

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Rangers. I have just returned from a great trip to Texas. If you get the chance to shoot at the **Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club** or the **Comanche Valley Vigilantes** located between Cleburne and Glen Rose, Texas make sure to do it. These are two great matches about 30 miles apart. Great folks. They do things a little differently than we do but I am sure that you can adapt.

I want to welcome Case Harden as our new Editor of the Epitaph. This is Laporte Lil's last issue, with Case Harden taking over for the October issue. Thank you, Lil, for a wonderful job. And, thank you, Case Harden, for taking on this burdensome, but necessary task.

The Wolverine Rangers Range War is less than six weeks away. We still need Range War side match volunteers. To sign up, contact Mail Order Annie, the match director at any match you attend or myself.

The speed shotgun events in particular are in need of assistance as there are several events in the interest of a level playing field and more chances to shoot — **Speed Shotgun-Pump or Lever, Speed Shotgun-Double Barrel, Speed Shotgun-Hammered Double, and Speed Shotgun-Flying Objects.** Be sure to bring plenty of ammo!

Range War raffle tickets are available. The grand prize is a '73 Border Rifle with an action job and short stroke kit by Cody Conagher. There are also 10 second prizes of certificates redeemable for a Marble's Tang Mounted Peep Sight for your rifle. I have one of these on each of my rifles and I know that you will love them. You do not need to be present nor be a Wolverine Rangers member to win. This raffle is open to anyone. Tickets are \$10 each and only 500 tickets will be sold.

The Membership Shoot will be held at Plymouth on the 30th of July. Those of you who get this via

e-mail should have the chance to sign up in time. We do need to know who is coming in advance. Cheyenne Raider and Rainmaker Ray have planned some special things for you and you will be disappointed if you miss out.

Don't forget to sign up for Range War. It is on track to be even bigger and better than last year. We can also use volunteers for activities other than side matches. **Set-up and tear-down, scorekeeping and registration help, and just general assistance. We could also use a few hands to spruce up the clubhouse prior to setting up the Range War registration office. No offer of assistance will be turned down.** If you have questions about what needs to be done just catch me at a match, the membership shoot, call 616-363-2827, or e-mail me at nocattle@comast.net.

We are looking for a PA system for Range War. Ideally it would be battery powered although we could use one of the generators if necessary. If you have access to a PA system please let me know.

The following folks are signed up as Posse Marshals and Deputies for Range War. If you see any errors in this list let us know immediately.

Bad River Marty & Lassiter
Card Shark Charlie & Drover Dan
Catlow & Poco Loco
Cree Vicar Dave
Doc Roy L. Pain
Goodshots Gettem & Tacoma Tad
J.J. Longley
Mackinaw Kid & Dodge City Dick
R.J. Law & The Lady
Rainmaker Ray & Cheyenne Raider
Two Rig a Tony
Wolverine Wrangler & Kid Al Fred

I sincerely hope all of you are having a summer as busy and wonderful as mine. I'll see you down the trail. (Ask me about the gun I purchased in Texas.)

No Cattle

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Lapeer County Wranglers

Great Lakes Match #8 was held June 24-26. Friday dawned clear and hot for the work parties and chili preparers scheduled to have their chili judged that evening in the L.C.S.C. clubhouse. We had nine cowboys and cowgirls enter the first ever chili cook-off at a Great Lakes Match. The following received prizes ranging from fake Pepto Bismol and Tums to bottles containing ingredients designed to make chili hotter. Chili winners were:
 Fowl Chili—Jennie Schmidt
 Hottest Chili—Andy (Tucco) Serocki
 Wild Game Chili—Carl (Four Finger) Roper
 Hottest Chili—Mike (Andy Horshurodinon) Day
 Meat Beanless Chili—Phyllis (Tenderfoot Tess) Felice
 Beans & Meat Chili—Gayle Schmidt
 Best Tasting—John (Johnny Guitare) Schmidt
 And in a special category, Best Pork Loin—Ned Colburn, who prepared a great tasting pork loin for those non-chili eaters. Thanks a million, Ned!

