



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

We had our annual election of Board members and all incumbents who ran were re-elected. We did have a tie in the race for one of the Members-At-Large positions. Longshot Lillian and Doc Noper tied. We are in the process of a run-off election. Ballots are on the [Wolverine Rangers website](#) and on [page 2](#) of this issue. Please download a ballot and get your votes in by February 28th. Thanks to all who voted and who will vote in the run-off.

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation received some good news in late January. Back in 2006 an AED was donated to Hamilton High School near Rockford from money raised at the Charity Challenge and Charity Raffle at Range War in 2005.

For those of you who don't know, The Lady and I lost our 15 year old daughter Kimberly to a sudden cardiac arrest in a water polo game in April of 2000. We started the Foundation in Kimmy's memory and we raise money and donate AEDs to high schools in Michigan.

In April of 2009 the AED donated by the Rangers was used to save a grandfather who was watching his grandson play baseball. On January 20th the same AED was used to save another grandfather watching his grandson play basketball.

I thought that you might like to know that the money raised at Range War saved 2 lives. Thanks for your support.

For more info please check out the Foundation's website at www.kimberlysgift.org.

Don't forget to give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain, Wolverine Rangers



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2014 Wolverine Rangers Election Ballot: Member-at-Large Tie Breaker

We received write-in nominations for the open Member-at-Large position and it was a tie between Doc Noper & Longshot Lillian

Please vote for your choice below: *(You may only select one)*

_____ Doc Noper

_____ Longshot Lillian

Ballots are due by February 28, 2015 and you may only vote once. Please mail ballot to:
Wolverine Rangers; 201 West Big Beaver Road, Ste. 1020, Troy, MI 48084.
You can also vote online at www.wolverinerangers.org.

Thank you!

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

DSC Rocky River has been covered in snow and the wind blows, making it very uncomfortable for anyone who ventures out this winter.

We continue to offer cowboy practice most Saturday's throughout the winter. Please check our website, www.d-s-c.org for range operation times and dates.

We continue to be optimistic that spring will return to Rocky River and the town will come alive with Cowboy Action competitors really soon.

We are once again planning an aggressive shooting season with 10 monthly Cowboy matches, 4 Wild Bunch Matches, 2 Military Bolt action matches, 2 Cowboy Silhouette matches, and one .22 Speed match. All of these match dates and times should appear on the 2015 Wolverine Rangers calendar page on their website or at www.d-s-c.org.

Our first monthly Cowboy Action match is Sunday, March 15, 2015. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the match starts at 9:30 AM. We shoot 5 stages and then lunch. Please plan to come out and enjoy our hospitality.

Please check the DSC April 2015 calendar carefully. We are not shooting Cowboy Action on the 3rd Sunday but we are offering a Wild Bunch match on April 19th followed by our regular monthly cowboy match one week later on April 26th. Scheduling conflicts and personnel issues caused this change for one month only. After April we at DSC are back on our 3rd Sunday Cowboy match for the rest of the season.

April 19, 2015 is our first Wild Bunch match of the season. We shoot 5 Wild Bunch stages followed by a light lunch and invite everyone to come out to try this shooting sport. We do have the SASS sanctioned Wild Bunch classes recognized but if you don't have all the Wild Bunch gear, no problem. We have an open class where you can shoot any caliber CAS lever action rifle and any CAS shotgun you may own. All you need is ANY semi automatic pistol that shoots LEAD bullets and you are ready for a Wild Bunch experience. A typical wild bunch stage could be 20 pistol, 10 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be "your cup of tea".

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The cowboys and cowgirls of Johnson Creek are gearing up for another fun season on the range.

By popular demand and hungry shooters, we will be serving lunch again at the conclusion of the match. We can't promise a gourmet meal but enough grub all around till your wagon gets you back to your ranch.

Our matches begin on March 28th and continue through October. They are on the 4th Saturday of the month, except in May which was moved to the 16th to miss the holiday weekend. As always any side matches will begin at 9:00, safety meeting around 9:30 and shooting at 10:00.

A consideration for Michigan weather: March and April are always subject to snow. For those two months and any others where weather may be an issue please call the club at 734-453-9843 or Rainmaker Ray at 313-618-2577. We promise to make a decision as early as possible.

