

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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Hola Amigos. The weather is starting to change for the better, I can see my grass again and that means it's time to get back into the swing of CAS. While I enjoy shooting in the winter I really look forward to spring and the warmer weather. Speaking of warmer weather, I had the opportunity to go to Arizona and shoot Winter Range in January. I met up with Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, Lucky Lennie, Country Girl, Laporte Lil and Secondhand Jack. Eleanor Jewel and Faygo Kid also showed up to enjoy the warmer climate.

The main match ran Thursday through Saturday and we shot 4 stages each day. This left ample time to visit the vendors, go to town or just sit around and visit. The stages were fun and challenging (especially the shotgun targets) with lots of great props. Trains, building fronts, cactus and windmills: we had to shoot over, under and through. This was not a stand and shoot style match, there was movement on every stage. We had the good fortune to shoot with the match winner Lead Dispencer and I can only say what a true gentleman this young man is. When he was not shooting at unbelievable speeds he was timing and doing other posse choirs. We had an awesome group of people in our posse, hardworking, friendly and fun. Everyone seemed to have a great time. There were plenty of vendors and tons of stuff to look at and purchase. The SASS Wild Bunch was out and about and we talked to them quite a bit.

By the time you read this we will have already met to start putting together the 2003 Range War. This year promises to be bigger and better than last year so start planning on attending now. We will, of course, need plenty of volunteers so if you're able to help it will be much appreciated.

Best Regards, Chili Pepper Pete

Rumblings from the Bunkhouse

Yes, you hear me right, "rumblings". I want to know what happened to the month of March. I thought it was supposed to have 31 days??? They say time flies when you're having fun..... I must be having a great time.

Thanks to all the Rangers who have already renewed their membership. There were 283 members last year and 190 have already renewed for this year. If you haven't taken the time to renew, please do it now. For those that have renewed, the wall calendar will be coming off the press real soon and I will get it in the mail to you as soon as I receive it.

The shooting season is getting underway and will be in full bloom soon. Please don't forget to check the website for current changes that may happen with the calendar. Think safety first, last and always. Keep our military in your prayers.

Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

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Durand

The Durand Long Range Shoots are back on the schedule so dust off those long range guns and come on out! We will be shooting rifle caliber, single shots and lever guns as well as pistol caliber lever guns and long range pistols.

The dates are May 25, June 22, July 27 and August 24. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. with shooting at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$8 but NO lunch is provided so bring your own vittles.

I'm the club contact and you can reach me at either scholfieldranger@aol.com or (810) 629-6494. Look forward to seeing you!

Scholfield Ranger

Rockford Regulators

Well, the March CAS at the Rockford Regulators is now in the history books. The weather cooperated nicely considering the cold that we have been experiencing. The temperature was in the low 30's with just enough sun to make it pleasant and to reflect off the stainless sights of my Vaqueros. I shed my duster to shoot the second stage and didn't put it on for the rest of the day. Of course, long johns, a few layers of clothes, my now famous "Dogahide" chaps and Mickey Mouse Boots did a fine job of keeping me warm.

We had 61 shooters turn out for a fun time of ringing steel. Bad River Marty showed them all that a Gunfighter can indeed win the top overall. He edged out Fireball, though just barely, to take this honor. A real tip of the old cowboy hat to Marty. The cowboy was really making those firearms do the job. They said they thought that his rifle might just say "Singer" on it instead of Marlin because it was going like a sewing machine. A fine performance by one of our finest cowboys.

For those of you that missed this shoot you really missed a fun one. Of course, since yours truly wrote the stages, they were ALL Gunfighter friendly. What use is having the literary freedom if you don't exercise it? (Grin)

I didn't get a complete list of the top finishers, and for that I apologize. But let it be known that I finally beat Andy Horsurodeinon in the Gunfighter class at my home club. It has only taken me over a year to accomplish this. Now Bad River Marty, that is an entirely different story. I did beat him once but then I woke up and had to go to work. (Grin)

The tropical theme is still scheduled for our August shoot. So get your Hawaiian shirt and shorts out and get ready for our annual shindig.

So until our next shoot on April 5, 2003 I bid you a fond adios.

Your humble pard,

Diewalker

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Well, pards, Spring is definitely on its way. And as the weather warms up, so does CAS.

We've had good attendance at our Saturday noon practice shoots and were happy to see some new faces attending. We hit some cold weather but our hombres were tough and hardy shooters. And, of course, that blazing fire warmed us up along with Rodeo's home-brewed coffee made right over that towering-inferno.

