhand Jack, traveling to Utah for the "Senior Games". Laporte Lil came home with two gold medals, one for ladies duelist and one for four man shotgun posse shoot. Secondhand Jack came home with a lot of fun memories.

On October 4th the Saginaw Six-Shooters put on a demonstration for the area's student foreign exchange program. Over thirty students participated in the day's events. It was a fun time, sharing a bit of the Old West with these students from countries as far away as Germany, Italy and

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Russia. Thanks to the following volunteers who gave up their Saturday to make this possible: Berneng Bullets, Goodshots Gettem, Wolverine Wrangler, Kid Al Fred, Red Keg Will, Duke Dakota, Cactus Pete, Roxie LaRue, Katie Callahan, and Bad River Marty.

November found thirty-two Six-Shooters enjoying themselves at a potluck dinner and planning session for 2004. After receiving the okay from Saginaw Field & Stream Club, we have made application to become a SASS affiliated club. Our match dates are set for the following Saturdays: **May 22, July 24, and September 25.** Be sure to mark your calendar. We wouldn't want you to miss all the fun we have in store in 2004.

Our practice nights are finished for this year but we will resume in the spring, beginning on **WEDNESDAY**, May 5th. Take note that we have switched over to Wednesday nights for the 2004 shooting season. Watch the spring issue of the Epitaph for more details.

With Christmas just around the corner the Saginaw Six-Shooters would like to wish all their shooting pards a very Merry Christmas. Our blessings are numerous: good friends to share this fun-filled sport with; a country where our freedoms allow us to own and use guns; and our safety for every time we pick up a gun. We pray that 2004 will find each and everyone one of you healthy and able to shoot Cowboy Action another year. Happy Holidays!

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

Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty

Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

Because of the 'probable' weather on several previous shoots, someone coined the phrase "It never rains in Eagleville". The October shoot had the most wonderful weather anyone could ask for. Sunny, 75 degrees, and the maple trees surrounding the range were at peak color and were as beautiful as God ever made them. We had 20 shooters, had a great time on five interesting stages, AND, Bird-

shot Betty fixed up some great grub, including 'Cowboy Chili'.

While the scores were being tabulated at the end of the day, the shooters had some fun with a looooooong shoot. The barrel/target was waaaay out there. One Son of a Gun hit it the most times. First on the stages, Thummpner John—Traditional, Matt Basterson—Senior Traditional, One Son of a Gun—Senior, Peter Pistolero—Modern Senior, Randy J—Modern, Buckskin Belle—Ladies Traditional, Echo Annie—Ladies, Andy Horshurodinon—Gunfighter, Big Jim—Frontier Cartridge, Fishbone—Elder Statesman, Robert—Duelist, Iron Man—Classic Cowboy, Lightning Wayne—49er and top shooter.

Well, we went our first whole year with our new CAS club, and we still can say that "it never rains in Eagleville", but what in heck was that white stuff in the air?! Actually, only the white targets were hard to see, as the November shoot started out with about an inch of snow on the ground. It was cool but a nice day otherwise. We had a nice turnout, everybody dressed for the weather, and nobody complained. These cowboys and cowgirls sure are a great bunch of people!

November results: Lightning Wayne—49er and top shooter, Iron Man—Classic Cowboy, Hondo Dan—Duelist, Fishbone—Elder Statesman, Big Jim—Frontier Cartridge, Kewadin Kid—Gunfighter, Tina—Ladies (first shoot), Sparky Bill—Modern, Peter Pistolero—Senior, and Thummpner John—Traditional.

We participated in the fun shoot while scores were being tabulated, which were real close rustlers. Most hits was One Son of a Gun but they didn't wanna fall.

That's all for this year, and if you didn't get here to see us this year, we are moving to the 4th Saturday of the month in 2004, April thru October. Check out our website at www.eaglevillecowboys.org Have a great winter.

One Son of A Gun and Thummpner John

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DSC Rocky River Regulators

Let me start by saying that all of us at the DSC want to thank you for giving us another great year.

