

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Pards,

Well, by the time you read this the Free Membership Shoot and meeting will be history.

At this event we plan to update everyone regarding the current status of the Wolverine Rangers and plans for WRRW 2006.

Nominations for Captain and Secretary will be officially opened at that match. We will also Open nominations for 8 Members at Large. Please make sure to get your nominations in and watch the Epitaph for voting instructions and the list of nominees. The Election will take place beginning on or about October 15th.

The voting will be done by E-mail and U.S. Mail.

The following Board Members and Officers will have their terms of office expire at the first of the Year;

Captain

No Cattle

Secretary

Mail Order Annie

Board Members

Cactus Kay

Catlow

Chili Pepper Pete

Cree Vicar Dave

Dakota Doc

R. J. Law

Square Shake Lake

Sunvale Pete

Wiiwan

Mail Order Annie has informed the Board that she will not run for Re-election as Secretary. She has offered to assist the new Secretary to get started in this position if asked.

If you nominate someone for a position they will

only be placed on the ballot if they agree. On the lighter side.

Beer Belly Willie is home from the Hospital and seems to be doing well. It will be a while before he can shoot with us.

Spencer McCabe is also home and making good progress. He is active and even doing some shooting. He hopes to be back with us at a match very soon.

I saw **Lue Dee Kriss** at Hastings on Saturday. He said that he was feeling well and shot a **Clean Match** to prove it.

I am very glad that they are all doing well. Please keep them, and any others who are under the weather in your thoughts and prayers.

Volunteers are still needed for **WRRW 2006**. Please contact Texas John Critter or No Cattle if you can help. Side match help in particular is helpful although, as I have said before we can find work for everyone.

No Cattle

SUNSET TRAILS

We have received notice of a Wolverine Ranger who has passed away;

Trooper Smith aka Lawrence Moralez went to Boot Hill June, 11, 2006. He is survived by Wolverine Rangers and Cowboy Action Shooters Axle Shaff (Mark, son) Saw'd Off Suzy (Susan, daughter in law) Gas Light (Marc, grandson) and loving wife of 57 years Lillian.



Wolverine Rangers Club News

2006 Clean Match Award

The 2006 Clean Match Award has concluded. Here are the statistics in a nutshell:

- ✦ 90 Wolverine Rangers matches between July 30, 2005 (membership shoot) and July 22, 2006
- ✦ Total of 97 shooters shot 213 clean matches
- ✦ 20 non-members shot 26 clean matches
- ✦ 77 Wolverine Rangers shot 187 clean matches as follows:
 - o 33 – 1 clean match
 - o 16 – 2 clean matches
 - o 14 – 3 clean matches
 - o 8 – 4 clean matches
 - o Beerbelly Willie – 5 clean matches
 - o 0 – 6 clean matches
 - o Dakota Fats – 7 clean matches
 - o Andy Horshurodinon and Deuce Stevens – 8 clean matches
 - o 0 – 9 clean matches

AND THE TWO TOP SHOOTERS WITH 10 CLEAN MATCHES EACH ARE.....
LUE DEE KRISS AND SPENCER MCCABE.

Mighty fine shootin', pards! Both Lue Dee Kriss and Spencer McCabe received a statue/plaque at the Membership Shoot / Meeting at Sucker Creek on July 29.

Be sure to check the Wolverine Rangers website and click on "Clean Match Program" to see the complete details. The July 29 membership shoot kicks off the 2007 Clean Match Program. So get out and get shootin' clean, pard!

Regards,
Laporte Lil



**Lue De Kris
Receiving his award**

Clean Match Awards



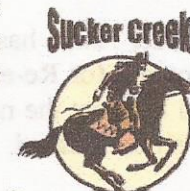
Sucker Creek Peacemakers

We had a great time at our June 10th match with 36 shooters (must have been too many graduations this weekend). The top five overall shooters were: Bad River Marty, Gunfighter; Doc Noper, Traditional; Ringo Wiguns, Elder Statesman; Katie Callahan, Lady 49er; and Onyx, Duelist. And... Katie Callahan shot a clean match.

