

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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A Note From Chili Pepper Pete

Hola Amigos. As most of you have heard I have resigned my position as Captain of the Wolverine Rangers. It has been an honor to serve such a great organization and wonderful group of people. I have enjoyed working to expand and grow recognition for our sport in Michigan and hope that I have been able to help add something to the Rangers to make them better while I was Captain. I leave the Rangers in the very capable hands of No Cattle as Captain and Mackinaw Kid as First lieutenant. I am confident that the Rangers will continue to grow and prosper for the good of Cowboy Action Shooting in Michigan. I hope to remain on the Board and work behind the scenes helping out where I can and am in no way leaving the organization or the sport I love. Thank you to all who have been so very supportive over the last couple of months. I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and God Bless.

Ex-El Presidente
Chili Pepper Pete

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Cowpersons. Wolverine Rangers Range War 2004 is over. Like most of you I have mixed feelings about that. I sure am glad that the pressure is off for a while but at the same time I wish I still had WRRW to look forward to.

I want to thank each and every one of you who attended and pass on my condolences to those who missed out as you really missed a great time. Colt McAllister and Katie Callahan are our Michigan State Champions. They faced fierce competition and both earned their positions with outstanding displays of speed, accuracy, and demonstrations of the best in Cowboy Action Shooting. I am proud to say both are Wolverine Rangers members.

There are just too many folks to thank to list them individually. I would undoubtedly forget someone who deserves better so I will thank everyone en masse. Our registration and door prize crew did an outstanding job. We received many compliments on their organization and cooperation. The side match volunteers worked very hard to make these events a pleasure to our attendees and succeeded very well. The 'Close Enough' construction crew worked a lot of overtime and it showed. The posse leaders were all complimented by their respective posses. One of the biggest areas of dispute was which posse was 'The Best' or 'The Loudest'. I, of course, have an opinion but I will not share it here. The clubs and individuals who contributed stages and props did a superb job and really made the match a lot of fun.

The Soiled Dove contest was a sight to behold. All of the participants outdid themselves but a special nod needs to go to 'Wicked Chilina' for sheer intestinal fortitude. Those who participated in the Ben Hur event and Cowboy Trap were universal in their praise of these events. The chili dinner on Saturday evening was appreciated by all and the Kevin McNiven Concert was a great success also.

We raised \$2321 for The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. I am proud to associate with people who give the way Cowboy Action Shooters do.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors and vendors. Without them WRRW 2004 would not have been the wonderful event that it was.

Congratulations to The Michigan Pistoleros / Westworld for winning the Shooter's Choice Award for the best stage as determined by shooter votes. "I'm Your Huckleberry" was a big hit.

The only portion of the event that was not an unqualified success was the banquet. Plumbing problems headed the list of those things that

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detracted from our pleasure. We will do better next year, I promise.

Speaking of next year, put WRRW 2005 on your calendar. If you were there this year you know how much fun we had. If you weren't there then ask someone who was. We plan to make it even better.

We had 269 shooters this year and expect to surpass that next year. We will soon be recruiting volunteers for WRRW 2005 so be prepared to pitch in. It can be hard work but it is well worth it. We can use all of the help that we can get. Registration help, posse leaders, side match volunteers, stage writers, prop designers, prop builders, and construction crews all come to mind. If you can just help by transporting props or equipment to the match it would be appreciated.

I want to add that I hope that I can approach the high standards set by my predecessors as Captain of the Wolverine Rangers. I would like to see our organization grow both in numbers and prestige as a promoter of Cowboy Action Shooting. If you have comments, questions, or complaints feel free to send them to me at nocattle@comcast.net I don't promise to fix everything but I do promise to see that your concerns are addressed by the Board.

Happy Trails,
No Cattle

Marketing Department Report

Howdy all. Well, we've got Range War 2004 behind us and the comments we're hearing are that we did pretty good. Thank you to all those who took the time to fill out the questionnaire to help us put on an even better shoot in 2005. Your input is appreciated. We'd like to hear any suggestions you have so keep those cards and letters coming, folks!

We've made a commitment to our sponsors and vendors to keep their website link and contact information on the Wolverine Rangers website (www.wolverinerangers.org) until we start putting up the information for Range War 2005. Let's all

support those who help support us! We'd like to keep the same sponsors and vendors as well as have more involved next year so, again, if there's anything any of these folks sell you can use, please give them a shot at your business.

