

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Rangers. The shooting season is well under way. Most of our member clubs have begun shooting for the year and more will have started before you read this.

I have attended matches at Rockford, Ionia, Hastings, Grand Rapids, Midland, Breckenridge, Plymouth, Utica, and Saginaw so far this year. All I can say is that all of these clubs are improving constantly. All of the matches were well run and every club has improved over last year. Michigan is proving to be a great place for cowboy action shooters. My biggest problem is that they make it tough to stick to my diet. All of my cowboy clothes are becoming a tad snug.

I do want to suggest that you make an effort to shoot at Sucker Creek (Breckenridge) if the opportunity presents itself. It is hard to believe that this last match was only their 2nd shoot. The folks there have created some interesting props and scenarios. Cree Vicar Dave is a very inventive and talented craftsman, and his props are impressive and useful. I suspect that many of us will borrow his concept for staging long guns horizontally. I have been recruiting him to build props for WRRW 2005.

Plymouth held a match on May 21 and it is hard to believe that this club is as new as it is. The match was very well run and offered some unique vendors. It is my understanding that they will try to continue with these and other vendors at each match. This is another match that you should try.

As promised, I am going to remind you about WRRW 2005 again. We still need volunteers to run side matches on Friday, September 2 which are set up in 2-hour shifts. Each club will have a copy of the side match sign-up book. When you register at your next match ask if they have received their copy of the book and please sign-up to help out.

Persons in charge as of right now are:

Long Range Pistol—One Son of a Gun

Speed Shotgun—Diewalker

Speed Rifle—Border Town Hombre/Wiiwan

LR Rifle, Rifle Caliber—Mackinaw Kid

Speed Pistol—Deuce Stevens

Plainsman Event—Texas John Critter

Cowboy Trap—Wolverine Wrangler/Kid Al Fred

Charity Challenge—No Buk Chuck

**Chili Supper/Banquet—Square Shake Lake
and Spring Valley Cathy**

Hooterville—Old Sy

.22 Caliber Events—Scholfield Ranger

We still need volunteers for:

Pocket Pistol and Derringer

Long Range Rifle, Pistol Caliber

Man-on-Man Competition

Team Event

The person in charge will be expected to write up the procedure for the side match, make sure that it is set up properly, and coordinate the shifts of his or her volunteers. They are *not* expected to run the event for the entire day. We want all of our volunteer workers to have the chance to participate in the other side match events.

We also need posse leaders. Posse leaders must have RO1 training and I suggest that you recruit an assistant to help you out. There will be a posse leader walk-thru on Friday evening to insure that we are all on the same page.

Please remember that we want WRRW 2005 to follow the lead of our member clubs and to improve each year. The best way to insure that is to encourage new ideas from our members and provide enough hands so that the same members do not do all of the work every year. New blood is always a good thing and if I might quote Table Top Tom, "Many hands make light work."

We also need to have each club submit a stage or stages for WRRW 2005. When you submit a stage,

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be aware that the Rangers will provide the shotgun and pistol targets. You are asked to provide the props, rifle targets, and any special targets that you require for your stage. We have a dual theme this year. Our stages will be based on the movies ***“OPEN RANGE” and “CROSSFIRE TRAIL”***.

We are still looking for an Editor for the Epitaph. Laporte Lil has held this position four years and ***will be resigning after the August Epitaph is published.*** The Epitaph is a vital communication tool of the Wolverine Rangers and for those without Internet access it is the only means of keeping informed. If you have any word processing experience you would be a natural for this job. ***If no one volunteers..... there will be no Epitaph.***

Don't forget the **Membership Free Shoot** conducted by **The Johnson Creek Regulators at Plymouth on July 30th** and is **free** to all **Wolverine Rangers**. Please call the **Wolverine Rangers** at 616-361-6720 and let us know if you plan to attend. We need approximate numbers to insure that everyone is well fed. There is nothing worse than a bunch of cranky, underfed cowpersons.

Well, that should do it for now. If you have any questions please contact the match directors at your favorite club or call the **Wolverine Rangers** at 616-361-6720. Shoot safe, shoot well, shoot often, and have a great time.

No Cattle

DSC Rocky River Regulators

Howdy folks! The winds of change have been blowin' through Rocky River these days. Our little town is going through a growth spurt by building a new town hall. This will allow us to get out of the elements for registration, entertainment and food. We are hoping to have the building completed by this fall. In the stage area, we are building a new courthouse for those unruly targets.