The shoot on December 28, 2003 is what we call our New Year's Eve shoot even though it is not held on New Year's Eve. This year, however, we do have a theme..."HOT GUNS AND COLD FEET". Even though we like our pards to dress cowboy, and it is expected at our other shoots, we do not expect you to wear full cowboy attire, especially footwear, at the December match. Please dress weather appropriate. We will be serving BBQ pork sandwiches for lunch.

Our January shoot is on the 18th. Hopefully it will be a sunny, warm day and we will be able to enjoy our shooting.

I will be teaching an RO 1 class at Gander Mountain in Utica (on Hall Road) at 10AM, on December 7th. Cost is \$10 per person. If you want to participate you have to pre-register, so please call me at 248-852-0351 and leave a message if I'm not home. Thanks to the people who have already registered.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Rocky River Regulators!

Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

Rockford Regulators

Season's Greetings to all the Wolverine Rangers from the Rockford Regulators. Since the deer hunters required the range to sight in their rifles, we didn't have a November match. So there is no news to report there.

However, November did bring a little news. There has been a "changing of the guard" here at Rockford. Table Top Tom, our Match Director, has done a monumental job in getting CAS off the ground and running smoothly. He deserves a hearty round of "Thanks" from all of his fellow cowboy shooters. After ram-rodding this herd for two years, he feels it is time to step down and be

"just a regular cowpoke." The new Match Director will be your humble author, Diewalker. This just goes to show you all what a great sense of humor they have at the Rockford Regulators. Talk about "the inmates running the asylum." (Grin) So if you have any compliments, suggestions, or complaints (preferably in that order!), I guess I am the man to see. I suppose that this will give me a terrific excuse when I get all those misses. The burden of responsibility and all that.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the December 6 match. I'm already working on the weather. But if'n you don't make it, Merry Christmas from all of us Rockford Regulators.

**Your Pard,
Diewalker**

Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy all. We have had quite an eventful past two months what with our new pistol building being finished on the outside and most of the inside work being completed each weekend as we get nearer to the indoor shooting season. The new building will definitely be used for our Winter League beginning in December and continuing through March 2004.

We got a chance to use the new building for our November match due to the rain. We found out that it will work fine and insulation has been added this week further cutting down on the noise level. Everything should be up and operational by the start of the Winter League on December 14th. Here is the 2004 Winter League schedule:

December 14, 2003

January 11, 2004

February 8, 2004

March 14, 2004

Times:

9:30am – Registration Opens

10:30 am – Shooters Meeting

The Winter League banquet will be held at Lenny Miller's on March 20, 4:00 – 6:00pm.

Wall-Man

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The Professionals

The following article was submitted to Tex for his consideration for inclusion in an upcoming edition of The Cowboy Chronicle.

Chances are that anyone who participates in our sport has seen the movie "The Professionals" on several occasions. This is a great movie with a great cast starring Lee Marvin, Burt Lancaster, Jack Palance, Robert Ryan, Woody Strode, Ralph Bellamy, Claudia Cardinale and last but not least, Marie Gomez who played Chiquita. Chiquita could ride, shoot and was good looking too. What a woman! But I digress.

The one common characteristic among all of the lead characters, regardless of which side they were on, was the unwavering commitment to their mission. Whether it was furthering the cause of the Mexican Revolution or returning the "kidnapped" wife to the wealthy rancher, they were all singularly focused. They did whatever was necessary to accomplish their goal. On the big screen we admire characters with these traits. Why is it that the term "Professional" somehow seems to have a negative connotation when it applies to our sport?

In order to be the best at anything, including Cowboy Action Shooting, there are usually two key requisites. First of all, one ordinarily has to have a gift from God of natural physical and mental ability. Secondly, one must be willing to do whatever is necessary to be the best. This generally involves the dedication to devote a substantial amount of time and effort to improving one's skills. In my opinion, one of the most under appreciated elements of being successful at anything is the amount of "thinking time" that one must engage in in order to be the best.

