

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The first thing I wanted to do in this Captain's Letter is to say thank you. First of all, I would like to say thank you to our new secretary, Killin Kelin. I am not sure that she quite knew what she was getting into when she volunteered to be secretary but she has done an admirable job. Kelin did most of the work on the new Range War Application, Renewal letters for Wolverine Rangers, and the 2007 Calendar/Shooting Schedule. I would also like to say thanks to Tanqueray Kid and Itchy Trigger Red. They worked along with Kelin on the mailings for the Wolverine Rangers Renewals, Range War Application and Calendar/Shooting Schedule. Tanqueray Kid has also just been a big help in general. A big thank you also goes to Laporte Lil for her work on the website and in coordinating postings with Kelin. As we all well know, the Wolverine Rangers is a volunteer organization and nothing gets done unless non-paid volunteers do it.

I would also like to say thanks to Bad River Marty and especially his better half, Katie Callahan, a/k/a Eagle Eye, for their help in compiling, proof reading and editing Range War posters and promotional information. I would also like to thank Allegan Dan for ram-rodging the vendor and marketing operation.

One thing no one has ever accused me of is being bashful. Range War is run by volunteers and we need the help of many people to make our State Championship run smoothly. Please contact me if you would like to help out at Range War this year. Deuce Stevens as Match Director will be in charge of stage set-up and in running the overall match. Please contact either Deuce or me if you would like to help.

Border Town Hombre is Range Master and is in charge of the overall Range and is our club liaison person for the Blue Water Sportsman's Associa-

tion. We will also need help at registration, running side matches and in many other activities. Camptown was gracious enough to agree to be in charge of the scoring the match. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer. The more helpers we have the easier the work load will be for everyone. I will also likely be contacting some of you and specifically asking for help in certain areas.

Before signing off I would also like to add one more thank you. This is to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the members of the Wolverine Rangers for supporting cowboy action shooting in Michigan. We are hoping to put on a Michigan State Championship that we can all be proud of.

Anyway, that is all I have to say for now. As always, please feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions. It is usually best to reach me at my office because I spend most of my time there, as The Lady will attest.

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at rgillary@gillarylaw.com or you can call me at my office at (248) 528-0440.

Shoot straight and clean,

R.J. Law

Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy from the Lapeer Wranglers, The deadline for registrations for our two day shoot June 23 & 24, 2007 is fast approaching. We need to have this information a.s.a.p. to be able to plan for plaque purchases and for Saturday night's dinner. Thanks for your cooperation! Our May Long Range & Regular Match will be held over the Memorial Day Weekend...would love to see a great turnout as nothing beats doing some shootin over a holiday.

Wall-Man

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Straight Shots From Saginaw

It's been another busy spring at Saginaw Field & Stream Club. We had our display at the Midland Gun Show and got to say "Howdy" to many fine folks... even some of our cowboy pards stopped in. Then it was back to the club where members cleaned up the range, added a ramp to our out-house, landscaped a bit, and helped to fulfill one of our most sought-after goals... a permanent old-West building prop in our lower pistol range.

At our May 26th shoot, our prop was officially tested and won lots of approval from our shooters. Old Mother Nature threatened us with a light drizzle during registration, but by shooting time, we were blessed with good weather and all 54 of our pards headed out to try their hand at shooting Bad River Marty's famous "BIG & UP CLOSE" targets. When the smoke cleared, top overall shooter was Deuce Stevens and 8 shot the match CLEAN!!! Congratulations to Ethan Callahan, Duelin' Dylan, Duke Dakota, Riverview Rattler, Micky Lobe, Hard Hammer Hoss, Itchy Trigger Red, and Overkill. Great shooting, folks! We also earned \$72.00 for the Gillary Foundation with our "Time is Money" 5-second bonus. Thanks to all those who participated for this worthy cause!!

Top five ladies:

1. K.J. Stevens
2. Katie Callahan
3. Laporte Lil
4. Fire Tender
5. Ruby Red Jo

Top five gents:

1. Deuce Stevens
2. Dodge City Dick
3. Doc Noper
4. Ethan Callahan
5. Chili Pepper Pete

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next 2 shoots - Saturday, July 28th and Saturday, September 29th. If you're looking for a real fun-filled day of shooting with your pards, come to Saginaw's "Home on the Range". And don't forget our Wednesday night practices. We're enjoying seeing new folks learning those cowboy shooting skills and us seasoned pards are getting in some fun practice time. Of course, there is also plenty of harassment to go around for everyone!

