

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy pards,

Well our 10th Anniversary of Range War is over and in the can. I am very proud of the job that the Wolverine Rangers did in putting on what I believe is one of the best SASS State Championships in the country. We had a passel of compliments at the shoot and many positive comments on the SASS Wire.

Congratulations to Deuce Stevens, the Michigan State Men's Champion and Overall Champion, and to his wife KJ Stevens, the Michigan State Ladies Champion. Congratulations also to all of the category winners.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Deuce for doing what I believe to have been a great job as Match Director. The stages were well thought out, well written and were intended to minimize procedurals and to accommodate all shooters and shooting categories. Deuce worked very hard and it showed.

Volunteers are what makes our sport work and we had loads of volunteers who helped to make Range War a success. I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to all of you who helped with the work. This includes those helping with set-up and take down, helping with side matches, chili dinner, the charity raffle and the Wolverine Rangers raffle, posse marshals, advance planning, scoring, Shooter's Handbook, vendor liaison, banquet preparation and much more. We all know that the best part of this sport is the people and you have all proved that again this year. I would like to especially thank Tanqueray Kid, Killin' Kelin and the staff at their office for putting together the Shooter's Handbook and the other administrative work that they do throughout the year. I would also like to give a special thanks to Camptown for handling all of the scoring again this year.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the vendors that spent their time and money to come to Michigan and support our shoot with their goods and wares. Please continue to support these fine people by patronizing them again next year.

I would also like to say congratulations to Samuel Doc E. Ells from Ohio for winning the pair of Rugers engraved by Jim Downing along with the rig donated by Kirkpatrick Leather. I am hoping to get a picture for the website of Doc with the guns and rig.

We have already begun planning for next year's Range War. The Dooley Gang has agreed to come and give a shooting school and provide entertainment on Saturday night. Stay tuned to the website for sign-up information for the shooting school. The Dooley Gang was at Guns of August, the Mid-western Regional, in Ohio this summer and they are guaranteed to entertain. T-Bone Dooley is a world champion and I am sure that the shooting school will be well worth it.

Western singer Juni Fisher will be back again in 2010. She gave a great concert this year and she is guaranteed to please.

Well, that is about all that I have for now. Please take a moment and give your sons and daughters a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them. Also, please say a prayer for our service men and women and women fighting for our freedom. I would also like to ask for a special prayer for my nephew Grant Gillary (aka Navy Bean). He is a Marine in 1st Recon in Iraq and we are all very proud of him.

Shoot safe, fast and clean.

R.J. Law



Wolverine Rangers Club News

The Johnson Creek Gang

Well by the time y'all are reading this, the Johnson Creek Regulators will have wrapped up their season for 2008. Besides a rain-out in March we've had a very successful year. We had a couple of our cowgirls (with support from their pardners) design very realistic stage props. Myttcat and Deadwood Denise painted (free-hand) the walls that many of you have seen on our range. Many thanks to them for a job well done

We will be having our end of year banquet on October 21st in the clubhouse. It's a good time to dress up in your best "Sunday go to meetin" outfits and relive the hits and forget the misses. All are invited. So if your interested contact Rainmaker Ray for tickets and particulars.

This year a posse of us wandered into Ohio and tried our hand at Guns Of August. I wish I could say we did ourselves proud but the best I can say is that we weren't on the last page! We did take a couple of first places in the costume contest though. Shakey Puddin' took first in the Town Gentlewoman category and Deadwood Denise took first place in the School Marm category. Well done to both ladies.

Just because we're a shutting down doesn't mean we're hanging up the guns. Look for the Gang at other shoots around the state until the Creek freezes over. Till then thanks to all the Wolverine Ranges that have participated with us and helped make it safe and fun for all.

Till Then – Happy Trails to all

Rainmaker Ray



A.P. Goodrich

Well, our 2008 Single Shot Mid-Long Range and Silhouette season has come to an end at last. This is the time of year that we start to plan our match schedule for 2009. As many of you probably know, there are some very popular Cowboy Long Range Gong Shoots held out west, most notable among these is the "Quigley Shoot" held in Montana.