We'll be having a "Women Only Intro to Cowboy Action Shooting" event on June 18 at 12:00pm. It was brought to our attention that women would

like to learn more about our great sport in a less male dominated forum. Batwing Betty and The Lady will instruct the ladies on the Cowboy Way. Dodge City Dick and Mackinaw Kid will be present for shooting instruction. Our hope is that this class will encourage more females to participate in Cowboy Action Shooting.

The "Pig-Out-of-Luck" has changed a little this year as well. Instead of it being a day of side matches we are having a "Cowboy Sporting Clays Shoot" on Saturday, July 16. Watch for our flyer. The "Pig-Out-of-Luck" is now the dinner on Saturday evening. Tickets for "Pig-Out-of-Luck" are on sale now and are being sold on a first come first served basis, limiting the amount of tickets to 85 people. Contact Mackinaw Kid at 248-852-0351 or r.stover@juno.com for more information. Sunday, July 17 is our monthly shoot. So come on out and see what's going on! It will be a great time for everyone!

Leather and Lace

Eagleville Cowboys

The Eagleville Cowboys up in the northwest territories of Michigan had their first shoot of 2005 (April 23) snowed out..... it was a white-out. But, we knew it was acomin', so we shot it the following Saturday which had much better weather and a good turn out. Actually, one new shooter showed up in the snow, so he got a quick tour. Our quickest shooter, Red Dead Revererd was also top Traditional, Senior—One Son of a Gun, Gunfighter—Kewadin Kid, Modern—Bar Gun Hunter, Duelist—Sutter Mountain Iron Man, Elder Statesman—Fishbone, Lady—Crack Shot Fannie, and Classic Cowboy—Trusty Rusty.

Birdshot Betty cooked up some fine grub and we had quite a few spectators show up to see what it was all about. Maybe we hooked some of them to come back with their shootin' irons.

Y'all come see us, we're informal on everything except safety.

One Son of a Gun

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West Walker City Rangers

The West Walker City Rangers will hold their next match on Sunday, July 3rd. Camping will be available for Saturday night. With Rockford shooting on Saturday, July 2nd we are suggesting you bring your RV, stay at a local motel, or B&B and then shoot with us on Sunday the 3rd.

Saturday night starting at 5:30pm we'll have a cookout on the patio of the clubhouse (hamburgers and hotdogs). We're still making arrangements for the club to keep the skeet range open for cowboy skeet Saturday night. Vendors are welcome.

On Sunday you'll get 5 stages and lunch for \$15. Registration is 8:30-9:30am followed by the safety meeting so shooting should start at 9:45am. Those 16 and under shoot free but must pay for lunch.

For camping and the cookout, please email Two Rig a Tony in advance of your intentions at tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com

Two Rig a Tony

Chippewa Regulators

Pards, don't know about you, but we're still waitin' for spring to greet our harried faces! We're beginning to think the world has turned topsy-turvy!

The Chippewa Regulators are looking forward to seeing our old friends, and some new faces, for our annual two-day shoot June 18-19. We've got some exciting new toys to play with and can't wait to try 'em out with ya! For those of you who missed us last year, we have extended the parking lot and camping facilities, however, camper hookups are very limited. We've also built a roomy pole building to accommodate us during feed time in inclement weather and the gang has been working hard on all sorts of new things to try and make life easier.

I expect we'll have a potluck on Friday night, June 17. Nothing organized, just do what suits you. If you want to share your fare, we're willing to help you out; if not, that's okay too. Food is always aplenty, so no one will go hungry.

The steak fry went over so well last year that we decided to do it again on Saturday night, June 18 after shooting. The cost is a mere \$5 for the steak, PLUS you must bring something to share. Doesn't matter if it's drink, chips or whatever, just bring something to share so we will have enough to pass around. I'm partial to chocolate, doesn't matter what form it's in, just make it chocolate and, well, gooey. We don't want to leave any hungry folks.

After supper our friends, The Bait Shop Boys, will once again entertain us with their lively music. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate. Last year Cree Vicar Dave jumped in and played the bass. What a hoot!!!! Women, we can always use dance hall gals to liven up the party. Those fancy frills you wore to the State shoot?... just be sure to bring 'em up and give them some wear! If you have a talent, or just think you do, share it with the rest of us. There's no reason to sit like bumps on logs and let the "Boys" do all the entertainment! It sure makes more fun when everyone joins in. Last year I noticed that some of you seemed to want to stomp your feet, but held back. Don't be shy, just jump right in and do your thang! It's only us! Remember, our motto up here is "We don't care!"