One thing that kept coming up in the questionnaire was the subject of food vendors. Every comment made about the food vendor was that we needed more variety or more than one vendor. We almost didn't have a food vendor for Range War 2004. Had it not been for Border Town Hombre and Wiiwan we would not have had one at all. A food vendor is not easy to come by. If you know of one who would be interested in participating in Range War 2005, please have them contact us.

I've just received the new Range War 2001 video which will be offered for sale on the website soon. This is the one where Tex came and shot with us and videotaped the entire match. He was gracious enough to give us a copy of the tape and now you have the opportunity to see and own it! I'll try to get some copies to the clubs who are willing to help sell them. If you'd like your club to sell these videos, please contact me and I'll help you get setup to do this. We're on the constant lookout for volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, I'd like to say a special "thank you" to Rainmaker Ray. Ray has helped us sell DVD's and collect money for the Buy-A-Miss program at DSC all last season, and is doing the same at his new club, The Johnson Creek Regulators in Plymouth, who will begin shooting on Saturday, December 4. Thanks, Ray!

Volunteers are the grease that makes this club's wheels turn. Without you folks, we would have no club. To all those who helped out at Range War, I want to say "thank you" We need more help as we grown and I'd like to encourage anyone who can to help by getting involved. You won't be paid in dinero but the rewards are just as great!

Adios, Amigos
Allegan Dan

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Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club

The berms are built and the grounds have been leveled and seeded. The Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club is ready for some shooting! For our first match on Saturday, October 9, we will be setting up three temporary stages and shooting them twice with different scenarios so bring plenty of ammo.

Check out the Wolverine Rangers website for the "particulars" or go to our website at www.SuckerCreek.org For those without Internet access here's the lowdown. 8:30am - registration; 9:30am - shooters meeting; the cost, which includes lunch, is \$18 for non-Wolverine Rangers, \$15 for Wolverine Rangers members, and \$10 for SCSGC members. Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club is located at Kent and 10 Mile Roads, Porter Township, north of Breckenridge. Directions are **From the north**—take M-20 to Meridian Road, go south on Meridian Road to Pine River Road, turn west (right) on West Pine River Road and follow it to 9 Mile Road, turn south (left) on 9 Mile Road and follow it to Kent Road, turn west (right) on Kent Road and follow it to 10 Mile Road, turn south (left) on 10 Mile Road and go about 1/4 mile to the entrance. **From the south**—Take M-46 to Meridian Road, go north on Meridian Road to Kent Road, turn west (left) on Kent Road and follow it to 10 Mile Road, turn south (left) on 10 Mile Road and go about 1/4 mile to the entrance. Hope to see y'all at the match.

Wolverine Wrangler

WRRW Stage Award

We want to sincerely thank you for awarding the Michigan Pistoleros the stage design award at the state shoot. We were very surprised and very honored. We understand that the impressive trophy was designed to be a traveling trophy from winner-to-winner each year to come. We will keep it in a place of honor for this first year.

**Sincerely,
Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay**

Rockford Regulators

The September shoot for the Rockford Regulators is now in the history books. It was a hurried task to get back from Range War on Monday and put on a shoot the following Saturday but with the help of the extremely able Deuce Stevens, we pulled it off without a hitch. Deuce wrote some fast and furious stages and we all had a great time. We even got to put up most of the church from Stage 1 at WRRW on our stage 3 to hide the can thrower. It was a fun stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that drive over here just to shoot with us. We strive to make it the best shoot possible to repay you for your efforts. Micky Lobe gave us some fine advice on our target stands and I plan on putting it to good use. A special thanks to Micky and Ringo Wiguns for their "donation" to our endangered clay birds fund... teehee Thanks, fellers.

We are in the planning stages for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for our club, please feel free to send them to me or No Cattle. I would like to also thank all those who worked so hard to make Range War 2004 such a rousing success. Many folks, Deuce Stevens and myself included, worked pretty hard to set up the stages so they would be ready for the opening shot and then tore them back down again at the end. So if you see someone you know had something to do with putting on Range War, please give them a kind word and a hearty handshake.

