

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

This past December The Lady and I headed out to the SASS Convention in Las Vegas. This was my first trip to Vegas. The Lady and I enjoyed a little R&R. We also spent a fair amount of time with Cactus Kay and enjoyed our time with her. I had to delay my flight a day due to business and Cactus Kay brought me up to speed on the Territorial Governor's Meeting that I missed. Please refer to the Wolverine Rangers Website ([www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org)) for a summary of the decisions made at the Territorial Governor's Meetings.

I was able to spend some time listening to some of the Western Music Performers while The Lady was inspecting the vendors. The music was great. I ended up buying some CDs from some of the performers and corresponding via email with one of them; Ms. Juni Fisher. I really liked her music especially; Cowgirlography and Tumble Weed Letters. The net result of all of this is that Juni Fisher will be singing at Range War this year on Saturday Night. I guarantee that you will enjoy her music. She writes all of her own music and has a unique and enjoyable perspective on the pioneer and experience and cowboy and cowgirl life. I never thought that I would like a song about a cow, a mule or a chicken but I like the ones that Juni writes and sings.

The Lady loves her music also and we are looking forward to having Juni here. As always, Juni's performance fee will be paid by the Lady and me and not by the Wolverine Rangers. This is our thank you to our shooting friends for supporting the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation's mission of donating AEDs and training to Michigan High Schools.

We are firming up our plans for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wolverine Rangers' Range War over Labor Day weekend this summer. In addition to the addition of Juni Fisher we are planning some

other enhancements to Range War. I will detail some of those in later Captain's Letters. With Deuce as our Match Director I can guarantee that we will have excellent stages that are well thought out and challenging but without procedural traps.

As the shooting season is about to start we all look forward to getting back to participating in our sport and hanging out with our shooting buddies. We are in the process of finalizing the 2008 Calendar and I hope to have it done and mailed within the next 30 days so we will all know where we have to be and when.

That is about all that I have for now. Please do not forget to thank our veterans. Their sacrifices have made it possible for us to enjoy the freedom to live in the finest country in the history of the world and do what we do.

Shoot safe, fast and clean.

*R.J. Law*



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Three Gun Cole



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Straight Shots From Saginaw

Winter is still toying with us, but that hasn't stopped us from focusing on creating great cowboy shooting in Saginaw for 2008. We will be adding more permanent props in the wooded lower-range this spring and promise to bring you lots of fun scenarios. You know the kind... where you have more fun than should be allowed. And for those daring folks, Saginaw's BIG & UP CLOSE targets will be around to taunt you. But, don't let their size fool you. Ask their creator if they can be missed. Well, Marty????

We are looking forward to another great state shoot and encourage volunteers to not be shy. You can take part, whether you shoot or not. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and every Wolverine Ranger should be proud of this milestone. Plans are already being put in place to make this shoot our finest one yet. There are plenty of jobs to go around and you really don't think we'd turn down your help, do you?

Saginaw will begin its Wednesday night practice shoots on April 16<sup>th</sup> and run through September. We invite anyone who wants to join us to come on out and have some fun practicing. For a non- Field & Stream member, cost is only \$5, which is cheap for all the harassment and whoopin' and hollerin' ya get to do!!! We shoot on the lower range, in the woods, using our regular stages to help you learn those move-it-quick skills.

Speakin' of skills, best use that memory skill. Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. CHOCOLATE. Enough said.

Stay warm. Spring is just around the corner. And... remember to live life.

Give it your best shot!

**Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty**

### Lapeer Wranglers

The L.C.S.C. "Wranglers" are halfway through the Winter League and have our third shoot this coming Sunday. The following list of cowboys (no particular order) are all hanging tough and making an interesting race down to the wire for the top spot: Wolf Creek Tom, P-Poor-Shoot'n, Flat Water Johnny, Bean Counter Slim, Andy Horshurodion, and Wall-Man.

Our shooting schedule for 2008 has been printed and put in the mail, if you didn't receive one just let me know and we'll get it out to you a.s.a.p.

We have changed our dates for Great Lakes Match #11 from the end of June to Memorial Day weekend. There are several reasons for this change, but the main one is the month of May is usually cooler weather wise than June. Many of our shooters suggested that we try these new dates and see how they work. So remember Great Lakes Match #11 will be 5-24 & 25-2008. Entry forms etc. should be available by early April.

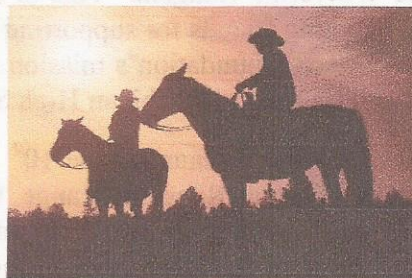
Try to stay warm hopefully we'll see ya at a shoot!

