Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The first thing that I would like to say is Thank You! To all of you, for your understanding and condolences on the passing of my Mother. We know that she was in your thoughts and prayers.

Wow! Range War was great from my perspective! I hope that the rest of you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank You to all of those who put in so much work to make it a successful event. Congratulations to Colt McAllister and KJ Stevens on their Championship performances.

As I promised earlier in the year, I intend to harass you again regarding election of Officers for the Wolverine Rangers. The offices of Captain, Secretary, and 8 Members at Large are open for this election.

As of this writing we have two candidates for Captain. These candidates are Cree Vicar Dave and R.J. Law. I have spoken to both of them and they are aware of the job for which they have been nominated and are willing to serve if elected.

I have asked both of the candidates nominated so far, if they would like to make a statement regarding the things that they would like to accomplish if they become Captain. Please keep an eye on our website to see what they have to say.

We have received no Nominations for Secretary.

The following persons are on the Board as Representatives of their respective clubs or by virtue of their jobs with the Wolverine Rangers. These positions are not up for election but these folks can be nominated as Captain or Secretary if they are willing to serve.

Treasurer Range War Match Director Epitaph Editor Webmaster Dodge City Dick Border Town Hombre Case Harden LaPorte Lil

Club Reps;

Bad River Marty
Cheyenne Raider
Dakota Fats
Diewalker
Kewadin Kid
Nevada Gambler
One Son of a Gun

Dakota Duchess
Deuce Stevens
Grizzly Bear Pete
Kid Al Fred
Old Sy
Rainmaker Ray
Three Gun Cole
Wall-Man

Blazin' Billy Gunn

Snareman Two Gun Troll Wolverine Wrangler

Yooper Fred

The following folks have been nominated to run for Member at Large.

Cactus Kay Chili Pepper Pete Dakota Doc

Catlow Cree Vicar Dave R.J. Law

Scholfield Ranger

Square Shake Lake

Sunvale Pete

Please Email or mail your nominations to me or to any Board member and we will see that they are placed on the web site.

The actual election will be from October 15th to November 1st. Mail or Email your votes to:

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Please put your alias and the word election or vote on the outside of your envelope or in the subject line of your Email. An election committee will tabulate the votes and announce the winners by November 15th. Our last election was very disappointing in terms of the number of votes received. Please take an active interest in our organization and cast your vote for the persons you feel would help us the most.

Thanks again and I hope to see all of you soon.

No Cattle

SMOKE ON THE RANGE!

It was a warm and humid July 1st as Doc & I stood by the picket fence. Just by the look of things, we could see that the fireworks were going to start a little early this year. The Astuccio gang had spread themselves out all around the house and two of 'em were coming right at us. I nodded toward them and Doc took a step back just as I was leveling the SxS on them. Before the smoke had cleared, Doc yelled "That's two down!" and we ran across the front yard into the house. Out the front window, I knocked down two more with my scattergun. Moving to the backdoor I managed to get five more of Tonys' gang, but they were tough (must have been from Nevada). I just kept shooting them, back and forth, until I ran out of cartridges. Bullets were flying through everything. Doc was pointing out the window and I spied the last of the gang trying to close in on us. I stepped over to the window with my rifle and when the smoke had finally cleared, Doc said "Good job Faygo." Now lets go get that durn Two-Rig-A-Tony.

The trail was dry and dusty as Moe, Mike, and I headed our steeds and wagon into the town of West Walker. As we pulled up at the first hotel, we recognized a couple other Conestoga wagons, one belonging to Lucky Lenny & Country Girl and the other to Dakota Doc & Cactus Kay. As we stood eyeing the town, a fellow some distance off, started our way. Shortly, we could see that it was the hard working hired hand, Deuce Stevens. He greeted us by name and we all shook hands. Deuce pointed out to us what was going on and told us where we could unload the wagon. After setting up our tent emporium and stowing the wagon & mounts, we set back an watched as the town filled with about ten or twelve more outfits.

The weather was hot!!!! One would have no trouble imagining being in the streets of Tombstone, Dodge City, or Deadwood. Saturday morning Two-Rig-A-Tony started Smoke on the Range with the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag of the United States of America, and a few safety rules. Then he turned us loose to have a fun filled and safe weekend.

