Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy All,

I sure hope that you are not among those that missed WRRW 2005. It was great! Between the wonderful weather, the unstinting help of so many volunteers, and the great banquet facility, I believe that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations!!!

Lassiter was the Overall Winner

Three Gun Cole; Michigan State Men's Champion Katie Callahan; Mich. State Women's Champion

I also want to extend my congratulations to all of the Category winners, Side Match winners and all the Special Events winners. Y'all done good.

I would love to spend this entire article discussing all of the great things and great shooters this year but we have a lot of items to cover.

We are at the time to elect new officers for the Wolverine Rangers. This year we are electing a 1st Lieutenant and a Treasurer for a 2 year term of office. In addition, we are electing up to 8 Members at Large to the Board of Directors of the Wolverine Rangers.

ELECTION ELIGIBILITY

The following persons are members of the board and **DO NOT** require re-election to Board positions but are eligible to be elected to the positions of 1st Lieutenant or Treasurer; Mackinaw Kid (current 1st Lieutenant), A. J. Peacock, Bad River Marty, Cactus Kay, Cheyenne Raider, Chili Pepper Pete, Dakota Doc, Dakota Fats, Dakota Duchess, Deuce Stevens, Diewalker, Grizzly Bear Pete, High Maintenance, Kewadin Kid, Kid Al Fred, Lavender Lou, Old Sy, One Son of a Gun, Rainmaker Ray, Scholfield Ranger, Snareman, Three Gun Cole, Two Rig A Tony, Wall-Man, Wiiwan, Wolverine Wrangler, Yooper Fred.

Two Board Members are currently Members at Large and are eligible for re-election if they are willing to serve; Billy Bob Digwell and Catlow.

Any Wolverine Ranger member in good standing (listed on the web page under Officers and Members) who is also a resident of the State of Michigan is eligible for election as the 1st Lieutenant or Treasurer. Any member in good standing is eligible to be elected as a Member at Large.

NOMINATIONS

If you want to nominate someone or volunteer yourself as a nominee, contact me at nocattle@comcast.net or 616-361-6720 or wolverinerangers@yahoo.com

The following persons have already been nominated: First Lieutenant; Texas John Critter Treasurer; Dodge City Dick & Bean Counter Slim

As we receive more nominations, they will be published on the website ballot. If you want a nomination to be listed on that ballot, contact me no later than October 15th. By the 16th the complete ballot will be published to the website. You may still write in any Wolverine Ranger member (willing to serve) not listed on the ballot.

Please have your ballot sent in ample time to be received by November 10th. Those received after November 10th will not be counted.

VOTING PROCEDURE

A ballot will be published in this issue of the Epitaph. Because we do not have a complete list of candidates at this time, none will be listed. There will be a line for you to simply write in the **Alias** of the person you are voting for adjacent to each Office and 8 lines for Board Members at Large. You may choose to wait until October 15th and check the website for a complete list of people on the ballot or you may write in your choice and send it in at any time.

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You may vote for any of the people listed on the ballot or you may write in a candidate of your choice. Write-in candidates will be elected to the position if they have the most votes and they **AGREE TO SERVE**. Please make sure that your write-in candidate is willing to assume the responsibility of the office before you cast your vote their way.

For 1st Lieutenant and Treasurer, the person receiving the highest number of votes for that position will be elected. For the Member at Large positions the top 8 vote receivers will be elected.

If you loose your ballot or are unable to print the ballot from the web page, you may simply write your ballot on a sheet of paper (make sure it is legible).

SECRET BALLOT PROCEDURE

Place your ballot in an envelope – Mark the outside of the envelope with your **Alias** and the word **Ballot.** Mail it to Card Shark Charlie and Lainey Mae at the address below:

Robert and Elaine Drury 7180 Ramsdell Rockford, MI 49341

Your alias is required on the outside in order to insure an accurate vote. The alias on the outside will be checked against the list of Wolverine Rangers members. The contents will be removed and placed (unread) into a ballot box.

te for one person to be 1st Lieutenant.

te for one person to be Treasurer.