Stop in some Wednesday night if you're in our neck of the woods. We'll keep the gate open!

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Rockford Regulators

The 'Rockford Regulators' held our annual April two day shoot on the 28th & 29th. It was an awesome event. After the rain cleared out on Friday, the weekend was just plain beautiful! Perfect temperatures and clear skies. We had 51 shooting participants. We even had several people camping out at the club. Everyone had a great time, and we received many compliments on the range improvements. (which include a new building façade and a mine entrance). *Editors note— at this writing there is even one more new façade up!*

At the Saturday Banquet, a 'Judge's Choice' apparel contest was held, with several cowboys and cowgirls being rewarded for their efforts in dressin' the part. Sunday morning, bright and early found RSC's own Tim Hall holding a chapel service for all the cowboys choosing to attend. We raffled off a '97 'Norchester' on Saturday, and gave away a Dillon 550B reloading setup, as the Grand Door Prize on Sunday. We even had a few participants set up tables in the clubhouse for swappin' & sellin' goods, and of course Eleanor Jewell's Emporium was there as well.

The shooting match was challenging and fun. There were a lot of smilin' cowboys (and girls)! After the side matches were finished, we held a team 'cut the 2X4', shoot-off, which was a hoot!

Top 5 honors went to Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Lightning Wayne, Mustache Kid, and KJ Stevens.

As they say, 'A Good Time Was Had By All!'

Case Harden

Post note; Rockford will be offering 3 Sunday, 'Bare Bones' shoots in addition to our normal monthly match. The dates are June 10, July 22, and Aug 12. Hope to see you there!

Wolverine Rangers Club News

DSC-Rocky River Regulators

April warmed up the town of Rocky River and brought 31 Shooters to our monthly match. When the shootin' was over and the scores were tallied up, the top three shooters were; Chili Pepper Pete 1st, Faygo Kid 2nd, and J.J. Longley came in 3rd. We also had 7 out of the 31 shooters finished with a clean match. Way to go Cowboy's!



Also in April, Batwing Betty opened up the town of Rocky River for Women's Day at the Range. This was an opportunity for women to get a "hands-on" introduction to Cowboy Action Shooting. We had 31 women of all ages come down to shoot, with the youngest one being only ten and a half years old. Once the women went through the mandatory safety briefing they were off to shoot some guns. Three stages were set up for rifle, revolver and shotgun manned by our very own DSC Cowboy RO volunteers. A special thanks goes out to Andy Horshurodinon and Dodge City Dick who also supported the event. When it came time to shoot every woman was up for the challenge, even with the shotgun. Not one woman backed off without firing a couple of rounds. As the day wound down, the women were treated to a final stage using all three firearms on the clock. Since it was just for fun we didn't tally the scores and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves making some noise.

On September 29th the DSC will host another "Women's Day at the Range". So if you know a

Cowgirl who would like to learn the basics of Cowboy Action Shooting, have them mark their calendar for this event. Contact Batwing Betty (248-879-8345) for more information.

Our May match started off with sun in the early morning, but quickly turned to overcast skies as our 62 shooters battled the snake pit on stage one for precious seconds off their time. When the scores were added up, the top three shooters were; Dodge City Dick 1st, Faygo Kid 2nd and A Son Of A Stinkweed came in 3rd followed by ten Cowboy's who finished with a clean match.

This month, on June 3rd, the DSC Cowboy's will feature a Rimfire Silhouette Match. Registration begins at 9:00am followed by a mandatory safety meeting at 9:45am. The match will start promptly at 10:00am. Then the shootin begins. So dust off your favorite .22 and come on down and join us. On July 1st, the Cowboy's will switch things up and bit and have a Cowboy Centerfire Silhouette Match. For more information contact Terrebonne Bud (248-709-5254).

On July 29th, the Rocky River Regulators will be hosting the annual Wolverine Ranger Membership Only Free Shoot. Registration will begin at 8:30am, mandatory safety meeting at 9:30am, match at 10:00am. We're expecting a good turnout so get there early. This is a match you won't want to miss!