**Wall-Man**

### RO II (and/or RO I) ANYONE?

Anyone interested in taking an RO II class contact Dakota Doc or Cactus Kay at 810-733-8454 or e-mail at [docandkay@yahoo.com](mailto:docandkay@yahoo.com).

We would be willing to set up classes if there is enough interest. Also any club that wants a class, at their club, can contact us. Please leave your contact information.





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### Johnson Creek Regulators

Well the regulators are laying low in our hideouts and counting the days 'til spring so we can get started on our 2008 season. In the meantime; we have elected new officers for our 2008 season. They are Chairman; Rainmaker Ray, Co-chair; Smiling Bear, Stage Design and Development; Cool Hand Carl, Stage Setup; M.T.Cartridge, Registration; Deadwood Denise, Scribe; Ranger Jack, Cookie; Sourdough Steve, and Territorial Governor; Smiling Bear.

Cool Hand Carl is already at work developing some new stages and it looks really good. We can't wait to try them out. We held our cowboy banquet on November 1<sup>st</sup>; and had a great turnout. The food was great! A big cowboy thank you to Rainmaker Ray's son-in-law Tony for catering our banquet. We really appreciate all his hard work.

The Johnson Creek Regulators are setting up practice on the weekends from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a small fee for non WWCCA members. We'll get the word out when we are ready to go.

We had a great 2007 and we want to thank everyone from the other clubs that came out to shoot with us. You made the 2007 season great! Especially our June shoot which was a record turnout for The Johnson Creek Regulators.

Thank You so much! Well that's all for now. This is the Old Ranger saying; Adios and Happy Trails

### Ranger Jack



### A.P. Goodrich

The interest shown for the 2008 Long Range Seminar to be held at Ithaca has been overwhelming. Over 50 people expressed interest in learning about all aspects of hitting targets that are waaaaay out there.

Some of the topics that will be covered will be rifle selection, sights, calibers, sight adjustment, minutes of angle, effects of wind and mirage, shooting positions, bullet selection, casting and lubes, reloading procedure, black vs. smokeless, B.P. silhouette, N.R.A. mid and long range matches, etc. etc. The club at Ithaca has set the date of the seminar as May 18, 2008 rain or shine (we have a covered range) from 10:00 until approx. 3:00. Cost is only \$10.00. If you have a long range rifle, bring it, along with 50-100 rounds of ammo to put to use what you have learned. You will be shooting at metal knock-down silhouettes at distances ranging from 200 to 500 meters. We plan on having some rifles and ammo there for rifle-less attendees to "sample" before they plunk down their hard earned pesos on their own rifle.

We promise that you will learn more in one day than you could learn on your own in years! FLYERS WILL BE GOING OUT IN EARLY 2008 TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED ME. If you haven't contacted me yet and want a flyer, e-mail me at [spidercontrolinc@aol.com](mailto:spidercontrolinc@aol.com) and give me your mailing address and I will make sure you get one.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

### EL GUANO

For directions to our range take 127 north. Go two miles past Ithaca and take the Polk Rd. exit. Go east on Polk Rd. about 1 mile to Crosswell Rd. turn left [north] and go 1 mile. Crosswell Rd. dead-ends at the range.



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### DSC-Rocky River Regulators

Weather played a huge role in starting the new year of shooting for the DSC cowboys. After having to call off the December match due to a snow storm, the cowboys arrived to the range for the January match to face temperatures starting at 2 deg. F and rising to a whooping 11 deg. by the end of the match. The wind didn't help either. The only saving grace was the frozen cowboys and cowgirls were treated to a hot bowl of stew and all the warm coffee they could drink while the results of the match were being tallied. Lots of thanks to Batwing Betty, Sierra and Barbara (we have got to get them an alias) for a fine lunch. After the frost bitten fingers were warmed, J.J. Longley was in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Broke 'N' West 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Dar B Shure-shot 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to Broke 'N' West and Two Guns Tim for shooting clean matches. Twelve cowboys went home cold and happy.

There was lots of talk at the last committee meeting about the new power factor that cowboy ammunition will have to meet this year. In case you didn't see the article in the January issue of the Cowboy Chronicle, SASS will be requiring cowboy ammunition to meet a power factor of 60. To arrive at this number the bullet weight is multiplied by the velocity and divided by 1000. The result must equal 60 or higher. The DSC cowboys have decided to schedule certain days that a chronograph would be available at practice so everyone would be able to check their loads. Since I discovered that my chronograph doesn't work below freezing, we will be offering use of the chronograph in the spring, so watch for an upcoming article for times and dates to bring some loads down and see how they measure up to the new rules.