Rainmaker Ray and Honest Abe are taking over the roles of Sheriff and Deputy for 2015. A big thanks to Panhead Pete for a great job last year and setting the stage for another fun filled Cowboy ACTION Shooting season. We both like to put the ACTION in the sport. We were thinking about renting a steer to rope for one stage but nobody wanted to clean up after him.



Well we're done telling tall stories from last year and ready to make some new ones. Guns are cleaned and oiled (maybe) and the cartridges and shells are loaded Yee Ha!!!!

Hope to see you all at the ranch this season.

Rainmaker Ray

Rockford Regulators

Not too much to report at this time, except that it's cold and we are still shooting every month.

Thanks to the brave souls who come out and shoot with us each month.

Speaking for myself, I hope it warms up soon. I can't wait to shoot with all the warm weather shooters.



As pointed out on the Wolverine Rangers web site, Deuce Stevens is teaching a RO1 class at our club on Saturday February 14th 2015. The class is free for Wolverine Rangers and \$10.00 for non-members. If you know of some new shooters, please let them know about this class.

Hope to see you all on the range soon.

Your Pard,

Card Shark Charlie

Straight Shots from Saginaw

We start our article with a tribute to one of the nicest cowboy shooters we have had the privilege to know. Ron Mooney, aka Deacon Pat, has shot at our Saginaw shoots for many, many years and will be deeply missed by the entire gang here. He was a person who had hardships, yet always showed his concern for others and a willingness to help others.

Back in earlier days, when cowboy church was held in the middle of the campground at Range War, Deacon Pat would check with Marty to see if he needed a song leader. Well, we were glad we never turned down that offer. He led us in song with a smile and a happy heart. And he was a good singer; we were not.

If ever there was a person who exemplified the “cowboy way”, he did, with his constant smile, politeness, and determination to shoot. Nope, he wasn’t fast but he was a winner every time he stepped up to the shooting line.

He humbled a lot of us, his crippled hands wrapped around his guns, giving it his best shot. Determination was etched on his face while shooting and quickly replaced by a happy smile as he made his way to the unloading table.

At one shoot, he mentioned to Marty that he should stop shooting as he was holding others up because he was slow. Marty told him that wasn’t an option and went on to tell him he was an inspiration to all of us. Pat shook his head, really not sure if he should believe that or not. But because of who he was, he didn’t stop that day and even won a “Clean Match”.

He continued to come to our shoots, win Clean Match awards, and have fun. You never give up, you endure and you conquer. That’s the cowboy spirit of Deacon Pat, our pard who now rides the heavenly trails...six-shooters blazing.

It’s February, the shortest month of the year and that means we’ll be rounding the corner and heading for spring. Far as Old Phil goes, I don’t put a lot of faith in some sleepy-eyed groundhog’s predictions. He’s fun, but what’s more fun is getting out and shooting.

We’re looking forward to this year’s shoots in Saginaw on April 25, May 30, July 11-12, and Aug 29, which includes our Wild Bunch mini-matches after each of these scheduled shoots. We hope you can join us.

We know the winds of winter may still blow us some chilly weather in the days ahead, but try to keep yer top-knot warm, yer guns well-oiled, and yer eye on the calendar.

The days are getting longer, but still going fast. Which reminds me...Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14. I’m sure you’ll all remember that special day, but I have a feeling there must be someone out there who can use some gentle prodding. (Hint to Marty: “Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!”)

Pards, keep warm, be thankful for all things, and remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

And to Deacon Pat... we’ll miss you, pard!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Excerpt from Wolverine Rangers Web site:

West Virginia Slim, a good friend of Deacon Pat's, was one of the pallbearers. Also in attendance were Kid Al Fred, Lady Lightning, Cree Vicar Dave and The Vicar's Wife to pay their respects. Deacon Pat was wearing his gun belt complete with ammo, and his shooting irons in the holsters. Kid Al Fred brought along a Sucker Creek chip and clean match pin and asked the family if he could honor Deacon Pat by placing them by his gun belt. They totally agreed and mentioned how much he liked to shoot and that he would have really liked the chip and pin for his journey.

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- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

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- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
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