It occurred to us that this type of shoot might appeal to the Cowboy Action shooters in Michigan who like the idea but don't want to saddle up and ride a couple of thousand miles to attend one.

Here's the deal. The A.P. Goodrich club has a 500 meter range to put on this type of shoot but the Board of Directors needs to know if there is any interest out there among the cowboys to go ahead and schedule a date. The match would consist of firing at full size buffalo, deer, prairie chickens, round gongs, etc. Black or smokeless your choice. Two main categories, big bore lever action rifle and big bore single shot rifle. Plain lead bullets only, no gas checks. Most shooting done from x-sticks. Some offhand shooting possible if I feel particularly ornery. Distances will range from 100 to 500 meters.

If any of you think you might like to attend, please e-mail me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com sometime in the month of November. If I get enough interest it just might happen.

El Guano

Reminder; Clean Match Program Administrators

Tessa Two Gunner and Ketchum Quick have volunteered to take over the clean match program beginning June 30. All those pards that send match scores to Laporte Lil should also copy Tessa and Ketchum on the note at j-n-bwayman@sbcglobal.net

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Straight Shots From Saginaw

Whew! The summer has just disappeared way too fast. The Wolverine Ranger's 10th State Shoot is history and plans are already in progress for shoot #11. We had a great posse! Be sure to read the poem about "A True Frontiersman". Coffin Nail Bob was on our posse and certainly exemplified the "cowboy way" and what true grit is all about.

August found a few Saginaw shooters gunning it out at Guns of August with good weather and great stages. Roxie LaRue won the Saloon Girl Contest at the banquet AND also took home 5th. Ladies 49'er. Ethan Callahan took 4th. Duelist and Katie got 3rd. Ladies Senior. Bad River Marty got himself 5th. Gunfighter...Amazing, after those bobbles!!

Some days you have to wonder if the weatherman knows anything about the weather. And then there is that one-day where he gets it right...our September 13th. shoot...rain! It wasn't a torrential down-fall and it wasn't a cold rain. But it was enough to test your congeniality quota. To our surprise, the 22 shooters that showed up voted to shoot, so shoot, we did. I don't know if I heard any "Singing" in the Rain", but I did hear laughter and cajoling and the fact that "real" cowboys had to put up with the rain. Well...we won't even debate that one. Our overall top shooter was Bad River Marty. Top Ladies were Katie Callahan, Cactus Kay and Laporte Lil. Top 5 Gents were Bad River Marty, Ethan Callahan, Red Beard Bandit, Avalanche Andy and Black River Bill. At this shoot, we had a first-ever! Everyone went home with a certificate! Yee Haw! Maybe there was some 'singing in the rain' after all!

As our Wednesday night practices wind down, we'd like to thank those who came to shoot. Also, many thanks to all who helped put on our shoots and those who came to shoot them. We hope to have more improvements around the range in 2009 and look forward to another year of fun and fellowship with our shooting pards!

Don't forget to get out and vote in November. And remember...live life. Give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

News from out at Sucker Creek



Whew! How time flies when you are having fun. It has been a great shooting season at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club. There have been several improvements made, and lots of new props. We have had close to 50 shooters each month. Each month we have a different Match Director so it is always new & exciting to see what is planned for each match. We have one match left, it is on Saturday October 18th, there will be a camp-out on Friday evening for anyone who wants to join in on the fun & fellowship. You never know you might get to sit around the campfire and sing and tell stories with "Opal Anne".