Vote for no more than 8 persons to be Members at Large. You may vote for less than 8 but not for more than 8.

On or about November 10th these ballots will be counted by the election committee.

EMAIL VOTES

For those of you who wish to vote by Email, you may do so. Send email votes to Drury1954@chartermi.net

If you vote by Email you must be aware that your vote is no longer a secret ballot. It will be printed and placed in the ballot box just as votes by mail are. Votes by phone will not be accepted.

The results of the election will be announced in the December issue of The Epitaph.

No Cattle

Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club Breckenridge

August and September have been busy months for Cowboy Shooters. Several of us went south for the SASS Regional Match in Middletown, Ohio. Boy did we sweat! It was hot and humid but we still had a good match. The targets were big and up close (Lassiter must have listened to Bad River Marty's advice). The stages were well written and straightforward: Quite a change from previous years.

Almost all of the Sucker Creek Peacemakers traveled over to the Wolverine Rangers Range War in Port Huron. We supplied one stage for the Range War and spent a lot of time setting up, running side matches and tearing down. I think that the Range War was the best ever this year. We should all extend a big *Thank-you* to No Cattle, Mail Order Annie and the Range War Committee for all the hard work that was done through-out the year. It definitely paid off!

Now that fall is on the way, Cowboy Action Shooting is slowing down. The Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club will host their last shoot on October 8th. We will be hoping for good weather and that many of our partners will come over and enjoy the match. Until then, keep your powder dry and your guns oiled.

Wolverine Wrangler

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RO1 CLASS

Sucker Creek Saddle and Gun Club will be holding an RO1 Class at their October Shoot. Class will be taught by Cree Vicar Dave for a \$10.00 fee. Try to read over the RO1 material on the SASS website before class. You do not have to be a member of SASS. If you remember, please bring a chair and a pencil. Limited to 10 people. Please contact Cree Vicar Dave to pre-register at 1-989-654-3636 or tippicanoe90@hotmail.com

WEST WALKER RANGERS

As fall approaches our shooting schedule will begin. Our first match will be Sunday Oct.2nd. All remaining matches will be on Saturdays beginning November 5th then December 10th, January 21st, February 18th and March 18th. Dates are also listed on the WR calendar.

As many of you know I purchased all of the targets owned by Dakota Doc and used at Port Huron. These combined with what Lucky Lenny has, gives us an incredible variety. We have spinners, poppers, throwers, you name it we probably have it and the plan is to use them all showing you something different every month.

If you don't make all the winter matches I hope you will at least make a couple. We look forward to having you at West Walker. And remember; shooting in the cold beats the heck out of staying home and watching TV.

Starting with November, registration will be from 9 to 9:45 safety meeting at 10 and shooting at 10:15. The Oct. match will have normal registration 8:30 to 9:30 safety meeting at 9:45 shooting at 10. Cost is \$15. and includes lunch. Shooters 16 and under shoot free but are required to pay for lunch.

Two Rig a Tony

Rocky River Regulators

Congratulations to the 2005 Michigan State Champions, Katie Callahan and Three Gun Cole! The weather at Range War was glorious, the fellowship and food was fabulous, and the competition was exciting. Life doesn't get any better than this! We would like to thank all those who made this weekend possible. Everyone had a wonderful time!

The winds of change have hit our town of Rocky River. As our population increases so does the size of our town. At press time our new building is on site, but still needs to be set in its permanent location. We are also in the process of building a courthouse and three new bays for additional stages.

The DSC Cowboys were invited to the Alan P. Goodrich Rifle & Pistol Club in Alma, Michigan for a Specialty Long Range Cowboy Shoot. The Shoot consisted of 200, 300, 400 and 500 meter events. The range was phenomenal and the hospitality spectacular. Terrebone took 1st place with 16 hits, Mackinaw Kid took 2nd place with 16 hits, and Blazin' Billy Guns took 3rd place with 9 hits. The tie breaker was chicken silhouettes. Terrebone hit 3 and Mackinaw Kid hit 2.