Well, I guess that is enough for now. I know that there is not too much written here about our match, but I wanted to take the time to applaud the 2004 Wolverine Rangers Range War. It was a top notch shoot in anyone's book. But one thing I know for sure, 2005 will be even better because of all the fine talent that Michigan has to offer the Cowboy Action shooters. So long for now. See you down the trail.

Your Pard, Diewalker

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Straight Shots from Saginaw

Whew! What a fun-filled 2004 Range War. For many Saginaw Six-Shooters it was perhaps the highlight of our summer. Everyone we've talked to agrees it was our best ever, but I am positive we'll be saying that about the next one, too.

We are proud to say the Saginaw Six-Shooters did their part to help. Doing three stages this year involved a lot of design work, hauling, setting-up, tearing-down, and without loyal volunteers donating their time and effort, it just couldn't succeed. We also saw a lot of our club members working alongside other Wolverine Rangers at side matches, registration, and getting all the campers situated down in Hooterville. Yup! We were busy everyday.

There are many dedicated Wolverine Rangers who work endless hours, focused on their goal of making Range War run smoothly. I won't list them, you should know who they are and hopefully you are one of them! If not, you can be next year. Volunteers are the backbone of any organization. They are needed, welcomed and appreciated.

And speaking of appreciation, we would like to welcome our new Wolverine Rangers Captain, No Cattle. The Saginaw Six-Shooters offer him and his hard-working sidekick, Mail Order Annie, our support in taking the reins of the organization and heading it down the trail to new and awaiting Range Wars. We're confident they'll do a fine job.

We also want to express mountains and mountains of gratitude to Chili Pepper Pete for his dedication and hard work as former Captain. Being a leader of many is not without sacrifice. Chili has worked hard and has helped to move the organization up another notch in becoming a role model for other states to follow. The Saginaw Six-Shooters have enjoyed Chili's enthusiasm, wit and charm, and know he will continue to be an asset to the Rangers team. Our sombreros are off to Chili Pepper Pete. Ole!

And while we are congratulating people, we need

to mention that 24 of our Six-Shooter club members were registered shooters at this year's Range War and of those nine shot their way to awards as follows: Kid Al Fred – 1st Classic Cowboy, Rodeo Rode – 4th Classic Cowboy, No Buk Chuck – 3rd Frontier Cartridge, Tacoma Tad – 5th Frontier Cartridge and 1st Team Event, Ethan Callahan – 14th Traditional, Secondhand Jack – 5th Senior Duelist, Laporte Lil – 1st Duelist Lady and 1st Derringer, Bad River Marty – 5th Gunfighter and 1st Team Event, and Katie Callahan – 2nd Ladies 49'er, 1st .22 Rifle, 1st Fastest Pistol and last but not least Ladies Michigan State Champion!

The Saginaw Six-Shooters also had some fancy dressed members. Receiving a Best Dressed Female Town Attire award was Lady Lightning and a Male Town Attire award went to Secondhand Jack. Best Dressed Female Shooter awards went to Laporte Lil, Lady Bluebird, Katie Callahan, and Roxie LaRue, and a Best Dressed Male Shooter award went to Rodeo Rode.

Oh, my! We can't forget the Soiled Dove Contest where everyone was a winner!! Not only did these gals look pretty but also many designed and created their dresses. And, thanks to Elsie Rose for the nice job of introducing the gals and telling a bit of their background history. Very interesting!! Saginaw ladies included: Elsie Rose, Naughty Nellie, Roxie LaRue, Lady Bluebird, Laporte Lil, Spring Valley Cathy and Katie Callahan. Of course, Wicked Chilina stole the show and all agreed... rightly so!!!

On September 25th we hosted our last shoot for 2004. We had 60 pards shooting and when the smoke settled it was agreed that Cowboy Action Shooting really is more fun than you should be allowed to have!

Top five men shooters:

1. Three Gun Cole (and top overall)
2. Faygo Kid
3. Deuce Stevens
4. Bad River Marty
5. Scholfield Ranger

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Top five women shooters:

1. Katie Callahan
2. Miss Misery
3. Laporte Lil
4. Lady Bluebird
5. Mail Order Annie

Our Wednesday practice nights have now bedded-down for the winter. We appreciate all the shooters, old and new, who came out and shot with us this season. We averaged about 18 shooters and a lot of nights we numbered in the 20's. Laughs were loud and memories were many as our pards enjoyed the spirit of cowboy camaraderie. And, isn't that what it's all about, folks? Fun and the cowboy way.