The committee for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual two day match; "Ambush at Rocky River", is forming. The first meeting will be in March. Watch the DSC web site for the day and location or contact Terrebonne Bud (Jim Estes) at 248-709-5245 or [terrebonnebud@comcast.net](mailto:terrebonnebud@comcast.net).

The grounds planning committee has been hard at work planning a mine shaft front for our concrete tube. Thanks to Faygo Kid for his generous lumber donation we have the materials to start as soon as weather allows.

The cowboys are still practicing every Saturday from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm in the winter months and from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm every Saturday in the summer. Our afternoon practice will change from Thursday to Wednesday this year. The posted starting time is 6:30 pm until dusk, but the ROs get their early most days.

This year the cowboy silhouette committee is planning three 50 yard silhouette matches. The matches will be open to rim fire and center fire pistol caliber lead bullet ammunition. The match dates are April 19, July 20 and September 20. Contact Terrebonne Bud as stated above for information.

Finally our next two matches are February 17 and March 16 so come out and have some fun before we run out of cold weather.

*Terrebonne Bud*

### Rockford Regulators

Spring is on the way! No really it is. Don't believe me? That's okay, I don't believe it myself. Nonetheless, it will be here eventually and most clubs are starting to think about the coming season's schedule and what they will be doing to improve their ranges and shoots. This is exactly what we are doing at in the town of Liberty, just north of Rockford.

If you attended any of our shoots this past year, you undoubtedly saw some major improvements along the lines of stage facades and such. Let me assure you that more are on the way for this year! We have plans to install a cowboy practice stage up by the club house so that if the trap/skeet range is in use cowboys can still practice. Practice you



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say?! Well, I confess, some of us cowboys do a little of that from time to time. We are planning on running power back to the range so we can entertain moving targets, lights, scoring onsite and such. It is a big project as we have to go over 600 feet from the nearest source. Ouch \$\$\$! We will also be building at least one more façade this year among other smaller improvements. Stay tuned!

With regard to shooting activities, we will be having our annual two day shoot again; however it will be a little later this year due to shifty weather in the past. It is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the weekend AFTER Memorial Day. Deadline for entry is April 19<sup>th</sup>. An application is attached for your convenience. We hope to see lots of Cowboys (and girls) there. It has always proven to be a good time. For those who we have not had the pleasure of being your host, we keep the shoot friendly and easy going, but yet offer some things that the big shoots offer; a famous Rockford lunch both days, Side matches following the shooting on Saturday, a Banquet later Saturday night, an optional breakfast Sunday morning, usually following a Cowboy Chapel service, a shooters handbook and of course great shooting! Y'all come now ya hear!

We will have some of our 'Bare Bones' shoots again this year on Sundays for those cowpokes whose range boss won't let 'em off on Saturdays. The schedule is still being put in place for these and they will be posted to the Wolverine website as well as being announced at our shoots.

Also, this year we have something new on the schedule! Due to his unusual work schedule giving him some days off during the week; Card Shark Charlie will be running some mid-week shoots on Wednesdays for retired persons, night shifters, and otherwise available cowboys, which we are calling the 'Old Coot Shoot'. It will be run like one of our bare bones shoots. (Scores will be delayed, and no lunch, but only \$10 entry. Lunch on your own at the Crazy Horse Saloon, might be in order!) See

the 2008 Wolverine schedule for these dates, or contact one of us Regulators.

Note; the first Old Coot Shoot is March 19<sup>th</sup>. Start times will be a little later than our usual; 11am.

Keep an eye on your back-trail pilgrim!

*Case  
Harden*



### News from out at Sucker Creek

**WINTER! SNOW! ROLLERCOASTER TEMPS!**

That's what we've had around here but we are all getting excited about Spring and Cowboy Shooting down at Sucker Creek. We have our Annual Meeting scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> so we can get all of our business taken care of and get down to the good stuff ~ shooting!! Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club is growing, not only in members but we keep adding more to our Town of Sucker Creek, more buildings and more props. If you visit our web site, [suckercreek.org](http://suckercreek.org), you'll see all that has happened to make our Town more livable and shoot worthy. Our prices are gonna be reduced this year to make it easier on the family pocket-book. Also all youth will shoot free. We will be shooting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, May thru October. The coffee will be a brewin' and the targets awaitin'! We'll be lookin' for ya pardner.

Hope to see ya on the trail  
God Bless

*The Vicar's Wife*  
Secretary SCS&GC



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