

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I'm sitting here looking out the window wondering when all of that nasty white stuff is going to disappear. It might look pretty but it sure gets in the way of shooting, just ask Two Rig A Tony.

Plans for WRRW 2005 are proceeding well, I have spoken to Artie Fly and Sexie Sadie of Major Photography and they are planning to attend our match again this year. In addition Hipshot, SASS #7, is planning to attend.

Allegan Dan is hard at work lining up sponsors and vendors and things look to be going very well on that front. If anyone has knowledge of persons or organizations that would be interested in becoming Range War sponsors or vendors, please contact Allegan Dan, Mail Order Annie, or myself.

I, of course, get the opportunity to harangue all of you to lend us your support. We will be looking for posse leaders, side match marshals, construction help, registration help, and almost any type of assistance that you can give. We have a meeting of the Range War Committee scheduled for Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lansing. After that meeting I will be better able to tell you which individuals to contact to volunteer for various tasks. You can always email any of the following to volunteer or to ask questions:

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mailorderannie@comcast.net

Lainey Mae and Card Shark Charlie are doing a terrific job of processing Wolverine Rangers' renewals. They have just received the calendars so I expect the member packets will be sent out soon.

Look for our Range War advertisement and application in the May issue of the *Cowboy Chronicle*.

We also plan to have applications available online at [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org). Applications will be sent to all current Wolverine Rangers and past Range War attendees. We have sent out the invitations to our past Canadian shooters. If you know of any Canadian shooter who has not received his or her invitation, please let us know. These invitations are required for them to cross the border with their firearms.

At this point we plan no big changes in the Range War format but we are planning to move to a new, larger, and better banquet facility. The issues that were presented in the questionnaires distributed at last year's event have been discussed and I think that you will all be pleased with the results.

As you may or may not know, the Board has written and passed new bylaws for the Wolverine Rangers. At some point we will try to get those posted on the website. The biggest change is a more formal method of selecting the officers of the organization and the change to eight members-at-large to be elected by the membership as a whole. I will also insure that each member club has copies of these bylaws available so that you will be able to read them.

We are actively seeking a new editor for the Epitaph. Laporte Lil has done a wonderful job for us for the past four years but she needs a break. Lil will continue to act as the webmaster for our website but having both positions is seriously cutting into her shooting time, so we need to give her some additional free time. Anyone who is interested in this position can contact any Board member and they will pass the information on. Lil will help the new editor get started and I'm sure the various Board members and officers will be happy to help also.

**Wolverine Rangers Club News**

The club schedule and club contact information for the coming shooting season are now available on the website. Check it out. We now offer numerous chances to shoot and enjoy the companionship of the other Cowboy Action Shooters. I am planning to attend as many matches at as many different clubs as possible this year. I hope that this will give you a chance to let me know what we need to do to continue the growth of this fine organization and to continue to improve the Wolverine Rangers Range War.

Now it is time to go to the basement and continue loading ammunition for the upcoming year. I hope that I run short and have to do it again later this year.

Happy Trails, No Cattle

**Lapeer County Wranglers**

The L.C.S.C. Wranglers finished their winter league schedule on March 13<sup>th</sup> and held their banquet at Lenny Miller's on March 19<sup>th</sup>. A great time was had by all in attendance and here are the final standings after attendance was taken:

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|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Dodge City Duke   | 855.17  |
| 2. Ricochet Bill     | 890.02  |
| 3. Wall-Man          | 901.36  |
| 4. Bean Counter Slim | 944.00  |
| 5. Rafter 5          | 1156.75 |
| 6. Four Finger Carl  | 1180.13 |
| 7. Ruff Trax         | 1276.24 |
| 8. Wolf Creek Tom    | 3808.64 |
| 9. J.D.              | 3907.22 |
| 10. Burch Haircut    | 4638.76 |
| 11. Marshall Cooper  | 6397.96 |
| 12. Bea Sweet        | 6932.76 |

One of the requirements of the Winter League is that shooters must be in attendance at the banquet to have their scores counted. Several of our leading shooters did not attend resulting in the standings as recorded above. In any event, the Winter League is now history and we look forward to April and our outdoor matches from then through November! Good shooting to all, and come and shoot with us when you can.

