Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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Captain's Corner

Howdy Wolverine Rangers,

Well the days are getting longer and I hope they will start getting warmer. I am ready to shoot.

The calendars are at the printer. They should be back within the next week and will be sent to the renewing members as soon as possible.

When you get your calendars keep in mind that things can change. It is always a good idea to check the website for last minute changes.

We are actively recruiting Berm Marshals for Range War 2006. For those of you who are not familiar with the idea, a Berm Marshal or Stage Driver will monitor one stage thru-out the course of a match in order to insure that all posses shoot the stage the same way. We have done this in the past and it works very well. If we can line up enough volunteers we will incorporate that idea into Range War 2006.

Texas John Critter is in charge of Side Matches this year. If you have a good idea and are willing to work on it get with him and see what you can work out.

I would like to remind all of those contributing stages to Range War this year that we agreed to have them into the Scenario Committee by the first of May. That committee is Dakota Doc, Bad River Marty, and No Cattle. We do not need accurate drawings or sketches of your props but we do need a description of the scenario and your proposed target/shooting order.

If anyone has an idea of a possible vendor or sponsor for Range War, please let me know and I will contact them.

If you are willing to help at Range War please let

the Representative of your next match know what you would like to do. We can find work for everyone. 159 days and a wakeup!

No Cattle

West Walker Sportsmen Club

Construction continues at the range and yes, we wish they would hurry up and get out of there. Work continues on our July 1st and 2nd Match. SASS Presents the Michigan Black Powder State Championship in conjunction with Smoke on the Range a 2-day smokeless powder CAS.

All Black Powder Shooters will be competing for the State Championship. State residency does not matter for the category title. Kirkpatrick Leather has agreed to donate a rig, which will be given out at the conclusion of the match. We will have 10 stages, shot over two days, with special side events following completion of the 1st five stages.

Saturday evening we will have a burger fry, and if time allows cowboy skeet. Camping is available free of charge (utilities are not available) Hotels are close to the range, and you can e-mail me for info if necessary.

Please pick up registration forms on either the club web page or the Wolverine Ranger web page. www.wwsc.org or https://www.wwsc.org or www.wwsc.org or <a h

It's the least expensive 2 day match you will go to this year, so get your registration forms in. Cost is \$30.00 per shooter for main match, \$10 per person for the burger fry.

Two Rig a Tony

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Winter Range 2006

Some of you might have been on the SASS Wire in the weeks following Winter Range to catch the reviews. Well, it has gone done in the history books as "WINDer RAINge". There was decent weather Wednesday and Thursday, LOTS of wind kicking up the dirt on Friday, then rain and cold on Saturday, which concluded a 143 day stretch of no rain in Arizona. Actually, Winter Range had been scheduled for March to get away from the bad weather encountered in February of last year but.....it didn't work.



Stages 1 & 2, and 5 & 6 were closed beginning at different times on Saturday and the scores from those stages eliminated from the scoring. As a result some of the posses only shot 10 stages. Posse 1, which we were on, and posses 2, 3 and 4 shot all 12 stages as we had shot the stages that were closed on the previous two days. As a result for us, of the eight stages scored four of them were shot in very unfavorable conditions. I'm not just talking about rain and cold, I'm talking about six inches of standing muddy water with often very uneven terrain below the water. Stage 10 pictured above was not closed because it had no "forward movement" on it, thus you could hold onto something as you moved from position to position.

It was a tough decision for those in command to

eliminate four stages. They did what they determined was the best decision for safety's sake.



Pictured above (on Thursday) are the Wolverine Rangers that attended Winter Range – (back) Secondhand Jack (clean match), Nevada Gambler, J.R. Hammer, Mustache Kid and (front) Laporte Lil (4th Ladies Duelist), Apache Wolf, Red Hawk, and Chiricahua Mama. Missing is Catlow (clean match), Hondo Dan and Hondo Sue.

Everything about Winter Range is top notch. Don't let the weather deter you from considering shooting Winter Range 2007...... the third year has got to be a charm!

Regards,

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Straight Shots from Saginaw

If you pards are interested, on April 22 & 23, the Saginaw Six-Shooters will have their cowboy action shooting display at the Midland Gun Show. This is our third year in a row to show the public just what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. We'll have our "Saloon" set up and all our Six-Shooters will be dressed in their cowboy duds. We really play the part while educatin' the folks and makin' our favorite sport come alive. Mark it on your calendar and when you get there, stop in and say "Howdy".

Here are the particulars:

Midland Gun Show, April 22-23, 2006. It starts Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm & Sunday, 9 am – 3 pm. It is located at HANG TIME SPORTS, 1321 E. Wackerly Road, Midland. Cost is \$9.00/day. Free parking. Grub is available to purchase there.

We're proud of our Six-Shooters, Laporte Lil and Secondhand Jack for their great shooting at the Winter Range National Championship in Arizona, early this March. Laporte Lil took a 4th. place Lady Duelist and got herself a plaque and buckle and Secondhand Jack kept his cool and cleaned the match, which was no easy feat in the knee-high mud. Arizona went over 143 days with no rain... until shoot day, then it poured. Great shooting in one muddy, messy match!