Several of our shooters received awards at Range War this year, congratulations to you all. Hope to see you all "out at the Creek" on the 18th of October. Remember to always have fun, shoot fast, and shoot safe. God Bless

The Vicar's Wife

News about the Hoosier Ambush! (Indiana State Shoot)

Several of our Wolverine Rangers had the calling to get involved in the Hoosier Ambush! They fared pretty well; When the dust settled, here's how they did;

Traditional; Deuce Stevens;
2nd Place and 2nd Overall
49'er; Mustache Kid; 2nd Place
Duelist; Nevada Gambler; 1st Place
B Western; Faygo Kid; 1st Place

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Eagleville Cowboys

The Eagleville Cowboys annual 'Eagle's Revenge' two day Cowboy shoot on Sept. 27th and 28th was a great time had by all. A lot of planning and a lot of shooting made for lots of fun. Twelve stages were fired, and eleven side shoots were scattered all over Eagleville. All of the revenue from the side shoots is being sent to the Gillary Foundation's program to replace AED's in all Michigan schools.

Birdshot Betty made sure all the Cowboys & girls did not go hungry both days. Quite a few spectators also shared in the grub.

Side Shoot Results were: Long Range Rifle - No Cattle, Derringer - One Son of a Gun, BB Gun - Southpaw Reb, Small Rustlers - Lightning Wayne, Speed Pistol - Card Shark Charlie, Pocket Pistol - One Son of a Gun, Air Soft & Pop cans - Southpaw Reb, Long Range Pistol - One Son of a Gun - Speed Rifle - Lightning Wayne, .22 Pistol & Rifle - One Son of a Gun, Speed Shotgun - Lightning Wayne.

MAIN MATCH: 49er - Card Shark Charlie, Modern - Ketchum Quick, Traditional - Tucson Charlie Smith, Senior - Poco Loco, Silver Senior - Thummpier John, Elder Statesman - One Son of a Gun, Gunfighter - Andy Horshurodinon, Ladies 49er - Lainey May, Classic Cowboy - Trusty Rusty, Frontier Cartridge - Tin Pan Sam, Ladies Traditional - Tessa Two Gunner.

The Second Annual Beer Can roll was won again this year by Atlanta Sharp (wow-fun).

The Second Annual Toilet Shoot witnessed a real live toilet disappear into powder from the firing squad line of riflemen (ya hadta be there).

The Man On Man, last man standing, belonged to Picacho Red who outshot and outlasted all the others. Lots of door prizes, and several 'Large' Jay's (gun/toy) store gift cards were won by drawing by 3 smilin' cowboys. How can we top that next year??

Guess we'll have to wait & see.

One Son of a Gun, TG

Lapeer Wranglers

We here at Lapeer have been quite busy this summer shaping up our road to Wranglerville by adding much needed gravel and stone for a harder surface over which carts can be moved. The width of the road has been increased and it has been relocated approximately 15 feet further south than it has been for many years. Two new shooting bays have been added to our existing setup. Several bays have been lengthened and made wider. Our plan is to create two new bays next year and finish improving the relocated road. If all goes well, there may be a new fort in Wranglerville along with a new version of Blockhead that will be easier to mount and dismount. The Vanwagon will be making several shoots in addition to the Great Lakes Match over Memorial Day weekend. Things have been going well so far this year and we hope to see more of you this fall and over the winter. If that's not possible, please join us whenever you can next year!

Wall-Man

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Buckaroo; Apache Wolf; 1st Place
Classic Cowboy; Sixgun Scotsman; 2nd Place
Elder Statesman; Lue Dee Kriss; 5th Place
Frontier Cartridge; Mike E the Blaster; 3rd
Frontiersman; Mike Fink; 1st Place
Ladies Modern; Eleanor Jewel; 2nd Place
Ladies Traditional; Chiricahua Mama; 4th
Silver Senior; Moe Gunns; 3rd Place

Congrats to all and good job representing our Michigan shooters!

(Editors Note; Any results or experiences from Wolverine Rangers attending other shoots are always welcome! Articles are due the middle of any odd month)

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Coffin Nail Bob

Every posse has a shooter
That loves to play the game.
We had a special hero...
Coffin Nail Bob was his name.

All we knew about him
Was he shot the "dark side"
And on black powder going off,
His whole match he relied.

On the first day of shooting
A clean stage he'd been denied.
Gun problems cost him dearly
But he took them all in stride.