We'll see you on the trail. And remember... live life.....give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan and Bad Rivzr Marty

Michigan Pistoleros / Westword

Have you ever wanted to shoot a stage again because you knew you could have done better? Well, we got our chance on September 26th, our last shoot of the season. Everyone had the option to re-shoot each stage if they thought they could improve their score or just wanted the practice. If the second score was better, then the first score was replaced on the scoring sheet. This worked really well with small posses of 12 and didn't drag the time out. It also tightened up the level of competition. I'm sure we will do this again. Everyone seemed to really enjoy it.

We included a stage that had a bonus target for rifle and a bonus target for pistol. If you had any misses you could elect to reload, hit one of the bonus targets and all misses would be erased on the stage. (Some of you might remember the "tube target" from Davison.) Many shooters figured out right away that they could blaze through the stage with tons of misses and just hit a bonus target erasing all misses. Well, I have never laughed harder than to see a shooter do just that and then have to reload over and over again to try and hit the bonus target. This was a real learning experience.

It is a good thing we got to shoot each stage twice!

We also had the option, throughout the shoot, to reload and shoot a target again if we missed it the first time. That included pistol and rifle misses as well as shotgun. This option requires some speed on reloading and is great practice.

The real fun started after the main match. Micky Lobe and Ringo Wiguns set up the Red Eye Lil train, which was a blast from the past. We worked in teams of two. One had a 1911, or something similar, and one had a shotgun. The shot gunner had to shoot three pop-up clays as well as multiple shotgun targets. The semi auto shooter had to ride the train and shoot many, many, knockdown targets on the way by. Partners also had to pass a stick of dynamite back and forth. This was hysterical. We missed the clays, we forgot to pass the dynamite and had an awful time hitting those targets while moving on the train. This was a popular event. We spent as much time on this as we did on the main match. Teams kept getting back in line. The line never got shorter. Eventually we had to call a halt or I think we might still be there. No, that's not true. We would have eventually stopped when all ammo was gone. The big winners for this event were Dodge City Duke and Tres Hombres. Great job guys. (Dodge City Duke was no stranger to his 1911.) As a matter of fact, most of us looked like we could use lessons from him. If you are interested in practicing, Border Town Hombre runs a combat shoot on Thursday evenings.

Hats off to Border Town Hombre and Dakota Doc for their creativity and a big thanks to Country Girl for scoring. Main Match Top Ten finishers in order were: A.J. Peacock, Faygo Kid, Lucky Lennie, Scholfield Ranger, Nevada Gambler, Dakota Doc, Onyx, Moe Gunns, Micky Lobe, and Son of a Stinkweed. (Doc and Micky Lobe got an early Christmas present when they managed to finish ahead of me and don't think they didn't rub it in!)

Plan to join us for a two-day shoot over Memorial weekend next May.

Cactus Kay

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Lapeer County Wranglers

If you look close at most of the Lapeer Wranglers shooters you will notice they are sporting our new club badges. The badges were created by the Blackington Co. who make most of the badges used by law enforcement and fire departments here in the U.S.A. We're kinda proud of them and feel they add a real nice touch to our costumes.

Since our last report, we have had two matches. The winner of both matches was our own A.J. Peacock. His better half, Lara Cross Draw, usually finishes in the top ten also. Quite a shooting family as their two children are also shooting with mom and dad, and doing quite well.

The L.C.S.C. has decided to organize our "real estate" down by the rifle range. Several of our older sheds, used to store targets, etc. of each of our shooting disciplines, have been torn down and replaced by new ones on concrete pads. The Wranglers spent quite a few hours on September 11 constructing an 8x10 from the ground up. Our old pistol building will also be converted into a storage area where large items, such as our train, can be stored out of the weather.

Please note we WILL NOT have our long range shoot on Saturday, October 2. Our long range shoots will resume on November 6 as usual at noon. Our next match on October 3 will feature our traditional pumpkin shoot. We will also have the Attica Muzzleloaders shooting their annual match on the same day we have our match. *On October 3 we would appreciate our shooters parking closer to the clubhouse* as the muzzleloaders will have many primitive camps setup in our normal parking area.