I'd like to get at least an idea of how many plan to eat steak on Saturday night so we don't run out. We can always cut out a beef from the herd if we don't have enough, but do need a few days notice. Just give us a call at 906-478-4105 and ask for Jan or Mike if you plan to attend. If we're not there, leave a message. Or you can email us at memayer@sault.com If you do email, please state "Two Day Shoot" in the subject line. I may not recognize some of your addresses and I don't open what I don't know. Any other questions can be directed to Yooper Fred at 906-635-9700.

We're soooo looking forward to seeing all of you. Pray for nice weather! Also, just to let you know that our grand raffle prize at the end of the season will be a \$400 shopping spree to Wild West Mercantile. You won't want to miss out on an opportunity to win this one!

Giddyup Gal

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Double Barrel Gang

The June match in Hastings has been moved to Sunday, June 26 (instead of the day before). Please update your calendar accordingly.

Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers kicked off the shooting season with their first CAS match of the year on Saturday, May 14. Although it was fairly nice (a little rain and a little chilly) on Friday afternoon while we were getting the stages set up, we started out with rain on Saturday morning and had to delay the start of the match. Surprisingly, the rain stopped, the sun made an appearance, and it warmed up a bit. We ended up having a very pleasant day for the remainder of the match.

Top shooters for the match were: Bad River Marty—Gunfighter, Katie Callahan—Ladies 49er, Ethan Callahan—Traditional, Smooth Sail'n—49er, Cree Vicar Dave—Senior, Beerbelly Willie—Senior Duelist, Tacoma Tad—Frontier Cartridge, Laporte Lil—Ladies Duelist; Kid Al Fred—Classic Cowboy, Southpaw Draw—Junior Male, Spring Valley Cathy—Ladies Traditional, and Miss Vicki—Ladies Modern. The scores for this match and future matches are posted on our web site www.SuckerCreek.org in addition to www.wolverinerangers.org

Our next match is scheduled for June 11th. So bring your shootin' irons and come on out to see what it's all about.

Wolverine Wrangler

Timbertown Marshals

Midland's Timbertown Marshals hosted their first warm-weather outdoor match Saturday, April 16. To our amazement the cowboys were ready to come out of mothballs and showed up to the tune of 25! The sun was shining, the cowboys were in good spirits and lead was flying!

After the dust settled, Bad River Marty blew the competition away with a hefty 28-second lead over

second place. High woman was Elsie Rose. A big thanks to Kenny Hitem fer fixin' vittels.

Midland shoots every third Saturday at 10 am. Don't cost much--\$7 per cowboy, \$6 per Wolverine Ranger, \$5 per Timbertown Marshal, and \$10 per family--'cause we ain't got much, seeing as how we're new. We sure do have a good time shooting though. Lunch is an additional \$3--two dogs, beans, chips, cupcake and pop.

The Marshals taught RO I on April 21st to a class of 5. Next RO I class is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 6 - 9 pm. Cost is \$10. Bring your own syllabus, or use one of ours. Call to register, Grizzly Bear Pete 989-631-6658 or Dakota Duchess 989-689-3891.

Dakota Duchess

Lapeer County Wranglers

On June 25 & 26, 2005 we will have our 8th Annual Great Lakes Match. We have several new categories for shooters to enter this year in addition to our new chili cook-off which will take place at our clubhouse at 6:00pm on June 24th. We already have a couple of entries in the chili cook-off contest with several more expected! Crackers and drinks will be provided by the Wranglers along with bowls and plastic spoons. All a contestant has to do is provide enough chili to be sampled by those in attendance. Prizes will be provided for several categories of chili.

The new shooting categories being added this year are 49er and Classic Cowboy. We hope to be able to add more categories each year as participation increases. With our ability to offer fee reductions for being a NRA member, SASS member, and Wolverine Rangers member, we certainly offer a very competitive fee structure as compared to other annual matches both in and out of Michigan.

Come and join us on the last weekend in June for a fun and competitive time!