**Wall-Man**

**Shoot Straight Cattle Company**

Well, winter's still hanging on but we're here and getting the season started anyway. Our first match went well despite the cold weather and white-outs that hindered setup a bit. We had 27 brave shooters come out and join us under the covered shooting bay. We shot five stages and had four pardos shoot it clean. Doc Roy L. Pain, Black Mountain Ranger, Lou Dee Kris and Faygo Kid managed to take out all the steel bad guys. Nice shooting fellas!

We had several guests join us to learn about the sport and one brand new shootist. I want to thank our vendors Eleanor Jewel's Emporium, Dirty Dances with Wolves Gun Leather, Great Lakes Shooting Association and Mike's Gun Shop for setting up and giving our shooters a chance to do a bit of shopping.

Come on out and join us on April 10<sup>th</sup> for a cowboy swap meet. We'll have tables setup so you can part with some of your unused equipment or browse the selections for that item you've been looking for. I know I'm going to try to clean up my shop area some.

We'll be back out on the regular range in April. We're working on stages right now so be prepared! Bring some extra shotgun shells with you; we might just have an all shotgun stage prepared by Three Gun Cole.

Texas John Critter

**Sucker Creek Peacemakers**

Here at Sucker Creek we're waiting for the snow to melt so we can do some work on the stages. We plan to build a "mine" stage and also start building some permanent structures but have to wait for the grounds to dry up. We will begin having regular monthly matches starting May 14<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check our website [www.SuckerCreek.org](http://www.SuckerCreek.org) for the latest news and information.

We will again be present at the Midland Gun Show on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to promote Cowboy Action Shooting along with other clubs. Hope to see y'all there.

**Wolverine Wrangler**

## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Saginaw Six-Shooters

On March 19<sup>th</sup> the Saginaw Six-Shooters had a "Spring Thaw" practice day. Of course, this is Michigan and we ended up with rain and snow. But did that stop the Six-Shooters? Naw, we just hunkered down..... and shot under the pavilion like any smart cowboy would do. We even had a group of spectators who ventured out to see what Cowboy Action Shooting was all about.

Some of us were like bears comin' out of hibernation..... a bit sluggish at first but with each ping and ding, we started waking up. And, with all the friendly harassment and the new gun purchases parading around, we were wide-eyed and bushy-tailed by the end of the day.

After practice we headed up to the clubhouse for some hot grub and a short meeting. We discussed when we could do the Gillary Foundation and our members came up with an idea.

This year we're looking forward to lots of fun, big and up-close targets, and scenarios that won't have you scratchin' your head and wonderin' "which way do I go?" We'll have great grub and, of course, great times with our pards. Get Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> ciphered on your calendar. We don't want to have to send the posse out lookin' for ya.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Saginaw Six-Shooters will have their Cowboy Action Shooting display at the Midland Gun Show for the second year in a row. With an actual stage prop leaning against the wall and all of our Six-Shooters dressed in their cowboy duds, our booth will spark a lot of interest. The Wild West will come alive at this popular gun show with informative brochures and SASS pamphlets, shooting videos playing, and photos and equipment on display. Some call it a regular "Cowboy Recruitment." All we can say is it's always lots of fun sharing CAS with others.

We will be starting our Wednesday night practices beginning April 20<sup>th</sup>. We start at 5:30 p.m. and shoot 'til dark or we run out of ammo. Cost is \$3

for Field & Stream members or \$5 for non-members. If your pony happens to take you to this neck of the woods and you're looking for a fun time, stop in. The gate will be open and the targets awaitin'. And remember, live life..... give it your best shot.

**Ratiz Callahan and Bad Rivgr Marty**

### Chippewa Regulators

On May 21<sup>st</sup> Sault Ste. Marie will commence their 2005 shooting season..... this is right after all the snow melts! Our two-day shoot will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. There will no longer be a shoot in October, just too darn cold, so our last shoot is in September. Come on up and see us!