WALL-MAN

Timbertown Marshals

It's either the best thing you ever shot or the worst! What is it? Probably the simplest and shortest stage ever — we're pretty sure, anyway — five pistol shots. It was unique in that it required the shooters to shoot it over and over until they shot it

clean and every successive score was added to the total. It's that kind of stage that can knock you out of the running or put you right on top. Congratulations to Laporte Lil who shot the stage clean in 7.32 seconds. Not far behind was sidekick, Secondhand Jack, who also shot it clean in 7.70 seconds, Cactus Kay cleaned up in 9.09 seconds and Iron Burner cleaned it in 19.38. Everyone else had to revisit the beast at least a second time.

Midland's Timbertown Marshals typically have six stages to shoot—all brand new scenarios. The stages in the first couple matches had to have quite a few wrinkles ironed out but as we get more experienced with every successive match we have fewer of those dadblasted wrinkles!

This winter will be our first cold-weather venture and we're planning our schedule only a few months at a time. We will not be awarding trophies for our next three matches, however, we will be handing out certificates.

On Saturday, October 16th we will give Halloween treats to all, for the November 20th match we will award frozen turkey certificates for high gentleman and high woman, and last place (the most important shooter), and on December 18th we will be handing out Christmas gifts to the top six shooters and to last place. Y'all come—if it's chilly, we'll break out some cookies (instead of tootsie rolls) and we'll put on the hot chocolate and coffee.

Dakota Duchess

(formerly Deadeye Dakota)

Johnson Creek Regulators

I sit here this cool night by the fire listening to the logs crackle and the dogs howl, and ponder what will come this December 4th. The town folk have been very busy preparing for the festivities and hope the weather will be good to us. All targets are in place and we continue to work on the prop material, we've even located a flat wagon that our old '97 grey will pull. We are very excited about

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this upcoming event and from all reports the scouts are bringing back, the turnout should be quite good. Our town has an official population of 11 cowboys and cowgirls and more are reported to be coming down the trail. Our Sheriff, Rainmaker Ray, has been busy keeping order inside the city limits and filling the role of banker. With all the supplies that have been procured he almost feels like he's been held up!

The posse has returned from Range War, a few with trophies in hand such as Palamino Sue with first in Women's .22 Pistol and 5th in Modern Lady, and Cheyenne Raider was in the top 10 for the working cowboy outfit. They have not stopped gabbing about the time they had and the old friends they saw. The events were all well run and thought out. We had the privilege to shoot with the likes of Handlebar Doc and Colt McAllister as well as the rest of the gang. I would like to thank Dakota Doc for the great job he did in keeping our posse in line and on track as well the rest of the folks that made this year's Range War one we won't forget.

For those of you who choose to journey across the territory we have our regular town meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall at WWCCA. If you need to contact us please drop me an e-mail or give me a call. I would like to hear from y'all.

Cheyenne Raider

Hastings Double Barrel Gang

The Hastings shoot is back on! **One shoot will be held this year on Sunday, October 24.** Safety meeting at 9:30am, shooting at 10:00am. Cost is \$12 (Male) non-member, \$10 (Male) Wolverine Rangers member, \$7 (Female) non-member, \$5 (Female) Wolverine Rangers member, and Juniors shoot free. There is **NO LUNCH AVAILABLE** at this time. If you have any questions please contact me at bjbuehler@triton.net or 269-838-6944.

Slippery Pete

Classified Ads

1) Original Remington 1879 rolling block rifle, 43 Spanish caliber. Has excellent condition full length military stock with cleaning rod, excellent bore, shoots great, has been armory re-blued - 95%. Includes 40 rounds of hand loaded ammo, RCBS dies and shell holder, well over 200 bullets. \$590 OBO 2) El Tigre saddle ring carbine, rarest of the Winchester 92 clones, made in 1920's, 44-40 caliber, very good bore, shoots great and used in many matches with no malfunction. Probably 70% overall. \$485. On either I would consider a possible trade and/or cash for a nice, external hammer 12 ga. double barrel shotgun, but must be suitable for the Classic Cowboy category. Contact Nine Finger Bob at 586-997-9427 or bsbrossia@comcast.net

American Arms Regulators (Uberti made) 45 Colt, 4 3/4 inch barrel, blue, \$450 for the pair. Contact No Cattle at nocattle@comcast.net or 616-363-2827.