Great times are a comin' so mark your calendars! At our October 16 Match, we will be having our Annual Chili Cook Off! Get your pots out and start soaking your beans! All entries are welcome. At our November 20 Match, we will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner Shoot. Good food and great fun are coming our way so don't miss out.

Summer has just ended and Fall is here to enjoy! Remember our club shoots year round so you better dig out your woolies, Winter will be here before you know it!

Good Shootin' to Ya! Batwing Betty and The Lady

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Guns of August 2005

Even with the temperatures hovering around the 100 degree mark each day, nearly 50 Wolverine Rangers participated in the Midwest Regional – Guns of August in Middletown, Ohio.

Four-hundred twenty shooters participated from some 20 states. The Wolverine Rangers shot straight and true and strolled away with the following awards.

Category Winners:

Classic Cowgirl – 1st The Lady

Duelist – 1st Doc Roy L. Pain

Ladies Duelist – 1st Laporte Lil

Young Gun Girls – 1st Krazy Horse Kate

Frontiersman – 2nd Chili Pepper Pete, 3rd Mike Fink

Classic Cowboy – 3rd R.J. Law

Gunfighter – 3rd Bad River Marty

Ladies 49er – 3rd Katie Callahan

Senior – 3rd J.R. Hammer

Traditional – 3rd A.J. Peacock, 4th Three Gun Cole Young Gun Boys – 5th Ranahan

Side Match Winners:

Speed Shotgun (pump/lever) – 1st A.J. Peacock Long Range Lever Action Big Bore – 2nd Mike Fink

Speed Rifle -2^{nd} Three Gun Cole

Pocket Pistol (double action) – I Bought It and 1st Three Gun Cole

Ladies Only Event – I Bought It and 5th Katie Callahan

SASS Challenge -2^{nd} Three Gun Cole

Stage Winners:

Stage $3 - 2^{nd}$ Three Gun Cole

Stage $4 - 3^{rd}$ Three Gun Cole

Stage 5 – 1st Three Gun Cole, 5th A.J. Peacock

Stage 6 – 4th Three Gun Cole

Stage 8 – 5th Three Gun Cole

Stage $10 - 3^{rd}$ Three Gun Cole

Clean Matches:

Three Gun Cole, A.J. Peacock, J.R. Hammer, R.J. Law, The Lady, Rodent, Secondhand Jack, Marshall Washburn, and Lue Dee Kris.

Black Powder Mini Match:

Frontiersman – 2nd Mike Fink, 4th Catlow Senior – 1st Moe Gunns

Top 10 Men:

3rd A.J. Peacock, 4th Three Gun Cole

Top 10 Women:

5th Katie Callahan

Additional Wolverine Rangers at Guns of August:

Mustache Kid, Faygo Kid, Card Shark Charlie, Scholfield Ranger, J.J. Longley, Broke N West, Red Beard Bandit, Nevada Gambler, Onyx, Three Deuces McKee, Cayuse Jack, Duke Dakota, Pine Creek Jack, Kid Al Fred, Black Hawk, Two Rig A Tony, Square Shake Lake, Wolverine Wrangler, Poco Loco, Teton, El Dorado Ed, Deadly Dady, Lainey Mae, Roxie LaRue, Spring Valley Cathy, Lady Bluebird, Lady Lightning, Lara Cross Draw, and Miss Misery.

Regards, Laporte Lil

P.S. Hopefully I have not missed any *Wolverine Rangers* member that participated.

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Lapeer Wranglers

The Lapeer County Sportsman's Club "Wranglers" have had a busy 2005 shooting season so far. Our attendance has been running right around 40 shooters for each of our matches. This is about a 10 shooter increase over previous years. Not only have we increased our home club regular shooters, but we have had old shooter friends from the North Oakland Sportsman's Club visit us regularly this summer. We certainly welcome anyone who cares to come and shoot with us. Leave any problems or worries at the gate and simply enjoy an old fashioned shoot and excellent eats at our monthly matches!