We will be starting our Wednesday night practices beginning April 19th. We start at 5:00 p.m. and shoot 'til dark or we run out of ammo. Cost is \$5.00 for non-Field & Stream members or \$3.00 if you belong to Field & Stream. If your pony just 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 a waitin'. We'd love to have you join us.

We're looking forward to our match shoots, Saturday, May 27, July 22, and September 30th. We've been blessed with a brand new building that is just waitin' for our pards to gather at. We're doing a lot of improvements at the club. We've been given the

go-ahead to use the club's lower pistol range for some of our stages. It is our goal to eventually get some "permanent" stages built...if ya'll like shootin' there. We'll have a few stages on the main pistol range, out in the open and the rest, located in a sleepy little gulch in the woods.

Course, we just couldn't have a shoot without those big & up-close targets, and fun scenarios that won't have you scratchin' your head and wonderin' "which way do I go". The grub is included and is always tasty. And, all our young pards, 16 and under will shoot free. So, get to cipherin' on your calendar. Our first match, May 27th, will be here soon. We don't want to have to send the posse out lookin' for ya. They'd rather be shootin'.

Hope everyone has a blessed Easter, keeping in mind the true meaning of this special day. God bless all our pards and our troops.

And remember, live life ... give it your best shot.

Katic Callahan and Bad River Marty

Mason County Marshals

The Mason County Marshals and the Fin & Feather Club is hosting COWBOY ACTION SHOOTS, every third Saturday of the month starting in April and ending in October.

We will be shooting 6 stages with registration from 8:30 am to 9:30 am with a mandatory shooters meeting at 9:30 am and shooting to follow immediately after.

Shooter Fees: \$17.00 and Wolverine Ranges: \$15.00 (price includes Lunch)

Directions are on the club website at www.wolverinerangers.org

For more information, call John Gillies at (231) 845-5813 jgillies@t-one.net or Roger Lehrbass @ (231) 757-3821

Two Gun Troll

DSC - Rocky River Regulators

Way back in February the DSC Cowboy's had another cold match in the town of Rocky River with the temperature dipping down into the single digits. We burned a lot of wood that day to keep the campfire going. Brrrrr.

Seventeen Cowboys braved the elements to complete the match. When it was all over Beerbelly Willie came in first, J.J. Longley came in second and Mackinaw Kid came in third. Beerbelly Willie, Camptown, Andy Horshurodinon, Nine Finger Bob, and Goatlips all had a clean match. Way to go guys! Who says you can't have fun in the cold.

The Rocky River Regulators held their first March match since I became a Cowboy at the DSC. It was well attended. J.J. Longley took first place with a clean match, Faygo Kid came in second and No Buk Chuck was third in overall scoring. The same three, in the same order, also took first, second and third in the Forty Niner category. The long and the short of it is the Town of Rocky River is now open for matches twelve months out of the year.

I would like to remind everyone that is planning on attending the April match, that it will take place one week later than usual because of the Easter weekend. The match will be held on April 23rd, same time same place.

On match day in the Town of Rocky River we normally hold a side match to warm up your shootin' irons before the monthly match begins. In April we will host The Roach Packs Side Match with two targets, near & far, offering two different entrees using Match Rifle or Revolver. In May we will offer Shooting Petals Off Flowers Side Match with two targets, near & far, using Match Rifle or Revolver. Get there early and test your skills with Coffin Nail Bob. Try it before the next match; it will help to take the edge off.

The SASS RO1 class held at Gander Mountain in Waterford in March was a huge success. There

wasn't an empty chair in the room. My hat goes off to all the R.O.'s who keep up on their training in order to keep the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting safe.

The DSC Cowboy Action Committee is in full swing in preparation for our two day match in July. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis working out the details of the match. There's been a whole lot of cutting and sawing, sweeping and painting, planning and organizing to get ready for the event. This will be DSC's first 2 day match and we want everything to be just right.

Just as a reminder, the two day match in July is only a couple of months away. Early registration will end May 31. Register early and save yourself a couple of bucks. See the Cowboy Action webpage at www.d-s-c.org or the "Important Notices" on the Wolverine Ranger homepage for more information.

Shotgun Willy

Blue Water Sportsman's Association

We have a new website with more features than before. We can now be found at the address below. www.BlueWaterSportsmansAssociation.com

Corny Jeb

aka Craig Tidwell BWSA Webmaster.

HIGH NOON AT HILLSDALE COWBOY SIDE MATCH'S

April 30th
Cost \$15.00 includes chow
Sign in 8.30-10am
Shooting Starts at 10;am

Sucker Creek Peacemakers

The warmer weather is finally here and we are dusting off the props and getting the club grounds cleaned up and ready for our scheduled matches. This year we will start having "practice nights" beginning May 9th starting at 6:00 p.m. until dusk. Our final practice night will be August 22nd just prior to the WR Range War. Practice fee is \$2 per shooter. All shooters are welcome to join us.