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Pickin' Up Pard

Welcome to new members Matt Dillon, Shorthorn Steve, Tacoma Tad, Mitch Egan, Macon Maverick, Fiddlefoot, Big Spot, Buckshot Ed, Coffin Filler, Sedona Dave, Brenda Sue, Remington McDraw, and Maggie McDraw. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

Travelin' with EMM

Continued from the August Epitaph —

Tuesday morning found Eleanor and I travelin' westward to Piqua, Ohio for the SASS Ohio State Championship. After we put up the Emporium tent, Red Mike the shoot director took us on a tour of the range to show us the improvements made since last year. Remember those thousands of dollars I mentioned earlier? Here's more. Eleanor was to shoot with the Range Marshals and other vendors on Wednesday, so after a late bite to eat and a little sleep, we were back at the range by 8am.

The theme for this year's Shootout at Hard Times was from the movie Open Range. The Miami Valley Cowboys had done a great job of transforming the range into the town of Harmonville. The scenarios were focused on the values and lifestyle of the old west, just like Boss Spearman and Charley Waite. Eleanor hadn't see the movie and I had only watched it once, so some of lines we had to say were new to us and it was that much more to think about. If you haven't seen the movie by all means buy it or rent it.

Here are the stages and lines you had to say from the Shootout at Hard Times. Stage one - The Bank - "You may not know this, but there are things that gnaw at a man worse than dying."; Stage two - Boot Hill - "Well, you got yourself a good man and a good dog."; Stage three - Chihuahua's Cantina - "We will drink to good health for all them that's got it comin."; Stage four - The Hotel - "A man's trust is a valuable thing, Button. You don't want to lose it for a handful of cards."; Stage five - Cattle Company - "A man's got a right to protect his

property and his life, and we ain't lettin' no rancher and his lawman take either."; Stage six - Eldorado - "You the one that killed our friend?"; Stage seven - The Stagecoach - "One twitch and you're in hell."; Stage eight - Fort Pickawillany - "Men are gonna get killed here today, Sue, and I'm gonna kill 'em."; Stage nine - Blacksmith Shop - "I got no problem with killin', Boss, never have."; and Stage ten - The Jail - "Mornin' boys. Brought you breakfast!" Most of the stages were shot with 10 rifle, 10 pistol, and four shotgun, being able to make up the shotgun. The targets are of good size and distances are very reasonable. The scenarios were setup well for all levels of shooters. All you got to do is be able to count past three!

Eleanor and 16 other shooters shot the whole match on Wednesday. Most said that it was too long and a very tiring day. Thursday was side match day and if you felt like it a little cowboy trap that evening. Moe shot pretty good but out of all the Wolverine Rangers that shot trap, Laporte Lil out shot everyone. I cheered for her from the get-go and tried hard to harass the others the best I could without being shot!

After the shootin' was done for the day and the vendors were closed, this club hosts a T-bone steak dinner (included in your shooting fee), hands out all the side match awards, and even had a little three piece western band playin' and telling stories. They gave out a lot of wood and Lassiter surely kept warm this night! The Rangers fared out well as follows:

- 1st Speed Pistol (Duelist) – Doc Roy L. Pain
- 2nd Derringer – Moe Gunns
- 2nd Ohio Challenge – Three Gun Cole
- 3rd Long Range Lever Big Bore – Mike Fink
- 3rd SA Pocket Pistol – Secondhand Jack
- 3rd Speed Rifle – Three Gun Cole
- Clean .22 Speed Rifle – Lady Bluebird – received a "kewpie doll"

Saturday was another great day for shooting, my posse started later but finished early. We had a good posse with some good shooters, young and

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fast, old and stead, Frontiersmen (Mike & Manatee) making thunder and lighting, and me shootin' ugly, just plain ugly. But I'm still grinnin'.

It's quiet on the range now, Boss and Charlie and all of us have settled the score. Now it's time to kick back and relax. It's banquet time and these folks know how to put one on. Paul Sherry is a big sponsor for this shoot and he provided free shuttle service for everyone from the hotels and campgrounds to a great building at his home where the banquet was held. Very impressive.