We have been working hard to "spruce up" our stage layouts and props. Our stage #3, the moving target will soon have a two building storefront added along with a boardwalk. Hopefully, we can get that in place before the snow flies this year. That will leave stages #4 & #5 to be done as soon as the frost leaves in the spring. We certainly welcome any ideas and help in regard to completing the stages in our woods area. We especially welcome anyone who has any skills working with wood. Ricochet Bill and I are about as handy as bulls in a china shop with saws and hammers...give us some help please!

We will be having our traditional "pumpkin shoot" at our October monthly match. This has become one of our most fun matches. Come on out and help us create some treats for our local deer herd while getting a chance to be on the winning team and enjoying some of Tenderfoot Tess's excellent vegetable soup. Everything gets going around 9:30am on 10-23-05. Don't forget our long range event starting at Noon on 10-22-05. I promise you we'll have the "cowboy" target painted so it can be seen at the 200 meter line along with the two rams. Come and see us when you can!

Wall-Man

Straight Shots from Saginaw

August and September were busy months for many of the Six-Shooters. They were also months filled with pride for our club members.

At the Mid-West Regional Championship in Ohio, Saginaw Six-Shooters made an impressive showing. Laporte Lil took First Place Ladies Duelist and was in the Top-Ten Shoot Off while hubby, Secondhand Jack received a plaque for shooting the match CLEAN. Katie Callahan took Third Place Ladies 49'er and also won a plaque in the Ladies Only competition. Bad River Marty received a Third Place plaque for Gunfighter and was the lucky recipient of a gun at the banquet. Lady Lightning was also a winner of a gun. Our Roxie LaRue beguiled the banquet judges and won the 1st. Place Saloon Girl plaque. There were a lot of others who placed in Ohio and we applaud each one. Great job, Michigan shooters!

Nine of our Saginaw Six-Shooters also went on to shoot their way to awards at Range War this September. They include Bad River Marty, Baldy Bill, Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, No Buk Chuck, Old Sy, Sawgrass, Secondhand Jack, and Wolverine Wrangler. Ethan Callahan received a Best Dressed certificate at the banquet and all the Hooterville Hussies were winners at the Saloon Girl Contest. Of course, Wicked Chi-Leana stole the show again this year.

It takes a lot of hard work, a sacrifice of time, lots of energy, and dedication to make a shoot of this caliber a success. The Wolverine Rangers, their spouses and non-Ranger volunteers gave it their best shot and they were right on target with Range War 2005. What a great shoot! The Six-Shooters look forward to 2006 with confidence that it will be even more fun and great shooting!

On Saturday, September 24th, the Six-Shooters held their final match of the season. When the smoke settled, Top Over-All shooter was Bad River Marty. We had 11 shoot the match clean.

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Top Four Ladies:

- 1.Katie Callahan
- 2.Roxie LaRue
- 3.Elsie Rose
- 4.Lady Bluebird

Top Five Gents:

- 1.Bad River Marty
- 2.Dodge City Dick
- 3. Scholfield Ranger
- 4.No Buk Chuck
- 5.Black River Bill

We thank all the shooters who joined us this season, at our shoots and at our Wednesday night practices, which we've now bedded-down for the winter. We've enjoyed the cowboy camaraderie and the continued friendships, the laughter and the fun. Isn't that what cowboy action shooting is all about?

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

Katic Callahan & Bad River Marty

New Epitaph Editor



Hello to all the Rangers!