The range was setup with five stages, and totally changed for the second day of shooting. The stages, props, and targets were setup very well for black powder shooting (with a little breeze that is). There were store fronts, wagons, hay bales, and horses. Big enough targets with a couple smaller bonus targets, that

were no hit, no miss, just time. Did I mention it was Hot & Dry? But Tony made sure that we had lots of water and moved the Saturday night BBQ and Sundays awards into the air conditioned club house. There was lots of SMOKE made, lots of smiling faces, lots of stories told, and lots of good friendship. This shoot can do nothing, but get bigger. After loading up the wagon and saying our goodbyes to Two-Rig-A-Tony and his wonderful wife Barb, assuring them we'd be back next year. Then headed our team and wagon out of West Walker for the East coast. (of Michigan that is).

Happy Trails!!!!!!

Faygo Kid

Eagleville Cowboys; Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys August shoot in NW Michigan got wet - got rained on - no, we got Drowned. It started sprinkling about the time that the posse's started shooting their second stage, but that didn't stop the record bunch of cowboys & cowgirls from continuing on. However, it kept coming faster and heavier, then thunder and lightning, so we all headed for the large roof cover, and still almost got washed away. The first year that we shot here, we kept hearing, every month, that "it never rains in Eagleville". Well, we shore can't say that anymore. I'm sure that we all spent much more time cleaning the water out of our smoke-poles than it took to get them wet. Because the two posse's shot different stages, we did not have any match awards. We sure enjoyed Birdshot Betty's home cooked grub, even as it rained.

One of the posse's shot an event that included our new target, the 'Texas star'. It included five shots on the five targets with a pistol, and then, if there were any left, they could be cleaned up with a shotgun. We presented one award for this shoot, and it was for "The Most Shotgun Shells Shot during A Stage". We think it was durned near a box. I guess we shouldn't mention any names, but he is our Club treasurer. Everyone got a good laugh out of the award, including the shooter. Stay tuned for information on our 2 day Annual Match next month, "The Eagles Revenge". Lots of fun, and special prizes, and maybe even some very 'special' entertainment.

One Son of a Gun

Straight Shots from Saginaw

As the summer season fades into autumn's brilliant color show, we replay our own shooting memories of the past months. We've worked hard on our range this year, fixing up the shooting bays in the woods and other improvements. Our handicapsized outhouse has the shingles on now, thanks to Pine River Cowboy, Secondhand Jack, Laporte Lil and Bad River Marty. A new picnic area is in the works, with a grassy pathway and great view of the lake. As our WELCOME signs says, it truly is our "Home on the Range".

At Guns of August, the Mid-West Regional Championship held in Ohio August 10-13, our members shot their way to many fun-filled memories... and some plaques, too. Laporte Lil did us proud with a First Place Lady Gunfighter and also shot in the Top Ten Shoot Off. Duke Dakota, Men's Gunfighter, shot the match clean, hitting over 250 targets. His wife, Roxie LaRue, was another winner and carried off the 5th Place Lady 49'er award. Bad River Marty battled it out against his competitors and brought home a Third Place plaque and placed 30th overall. Katie Callahan caught the competition fever in the Lady 49'er category and took the 2nd Place honor and placed 7th overall in the Top Ten Women Shooters. Our gang had a lot of fun and that was perhaps our best award.

For those who weren't able to attend our 8th Wolverine Ranger Range War, you missed a real fun time and we hope you'll be able to join in next year. Our thanks to No Cattle and Mail Order Annie for the tremendous amount of work they put into this event. Please be sure to thank them next time you see them along the trail. Also, our special thanks to ALL the volunteers, shooters and non-shooters, who pitched in and made it happen!

We had 9 Six-Shooters who received plaques this year. They included: Secondhand Jack, Laporte Lil, Duelin' Dylan, No Buk Chuck, Kid Al Fred, Tacoma Tad, Bad River Marty, Katie Callahan, and Ethan Callahan. Ethan was a double winner by

winning a Third in Duelist and winning one of the 650 Dillon Reloading Presses. Talk about one happy guy!

