

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## **Captain's Corner**

Well, the shooting schedule is in full swing with all the clubs back open and on the move. Fresh paint, new props, and targets; man do I love spring. It never ceases to amaze me all the work that goes into putting on a shoot. Great job to all the Wolverine Ranger clubs who not only continue to perform but rather excel at putting on CAS matches.

I have a few more changes to the W.R. Board that I have to announce. Grampa Willie and Lucky Lennie will be leaving the Board for personal reasons. However, Lennie will still be working with the Board on many issues. Thanks to both of these gentleman for their contributions.

I would also like to welcome Laporte Lil to the W.R. Board. Lil is currently the Epitaph editor and the creator of our website and I look forward to working with her on the Board.

The Rockford club has come up with a new innovation that is called the "Brass Rats". They have enlisted the help of some very energetic and entrepreneurial young people to pick up the brass for the posses. In return for their hard work they are rewarded with tips from the shooters and I would hope generous tips. I don't know about you, but for me a few dollars to have someone pick up my brass is money well spent. As with everything in our sport "Safety First" and these young people were very safe and worked hard. Maybe some other clubs will start a similar program.

One of the biggest things that sets our sport apart from other shooting sports is the "dressing up". The SASS rules even say that if you don't dress up, you can't shoot. I bring this up because over the last year or so, I have noticed a decline in the quality of cowboy attire at many matches. Without preaching, I think it is important to our sport that people make an effort to look the part. Think about who your character is and put together an outfit that represents him/her. Just remember that your attire helps set the atmosphere of the entire match.

*Best Regards,  
Chili Pepper Pete*

## **Ramblings from the Bunkhouse**

- There have been changes in the shooting calendar since you have received your membership renewal paperwork. We will be sending an updated calendar with the membership list. We are sure that changes will continue to be made as the year progresses, so please check the website for the most current, correct dates and times. (See the following boxes for June and

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### July additions and cancellations.)

- We currently have 249 Wolverine Rangers. A list of member's alias, name, e-mail, phone number, and city of residence will be sent out to the membership sometime in June.
- We already have 30 shooters signed up for the Wolverine Rangers Range War. The confirmation paperwork is in progress and hope to have it out soon. Thanks to all you early birds.
- We still have a few t-shirts left from last year's Range War (2 mediums and 6 extra large). They are \$10.00 each. Give us a call if you would like to get one.
- We have decals for your gun cart. They are \$5.00 for the small decal and \$10.00 for the large. If you are interested just send a check with a note letting us know how many and what size you want and we will get it right out to you in the mail.
- We have added the category of 49er to the Range War categories. If you have already sent your application in but would like to change, just call or send an e-mail and we will make the change.

Think safety first and see you at the shoots.

**Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou**

### Additional Match Dates

Please note the following June and July match dates that did not appear on the paper calendar you received recently.

**June 15 - Lapeer (Long range, noon-4pm)**

**July 6 - Port Huron**

**July 21 - Sault Ste. Marie**

(in addition to July 20)

The above dates plus additional dates in September thru December will appear on the updated paper calendar being mailed to you soon..

### \*\*\* Cancellation \*\*\*

The Saginaw Six Shooters have **cancelled the Saturday, June 22 match** and are **rescheduling it to Saturday, October 12**. Please be sure to remove it from your calendar. A cancellation notice has already been placed on the website calendar. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause anyone.

### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

#### News from the North Country

Hey, Pard! The snow is gone (well, I think it is). As I write this article I'm a thinkin', we're ready for some of dat warmer weather them Southern cowboys enjoy so well.

Our May 18<sup>th</sup> shoot will be over by press time but we've got shoots scheduled every third Saturday of the month through October. All shoots start at 9:00 a.m. And don't forget, we've got a Norinco Model 97 12 ga. and a custom gun cart we'll be giving away this fall. At every month's shoot, you will receive raffle tickets that will go into the jar for these two drawings, one in September and one in October. (Here in the U.P., dat's what we call "baiting" them cowboys. )

A special 2-day shoot is in the works for the weekend of July 20-21. If you want to have a fun time, da Yooper way, try to make it up to God's country that weekend. We've got a pig roast planned with regular matches on Saturday and special fun events all day Sunday. Ya can setup camp right on the range. We even have dat "modern indoor plummin". Not bad, hey?