Hopefully this newsletter (My first) will meet with everyone's approval. Thanks to Laporte Lil for all her help to me. Club contacts please check your data at the right and let me know of any changes. Also, if your e-mail info has changed let Lainey Mae or myself know. Hope to see all of you at a shoot soon. **Case Harden**

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Classified Ads

TARGETS

11" circles with hole drilled, 5/8" thick; \$5.00 ea 9" circles 5/8" thick with re-bar stand; \$10.00 ea 8" X 8" Card Suits 5/8" thick with re-bar stand; \$10. ea 8" X 5" Buffalos 5/8" thick with re-bar stands; \$7.00 ea 10"X 6" Cowboys 5/8" thick w/ re-bar stands; \$7.00 ea 9" X 7" Diamonds set up as swinger type targets, no stand \$50.00 for the set

Call or e-mail Two Rig a Tony

616-891-6917 or tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com

PISTOL PACKAGE

2) Uberti Millennium revolvers in 45 Colt,

barrels end at the ejector rod housing.

Kirkpatrick Santa Fe holster / belt set, size 38 belt w/45 Colt loops. Two right hand holsters for up to 5.5"

barrels (one holster used as cross draw).

Both revolvers and holster set for \$400.00

Revolvers individually \$150/each

Holster / belt separately \$125 Buy it all and save \$25. Buyer pays shipping.

Ambling Rogue at 810-744-0035 or 810-691-3821 or AmblingRogue@aol.com

VAQUEROS

2) Ruger Vaquero's, 357/38, 5 1/2" bbl, professional action job, case hardened blue, reverse spin pawl, special order custom stag grips, only the best, shot once. Have \$1300 invested, sell for \$1200 private sale. One Son of a Gun at 231-676-0922 or eaglesnest@torchlake.com

ASST. GUNS

IGA-Stoeger 20 ga. Coach Gun. Nickel finish, Pachmayr sporting clays recoil pad, manual safety, chambers honed, extended forcing cones. **\$360.**

Henry 22 ca. LR standard rifle. \$150.

Ruger 22 ca. Single Six pistol, stainless steel, 7.5 inch barrel, adjustable sights, extra cylinder for 22 Win. Magnum. **\$260**.

Also have Kirkpatrick western rig to fit Ruger 22, black, size 42. **\$100.**

Nevada Gambler at 248-682-0977 or 4vaqueros@outdrs.net

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PISTOLS

Beretta Stampede Inox, stainless steel, 45LC, 5 1/2" barrel. Factory test fired only. Black checkered grips. **\$395**

Ruger New Model Blackhawks (pair), stainless steel, 4 5/8" barrel, .357 cal. One has had about 50 rounds fired and the other factory test fired only. **\$800 - SOLD AS PAIR ONLY** Shoulda Dun Gun at 517-622-4372 or Cmchapman7@aol.com

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Check the Wolverine Rangers Website for other vendors, and up-to-date classified ads.

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Special Classified

Palamino Man is down on his luck at the present time. Let's try to help our fellow pard.

John Wayne hat, 6 7/8, 6"crown, 5" brim, silver belly \$100, 3) cotton Wild Rags, tan, blue and white - \$10 each. 3) shirts - XL Scully - tan bib front with white piping, off white bib front, off white lace front - \$30 each. 3) pants, 40x30 Wah Maker, 2 tan canvas and 1 dark tan - \$30 each. 2) pair garters - 1 tan and 1 white - \$10 pair. Suspenders - \$20. White sash - \$20

John Wayne vest, XL - \$100

Tan chaps, XL - \$100

New outback duster, dark brown, XL - \$75

Boots, size 11, Bison (Tonto Rim) - \$150

Spurs and straps - \$30

1875 EMF Remingtons (EMF), 45LC, consecutive numbers, action jobs and grips with belt and holsters - \$800.00

Contact: Palamino Man at 517-202-8834

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members;

Manistee River Griff - Griffin, Lance Pokey Packrat - Waun, Lawrence

Crazy Mingo - Polidori, Larry

Hooligan Hoot - Korth, Hamilton

Pine River Cowboy - Spern, Francis

Riverview Rattler - Miller, Don

Sweet Lorraine - Santo, Lorraine

Terrebonne Bud - Estes, James

We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!