We'll report the results of our September 30th final match of the season, in the next Epitaph edition. Until then, our many thanks to all the shooters who joined us this season, at our shoots and at our Wednesday night practices. Cowboy camaraderie and friendship are a special part of this shooting game and here in Saginaw, you'll find both. If you haven't shot with us, please fit us in your 2007 shooting schedule. We'd love to have you give it your best shot on our BIG & UP CLOSE targets! See you on the trail.

And remember! Live life... Give it your best shot!

Watic Callahan and Bad River Marty.

Last Chance For "06"

With the September Cowboy Action Shoot under our belts, there is only one shoot left in 2006 to join us at the Fin & Feather Club in Scottville. Saturday, October 21 will be the last shoot until April of "07". So dust off your cowboy guns, pull on your boots, put your hat on straight, and join in the fun.

The September shoot, saw flamboyant, Pinky Lu-Rue, take top honors over a field of 15, while shooting in the Senior Duelist category. Pinky bested Lightning Wayne, who won the Senior category, by 17 seconds, due to Wayne's 3 misses. ARGH! Our youngest shooter, JMG Quattro, a babe by comparison won the Tradition category beating his dad, Lone Pine Duelist and 4 others. In other categories Ruby Red Jo won the Ladies 49'er, Hell Canyon Kid won the Modern, and rounding out the day M. C. Sheriff, better known as Larry Stewart, Mason County's own retired sheriff won the Senior Gunfighter category.

Hope to see you at the Fin & Feather Club north of Scottville in October.

Registration 8:30 to 9:30, with mandatory shooter's meeting and shooting to follow.

Happy Trails

Two Gun Troll

DSC - Rocky River Regulators

Summer has come and gone but the month of August brought another great match to the Town of Rocky River. A total of 64 Cowboys and Cowgirls joined us for some great shooting fun. The top three overall shooters were Dodge City Dick 1st place, Moe Gunns 2nd place, and Faygo Kid came in 3rd. Way to go Cowboys! I have no match results for the month of September because our match was held after the September Epitaph deadline.

On October 15th the Rocky River Regulators will host their 8th Annual Chili Cook Off on match day. A variety of chili will be judged from the following categories; Hottest, Wild Game, Meatiest, Most Bean, Poultry, and White Chili. We welcome you to bring a pot of your favorite chili for judging. So plan on coming down for our next match and competing against some of the best chili this side of the Clinton River.

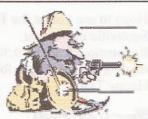
On match day in the Town of Rocky River we normally hold a side match to warm up your shootin irons before the monthly match begins. In October we will host 'Halloween on the Plains' with match rifle or revolver and in November it will be 'Shootin at Corn Cobs' with a match rifle. For those of you have been coming to our matches you know this is a great way to start your day before a match while having some fun. Get there early and test your skills with Coffin Nail Bob. The side match starts at 8:00am.

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

Shotgun Willy

Due to space constraints this issue, please visit the website to see posted Classified ads.

You'll be helpin' out pards in need.



Sucker Creek Peacemakers

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers hosted the annual Wolverine Rangers Membership Shoot on July 29th. There were 65 Wolverine Rangers throwing lead at a variety of targets. The top five overall shooters were: Three Gun Cole, Traditional; Deuce Stevens, Traditional; Bad River Marty, Gunfighter; Doc Noper, 49'r; and Dodge City Dick, 49'r. Several shooters shot a Clean Match: Katie Callahan, Lady 49'r; No Cattle, 49'r; Dakota Fats, "B" western; Duke Dakota, Gunfighter and Lue Dee Kris, Senior Traditional.

For our August 12 match, 33 shooters attended. The top five overall shooters were: K. J. Stevens, Traditional Lady; Doc Noper, 49'r; Smooth Sail'n, 49'r; Ethan Callahan, Duelist and Wolverine Wrangler, Senior Traditional. No one shot a clean match. Stages weren't that hard but everyone wanted to shoot fast. Ringo Wiguns won the Trivia contest.

Most folks were all tuckered out after the WR Range War so at our September 9th match we only had 31 shooters brave the misty weather. The top five overall shooters were: Cree Vicar Dave, Senior Traditional; Hair Trigger Elden, Senior Traditional, Wolverine Wrangler, Senior Traditional; Cousin Gary, Senior Traditional and Second Hand Jack, Gunfighter. The Pine Run Kid, Duelist, shot a Clean Match. All of the final scores for Sucker Creek matches and the Wolverine Ranger's Membership Shoot are posted on our web site: www.SuckerCreek.org.