Giddyup Gal

### Walker City Rangers

On March 19<sup>th</sup> we successfully completed our first winter schedule. The key word here is winter. No one had worse weather than we did – wind, snow, rain and freezing temperatures, and still shooters came and supported our program. In spite of Mother Nature, we still had a good time shooting. The word around the clubhouse is "those cowboy shooters will shoot in any weather!" Actually, I think they said "those guys are nuts." No matter what they say, we had a good time and that made the shoots a success.

As for the club, West Walker was impressed. As we have stated in the past, the club's goal is to provide as many shooting sports as possible and CAS was one at the top of their list. They are thrilled to have us. I think that was evident because I never had to ask or follow-up on snow plowing or lunches. They gave those jobs to charter members and the jobs were done. The club has lots of plans and I'm confident the leadership will get them done.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> is our next match. Rockford will shoot on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> so we thought we'd make a weekend of it on this side of the state. We have cleared overnight camping with the club and are

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planning a Saturday night cookout. So plan on spending the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> in west Michigan and shoot with Rockford on Saturday and West Walker on Sunday.

Once again, Len and I appreciate all the support we received in putting on this program. Thank you again and we'll see you all soon.

Two Rig A Tony & Lucky Lennie

**Shootin' in the Southwest (cont. from Feb.)**

Pictured are the Wolverine Rangers that shot Gunfight at Brawley Wash near Tucson, January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> under snow-like clouds and mighty cool temperatures.



One hundred seventy-five participated with Wolverine Rangers taking home “stone slabs” as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> Black Powder – Hondo Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Senior – Cactus Kay, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Duelist – Lucky Lennie and Dakota Doc respectively, 4<sup>th</sup> Gunfighter – Secondhand Jack, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Duelist – Laporte Lil.

None of the Wolverine Rangers placed at Fire and Ice in Casa Grande the week prior to Winter Range due to the fact that you had to shoot both days to be in the running. We had a lot of rain before and even on the first day of the match so none of us shot until Sunday.

We thought we had the rain behind us but Winter Range was even worse. The props, organization of the match and scheduling were great but the rain would not give up. Luckily most of the heavy stuff came during the evening hours but we still had to deal with the mud in the campground, in the parking area, on the range and more importantly, at the stages. When the posse Doc, Cactus Kay, Lennie, and Country Girl were on shot the final main match day, they were standing in 2-3 inches of water with mud and straw mixed in, holding umbrellas over the shooter and everyone else that they could, while seeing their breath in the cold morning air. It was the most unfavorable weather any of us had ever encountered at previous Winter Range's.

When the nearly 700 scores were tallied three Rangers brought home buckles and/or plaques: 5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Senior – Cactus Kay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Duelist – Lucky Lennie, and 7<sup>th</sup> Ladies Duelist – Laporte Lil, with a clean match to boot.



Gathering of the Posses (GOP) was held March 25-27 in Casa Grande with 217 participants. The Dusty Bunch is the host club and they're called that for good reason. When the wind blows it gets very dusty on the range. Saturday was a fine day with only a few dust devils blowing through and by Sunday the winds were calm with a great day near

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80 degrees.

Some of the Rangers had moved on to Texas and planned to backtrack to New Mexico for the state championship the second week of April and then on to EOT for the following two weeks. We'll expect a report from those events for the next Epitaph.

Secondhand Jack and I were the only Wolverine Rangers to shoot GOP. A 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ladies Duelist was in store for me and I was proud to be there right behind (again) the infamous Pearl Heart, although she was a heck of a long way ahead of me!

Our GOP posse included Tumbleweed Travis, the 11-year old that submitted an article for the January 2005 *Cowboy Chronicle* (page 14) about CAS and traveling with his grandparents to various matches during the summer. We had known Laramie Jack and Pistol Packing Granny for the last couple of years but did not realize that Tumbleweed Travis was their grandson. Also on our posse was Wes Flowers aka West Fargo the terrific gunsmith from Cochise, Arizona. We were privileged to shoot with both of these fine cowpokes.