The DSC Cowboy's hold regular weekly Saturday practice and monthly matches 12 months a year, come rain or shine. Saturday practice will be held from 10:00am until 2:00pm. So don't practice at the monthly match! Come on down and join us.

Our next two Cowboy Action matches will be held on Sunday June 17th and Sunday July 15th. Spectators are encouraged to join us at our matches. Remember to bring eyes and ears. That's all for now. Keep your spirits up and your bullets down range.

Shotgun Willy

Wolverine Rangers Club News

News from out at Sucker Creek

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers met at the range on April 29th for a "Work & Fun Day". Twenty one cowboys and cowgirls showed up to help and a lot was accomplished. New siding was put on the Church, targets were made ready, brush was moved and burned, linseed oil was put on the Assay Office and Church, hitching posts were put in on each bay and much, much more was done. We sure did appreciate all the help and it was fun to see everyone after the long winter. After the work was done several cowboys tried out their guns and the targets.

Our first shoot of the year was held on May 12th. 40+ shooters strapped on their irons. Top shooters were Deuce Stevens for men and KJ Stevens for women. Our new mine car was on hand to stage long guns on but was not yet operational. Come on out June 9th to our next shoot and give the mine car a test drive, it is ready to go and to give the shooter a little extra excitement down at the mine.

The Sucker Creek Cowgirls have been busy this spring helping with a pancake breakfast at the Midland Gun Show and last weekend with a rummage sale at Wolverine Wrangler & Lady Bluebird's ranch in Midland. A big thank-you to all who helped and those who came out and partook of the breakfast and donated to the rummage sale. We made over \$400.00 for the club so stay tuned and watch for more improvements at Sucker Creek. That's all for now see you on the trail. Shoot straight, shoot fast, shoot safe and have fun doing it.

The Vicar's Wife

Sucker Creek



Saddle & Gun Club

Johnson Creek Regulators

Hi pard! Our shoots at Johnson Creek have been very successful so far this year. Our April shoot had 47 shooters and our May 19th had 52. At our May 19th shoot we had a John Wayne tribute to celebrate the anniversary of his 100th birthday. A lot of our stages were named after his western movies, and everyone seemed to have a great time in remembering the Duke. On June 9th the Johnson Creek Regulators will participate in the Salem twp. Flag Day parade, which we are all looking forward to. Don't forget our big shoot on June 23rd at WWCCA, the Michigan out of Doors film crew will be there to do a segment for their T.V. program on Cowboy Action Shooting. Any Wolverine Rangers that want to come out, are cordially invited to come out and shoot with us and be on T.V. There will also be interviews conducted so come out in your cowboy finest. Our July shoot will be the 28th so if you can't make it to the June shoot, come out in July. Well pard that's all for now. Adios and Happy Trails.

Ranger Jack

West Walker Rangers

Just another reminder the Michigan State Black Powder Shootout is June 30th and July 1st 2007. Camping is free. Registration forms are available on both the Wolverine Ranger web page and www.wWSC.org As always smokeless powder shooters are welcome.

June 20th is the cut off date for registrations.

Two Rig a Tony



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Here's a story I thought you'all might be interested in.—Editor

The Saga of Steady Eddie

Our good friend Steady Eddie had some big plans of goin down to Georgia to take Mule Camp by storm. Now sumthin' you need to know about ol' Steady is, that in addition to being a fine cowboy action shooter, he has another vice that has got hold of him. It seems that Steady also likes to ride them there two wheeled iron horses. Now there are several kinds of them Iron horses. There are the kind that those outlaw gangs ride that they make over in Wisconsin. They're the ones that when they's just loafin' along they make a sound kind a like horse hooves clip cloppin' down a board walk. Some folks call them "hogs". Well, that's not the kind. Ol' Steady rides the ones made across the Pacific Ocean. They sound more like a steer ballin' when they go down the road and I think they run on 'sake'. Well anyway, it seems Steady found out that a bunch of other fellers that ride this same kind of iron horse was gettin together down in the Smokey Mountains the weekend before Mule camp. They had big plans of sittin' round the camp fire swappin' yarns and playing cat and mouse, chassin' each other up and down the mountains and such. Ol' Steady Eddie got to thinkin that he could make one heck of a trip of it if he was to rendezvous with his ridin' pards on the way down to Mule Camp. So, he hitched up ol' "Saber" as he calls his iron horse behind the big red Cowboy Cadillac and headed for the Smokey Mountains. Well, the first day of the big ridin' shindig, a bunch of them fellers were out hob knobbin' through some mountain roads, and as they were goin down one particular road, called "the Dragon's Tail" cause it wags back and forth so much, ol' Steady's mount kind a lost its footin' more or less and threwed him. Now as is often the case, ol' "Saber" came out of it pretty well. Steady on the other hand tried to fold his ankle over in ways that ankles just ain't meant to be folded. They had to rush him off to the Doc's place, which was a fur piece away from where this happened. The good doctor did some pretty fancy