Give shooting at the Soo some serious thought this season. We'd love to share our Yooper hospitality with ya. Give me a holler for more information.

Fun ta watch – Fun ta shoot!

**Yooper Fred**

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### Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy, everyone. We have been blessed with good weather for our first two outdoor shoots in April and May. May has been a little cool, but at least we weren't "makin' snowballs" or "singing in the rain" as we've done before.

We have made some changes in our stage setups here and everyone seems to think they are for the better. Most of the changes have taken place in our woods setup. The "all shotgun" stage has a larger two-level area with our varmints and new clay holder targets being used more than the old poppers that sometimes caused some bruises. Just across the road at our moving target setup, the area has also been enlarged and the moving target and rails have been leveled and the berm enlarged.

Just down the road from the two above mentioned stages we have created a new stage area where the shooter shoots from the north side of the road into a natural gully on the south side of the road. This gives us more use of the area without having to go all the way to the end of the road near the property line.

We would like to thank club members John Loudermilk, Bill Felice, and Ron Bailey for all their work helping get these new areas developed.

By now, you should have received your invitation for the 5th Annual Great Lakes Shoot on June 29 & 30th. Anyone who did not receive one please let me know and we'll take care of that situation.

A couple of things have changed for this shoot: First, there will not be any side matches on Friday as in the past. We will shoot the side matches about 30 minutes after the main match ends on Saturday. We had not been getting much participation by having the side matches on Friday so we're trying something different...hopefully more shooters will see fit to stay around and shoot.

Second, we have decided to try a pig roast this year instead of our traditional steak dinner. Tenderfoot

Tess and company will still be doing the honors so the spread should be great! The dinner bell rings at 6:00 p.m. sharp, so plan on being there.

Let's get those Great Lakes Match #5 reservation sheets in by June 15th please, however, signups will be accepted at the door. You may shoot both days. Or shoot either day for 1/2 price if you desire.

*Wall-Man #5009*

### Straight Shots from Saginaw

Saginaw Six-Shooters and 55 hombres welcomed spring in with a bang on April 20th. We had many different clubs represented but the goal was the same for each shooter...have fun! And we sure did. Everyone was in high spirits, the weather treated us fair, and we even had a vendor from North Carolina selling for the day (A lot of moths were noticed around their set-up as some tight purse strings were loosened up.)

When the smoke settled our final standings for the day were:

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| <p>Men:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fireball</li> <li>2. Bad River Marty</li> <li>3. Faygo Kid</li> <li>4. Fast Eddie</li> <li>5. Led Foulin'</li> </ol> | <p>Ladies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cactus Kay</li> <li>2. Katie Callahan</li> <li>3. Shotgun Mary</li> <li>4. Annie Rosebud</li> <li>5. Miss Misery</li> </ol> |
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A big thank-you to those who stayed and broke camp. Your help is ALWAYS appreciated.

We've begun our Wednesday night practice shoots and are already making plans for the Membership Shoot on September 28 and our next regular shoot on October 12. (June 22 has been CANCELLED.) If you haven't attended a Saginaw Six Shooter's match, you're missing the train, Pard! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with shooter's meeting at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there.

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

**Bad River Marty**

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### DSC Rocky River Regulators

The big boss blessed us again. Sunday, May 19 ended up to be a great day. Lots of sunshine and a gentle breeze to help the black powder shooters keep the smoke from obscuring their view. There were 35 shooters in attendance. A special thanks to everyone who stayed for the results to be hand calculated. Thanks to Poco Loco for helping, too. Our computer wizard was out of town and Lavender Lou's first attempt at running the scores on the new computer was not as successful as she would have liked.