Saturday also dawned clear, hot and muggy. The first five stages were shot in the woods, much to the relief of the shooters, who were not looking forward to being out in the direct glare of the sun. The five stages were completed by approximately 1:30pm leaving plenty of time for the eight side matches to be over before the 6:00pm dinner.

Side Match results were as follows:

Derringer—Beerbelly Willie #45138
 Pocket Pistol—Lue Dee Kriss #5422
 Long Range Pistol—Deadwood Steve #50344
 22 Rifle—Beerbelly Willie #45138
 22 Pistol—Tres Hombres #2163
 Single Shot Rifle—Andy Horshurodinon #20360
 Lever Action Rifle—Andy Hosshurodinon
 Lever Action PC Rifle—Beerbelly Willie
 Annie Oakley Trap—Spencer Carbine #62555

We also held a side event for the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. The money will be used by the Foundation to purchase defibrillators for Michigan high schools. \$100 will be sent to the Foundation in the name of the L.C.S.C. Wranglers.

Saturday's dinner was a great ham/chicken feast

with all the trimmings prepared by Cindy and Katie Irwin. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault! The gals did an excellent job taking care of all the shooters' food needs. Thanks for all the hard work.

Held during dinner, costume contest winners were:
 Town Person Male—Four Finger Carl #60694
 Town Person Female—Sassafrass Lori #66058
 Jr. Cowboy—Spencer Carbine
 Jr. Cowgirl—Creol Felice
 Cowboy—Tucco the Cockroach
 Cowgirl—Bea Sweet
 Special Classic Cowboy Award—J.D.

Sunday dawned clear with a breeze and not quite as hot as Saturday. The final five stages were shot and totals tabulated with the following results:

Overall/Traditional—A.J. Peacock #42047
 Black Power—Monterrey Jack Brass
 Duelist—Beerbelly Willie
 Gunfighter—Andy Horshurodinon
 Junior—Spencer Carbine
 Modern—Stainless Ray
 Senior—Tres Hombres
 Women—Rafter 5

Special thanks to Cindy and Katie Irwin our able kitchen crew, Bill and Phyllis Felice, Tom Maxwell, John Schmidt, Steve Adamczyk, Fred Schmidt, Mike Burton, Andy Serocki, Tiffany West, Gary McArthur, Nathan Hall, Scott Hanson, Carl Roper, Dick Gervasone, Dick Schalau, and especially Harry Ackers, our "jack-of-all-trades." We don't know what we would have done without all of you. Also, special thanks to our sponsors—Lenny Millers of Dryden, Patterson's Pharmacy of Oxford, Cubbies Trophies of Oxford, Marc Weitzman of Royal Oak, Rosy Brothers of Dryden, Randy Gillary of Troy, Andy Serocki of Sterling Heights, and Gun World of Metamora.

On a special note, \$1100 was turned in to the L.C.S.C. after all bills were paid. A great time was had by all shooters and helpers, and hopefully we'll see more of ya for Great Lakes Match #9 in 2006.

Wall-Man

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Eagleville Cowboys

The Eagleville Cowboys May shoot had a slightly smaller turnout than usual as rain threatened but didn't happen. Top shooters were: 49er—Two Gun Troll, Duelist—Sutter Mountain Iron Man, Elder Statesman—Fishbone, Frontier Cartridge—Hondo Dan, Gunfighter—Kewadin Kid, Ladies—Crack Shot Fannie, Ladies Senior—Buckskin Belle, Modern—Bar Gun Hunter, Senior—One Son of a Gun, and Traditional—Picacho Red. Our Top Gun Elimination went to One Son of a Gun. The grub fixed by Birdshot Betty made the day worthwhile for everyone participating including several potential cowboy shooters.

Our June shoot saw more cowboys than usual even though the temperature and humidity was excessive. We had an RO I class on Friday night before the shoot which was well attended with lots of good discussion.

J.B. Stetson and Baloo, his son, came all the way from Utah to shoot with us as they were vacationing in the area.