Wall-Man

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Saginaw Six-Shooters

Spring has finally arrived! Birds are singing and targets are ringing! Our pards here in Saginaw have been enjoying our Wednesday night practices. We're having lots of new shooters attending, experiencing the fun of Cowboy Action Shooting and having a wonderful excuse to buy more guns! If you're in our neck of the woods, stop in some Wednesday night. We're ready to shoot at 5:30pm and run 'til dark or 'til our bullet bags come up empty. We usually have two stages set up for lots of shooting practice.

At our May 28th shoot we had 48 pards shooting at Nasty Ned's gang and cleanin' out the territory. We had nine shoot the match CLEAN!!! Great shooting, folks!

Top five ladies: Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, K.J. Stevens, Left Eyed Lizzie, and Lainey Mae.

Top five gents: Deuce Stevens (and top overall), Three Gun Cole, Bad River Marty, Dodge City Dick, and J.R. Hammer.

We also earned \$104 for the Gillary Foundation with our "Time is Money" 5-second bonus. For a donation of \$2 or more shooters could get 5 seconds taken off their total time while helping a worthwhile charity. Thanks to all those who participated!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next two shoots – Saturday, July 23 and Saturday, September 24. We have a lot more fun scenarios and props planned for your shooting pleasure. Big targets up close, simple scenarios, and, did I mention, lots of FUN? Who knows what Nasty Ned will have up that dirty sleeve of his! The Mayer of Hooterville is counting on you, pards, to save the day.

Speaking of nasty.... our nasty privy's have been spruced up. They're still the same ole one-holers and look the same on the outside, but the inside has been painted white, with new flooring, and some new fixtures. A definite improvement!!!

Our Field & Stream Club President has been working on obtaining permits and getting plans for the new building on our lower pistol range. We have a lot of cowboy volunteers offering their help and when this building comes about it will be a real asset to our club activities. It's sure exciting to watch the growth of this shooting sport.

The Six-Shooters are also looking forward to helping out at Range War again this year. If you're thinking about it, don't be shy about volunteering. Every offer of help is appreciated and will make this our best Range War ever!

And remember... live life. Give it your best shot.

Katiz Callahan & Bad River Marty

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members Dirty Weasel, Grizzly Bear Pete, Grubby Hardrock, Gun Shy, Kid Surrey, Trooper John, Wolverine Willie, Case Harden, Radson Creek Zeek, Old Doc Potter, Ranger Jack, Red Wrangler Lil, Shaky Legs Mike, Ted Stokich, and D.B. Buck. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

Correction

One of our new members was incorrectly listed in the April Epitaph. Welcome to Dude CJ Jr. (not Due CJ Jr.)

Alias Changes

Let it be known that from this day forward the following will be known by their new aliases:

- Wildcat now Q.T. Cupcake
- J.D. McCall now Amarillo Phil
- Jack Spade now Cristopher Hawkins
- Choo Choo Charlie now Dar B Shureshot
- Bull Freeman now Spencer McCabe

Welcome Back!

We want to welcome home Panhead Pete after serving a several month assignment in the searing Middle East. We're glad you're back safe and sound. Thanks for serving our great country!

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RO II Class Scheduled

Cactus Kay and Dakota Doc will be instructing an RO II class on Saturday, July 16 at Gander Mountain, Telegraph Road in Waterford. Cost is \$25 per person and will begin at 10:30am lasting approximately 4 hours. Pre-registration is required in order to have sufficient class materials. Contact Dodge City Dick at richardjoyce90@hotmail.com or 248-674-1254 to register or if you have additional questions.

Possible RO I Class

No Cattle will be instructing an RO I class in the near future, but a date has not been selected as of yet. Watch the website for more information as it is made available.

Classified

Lee Reloader—Lee Pro 1000 all set up for 45 long colts, 4 tube shell case holder, case collator, auto index and prime, 4 tube bullet feeder, carbide dies. \$100 plus shipping. Contact Uncle Hoss at hoss45lc@comcast.net

EAA Bounty Hunter, 45 colt, 4 3/4" barrel, blue, case color frame, checkered grips. Has ace of spades engraved on the top of back strap and "Wolverine Rangers Range War 2000" engraved on the top of the frame. Pictures available. \$200 plus shipping. Contact Tacoma Tad at 989-832-3002 or tunderhill@chartermi.net

1897 Winchester 12 ga. takedown. Shoots good. \$290. Also, 1892 Navy in .357 mag. Like new. \$325. Contact Dakota Fats at 269-721-8190 or gdmillsatfine@aol.com

New Club Formed

We are pleased to announce a new CAS club, the Chief Okemos Renegades located at Chief Okemos Sportsmen's Club in Dimondale.