For our July 8th match with beautiful weather, 50 shooters attended. The top five overall shooters were: Deuce Stevens, Traditional; K.J. Stevens, Traditional Lady; Katie Callahan, Lady 49er; Bad River Marty, Gunfighter and Tanqueray Kid, "B" Western. Tanqueray Kid also shot a clean match. The final scores are posted on our web site: www.SuckerCreek.org.

We will be hosting the Wolverine Ranger's membership shoot on July 29th, so we hope all WR members can attend. We'll shoot 5 regular stages.

The pop can thrower will be setup for our next match on August 12th along with some other surprises. Our stages may be more of a challenge than you are used to, and our targets may be a little smaller than normal but we know that you will enjoy the match. We hope that the weather is nice and that you can join us for another fun filled CAS match.



Wolverine Wrangler

Saddle & Gun Club

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Straight Shots from Saginaw

This summer we've had a lot of our shooting pards, here in Saginaw, and throughout the state, battling health problems. We hope they will all be back in the saddle real soon and out here with us, shooting up a storm. Until then, we just want them to know they'll be in our prayers.

It's been a mite busy summer for the Saginaw Six-Shooters. Our Wednesday night practices have given us a great opportunity to throw some lead down-range and also harass one another, a key element of cowboy shooting with your pards. We also continue making improvements around the range. Our latest is a bona fide outhouse, nice and roomy, and handicap accessible. Pine River Cowboy, it's designer, along with Bad River Marty, have put together a right nice addition to our club.

Besides a new outhouse, we've been adding more new props this year and creating fun-filled scenarios. Our Meat Market drew a lot of attention at our July 22nd match and many are still wondering if that squawking chicken was really a buzzard or not.

At that match, we had 48 shooters giving it their best shot on our "Big & Up-Close" targets. We had 6 shooters clean the match! They were Bad River Marty, Dakota Doc, Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Laredo Van and Secondhand Jack. Great shooting, Pards! The weather was great, grub was tasty, and it was just a lot of fun. A big Thank You goes to all who contributed to our "Time Is Money" 5-second bonus. These donations totaled \$60 for the Gillary Foundation Charity.

Top Over-All Shooter was Deuce Stevens. Our Top Five Ladies were K.J. Stevens, Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, Cactus Kay and Elsie Rose. Top Five Gents were Deuce Stevens, Bad River Marty, Doc



Noper, Black River Bill, and Baldy Bill.

The Six-Shooters are looking forward to Range War, which is fast approaching. If you've never been to it, try to attend this year, either as a shooter or spectator. It's a fun time with lots of shooting activities, entertainment, shopping and a great banquet. But, most of all, a time well-spent with your shooting pards. Also, a few of the Six-Shooters will be heading for the Regional Shoot, Guns of August, down in Ohio. We'll let you know how they do.

Our last shoot of the season is set for September 30th. You won't want to miss this one. Check out our cowboy photo WebPages at www.saginawfieldandstream.com to see just how much fun you can have at one of our shoots. We sure hope to see you along the shooting trail. And remember...live life. Give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty

Timbertown Marshals

Midland's famed and fabulous Timbertown Marshals have deputized several new members and plan to have semi-permanent stations in place for the August (3rd Saturday, 10 am) match.

An interesting side-bar: On June 11, the club shot the Ironman 500 Triathlon which included a 90 round cowboy match. Sgt. York of Midland won that event. Really cool gold medals were awarded to the top 3 shooters for the day.

Midland's Marshals practice on the 3rd Saturdays 10 am of odd months, and has a match on the 3rd Saturdays of all even months. Midland is a small club and only charges \$5 to shoot and \$3 for lunch. It's a pretty cheap day of fun and shooting. Come and join us. We give really cool gold medals for first place, too.