Category winners were: Modern—Baloo, Traditional—Thummpier John, Senior—Lightning Wayne, Senior Duelist—Two Rig a Tony, Frontier Cartridge—Hondo Dan, Elder Statesman—Fishbone, Gunfighter—Kewadin Kid, Ladies—Crack Shot Fannie, Ladies Modern—Sam, and Classic Cowboy—Trusty Rusty. Fastest time went to Lightning Wayne and the person-on-person event was won by One Son of a Gun.

Our July shoot was well attended even though it was warm and humid. Club Top Hand, Thummpier John, wrote some interesting but not too complicated stages. We even had a buckaroo who did pretty darn good. Category winners were: High Senior and Top Shooter—Lightning Wayne, Senior Duelist—Lucky Lennie, 49er—J.J Longley, Modern—One Son of a Gun, Traditional—Picacho Red, Gunfighter—Kewadin Kid, Ladies Modern—T.N. Tina, Elder Statesman—Fishbone, Duelist—Sutter Mountain Iron Man, Ladies—Crack Shot Fannie, Classic Cowboy—Trusty Rusty, and

Buckaroo—Notorious Nate.

After awards and drawings two instructors, One Son of a Gun and Lucky Lenny, held an RO II class with 13 cowboys and cowgirls attending. We were lucky we had an air conditioned classroom for the first part of the class, then went out on the range to finish the class, and even got a shower to cool us off (but we were under cover). We now have lots of extra good help to make our shoots even more smooth and safe. Keep yer powder dry.

One Son of a Gun

Saginaw Six-Shooters

This summer is sizzling in Saginaw. We've been enjoying some really fun times at our Wednesday night practices. We are averaging around 20 shooters weekly. Our seasoned pards are busy helping the new hands just coming in off the trail. Hopefully, some of these new faces will be joining the Wolverine Rangers.

At our July 23rd match, we had 58 shooters traveling back in time to give the Mayer of Hooterville some much needed backup. Seems like Nasty Ned is just getting nastier. At least it isn't rubbing off on our shooting pards. In fact, a big thank you goes to all who contributed to our "Time Is Money" 5-second bonus. These donations totaled \$167 for the Gillary Foundation.

Top Five Ladies: K.J. Stevens, Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, Cactus Kay, and Elsie Rose. Top Five Gents: Bad River Marty (and Overall winner), Deuce Stevens, Red Beard Bandit, Dodge City Dick, and No Buk Chuck. Eight shot clean.

We also want to mention how great it is to see "Buckaroo" and "Junior" shooters coming to events. These young people are the future of our sport. "Train them up in the way they should go and they won't depart." Let's help them all we can!

Our next shoot is set for Saturday, September 24th. You won't want to miss this one.

Bad River Marty and Katie Callahan

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Match Cancellation

Please note the September 11 match at Ionia has been **CANCELLED**. It may possibly be rescheduled but nothing is for sure except the cancellation.

Texas John Critter

Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers have hosted two scheduled matches since the last Epitaph was published. The results of those matches are as follows:

June 11th: Deuce Stevens—Traditional, Bad River Marty—Gunfighter, Katie Callahan—Ladies 49er, Baldy Bill—Senior, Drover Dan—Modern, Doc Noper—49er, Onyx—Duelist, Ringo Wiguns—Elder Statesman, Laporte Lil—Ladies Duelist, Left Eyed Lizzie—Ladies Traditional, Kid Al Fred—Classic Cowboy, and Dylan James—Buckaroo. No Cattle shot the match clean.

July 9th: Deuce Stevens—Traditional, Bad River Marty—Gunfighter, Katie Callahan—Ladies 49er, Micky Lobe—49er, Beerbelly Willie—Senior Duelist, Ringo Wiguns—Elder Statesman, K.J. Stevens—Ladies Traditional, Laporte Lil—Ladies Gunfighter, Kenny Hittum—Senior, Kid Al Fred—Classic Cowboy, Iron Burner—Frontier Cartridge, Dylan James—Buckaroo, and Apache Wolf—Junior Male. Beerbelly Willie and Deuce Stevens shot the match clean.