Our next match and final one for this year will be on October 14th. The "pop can target" and the "clay pigeon rack" will be ready for all sharpshooters so we hope that the weather is nice and that you can join us down at the Creek.

Shoot straight - fast,

Wolverine Wrangler



West Walker Sportsmen's Club

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

Feed back from all the shooters has been positive and they are looking to come back next year. Thirty nine 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 and 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 Deuce's 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. (Greeenriver 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, and put West Walker on your calendar for Saturday November 4th and December 9th

One last thing while it may be to-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



Rockford Regulators

Now, I know that some of us are a little afflicted with Range War burnout. But this is the weather we have been waiting for since the July heat wave! With the price of gas dropping and the weather cooling off, I for one will try my best to make some of the shoots that I have been missing. The shoots in Sep, Oct. and Nov are the ones that will stay in our heads during the long cold winter. But wait! At Rockford we shoot all winter long! So this article will cover a little info for those that haven't braved the winter months but just sit in front of the TV wishing they could shoot. Well, Pards and Pardettes, YOU CAN. I know because I have been shooting year round for the last 4 or 5 years. The number one priority is to dress warm.

Those of you who have shot winter matches with me, know that I will be wearing my "Mickey Mouse" boots. These boots are white Army surplus boots that are a little on the large side. Once you feet get cold, you are on a slippery downhill slide to a miserable day. Those felt cowboy hats that were so hot last month will keep your head toasty warm. We have found that there are some really neat, compact earmuffs that go on behind the head that will allow you to wear your cowboy hat too. These work wonderfully and also help keep your earplugs in place. Mittens seem to work best, but a good pair of Thinsulate gloves will do. Long johns and a few layers on top seem to do the trick. Just use common sense and dress for the occasion and you will find that winter can be a really great time to shoot. We have had some of the most fun at the winter shoots. We have also been blessed with some terrific days. Bright sunshine and moderate temperatures make for an amazing CAS experience.

So watch the weather and pick out a good day and come and shoot with us the 1st Saturday of the month. (except November, we'll be at West Walker)
See you down the snowy trail.
Your Pard

Dicwalker.

Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy all, Just a few notes and remarks for this article. Lapeer has begun to use the class system for scoring in its monthly matches. Hopefully this will attract even more shooters than the 40+ we have had for the last two months.

Being a match director, I know firsthand the trials and tribulations involved in putting on matches over a long period of time. One tends to become pretty set in the ways of doing things that have worked well over the years and perhaps doesn't see the need for any changes. One of our shooters suggested to me that I include the shooter's class in the match report so that they could determine where they finished in regard to those shooting in their class. So we tried it this past month and it worked out quite well. I think we'll keep this way of doing match reports from now on. I'm pretty sure that my experience isn't unique...most match directors will be open to suggestions if they are approached in a positive manner, at a suitable time.

Speaking of match results, be sure to check the Wolverine Ranger's website for the latest results from the great majority of the clubs shooting in this state. While you're at it, explore the rest of the website for "all the latest, greatest, CAS news complete with pictures in many cases.

Before I forget it, Lapeer will be having its annual October pumpkin shoot at our October match. I have the latest information from our pumpkin patch owner who states the crop is quite good this year, but there will be enough leftovers for us to make plenty of deer food on the rifle range. We will make deer food immediately after the match so please join us if you can.

Wall-Man



Wolverine Rangers Club News, etc.

Special G.O.A. Report!