I had a very interesting telephone conversation a couple of years ago with a gunsmith. If I could remember his name I would include it. I happened to call him about doing some work on my Colt Lightening Rifle and he mentioned that he only works on pre-1900 Colt handguns. I asked him,

"Why do you only work on pre-1900 Colt's? Are they easier to work on then anything else?" He then answered that no, it was just that he didn't want to have to think about anything else. That was a profound statement. This gunsmith realized that the way to be the best at anything is to focus not only on his physical efforts, but more importantly his mental efforts, on one thing.

If a fellow shooter is willing to dedicate himself or herself and to muster his or her resources to focus on being the best, then I say we should honor and respect those persons. All too often we have a tendency to compare ourselves and our lesser shooting skills and ability with these "professionals". Obviously whenever we do this, however, we have a difficult time measuring up. My suggestion is that when we as shooters make these comparisons we are not focused upon the proper objective. If your goal is to be the best possible Cowboy Action Shooter which you can be, then you better be prepared to do whatever is necessary to be the best. This means an unwavering commitment to improving your skills by practicing until every move becomes almost instinctive, purchasing the equipment which will allow you to be competitive with the best, and most importantly, spending much more time then you can imagine **thinking** about shooting and **visualizing** your performance in matches. As the great philosopher Curly said in City Slickers, "The secret to life is just one thing." If you want to be the best at Cowboy Action Shooting you better make it your "one thing". If you already have "one thing" that you focus your energy and efforts on such as your job, raising a family, etc., then maybe your objective should be to merely enjoy yourself.

If you decide that your one thing is Cowboy Action Shooting, then more power to you. I respect professionalism and excellence in performance in anything. Anyone who strives their hardest to do the best in whatever they do is top notch in my book.

For most of us, Cowboy Action Shooting is a rec-

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reational diversion. I know that I personally like to do well in local, regional and state matches. My goals for Cowboy Action Shooting, however, are somewhat more practical. I enjoy spending some time relaxing with my wife (The Lady) and my youngest daughter Katie (K.C. Kate - when I can get her up in the morning early enough to go shoot), and my shooting buddies. My objective is to relax, enjoy myself and spend time with some great people. In my other life, I am a lawyer specializing in a very narrow area of the law.

All I do is represent sales representatives in commission disputes. I try to be the best at what I do and have been able to convince, at least some people, that I am. The way that I have done this is by spending more time than any of my competitors working on, thinking about, analyzing and solving sales commission problems. That is the primary focus of my working life. If I have a problem I am working on I may be thinking about it driving in my car, taking a shower, and virtually throughout the entire day until it is solved. For those of us who focus upon trying to be the best at one thing, it becomes quite evident that it is very difficult to be the best at more than one thing. That is why most of us will never be able to compete toe-to-toe with the best shooters. Even if we have the same natural physical and mental ability, they work harder at it than the rest of us do. Most gun fights were won or lost long before anyone pulled a trigger.

I would like to see us honor and respect those who are willing to put forth the time, effort and commitment to try to be the best at Cowboy Action Shooting. Anybody who is at the top of this field has spent more time than most of us can imagine preparing to get there. If you happen to be shooting with one of these top shooters, and you start to feel somewhat inferior based upon your ability, try to refocus on what your objective is. If your objective is to compete at the highest level then you better spend a lot more time with your physical and mental preparation. If your objective is to enjoy yourself and have a good time then you can just marvel at the skill of some of our best shooters and enjoy the moment. I guarantee you

that you'll get much more out of Cowboy Action Shooting.

Very truly yours,
R.J. Law

P.S. After doing most of the work on this article, I had the opportunity to take the Evil Roy Shooting School with Evil Roy and Wicked Felina. I was especially impressed by the attention to detail and the breakdown and analysis of all of the components of effective Cowboy Action Shooting. I was also lucky enough to shoot on the same posse with Evil Roy and Wicked Felina. They are two of the nicest people you will ever meet and are great ambassadors for our sport. Both performed posse duties every stage and did not shoot wimp loads.

You're Not Old Enough!

How many times did you hear that from your parents when you were a kid? Lots, I'm sure. Even at this point in your life you still may not be old enough to participate. We're talking "senior" status here which is defined by the Huntsman World Senior Games (HWSG) as 50 or older. If you don't fit into that category you can't participate..... but you can still read this article!