Now, for a little humor. In talking to a couple of the top Senior Lady shooters, Miss Joann and Miss Hattie Wild, Miss Joann said that she was going to have surgery on her foot in the next couple of days and that should help give her an edge over her competition. She then mentioned that she was also going to have surgery during the summer to remove some "unnecessary" parts and that should help her also. I wondered if that was the newest form of becoming a "gamer" but Middlefork Jake helped clarify by stating "internal modifications are legal according to SASS....!" We all had a good laugh!

See ya soon! Laporte Lil

### Brochures

Thanks to the efforts of Katie Callahan we will soon have brochures to help spread the word about Cowboy Action Shooting in Michigan and the Wolverine Rangers!

Katie is a published writer and that experience will make these brochures very attractive and will be able to get lots of attention, I'm sure.

Katie is also working on a Range War brochure. This will be a great asset for anyone who wants to invite a cowboy or cowgirl to participate in Range War 2005.

One other thing, I'd like to thank Katie for writing the article for the *Cowboy Chronicle* reviewing Range War 2004. It's a great read, and should be in the May or June issue in time to spark some interest for Range War 2005. Look for it.

I'm sure you'll join me in a big cowboy cheer, "Great job, Katie", and a great big "THANK YOU!"

It's volunteers like Katie Callahan that make this club work so well.

Allegan Dan

### Website Update

The website is fast approaching maximum capacity that we are allotted without paying extra for more space. In order to make room for more current information, I will be deleting the 2003 Range War scores in addition to all the 2004 monthly match scores. If you want a copy of any of these, please download them prior to April 15.

Regards, Laporte Lil

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**Sponsor and Vendor Drive Underway**

We began our sponsor and vendor drive about a month ago and so far its been a huge success! The following businesses have stepped up to either Sponsor or Vend at Range War 2005:

- Cimarron Arms Co.
- Marbles Outdoors
- Recollections
- Randall J. Gillary, P.C.
- Major Photography
- Banana River Outfitters (Manatee)
- Circle KB Leather
- Cabela's Outfitters
- Son's Outreach Center

These are the folks who have committed in some way to be involved with Range War this year. A few have made rather large commitments, I have to say.

We've just scratched the surface so far and I'm sure in the coming months we will be hearing from many more people and organizations.

I would like to encourage anyone who knows of a person or company who may want to be involved to get their name and address to me, and I'll send them the information. When they receive it you can feel free to follow-up or let me know and I will.

Thanks to Faygo Kid and Eleanor Jewel for recommending Recollections. They sponsored the Arizona State Championship last year and are excited to be involved at Range War this year.

Allegan Dan

**CLUB CONTACTS**

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Slippery Pete	Hastings	269-838-6944
Texas John Critter	Ionia	269-506-7325
Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
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**Have you renewed  
your membership?**

**NRA Renewals**

A good reason to sign up with the NRA is because they carry firearms coverage insurance. I don't believe most homeowner insurance policies cover firearm collections where YOU let them know what the value is and you will be fully covered.

Also, the NRA is running a "renew your membership / sign up a friend / contribute to the cause" contest and first prize is Tom Selleck's *Quigley Dow Under* long-range rifle. Sounds like a good time to renew MY membership!

Chiricahua Mama

**Clean Match Update**

Things are getting underway with our "Clean Match Program". We have 16 Rangers who qualify, having shot at least one clean match so far this year.

I can't say who, but we have (at least) one shooter who has shot three clean matches so far!

Folks, it's time to buckle down, practice (a four letter word to some, no offense!) a little, and start hitting all those pesky, lowdown, good for nothing, flea riddin' steel varmints!

Allegan Dan

**Pickin' Up Pards**

Welcome to the following new members: Due CJ Jr., Ledge Lady, Horse Keeper, Pistol Packing Babe, and Lainey Mae. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!