After a great meal the awards were handed out. The Rangers did a great job of shooting and took home lots of wood as follows:

- 1st Senior – J.R. Hammer
- 1st Classic Cowboy – Doc Roy L Pain
- 1st Ladies Duelist – Laporte Lil
- 2nd Traditional – Three Gun Cole
- 2nd Frontiersman – Mike Fink
- 2nd Ladies Traditional – Shotgun Mary
- 3rd Ladies 49er – Eleanor Jewel
- 3rd Ladies Duelist – Miss Misery
- 4th Traditional – Fireball

Lady Lightning helped with the costume contest judging. Other Rangers in attendance were Lue de Kris, J.R. Hammer, Faygo Kid, Kid Al Fred, and Wolverine Wrangler. Hope I didn't miss anybody.

I hope everyone that is playing this sport is enjoying it as much as I am. Even if you're just able to do it locally, do it as often as you can. If anyone wants more information on any of these shoots, feel free to contact me. Take Care and as they say "See ya on the trail."

Faygo Kid

Guns of August

Guns of August, the Midwest Regional Championship, was held August 12-15 at the Middletown Sportsman's Club in Middletown, Ohio. The weather was sunny and cool, almost October-like, which made for great shooting. Four hundred and nineteen shooters participated from 24

states and Canada which was an increase of 90 shooters over 2003. Tex and Chiseler were the guests from SASS. The Wolverine Rangers converged 42 strong on the event and took home the following awards:

- 2nd Speed Pump Shotgun and "I Bought It" – Three Gun Cole
- 2nd Speed Rifle – Colt McAllister
- 3rd Speed Pistol – A.J. Peacock
- 3rd Double Action Pocket Pistol – Three Gun Cole
- 3rd Charity Challenge – Mustache Kid
- 1st Traditional, Overall and Men's Midwest Regional Champion – Colt McAllister
- 2nd Ladies Duelist – Laporte Lil
- 3rd Senior Duelist – Secondhand Jack
- 3rd Ladies 49er – Katie Callahan
- 3rd Classic Cowboy – Doc Roy L. Pain
- 4th Ladies Traditional – Lara Cross Draw
- 4th Frontiersman – Mike Fink
- 4th Frontier Cartridge Traditional – No Buk Chuck
- 5th Frontier Cartridge Traditional – Slippery Pete
- 5th Ladies Duelist – Miss Misery
- 5th Ladies Modern – Eleanor Jewel

Clean matches were shot by One Son of a Gun, Moe Gunns, Secondhand Jack and Colt McAllister.

Our Wolverine Rangers members were also good at "quick-of-the-hand" events and in the "smarts" category:

- 1st Poker Tournament – Mustache Kid
- Gunsmoke Trivia Contest – Lara Cross Draw

Check out all the scores at <http://www.bigirons.com/goa2004final.htm>

The Mounted Mule Skinner Event was held at the mounted shooting corral and was a GREAT hit. A large crowd gathered to watch the two-person teams climb aboard a buckboard wagon pulled by a "mule", like a Kawasaki Mule or similar complete with a driver. One cowboy sat in the buckboard seat and the other cowboy sat in the wagon box on a bale of straw. As the mule sprinted down the corral the member in the buckboard seat proceeded to shoot five balloons with a blank-filled .22 pistol.



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***Always do right – this will gratify some
and astonish the rest. Mark Twain***

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On the return leg, the member in the back of the buckboard took over and shot another five balloons with their blank-filled .22 pistol. Fastest time and lowest amount of misses won. Deadwood Stan and his partner were the winners but the Wolverine



Secondhand Jack and Baldy Bill

Rangers had a number of teams compete, made a VERY good showing and are up to the challenge in 2005. Lookout next year, Deadwood Stan!

Last but not least was the Ladies “Only” Side Event which was attended by many ladies but also shot by Wild Willhemena aka Just Wild Bill from Kirkpatrick Leather. Wild Willhemena donned a borrowed, ostrich feathered “chamber pot” hat and a wistful, white cotton skirt to shoot the event. While many a lady and even some men watched, Wild Willhemena put on quite a show but did not win the event nor shoot it clean. Actually, I had never seen so many misses on the Ladies Side Event before! We all had a great time and thank Wild Bill for being such a good sport.

Be sure to get in on all the action at Guns of August 2005. Hope to see ya there.

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