Top five shooters of the regular match:

1. Led Foulin' - 223.53
2. Poco Loco - 232.30
3. The Reno Kid - 241.27
4. Attica Jack - 243.17
5. Nine Finger Bob - 254.53

Speed pistol side match top five shooters:

1. Baja Kid - 11.80
2. Nine Finger Bob - 11.96
3. Rodent - 13.61
4. The Reno Kid - 15.11
5. Boxcar Karl - 15.58

Don't forget our annual pig roast on Saturday, July 20. The Pig-Out-of-Luck tickets will be on sale until July 5. The cost is \$15.00 per adult and \$7.00 per child. This includes all the roast pig, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and beverage you can eat; a cowboy poet, one of our own Rangers, and a bluegrass band. There will be side events from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have purchased tickets for the pig roast, the side events are included. If you want to come and just shoot the side events, there will be a charge of \$5.00. To purchase tickets, you can mail a check to the Wolverine Rangers address and we will mail the tickets back to you or they are available at the DSC shoots.

**Mackinaw Kid**

### Rockford Regulators

As so eloquently put by No Cattle, "Wow, seven matches under our belts." Thanks to all of you who have been so much help in getting us started". It sure has been wonderful to see everyone all dressed up and in good spirits. The spectators have remarked about all those cowboys being so fun lov'en, and some have turned into cowboys too. We had 14 new shooters combined over the last two shoots.

*A heads up.....* We are planning a banquet at our October match. You will need to sign up so we can save you a spot as we only have room for 70 in our dining area. Plan on being here and we will give you a great meal and a fun time. This would be a good time to bring that special someone. More info later as we are still planning things.

April surprised us with 49 of you cowboys and cowgirls. We were blown away when 59 of you showed up in May. Next month we will have more timers and break up into smaller posses. Things will go faster, I'm sure. The "cooks" tell me we will do the hot dogs and burgers again next month.

Thanks to those who took the time to answer No Cattle's questionnaire. We want to do the things you think would be fun, your suggestions are greatly appreciated.

**April:** Top Gun - Doc Roy L Pain; Duelist - Table Top Tom; Frontier Cartridge - Chili Pepper Pete; Gunfighter - Andy Horshurodinon; Junior Lady - Bad Luck Jamie; Modern - Grampaw Willie; Modern Lady - Cactus Kay; Mod. Senior - Fast Eddie; Traditional - Fireball; Traditional Lady - Shotgun Mary; Traditional Senior - Colter.

**May:** Top Gun - Colt McAlister; Duelist - Table Top Tom; Duelist Senior - Pepper James; Frontier Cartridge - No Buk Chuck; Gunfighter - Diewalker; Modern - Lucky Lennie; Modern Lady - Cactus Kay; Mod. Senior - Fast Eddie;

**Safety First, Last and Always.....**

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Traditional - Fireball; Traditional Lady - Shotgun Mary; Traditional Senior - Colter

### *Table Top Top*

#### An Invitation to the North Country

When was the last time you laughed so hard it hurt? The Chippewa Regulators of the U.P. partake of such merriment every third Saturday of the month. They have determined an extra day is in order to extend the joviality and would like to share it with you.

A two-day shooting event has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 20th and 21st, and you are all emphatically invited! Main matches commence on Saturday morning, and will conclude with the daily drawing for prizes..... followed by a mouth watering, lip smacking dinner of a sour kraut and sausage-filled, whole-roasted pork!

Later, it's B.Y.O..... entertainment, that is! Tune your vocal chords, string your guitar, fiddle, banjo or any other instrument of melody and share a night by the fire, joyfully fed by our very own *ignis fatuus* (that's for you, Joyce!).

We initiate day two with side matches, using your 22's, derringers, black powder, *etc., etc.* Match your skills at the 22 events, long-range pistol and our new 300 yard long-range rifle stages. Speed and action is the name of the game, and you will have the opportunity to create your own proceedings. So be prepared to share your experience and creative ideas.

#### IN A NUTSHELL JULY 20 & 21

Saturday: \$20; Sunday: \$5; Dinner: \$10. Please RSVP so we will know what size hog to corner!

WE HAVE: limited camper hookups, so it's "first-come, first-served"; and a small mercantile to see to your **basic** needs. Yes, we do have some new and used clothing, guns and ammo!

Our only rule is that **YOU HAVE A SAFE, FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!**

Contact Fred Gregg aka Yooper Fred at (906) 635-9700 for further information.

Contact Jan Mayer aka Giddyup Gal at (906) 478-4105 for dinner reservations, or e-mail to [memayer@sault.com](mailto:memayer@sault.com) Hope to see ya'll there!