The HWSG have been in existence for 17 years providing an opportunity for senior athletes to compete against other senior athletes from around the world. The games are held in St. George, Utah every October and hosts over 7,000 athletes. Competitive events include basketball, bowling, bridge, cycling, golf, horseshoes, lawn bowls, mountain biking, race walking, racquetball, road races, softball, square dancing, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, triathlon, and volleyball. You can compete in any events you choose by pre-registering and paying the entrance fee associated with each event. Events are divided into categories for men and women, and then by age group - 50-54, 55-59, and so on.

Two exhibition sports were added this year, selected from a multitude of sporting activities submitted for consideration, so the competition was **VERY** stiff. Selected were pickleball and Cowboy

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Action Shooting. Yeehaw! The Dixie Desperados of St. George were the driving force and what a great organization they are. I hear tell that CAS went over so well that it will be included each year from now on.

Secondhand Jack and I first learned about CAS being included in the HWSG by a neighbor who has participated (in softball) for a number of years. An article with more details was also included in the June 2003 *Cowboy Chronicle* (page 22). That set the seed, we had to make the trek to Utah to participate. There was only one obstacle, however, I had jury duty during the October 6-18 timeframe. But not to fear, with a heartfelt letter faxed to the judge in charge of jury duty selection, I was able to express my desire to represent the seniors of the U.S. at the Huntsman World Senior Games, and the jury duty term was graciously moved to 2004.

On September 28th with the motor home packed, we were on the road pointed west. With rain and cool temperatures plaguing us most of the way through MI, IN, IL, MO and KS, the sun was more than welcome as we crossed into Colorado. It also assured us that I-70 would be clear and dry west of Denver as we approached Eisenhower Memorial Tunnel situated at 11,013 feet. I-70 is a very scenic drive between Denver and Glenwood Springs, with lots of ski areas along the way.

A stopover in Glenwood Springs found us basking in the soothing mineral waters of the Glenwood Hot Springs Pool (\$11/pp) that Doc Holliday used to try to alleviate some of his pains. Doc is also buried in nearby Pioneer Cemetery. Take Grand Avenue south to 11th Street. Turn left and proceed to Bennett Street. Turn right and the trailhead is on the left about ½ block ahead. The walk is on a hard dirt and rock path, and rises about 500 feet in the ½ mile to the cemetery. Doc Holliday is buried **somewhere** in the cemetery but a marker was erected for him adjacent to the flag pole.

The next few days found us in Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. If you're ever in the area it is well worth seeing. Lots of beautiful arches and

wonderful hiking. And, I might add, if you are 62 or older you can purchase a Golden Age Passport at any national park that will get you and your guest(s) into **ALL** national parks for free, excluding any national parks that are on Indian land.

We rolled into St. George, Utah on October 5, a town established by the Mormons in the mid-1800's. The area is very scenic with red rocks and cliffs and many interesting sights within a day's drive. The weather was superb with clear blue skies and temperatures around 80-85 during the day and cooling off for good sleeping at night. One of the shooting days hovered around 95 so an umbrella or some sort of shade was a must, however, it's very dry in this part of the country so we didn't have to put up with the humidity. Plenty of free fruit, water, Gatorade or Propel drinks are always available to the athletes at every event. The facilities to host the various sporting events are top notch. I doubt that you could find any finer anywhere.

However, a check of the range the day we arrived had us scratching our heads for a while. Guy Bones, Big Shoulders, and Buzzard were there still working on props, building berms, and hauling in fill to expand the parking lot. Time was getting short, we thought they would never get it completed before the match on October 8-11. But they fooled us. They were ready and very well organized. Our Stetson's (or Bailey's) are tipped for all of the Dixie Desperado gang. The whole club worked hard, are a great bunch to be with, and are very accommodating. Why, some of these members aren't even old enough to participate in the Senior Games but they still worked their butts off.