fixin' up of that broke ankle. He put in a steel plate and about a whole box of screws and then splinted his ankle up with a big ol' plaster boot.

Steady got word back to his kin folks here in Michigan that he was in a bit of a fix. There was no way he would be able to drive the Cowboy Cadillac back home to Michigan cause it was his right ankle that was broke and he had to keep it up in the air for a while. In addition to sorta being Steady's sidekick, I also happen to be married to his little sister, and fortunately, I also happened to have several days off from work when we got the word. I did a bit of checkin' and found out that right close to where this all took place there was a stop for the overland stage line. (This is the stage line that paints a big picture of a runnin' dog on the side of their coaches, and yeah, they really do still call them "coaches") Well now, I've got to tell you, that not a lot has changed in the last hundred twenty years as far as coach lines go. Lookin' around at my fellow passengers I noted quite a variety of folks; I'm pretty sure there were outlaws, gamblers, soiled doves and at least a couple fellers who looked like they had spent way too much time in the opium tents. After a nineteen hour overnight ride, three different coaches, and too many road house stops, I was glad to be at my destination.

I will say that these iron horse ridin' buddies are a lot like the cowboys we know. They were real helpful to us. They had already broke camp for Steady, packed up his campin' gear and loaded ol' Saber back on the trailer for me. Then one of 'em met me at the coach line stop with the Cowboy Cadillac. All I had to do was take this feller back to the camp site, hitch up ol' Saber's trailer and head for the Doc's place to pick up Steady Eddie.

Steady was sure glad to see a friendly face when I got there. For the most part he was in good spirits. About the only thing that really was gettin him down was the fact that he wasn't goin to be able to make it to Mule Camp this year.

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Y'all might keep Steady Eddie in your prayers. He will be laid up for quite a while. The Doc told him he is not to even put any weight on his right ankle for at least two months. This means he will probably be off from work for at least that long. Obviously, this will put a cramp in his shootin' for a while too. He might be doin' the "Chester" limp for a bit, and might be lookin' for one extra wide spur for his new right boot. Only good thing is, he will probably be able to get caught up on some of his leather work. If you



need any leather work done you might get in touch with him.

Your Pard;

Smokey Cinders

A.P. GOODRICH

The A.P. Goodrich Rifle and Pistol Club is happy to be a Wolverine Ranger Affiliated Club. Our club has always held Silhouette matches for centerfire pistol, a high power rifle, .22 cal. Pistol and rifle and black powder cartridge rifle. Some of our B.P. Ctg. Shooters were also Cowboys so we decided to have 2 shoots in 2006 where we invited a limited number of new cowboys to come up and shoot their big single shot rifles with us. We shot regulation size chickens offhand at 200 meters, then pigs at 300 meters, turkeys at 385 meters and rams at 500 meters from prone or sitting cross sticks. They enjoyed themselves so much we decided to make the 2 shoots annual events, to be held this year on June 9 and August 11.

With the popularity of Cowboy Silhouette growing out West by leaps and bounds, we got permission this year to hold the first Wolverine Ranger Cowboy Silhouette Championships ever held in Michigan. The events will be held on Sept. 29-30 rain or shine (we have a covered firing line) on Saturday morning Sept. 29 we will have the cowboy .22 cal

Lever Gun Silhouette Championship match, and in the afternoon we will hold the Cowboy Pistol Caliber Lever Gun Silhouette Championship match. Sunday's Championship event will be for Cowboy Long Range Single Shot Rifle Silhouette Shooters. We are really excited about offering the Cowboys in Michigan a new type of shooting event to participate in. I think the Single Shot Shooters will be especially pleased, because now they have an opportunity to really use their rifles as they were intended to be shot. At long range!