#### **Giddyup Gal**

#### Thank You!

A big "thank you" to all the cowboys, cowgirls and cowkids that helped setup at Davison on Sunday evening, May 26. Their names were not announced at the shooters meeting the next morning so this is a public thank you.. Deadly Dady, Scholfield Ranger, Baldy Bill, Fireball, Shotgun Mary, cowkid Tyler, Lucky Lennie, Country Girl, Micky Lobe, Ringo Wiguns and Led Foulin' -- we couldn't have done it without you!

*Fast Eddie*

#### Attention Ladies

This year's costume judging at Range War will include a soiled dove category. This notification should give all interested parties ample time to prepare an appropriate ensemble. Good luck!

#### End of Trail 2002

As a first timer to go to End of Trail I have to say Very impressive. If you wanted cowboys, saddles, boots, guns and spurs, End of Trail had it. If it was frillies or fillies or buffalos or duds you cared to admire not to mention six guns, End of Trail had them too.

Did I mention gambling? Yes, the Belle Union saloon opened for business with poker, craps, roulette, and Faro dealers. This was a social gathering not to be missed, complete with a ladies of the evening competition and Calamity Jane

## Wolverine Rangers Miscellaneous Information

dealing at the faro table.

Oh give a home where the buffalo roam. Yes! A real live huge buffalo, Harvey Wallbanger, Jr. was part of the Wild West show. The event had six guns blazing, stunt riders and gun fighters of the old west.

By the way, the president stopped by (Teddy Roosevelt that is) to give a rousing speech at the opening ceremonies. Other celebrities were on hand for autograph signing. They were interesting to talk to and reminisce about the past.

The Social event of the weekend of course, was the wedding of Judge Roy Bean to Justice Lilly Kate. The ceremony was in the big tent complete with a wedding arch and the throwing of the bouquet. Dusty Rogers aka Ol Griz, and the High Riders provided foot stomping music.

Do you think the Michigan Wolverines attending: Nine Finger Bob, Tom Chisum, Catlow, Annabelle Crow, Marshall Washburn, Laporte Lil, Secondhand Jack, Lumberman, Poco Loco and yours truly, Hazel Miner, were tuckered out yet? NO!!! We still had eating to do, campfire cooking to observe, and of course all the vendor shopping we could handle. Dance and costume competitions were also part of the festivities. Meeting cowboys and cowgirls from as far away as Australia and Germany was also part of the fun of End of Trail.

Entertainment abounded throughout the week at the large dining tent, cowboy poetry, and old fashioned strumming and singing. Horse roping, stagecoach rides, and quick draw demonstrations could also be seen. You could even attend a seminar if you were so inclined.

Oh my goodness, I almost forgot! Last but not least, some of the cowboys and cowgirls that came to End of Trail had come to shoot!!! What was I thinking? If you are interested in the particulars of End of Trail keep an eye out in The Cowboy Chronicle or on [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) for the details.

*Hazel Miner*

### Items For Sale

Henry rifle made by Uberti for Cimmaron Firearms .45 Colt brass frame, blued barrel, \$750. Contact Bushy Mills at [nonwoven98@aol.com](mailto:nonwoven98@aol.com) or 313-885-3412 (home), 313-886-3650 (office).

Navy Arms 1892, .45LC, 24" bbl., excellent condition, Crescent butt plate, \$325. Contact Colonel Blaze at [colbrad@cbpu.com](mailto:colbrad@cbpu.com) or 517-278-4446

Browning 1885 High Wall 45.70, Traditional Hunter model. Comes with original box, all original paperwork and has only had 100 rounds shot through it. Reloading dyes, brass, bullets and wad cutter are also available. Contact Apache Tracker at [drootc45@cs.com](mailto:drootc45@cs.com) or 810-629-9533.

Marlin Model 42 pump with exposed hammer 12 gauge shotgun. Good condition, most bluing still remains, a fairly recent example. \$250 Contact Banjo Bart at [banjobart@aol.com](mailto:banjobart@aol.com)

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Mackinaw Kid	DSC	248-852-0351
Micky Lobe	Durand	810-629-9709
Table Top Tom	Rockford	616-363-2430
Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
Yoopier Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700

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