Opening Ceremonies and the Parade of Athletes was held Tuesday evening, October 7 at Hansen Stadium on the campus of Dixie State College. All athletes in every sport were encouraged to attend and by the looks of it, there may have been only a handful that missed this wonderful ceremony. All athletes were given a HWSG shirt when they

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picked up their registration packets. Athletes were to wear the shirts at the opening ceremonies and march behind the banner of the sport they were participating in. The cowboys, however, were allowed to wear cowboy duds, and if we wanted, holsters but no guns. The gents were in their finery and the ladies in their fancy gowns, parasols and beautiful hats. This was one ceremony that was not to be missed.... the cowboys were well received **AND** the hit of the opening ceremonies!

After all athletes paraded around the track, they were ushered to their reserved seats to watch the ceremonies which included various speakers, a sky diver, flag extravaganza, and lots of singing and dancing by a huge number of local talent from 3 to 25 years old. There was even a "running and lighting of the torch" by two former gold medalist from the "real" Olympics. The festivities concluded with a beautiful fireworks display. Motorist on nearby I-15 had to wonder what the heck was going on.

The next morning found us at the side matches which had several different scenarios being shot at each bay. You could shoot as many or as few scenarios as you wanted. Things went very smoothly and there were plenty of Dixie Desperados at each side match to run and score it. If you don't necessarily like to shoot clay pigeons, this isn't the match for you. There were at least one or two clays on every side match **AND** main match stage.

October 9 & 10 found the one-hundred participants shooting six main match stages each day. The second day the scenarios and some of the targets were changed. All of the stages were challenging and required movement in addition to shooting the clay birds. Our posse leaders, the husband and wife team of Oh Well and Autumn Rose, did a splendid job of explaining the scenarios so there would be no discrepancy between the posses. We even had two non-shooting score keepers, Queen of Hearts and Panuco Bob. No messin' with the books here!

Saturday, October 11 was team events which consisted of a four man shotgun posse shoot, two man team shoot, four man team shoot and top gun shoot off. In addition, a VIP Clinic bay was set up for spectators to ply their skill at Cowboy Action Shooting. The clinic went over very well. During the four day match the Dixie Desperados distributed nearly 200 pair of ear plugs and eye protection to spectators and VIP Clinic participants.

After the last shot was put down range from the team events it was time to hit the watering trough to scrub up, put some Aloe Vera on our scorched hides and get into our fancy duds for the CAS social/dinner. The facilities and dinner were donated by our sponsor, Coral Canyon Golf Course, and was held on the covered patio at the club house. What a beautiful setting. After a bit of socializing, having a complimentary photo taken of each couple or single, and a wonderful buffet meal, it was on to the awards ceremony and prize drawings just as the moon was rising in the east. Some mighty fine firearms were given away, along with many door prizes. Senior Game gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded for the main match for each age group and category (there were three categories for men and three for women), all side matches, and team events. The night did not end with the awards, it continued on with a great band and lots of dancing.

The Senior Games offer various walking tours or side trips if you can work them into your schedule for \$5/pp which includes your transportation, water, and snacks. The week following shooting, we took in the walking city tour, which included the Brigham Young home, and also a trip out to Fort Pearce and to view dinosaur tracks that had been preserved under the desert sand. The trips are informative and very inexpensive.

We were sorry to leave St. George, the great weather, all the new acquaintances we had made, and all the fun we had but after staying for the second week of the Senior Games to observe some

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of the other events, it was time to pack up and head back home.

With a big high pressure dominating the entire central portion of the country we decided we would travel southeast to Kanab, Utah (where a lot of westerns were filmed), Glen Canyon Dam / Lake Powell, and on to Monument Valley. Your Golden Age Passport will not get you into the main portion of Monument Valley free as this is a Navajo Tribal Park. We've all seen pictures of this area but there's nothing like seeing the Left Mitten, Right Mitten and other notable monuments in person. Many westerns were filmed here at John Ford's Point, named for the motion picture director that started filming westerns here beginning with Stagecoach in 1938 starring John Wayne.

We made a stop at "Four Corners" to stand in four states at one time—Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. This again is Indian land so there is a fee for entry.