Our next match will be held Saturday, August 13. Several of the Sucker Creek members won't be there as we'll be heading to the SASS Midwest Regional in Ohio. So if you're not going to the Midwest Regional, come on out to Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club for this match. I'm sure there will be less competition since all the "big guns" will be heading south!

Wolverine Wrangler

DSC Rocky River Regulators

The last couple of months have been busy for our little town of Rocky River. We have noticed more cowboys and cowgirls coming out for work bees and practices at the range. Must be the wonderful weather! We have also noticed our town is growing by about two new shooters per month. WELCOME EVERYONE!

On June 18th we had our first "Women's Intro to Cowboy Action Shooting" class. Seventeen lucky ladies came out to see what our sport is all about. One even came all the way from Ohio! This class was so well received we will be having another that will have something for beginners *and* new information for repeat attendees. Watch our column and for advertisements in the future. We will also be having another SASS RO I class so watch the Wolverine Rangers website and/or www.d-s-c.org/shooting/cowboy/cowboy.htm in August for more information.

Our monthly match for June was fabulous with 88 shooters in attendance! The top 10 shooters were A.J. Peacock, Dodge City Dick, Moe Gunns, Dirty Dancing With Wolves, Chili Pepper Pete, Two Shot Tinly, Nevada Gambler, Cactus Kay, Mackinaw Kid, and R J Law.

We had so many shooters in June that there wasn't enough room in the corral for their horses and the darn things started to wander out into Delaney Park. This sparked a discussion on the parking lot issue once again so it is now in the process of being expanded. Please pardon our dust and/or mud!

On July 16, we had our first Cowboy Sporting Clays Event. Fourteen soggy shooters braved the weather to break those birds. Blazin' Billy Gunns came in 1st with 39 out of 50 birds, Cody Billings 2nd with 25 birds, and Mackinaw Kid 3rd with 23 birds. Afterwards the "Pig Out of Luck" dinner was well attended despite the showers. Nobody went away hungry.

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On Sunday, July 17 we had our monthly match with 59 soggy shooters, this time with perspiration instead of rain as the temperature soared into the high 90's. The top 10 shooters were Deuce Stevens, Red Beard Bandit, Dodge City Dick, K.J. Stevens, J.J. Longley, R.J. Law, Shoulda Dun Gun, Camptown, Onyx, and Andy Horshurodinon.

The side matches before the monthly match have been well received, so we're continuing them with new challenges every month. Also, we will be adding a warm-up stage prior to the matches. The monies from both events will be raised for a specific goal or charity.

Our club will be sponsoring a few charity shoots in the near future. In the works is a shoot to raise money for the families of the military, possibly in October. We are also looking into a shoot for the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. Watch the websites and advertisements for more information!

Happy Shooting! Leather and Lace

New Epitaph Editor

I'm pleased to welcome our new Epitaph Editor, Case Harden. He's a new Wolverine Rangers member and decided to jump right into volunteering for the organization. You can reach him at gvanorman@charter.net. All the best to you, Case, and thanks for stepping forward.



It's been a pleasure serving as Editor for the past four years. I will continue on as Webmaster so be sure to keep me in the loop on things that need to be posted on the website.

Shoot straight and true,
Laporte Lil

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Have you registered for Range War?

Range War Flyers and Brochures

If anyone would like flyers and/or brochures promoting Range War 2005, please let Mail Order Annie know at mailorderannie@comcast.net or 616-363-2827. She can either mail you hardcopies or send you the electronic files to print.

She'd also like to have some pards distribute these around the Port Huron area a week or two prior to Range War. Please contact Mail Order Annie if you are able/willing to do this. Thanks in advance.

Important Closings

Please note that both the Wolverine Rangers office and the Range War office will be closed from Monday, August 29 until Tuesday, September 6 in preparation for and participation in Range War.

Regards,
Card Shark Charlie & Lainey Mae
Mail Order Annie

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members West Virginia Slim, Black Hawk, Dun Runnin', Riff Raff Rich, B.A. Butch, Belle Starr, Kahite Kid and Boss Wheelwright. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!