Dakota Duchess

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DSC - Rocky River Regulators

The month of July has come and gone but I'm here to tell you that the DSC Cowboy Action 2 Day Match; "Ambush at Rocky River", was a success. Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Cowboy's and Cowgirl's who helped transform the range, with a new look, that will take the town of Rocky River into the future.

Saturday was a blistering day with temperatures reaching into the high 90's, but the temperature didn't break the spirit of the 54 contestants who came to participate in our match. The day started off with a hearty outdoor breakfast, followed by our safety meeting hosted by our very own Master of Ceremonies and Match Director, Rick Stover. Yee, Haw! When it came time for lunch the chuck wagon was filled with a selection of grub for everyone. After the match everyone headed for shade. That evening the Pig Out of Luck dinner was a feast fit for a king.

Sunday morning brought a round of gun fire as our three man team side match battled it out for top gun. Plastic bottles of water were flying everywhere. When the match resumed for the second day Mother Nature gave us an hour of cloud cover before she turned up the heat. After the match lunch was served followed by an award ceremony. The top five contenders for this two day event were; Dodge City Dick 1st, Faygo Kid 2nd, Moe Gunns 3rd, Card Shark Charlie 4th, and Coffin Filler came in 5th. Way to go Cowboy's!

In August, the DSC Rocky River Regulators will be hosting their 2nd SASS RO1 class for the year. The class will be held on August 5, 2006 at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. Contact Rick Stover (248-852-0351) if you plan on attending.

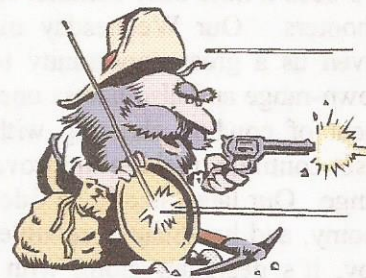
On match day in the Town of Rocky River we normally hold a side match to warm up your shootin irons before the monthly match begins. In August we will host "The Gambler" with pocket pistols and in September it will be "Shoot the Chili Pepper" with match rifle. Get there early and test your

skills with Coffin Nail Bob.

Just as a reminder, the DSC monthly match for September will be held one week later on Sunday September 24th.

That's all for now. Keep your spirits up and your bullets down range.

Shotgun Willy



Eagleville Cowboys; Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys had a good crowd show up for our July shoot, and the weather co-operated beautifully. We were pleased that 8 new Cowboys and Cowgirls that have not shot before or had not been to Eagleville showed up to have a hoot with us. Everybody enjoyed the cowboy grub that Birdshot Betty put together. When the smoke cleared, Thumper John was high traditional, Cowboy Rick - Duelist, The Lonely Stranger - Senior, Bar Gun Hunter - 49er, Kewadin Kid - Gunfighter, Crack Shot Fannie - Lady, Sparky Bill - Modern, One Son of a Gun - Elder Statesman, and Pronto - Ladies Modern. Overall 3rd was: Picacho Red, 2nd: One Son of a Gun, and 1st was Thumper John. While Kewadin Kid was preparing the Certificates, almost everyone got into the person-on-person shoot-off on the falling tombstones and the new Texas Star target. What a blast! There sure was a lot of hootin' and hollering and laughing. Just how many times can a person miss a target that won't stay still??

We ALL found out.

Y'all come see what it's all about.

One Son of a Gun

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West Walker Sportsmen's Club **SMOKE ON THE RANGE**

On July 1st and 2nd the West Walker Rangers hosted the SASS 2006 Michigan State Black Powder Shoot-Out Championship 6

Feed back from all the shooters has been positive and they are looking to come back next year. 39 shooters took part and another half dozen were registered but because of illnesses and accidents were unable to participate.

I have compared our attendance numbers with other State Black Powder Shoot-Outs and we either matched or exceeded their attendance. So I think we did well very from an attendance standpoint.