We passed through Durango, Colorado (Evil Roy's stomping ground) and visited friends along the way in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and Newton, Iowa. We were back home again after 26 days with a lot of terrific memories.

You can check out the Senior Games information at their website—www.seniorgames.net or e-mail them at hwsg@infowest.com

How did Secondhand Jack and I fare? You'll have to read the Saginaw Six Shooters article to find out.

Shoot 'em straight and true,
Laporte Lil

The Gunfighter

The Gunfighter sat at the table,
Alone with his back to the wall.
He scarcely glanced up at the comings and goings,
But I'm sure he took note of them all.

I was sitting there playing some poker,
With Doc Royal, No Buk and Dead River Den.
There on my right, an appropriate spot,
Sat my saddle pard, Allegan Dan.

The night was flying by quickly.
I played with my usual flair.
When it comes down to me and poker,
That means "I'm trying to bluff with a pair."

Grampaw Willie was smoking his cigar.
Table Top Tom talked with old Tuscon Stu.
No Cattle was sipping his whiskey,
Listening to the "Virtues" of those tiny 32's.

About then, a commotion erupted,
From the table where the Gunfighter sat.
With a sweep of his arm, he cleared it,
And shouted "I won't stand for that!"

He was eyeballing Bad River Marty,
That spoke volumes to those from around.
Any fool that would throw down a challenge,
Was obviously new in this town.

Old Sy, he laid down his bar rag,
Cocked those "mule ears" back just so far.
Trouble was usually avoided,
By that 10 gauge kept under the bar.

The Gunfighter hearing the "two clicks",
Had a fear start gnawing down deep.
His insides, they started to churning,
When he looked up at the whiskered barkeep.

Old Sy's hands were hidden under the bar,
His face had a terrible grin.
He stared at the gunslick and evilly said,
"Are you sure you want this dance to begin?"

With hands folded on top of the table,
And a voice as meek as a lamb,
He said "I'm sorry for the disturbance."
"Would please set a bottle again?"

Old Sy knew the game he was playing,
But never let on with a thing.
As he rounded the bar, in through the door,
Roared Old Baldy Bill and his gang.

"Set up some glasses and bottles, my friend."
"Those cattle have us all parched and dry."
"We could each drink a barrel of beer for starts",
"And finish up with a whole case of rye."

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The Gunfighter saw this distraction,
 And jerked iron with a lightning fast draw.
 But he never got off his first shot.
 Muzzle flashes were all that he saw.

For, you see, this was no normal gathering,
 Of cowboys and ranchers and clerks from the store.
 These were the best that SASS had to offer,
 At the Wolverine Rangers Range War.

The coroner grew tired of counting,
 He ended up with a hundred and four.
 The discussion was heated and heavy
 As to whom, "The Miss" to award.

Some say this fracas never happened.
 Some believe that to this very day.
 But I'm here to tell you "It's all true."
 Because, "I know, I wrote it this way."

Diewalker, WRRW 2003

Items For Sale

Marlin Cowboy Comp, bought new in July, has a couple of CAS marks, one piece firing pin installed plus original comes along. Marlin Magic mainspring installed, slick pretty gun. \$550. Contact Texas John Critter by phone at 269-506-7325 or texasjohncritter@hotmail.com

Ruger Vaquero, stainless steel, 5 1/2" bbl., 44 mag., spring kit, and Ajax Staghorn grips. Fired less than 100 rounds. \$385. Contact Attica Jack at denniscoon@aol.com or 586-463-7973

RO 1 Class - December 7

Mackinaw Kid will be teaching an RO 1 class at Gander Mountain in Utica (on Hall Road) at 10:00 AM, Sunday, December 7th. Cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. Call Mackinaw Kid at 248-852-0351 and leave a message if he's not there or you can e-mail him at r.stover@juno.com Thanks to those that have already registered.

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Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members T.J. Barnless and Choo Choo Charlie, returning members Fat Arrow and Sergeant David Lewis (formerly Cactus Jack Slade). We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

Alias Change

The following alias change is effective immediately: Slimpikins to M.T. Brass.



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