We will have a table at the Midland Gun Show April 22nd & 23rd with some CAS goods for sale. Stop by if you're at the show.

Shoot straight – fast.

Wolverine Wrangler



Rockford Regulators

I just want to remind everyone that the Rockford Regulators are hosting our 2nd Annual Gun 'N Fun on April 29 and 30. There is an application form on the website www.wolverinerangers.org or contact No Cattle at nocattle@comcast.net or 616-363-2827. Applications will also be available at the Rockford Match on April 1st. Camping will be available.



SHOOT STRAIGHT CATTLE COMPANY

Howdy everyone, I have a few subjects that I need to cover and I though what better place than in the Epitaph. First I wanted to thank everyone for their support in the election. I promise to do my best to serve the membership the best I can. Feel free to contact me anytime: 989-855-0310 or texasjohncritter@hotmail.com.

You will be seeing much more of me at the matches then the past couple years. Looks like I'll actually be able to keep an active shooting schedule. I would like to try to make it to every club this year at least once but that may not be possible. Still I'll give it a shot.

I have the pleasure of heading up the side matches at this years Range War. I have several volunteers already and need a few more to help make this years side matches a success. Basically I need a club or a group of individuals to volunteer to run the individual matches and then you will be in charge of finding volunteers to help run it. If you're interested in running the Long Range Rifle (lever and single shot), Long Range Pistol, or Speed Pistol matches let me know.

A reminder to the volunteers I already have that I would like some idea of what you're going to do for your side match by sometime in April so we can go over it together and make sure we will have everything you need to run it.

We will not be hosting any matches in Ionia this year. Due to some range improvements and a few other matters it would just not be feasible right now. We're hoping to return next year and will keep you posted as we know more.

I guess that does it for now. I hope to see you all at the shoots.

Shoot Straight,

Texas John Critter

Lapeer Wranglers

The Lapeer County Sportsman's Club "Wranglers" have had a busy past four months. Our Winter League finished March 5th and our banquet at Lenny Miller's was March 11th. There were only four shooters who qualified for consideration for first place for the League. These four shooters were at all four shoots and their scores in minutes reflect that accomplishment.

Onyx had a time of 591.95 to lead all shooters, Beerbelly Willie was second with a time of 829.42, the Tanqueday Kid was third with a time of 931.91 and Four Finger Carl was fourth with a time of 1306.31. All other shooters missed a least one shoot and could not be given consideration for the top gun prize. For a complete listing of all shooters, see the list at www.wolverinerangers.org under match results.

The banquet was attended by fourteen shooters and each received the traditional "capgun" plus being able to pick a bag (contents unknown) donated to the "Wranglers" by Lapeer member Rick Stout. All shooters in attendance received such items as commemorative knifes, canteens, and binoculars.

The "Wranglers" will be getting ready to venture "into the woods" for our first outdoor match on April 9th. (Remember, NO LONG RANGE on April 8th due to the club being used by a registered shotgun match.) We will need help on April 1 to load our trailer with our outdoor targets. We also plan to get a start on the new storefronts due to be constructed on Stage #3. Between these two projects, there should be plenty to do for anyone who would like to lend a hand plus work hours for all L.C.S.C. members who help. We plan to start at 9:30am until? If you can't make it to the work session, at least join us on April 9. Registration begins at 8:30am and shooting around 9:30am.

See you there!

Wall-Man

Johnson Creek Regulators

Hi pards, well we had a great time at Outdoor Rama this year on opening day Feb.22nd we had an opportunity to do a stage presentation on Cowboy Action Shooting. The presentation demonstrated what CAS was about and to encourage more people to get involved in our sport. We had a great time on stage and we hope we gained some new cowboy shooters.

On Feb.25th all of us cowboys, cowgirls, and buckaroos were on hand at our table from Western Wayne Country Association to meet and greet as many people as we could on family day and show that Cowboy Action Shooting can be a sport for the whole family. All of us Johnson Creek Regulators that were at Outdoor Rama had a great time and look forward to doing it again.

Our first CAS shoot is coming up on March 25th we are looking forward to getting our second season underway and we are all working hard to make it as successful as last year our next two shoots will be on Apr.29th and May 20th. We like to invite those who would want to shoot with us to come out and join us for some fun. The cowboy shooters at WWCCA hosted a fish fry on Mar.10th and it was a great turnout with 182 people showing up for some good food and friendship. I'd like to thank Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, Pokey Packrat, and Andy Horshurodinon for coming out to our fish fry all of us Johnson Creek Regulators were very pleased you were there. We hope everyone had a good time and lots to eat.

Well Amigos that's all for now, Adios and Happy Trails

Ranger Jack

Wolverine Rangers Club News, etc.

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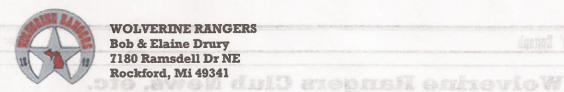
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Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to the brand. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers.



Time for restin' is over,..... Let's posse up! and get to shootin'!

Pickin' Up Pards

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