We had 35 shooters attend our March 29 match. The top shooters were:

Men: 1. Fireball, 2. Texas John Critter, 3. Sawgrass, 4. Baldy Bill, 5. Bad River Marty

Ladies: 1. Katie Callahan, 2. Elsie Rose, 3. Mercantile Annie, 4. Lady Bluebird, 5. Lady Lightning

Lue Dee Kriss was the only one with a clean match. We wouldn't say that was ludicrous at all!!! Good shootin'!

Our next scheduled event is Saturday, May 31st. Registration is 8:30-9:30 a.m. with the safety meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cost is still just \$15 for a day of fun shooting and a plate of

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wholesome grub. Can't beat that!

Don't forget our weekly practice shoots *Thursday* nights, 6 p.m. until dark, beginning May 1st. through the end of September. We have a lot of fun and camaraderie between all the pards. Cost is \$3 for Field & Stream members and \$5 for non-members.

Darlin' Dan, Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty were guests at the Ducks Unlimited State Banquet in Midland on February 8th & 9th. They were invited to give Cowboy Action Shooting demonstrations while explaining about this wonderful sport to both adults and youth. Of course, the weather was biting cold but the audience was delighted to step forward and try some of the "cowboy" shooting. Katie designed brochures for the event and was happy to see people actually taking and reading them.

As our nation faces many hard decisions, let us all support our president and military. Our rights and freedoms did not just magically appear, but only through the blood, sweat and tears of the American people did we become free. Let justice prevail in the war on terrorism in America. Always keep in mind that the United States is truly "One nation, under God".

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

Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty

DSC Rocky River Regulators

The Epitaph went to press last time before our January shoot. I am pleased to tell you that we had 19 hardy shooters. Not bad considering the temperature was 5 and add in the wind chill factor. They shot the full 5 stages and had some warm lunch, and everyone was headed back to the bunkhouse to warm up. Thanks to all the shooters who did show up, you have true grit!!!

Mackinaw Kid will be teaching a SASS RO1 class at the Gander Mountain Lodge Room in Utica on April 27th. Class will start at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration is required as this will allow

us to make sure we have enough booklets and tests available for every participant. Class limit is 25. Call 248-852-0351 or email r.stover@juno.com.

Our Pig-Out-of-Luck will be held again this year on July 19th. The cost for dinner will be \$15 per adult and \$8 per junior (15 and under). Tickets will go on sale in May. This is ***NOT*** a two-day event. On July 19th the shooters will shoot side events from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If they have purchased P-O-O-L dinner tickets, they may shoot for free. If you have come to only shoot the side events, there will be a \$5. range fee. This year we will have cowboy sporting clays and the .22 shooting gallery as part of the side events. Sunday, July 20 is our regularly scheduled match.

May 18th is our next scheduled shoot. It is great to be part of an organization where the number of new people keeps growing, you can make more friends, and every year is better than the last.

See you at the shoots. Think safety. Remember our country in your prayers.

Mackinaw Kid

Shoot Straight Cattle Company - Ionia

Well, our inaugural shoot went pretty smoothly. We had 65 shooters come out and enjoy the match with us. I would like to thank everyone that came out, we were very pleased to have such a great turnout to help get us rolling. I also want to thank our "Range Bosses" that have been helping us out, Red Beard Bandit, Slippery Pete, and Fireball. I want to thank our match sponsors as well, Team Fireball Custom Products and Hunters Haven of Lake Odessa, Michigan.

We had several new shooters and people coming out to checkout the sport. It's encouraging to see that our wonderful sport is still growing. With the "Buy a Miss" program and the WMRPC donating the lunch donations we raised \$253 for The American Cancer Society. Three shooters managed to clean the match, J.J. Longley, Kewadin Kid, and our match winner Doc Roy L. Pain. ***Our winners were:*** Senior: THE WORLD FAMOUS

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BALDY BILL!!, Senior Duelist: Lucky Lennie, Traditional: A.J. Peacock, Modern: Doc Roy L. Pain, Ladies Trad.: Shotgun Mary, Ladies Modern: Eleanor Jewel, Ladies Duelist: Miss Misery, Junior: Canyon Kid, Gunfighter: Andy Horsurodinon, Frontiersmen: Mike Fink, Duelist: Colonel Blaze, Classic Cowboy: Pine Creek Jack, 49er: Seven

If you get a chance come out and shoot with us. We're hoping to start having Wednesday practice nights soon, I'll keep you posted.