There's more good news for single shot shooters. The Rocky River Regulators at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress are hosting the first ever Wolverine Ranger Cowboy Single Shot Rifle Short Range State Championship at 11:00 on July 22. The event will consist of 3 stages, 15 shots offhand in 15 minutes, 15 shots from sitting or kneeling cross-sticks in 15 minutes, and 15 shots prone from cross-sticks or front rest in 15 minutes, all stages shot at 200 yards from our covered range, rain or shine. This match was designed to test the all-round shooting skills of the Michigan Cowpokes, who are students of the single shot rifle. If all you have is a rifle caliber lever gun you are welcome to shoot the match as long as you load and fire one round at a time.

For more info please see the flyers posted under the A.P. Goodrich and Detroit Sportmen's Congress links on the Wolverine Ranger website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com.

We hope to see you at one of our silhouette matches this summer – they are really fun

Paul Behe

CLASSIFIED ADS

Due to space constraints, the Classifieds will re-appear next month. In the mean time.... Please see the website for updates....

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Spring Round-up in Mason County

It was early May in Sweetland, as Scottville was originally called. Hampered by an unusual April snow storm the cowpokes were a month late getting started and everyone was eager for the fun to begin. After calling all the men together, Two Gun Troll led them over to stage one and it didn't take long for the fireworks to start. While out on the range bringing in the cattle from the winter pastures, the cowhands ran into rustlers that were after some of the calves. Quick action and smoking guns chased them away, but not for good. Those no-good, snakes in the grass kept coming back for more and eventually followed the cowhands into town where a final shootout occurred.

It was a beautiful cool spring day and the Mason County Marshals and friends couldn't have had a better day for shooting. They were also very at Home on the new Range. It was really great having all stages in a central location right across from the clubhouse. Twelve shooters attended the first shoot of '07, and 'a good time was had by all'.

When the smoke had cleared, Deuces Uncle Johnny picked up where he left off in '06, winning the Elder Statesmen category and edging out Two Gun Troll, winner of the 49er category for the overall top spot. Two Gun Troll was followed in the 49er by John B. and Hopalong. Lone Pine Duelist won Traditional followed by Wild Cat Slowdown. Greenriver bested Crazy Mingo in Frontier Cartridge Duelist. Tom Bones won in Senior while Slim Chance was second. Hell Canyon Kid and Messy James won respectively in Modern and Senior Duelist.

Make plans to join us in June. We will be shooting on the 3rd Saturday, June 16th, and plans are in the works for something special to christen the new range. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30. Cost is \$17 including lunch, \$15 for Wolverine Rangers or Mason County Fin & Feather members. Juniors 16 and under shoot free.

Two Gun Troll

Pickin' up pards. Welcome to the brand pards!

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Jerk them smokewagons!

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Notes from the Secretary,

We are on our way with what is lining up to be an exciting year for Range War. We will again be an International Shoot with a number of Canadian shooters having already signed up. We also have shooters from outside of Michigan that have registered. Time is flying and we are approaching the cut off date for shooters to receive their free Shooters Bag for early registration. Please get your registrations in early. Applications can be downloaded for the website. LaPorte Lil will be posting posse assignments on the website.

We want to thank Cree Vicker Dave donating his time and talents. He has built 4 beautiful new rifle and shotgun stands for use at Range War.

Thanks,
Killin' Kelin

!!!! Calendar Notes !!!!

Below are some late breaking calendar corrections.

Please check the club's web page or contact the club representative if you have any questions about a club's schedule.

- Add: Saturday, June 16 - Midland
- Remove: Monday, July 9 - Ithaca Long Range
- Remove: Saturday, July 14 - Lapeer Long Range

NOTE!: Sunday, July 29 - Utica - this is a MEMBERS ONLY free shoot

- Add: Saturday, August 18 - Midland
- Add: Saturday, October 20 - Midland
- Add: Saturday, December 15 - Midland