The SASS Midwest Regional Guns of August was held August 10-13 in Middletown, Ohio with the following **Wolverine Rangers** members bringing home wood:

Male Midwest Regional SASS Champion: Deuce Stevens

Main Match:

1st - Doc Roy L. Pain - Duelist, Miss Misery - Lady B Western, Laporte Lil - Lady Gunfighter 2nd - Mustache Kid - 49'r, Deuce Stevens - Traditional, Slippery Pete - Frontier Cartridge, Chili Pepper Pete - Frontiersman, Katie Callahan - Lady 49'r, Itchy Trigger Red - Buckaroo 3rd - Bad River Marty - Gunfighter, Pine Creek Jack - Classic Cowboy, Mike Fink - Frontiersman 4th - J. R. Hammer - Senior 5th - Roxie LaRue - Lady 49'r, Faygo Kid - 49'r,

Clean Matches: Catlow, Deuce Stevens, Doc Roy L. Pain, Duke Dakota, Miss Misery, Rodent, and Slippery Pete

Top 10 Cowboys: 2nd Deuce Stevens, 6th Three

Top 10 Cowgirls: 7th Katie Callahan

Three Gun Cole - Traditional

Side Matches:

LRR Pistol Caliber – 2^{nd} Doc Roy L. Pain 8.03 and 10 hits

Speed Shotgun (Pump/Lever) – 1st Deuce Stevens 5.97, 3rd Three Gun Cole 6.96

Speed Rifle – 1st Deuce Stevens 4.14, 2nd Three Gun Cole 4.41

Speed Pistol – 2nd Deuce Stevens 5.18, 3rd Three Gun Cole 5.66, "I Bought It" Deuce Stevens 4.09

Stage Winners:

Stage 1 – 2nd Three Gun Cole 17.38, 4th Deuce Stevens 17.58

Stage 2 – 3rd Deuce Stevens 19.52

Stage 3 – 4th Three Gun Cole 21.29

Stage 4 – 1st Three Gun Cole 19.46

Stage 5 – 1st Deuce Stevens 15.60, 5th Three Gun Cole 16.97

Stage 6 - 5th Mustache Kid 19.84

Stage 7 - none

Stage 8 – 1st Three Gun Cole 18.27, 3rd Deuce Stevens 21.07

Stage 9 – 2nd Three Gun Cole 19.92

Stage 10 – 5th Deuce Stevens 16.41

Wild Bunch Team Event: 2nd Three Gun Cole, J. R. Hammer, and Mustache Kid

Black Powder Mini Match:

Frontiersman - 1st Mike Fink 151.67 Frontier Cartridge - 1st Slippery Pete 143.53 B Western - 4th Tanqueray Kid 179.80 Senior - 1st Moe Gunns 153.18

Pale Rider Event: 2nd Mike Fink

Other Wolverine Rangers members in attendance: Dodge City Dick, J.J. Longley, Hole N Hat, Broke N' West, Secondhand Jack, Steady Eddie, Teton, Poco Loco, Cody Billings, and Eleanor Jewel. My apology if I missed any other Wolverine Rangers member.

Regards.

Laporte Lil

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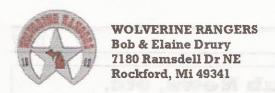
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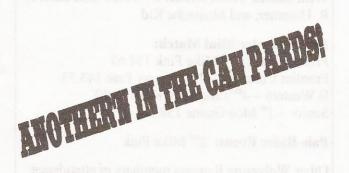
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Johnson Creek Regulators

Howdy pards it's hard to believe that our second season at W.W.C.C.A. is almost over. As of this writing we have one more shoot on Sept.23d. We expect to have another good turnout of cowboy shooters. We've been averaging 40 to 50 shooters every month. It's been a very good year for cowboy action shooting at the club. All of the Johnson Creek Regulators are looking forward to next year. We are already working on new stages and shooting scenarios, and we expect 2007 to be as much fun as our last two years have been.

I would like to give a big cowboy thank you from the 17 cowboys and cowgirls from the Johnson Creek Regulators, to the Wolverine Rangers that put together Range War 2006. All of you did a super job once again. The stages were very good and setup was great. Some of us really liked stages 1 to 5. We were happy to contribute stage 10, and we hope everyone had a fun time shooting it. Some of us got lucky on the raffle; Gray Pony

won the 87 shotgun, Judge Specs Law won the canteen, Cool Hand Carl got a SASS DVD, and Rain Maker Ray won a SASS VHS. All of us had a great time at Range War 2006! Keep up the great work! The food at the banquet was very good also. We are looking forward to WRRW 2007. Well pards that's all for now. Hope to see some of you at our shoot on Sept.23rd.

Adios and Happy Trails,

Ranger Jack

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to the brand pards!

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