We will be shooting on Tuesday's from 5:30pm until dark, from April to October. Good for new shooters to learn about the sport. We will be practicing, advising (whether you want it or not!) and working to improve our skills. \$3 for Chief Okemos Sportsmen's Club members, \$5 for non-members.

Directions are I-496 west to I-96 east. From I-96 take exit #98A (Lansing Road south). At the first traffic signal (Canal Road) turn left and go south on Canal Road one mile to Windsor Hwy. Turn right on Windsor Hwy and go 1 mile to Gunnell Road. Turn left on Gunnell Road and go to the end of the pavement (approximately 1 mile) to the club entrance. The Chief Okemos Renegades will begin holding shooting matches in the near future.

Contact Dirty Dancing with Wolves at 517-323-3850 if you have additional questions.

RAFFLE!

Soon we will begin a raffle to pay for the pistol targets we've arranged to purchase for this year's Range War. The tickets are \$10 each, there will be 21 winners, and here's what you can win.

The Grand Prize is an 'out of the box' competition ready, Cody-Matic Uberti 20" Border (with the pistol grip), 1873 Rifle!

There will be 20 who will win their choice of a Marble's Tang Mounted Peep Sight.

Cody Connagher donated a complete action job, along with a 'short stroke' kit installed.

Tickets will go on sale soon, and you *allowed* to buy more than one!

Allegan Dan



*SASS Michigan State Championship
7th Annual
Wolverine Rangers Range War 2005*



Conducted at
Blue Water Sportsman's Club
Port Huron, Michigan
September 2nd - September 5th, 2005

Name: _____

Alias: _____

Circle One: Adult Spouse Junior (12-16 yrs)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

SASS Number Required _____

Shooting Category (Circle One)



Traditional Modern Duelist Sr. Duelist Gunfighter Frontiersman

Frontier Cart. Frontier Cart. Duelist Classic Cowboy Classic Cowgirl

Lady Traditional Lady Modern Lady 49er Lady Duelist Lady Senior

49er Senior Elder Statesman Junior Boy Junior Girl Buckaroo

Other Category: _____

Entries received on or before July 31 will receive a free WRRW t-shirt

T-shirt size: XXXL XXL XL L M S (circle one)

Entry Fee

Includes Sunday Dinner and all side events

Total all Fees for Family on one Application

Adult @ \$95..... \$ _____
Without Banquet Ticket @ \$85 \$ _____

Spouse @ \$70..... \$ _____
Without Banquet Ticket @ \$60 \$ _____

Juniors Shoot Free X ___ \$ - 0 -
(12-16 years old)

Jr Shooter Banquet @ \$10 X___ \$ _____

Adult Banquet Guest @ 20 X___ \$ _____

Junior Banquet Guest @10 X___ \$ _____
(12 years and under)

On-site camping (\$10 flat fee) \$ _____

Late Fee @ \$15 \$ _____
(Entry received after 8/1)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

\$20 cancellation fee per entry prior to 8/15/05

Send Entries To: Wolverine Rangers
3329 Rogue River Rd, NE
Belmont, MI 49306
Please Make Checks Payable To: Wolverine Rangers

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Hoosegow means jail, juzgado in Spanish meaning courthouse.

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Handlebar Mustache Contest

On July the Fourth, 2005 in the town of Decatur, Michigan they will be celebrating the holiday in an unusual way. Pinard, the folks who manufacture mustache wax are sponsoring a handle bar mustache contest. Now, I know there are quite a few cowboys out there who wear mustaches. Wouldn't it be fun to get judged while wearing our cowboy clothes? Decatur is about 30 miles west of Kalamazoo, just south of I-94.

If you're interested in going and want more information contact Allegan Dan at 616-510-1354 or allegandan@charter.net

Clean Match Update

To date we have 50 pards shooting at least one clean match. Keep shootin' clean until the results are made known at the July 30 free membership shoot at Plymouth.

Sponsor and Vendor Drive Update

We have been soliciting sponsors and vendors for Range War for the past couple of months. In addition to the nine sponsors/vendors listed in the April Epitaph, we've added three more: Kirkpatrick Leather, Mernickle Leather and Calico Lassie.

We hope you'll support all our fine sponsors and vendors at Range War 2005.

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