The weather was great, cool nights, hot days and lots of smoke on the range. Really was cool to see! If Tex had been here, he surely would not have had an opportunity to question smoke. Shooters were bobbing and weaving trying to get a look at their next target. It was a sight to see.

We did have two clean shooters, Three Gun Cole and Doc Roy L. Pain. It was obvious these two see better than most. They also came in first and second respectively.

As I walked around, I would over hear conversations "man this is too-much fun, I might have to change to black powder." Unfortunately those words would change in the parking lot as shooters stood around cleaning their firearms.

In fairness, most of the shooters were shooting blued firearms and some were shooting 97's, a little more difficult to clean. Gives you reason to buy more guns!

Once again, I have to say thank you to the shooters for your support.

I keep repeating myself by thanking those that assisted me but that's OK. Again, Thank You, Lucky Lenny, Country Girl, Deuce Stevens, Da-

kota Fats and my wife, Barbara. It was their efforts that made things work so well.

Deuce's dad Bob, cooked on Saturday and my son Tony cooked on Sunday. A special thanks to them. 80+ degrees standing over a hot grill is not fun.

The staff at SASS deserves a big thank you too. Whenever I needed assistance or advice on administrative situations, they were there. They also contributed Winner Pins, a nice touch.

Our sponsor Kirkpatrick Leather was terrific, providing a rig which was won by a very surprised Three Deuces McKee.

And then there was Colt McAllister! Donating his signature rig. The West Walker Rangers will be indebted to him for a long time. This rig was won by Deuces Uncle Johnny. I hear he still has a smile on his face and is buying a new set of guns to fill those holsters.

There were others donating door prizes and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Mike E. the Blaster and Lilly Orleans Mason. (Greenriver needed a bodyguard so he could get that hand made shirt off the premises)

And to our vendors, especially, Eleanor Jewel Thank You for coming.

Have a great summer, sign up for Range War and put West Walker on your calendar for Saturday November 4th and December 9th.

One last thing while it may be too late this year, match directors, try to get to an out of state, State Championship next year. The experience will be enlightening your matches will be better for it.

Two Rig a Tony



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Johnson Creek Regulators

Well pard, it has been a great season so far at Johnson Creek. Our June shoot had 50 shooters out to enjoy some good shootin fun. Every month we have more cowboy shooters we been very pleased with the turnout. On July 9th many of our cowboys and cowgirls got together a work party at W.W.C.C.A to build a covered wagon for a new stage we've been working on. We used the trailer that stores our stage props. We cut wooden sides, a storage box on front, and the ladies made the canvas cover. It looks great! Rainmaker Ray and the rest of the Johnson Creek Regulators hope we can use it in a stage at Range War this year. A big Thank You goes out to all those who worked on this project. Our next shoots are July 22nd, Aug 26th, and Sept.23rd. So come out and join us. We love to see new faces. Well pard that's all for now. Hope to see you at one of our next shoots.

Ranger Jack

Lapeer Wranglers

Great Lakes Match #9 was held June 23, 24, & 25, 2006. Friday, June 23 dawned clear and cool for the work party to tweak the stage setup. We had also hoped that our second annual chili cook-off would be taking place in the evening. The stage tweaking was accomplished without a problem. However, as 6:00pm came and went we only had one chili contestant enter their chili. Andy Horshurodinon was given all the chili cook-off prizes ranging from Tums to a bag of beans. Wonder what happened to everyone as we had 9 contestants last year???

Saturday, June 24 also dawned clear and cool for all participants. The first five stages were in the woods as last year. The stages were completed by approximately 1:30pm which allowed plenty of time for the Side Matches to be completed before our dinner at 6:00pm.