We all know black powder is not
For the weak or faint of heart.
You either get a BIG boom
Or a wee, tiny mouse phart.

And sometimes you get nothing
But a quiet, woeful click
That grabs you in the stomach
As you begin to feel sick.

But Coffin Nail Bob was tough
And nothing could make him stop.
It was finally on stage four
That he got his lucky shot.

He had raised his shotgun up
And then took careful aim.
But, dear friend! What happened
next... Well, it's really hard to
explain!

He pulled the trigger tightly
As we all gasped in surprise
And stood in amazement
At what we saw with our own eyes.

There was just a tiny poof
As the wad struggled to get out.
It hit and downed the target
As we all began to shout.

Then the next two shots followed
And each of those went down
With next to little powder...
They hardly made a sound.

By now we were in total awe
Of that spectacular job
And every one of us cheered
for the shooter, Coffin Nail Bob.

He went on during that match
To shoot some of the stages "clean"
- If that can happen with black powder.
But, hey! You know what I
mean.

His smile was contagious
As it lured us to join in
And we all finished that match
Feeling mighty good, 'cause of him!

Thanks, Bob, for showing us
The true "Spirit of the Game".
We hope that we can pass it on
As we strive to do the same.

To all the people who say
Shotgun targets go down hard...
All you need is a poof and a wad.
Just ask Coffin Nail Bob, our pard!

DSC-Rocky River Regulators

The seasons are a changin' as fast as a bullet speeding towards a steel target. Over the summer, No Coffee Jack took it upon himself to turn the tubes on our range into an amazing mine shaft. It is a sight to be seen, complete with a little sparkle of gold. The grand unveiling will be at our 3rd Annual Ambush at Rocky River 2 day Shoot. Speaking of the Ambush at Rocky River, it's not too late or too soon to sign up. It will be a great event loaded with FREE camping, FREE practice, FREE side matches, and FREE entertainment (Thanks to RJ Law and The Lady). We will be having a Chili Cook off and a Candlelight Shoot, that is if you can stay awake long enough till it gets dark.

DSC hosted the Cowboy Short Range State Championship in July. For the second year in a row, Terrebonne Bud took 1st place. The Cowboy Long Range BPCR State Championship is held at the A.P. Goodrich Range in August. For the second year in a row, Terrebonne Bud placed first in the match, High Chin Bob took 2nd place and Coffin Nail Bob took 3rd. Then to make sure that the horse didn't get out of the barn, Terrebonne Bud took 1st place at Range War in the Rifle Caliber Lever Action Long Range Class. And not to be out done, Frazer Fox took 1st at Range War in the BPCR Single Shot Class. All the cowboys are Rocky River Regulators finest, and their pards were happy to see the awards in their home corral.

Huron Pointe Sportsman's Association held their annual Heritage Days on August 24th and the Wolverine Rangers were well represented. This year we had the same shooting setup along with a table near the food vendors, this way we were not hidden and it was a beautiful sunny day to practice and talk 'cowboy'. We have been invited back again next year, so keep your calendars open the weekend before Range War. We know y'all love to talk about our wonderful sport and show off your skills as well! *Batwing Betty*



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**Be sure to read the
Tale of Coffin Nail Bob!**

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RANGE WAR 2008 PICTURES

Goatlips has volunteered to collect and post pictures taken at Range War 2008 for everyone to view, print and/or download. If you have pictures (.jpg files) that you would like to share, e-mail them to Goatlips at mpower119111MI@comcast.net and include your alias. If you have ALOT of pictures you might want to put them on a CD or thumb drive (returnable) and snail mail them to Mike Power, P.O. Box 5064, Berkley, MI 48072.

Checkout the website at <http://www.pbase.com/goatlips/root> where Goatlips has already posted the pictures he took at Range War. So get going, pard, and get your pictures to Goatlips so everyone can enjoy them.

Thanks for your help, Goatlips!

Regards,
Laporte Lil

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