The Side Match results were as follows:

Pocket Pistol & 22 Rifle--Tanqueray Kid #65839

Derringer & Long Range Single Shot Rifle--Andy Horshurodinon #20360

22 Pistol--P. Poor Shoot'N--#65335

Long Range Lever Action Rifle, Pistol Caliber Rifle, & Man-On-Man--Bowlegged Pete #40204

Kimberly Gillary Foundation Shoot--Beerbelly Willie #45138

The money collected from shooters enabled the L.C.S.C. "Wranglers" to donate \$100 to the Foundation. As you will recall the Foundation uses the donations from our club and others to purchase defibrillators for Michigan school systems. As of 2005, \$673,000 had been donated and 270 defibrillators had been donated. The Foundation is a 501-C3 organization and all funds collected go toward the defibrillator purchases.

Saturday nights dinner was a great pork loin and chicken spread with all the trimmings prepared by Cindy and Dave Irwin with assistance from Lori Roper. If anyone left hungry it was your own fault! Seconds were in order and the leftovers were used for Sunday's lunch. While dinner was being eaten, the costume contest was held and the winners were:

Best Dressed Town Person Female--Sassafras Lori #66058

Best Dressed Town Person Male--Four Finger Carl #60694

Best Dressed Cowboy--Deadwood Steve #50344

Best Dressed Cowgirl--Bea Sweet

Best Dressed Jr. Cowgirl--Sinful Cindy

Best Dressed Jr. Cowboy--Beerbelly Willie #45138

Sunday, June 26, dawned clear and a little hotter than Saturday but not too bad. The final five stages were shot and totals tabulated by my computer with

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the following results:

Overall Match Winner & 49er Class Winner--Hole N Hat #40936

Traditional Match Winner--Clay Creek #65874

Senior Match Winner--Cody Billings #17965

Gunfighter Match Winner--Andy Horshurodinon #20360

Jr. Match Winner--Bean Counter Slim #58914 (Lapeer's own Scott Hanson. Recent father of twin boys. There were no Jr. entries this year)

Duelist Match Winner--Beerbelly Willie #45138

B-Western Match Winner--Tanqueray Kid #65893

Black Powder Match Winner--Bowlegged Pete #40204 (Lapeer's own Gary MacArthur)

Modern Match Winner--Stainless Ray

Woman's Match Winner--Rafters 5 (Lapeer's own Lynn Patten)

Classic Cowboy Match Winner--Four Finger Carl #60694 (Lapeer's own Carl Roper)

Special thanks should also be given to:
Cindy and Dave Irwin, our able kitchen crew
Bill and Phyllis Felice, (Bill worked so hard he wound up on crutches)

Tom Maxwell

Van Starkey

Steve Adamczyk

Fred Schmidt

John Schmidt

Mike Burton

Andy Serocki

Phil Huber

Tiffany West

Gary MacArthur

Nathan Hall

Scott Hanson

Carl & Lori Roper

Robert Irons and especially Harry Ackers & Dick Schalau our "jacks-of-all-trades."

We don't know what we would have done without all the folks listed above!

Also, a special thanks to our banner sponsors:

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Andy Serocki of Sterling Heights

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A great time was had by all shooters and helpers and hopefully we'll see more of ya for Great Lakes Match #10 in 2007.

On a special note, \$2200 was turned over to the L.C.S.C. after all bills were paid. This money was what the "Wranglers" owed the club for the new facade on stage #3 and the advance money loaned to us for the shoot.

Wall-Man

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A RANGE WAR'S A COMIN'!

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to the brand pards!

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WRRW
(Wolverine Rangers Range War)
Announcements

Less than a month to go!!!!

We need each club to donate 4 dozen cookies for the Saturday night chili dinner. You can bake 'em, make 'em, or buy 'em, but we need 'em! Please let Spring Valley Cathy or Mail Order Annie know who to contact about it for each club. If you aren't able to do so, please let us know also. Spring Valley Cathy could use a volunteer or two for the dinner also.

Don't forget The Close Enough Construction Company Thursday and Friday can always use help.