Shoot Safe, Shoot Well, and Shoot Straight!

Texas John Critter

Lapeer Wranglers

The past four months have really been an experience for those of us who were "fortunate" enough to have been able to shoot our first outdoor winter league. Those of us who have been used to the friendly confines of the L.C.S.C. pistol building were given a reality check by old man winter. The highest temperature during the four shoots was approximately 20 and the lowest around 10. We sure will be glad when the new pistol building is completed and operational hopefully before next year's winter league. We would like to express thanks to Tenderfoot Tess and her assistants who kept us well fed in spite of the low temperatures. Also, many thanks to all the guys who helped us setup and take down targets: Wacko Kid, Ricochet Bill, Wolf Creek Tom, Tucco Cockroach, Stainless Ray, Marshall Cooper, Deadwood Steve, Saddle Tramp, and Ranger Henry. Many hands make the work lighter! The league final standings are as follows:

1. A.J. Peacock	478.31
2. WALL-MAN	784.48
3. Rodent	886.48
4. Wacko Kid	959.65
5. Beerbelly Willie	3518.88
6. Bushy Mills	3520.77
7. Ricochet Bill	3550.23
8. Wolf Creek Tom	3766.21

9. Tucco Cockroach	3991.96
10. Ben Plinken	6351.13
11. Marshall Justice Calhoon	6378.48
12. Ridgerunner Slim	6396.20
13. Rasin River Ron	6468.71
14. Just Plain John	6525.11
15. Stainless Ray	6525.58
16. Marshall Cooper	6579.32
17. Madd Marco	6587.80
18. Deadwood Steve	6629.74
19. Colorado	6654.28
20. Maniac John	6707.58
21. Doc Roy L. Pain	9115.37
22. Peter Pistolero	9156.06
23. Dodge City Duke	9161.94
24. R.J. Law	9193.14
25. Miss Misery	9202.30
26. Cactus Pete	9208.12
27. Col. Sam Larkspur	9223.02
28. Bushwacker Bob	9226.51
29. Pine Run Kid	9228.83
30. Ranger Henry	9259.99

** Shooters 5-30 missed at least one or more of the required four matches.

Wall-Man

2003 Wolverine Rangers Calendar

April	5	Saturday	Rockford
	5	Saturday	Lapeer (long range only)
	6	Sunday	Lapeer
	13	Sunday	Hastings
	26	Saturday	Port Huron
	26	Saturday	Ionia *
May	3	Saturday	Rockford
	10	Saturday	Lapeer (long range only)
	11	Sunday	Lapeer
	11	Sunday	Hastings
	17	Saturday	Sault Ste. Marie
	18	Sunday	DSC/Utica
	25	Sunday	Durand (long range only)
	31	Saturday	Saginaw

* If camping at Ionia, call Texas John Critter beforehand at 616-506-7325.

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Sunset Trail

We are saddened to learn of the death of our friend and shooting pard, Big Bad Joe aka Richard Corey on January 20. Our condolences go out to his family and many friends.

Pickin' Up Pards

Welcome to new members Dead River Den, Cathouse Lin, Smokin Hank, Uncle Hoss, Steamboat Kid, Lady Bluebird, Two Belly, Goodshots Gettem, and Beaver Kid. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

Alias Changes

The following alias changes are effective immediately: Bigbore 375 to Bigbore Rifle, Opa Pete to B. Passerman, and Fast Eddie to Dakota Doc.

Items For Sale

Navy Arms 92 lever action 45L.C., 20" octagon barrel, crescent butt color case hardened, color case hardened receiver. \$400. Contact Uncle Hoss at hoss45lc@attbi.com REDUCED TO \$350

Two Ruger Blackhawks, 4 5/8" barrels, .357 magnum, completely tricked out. Asking \$350 each. Contact Beerbelly Willie at (810)-659-7076

Model 94 Winchester 45 L.C., 24 inch round barrel. Has an action job and all ready to go for cowboy shooting. \$340. Contact Steamboat Kid at sailorman83@hotmail.com (810) 252-0047

Looking Ahead to New Year's Eve

Howdy all! Chili Pepper Pete ran an idea by all of you about a year ago but there was not much of a response at that time. I would like to try again to see if we could make this fly.

I am interested in throwing a New Year's Eve Cowboy Ball. Now guys, don't stop reading! This could be to your advantage. I know that my husband's complaints about taking me out on New Year's Eve are: I won't know anyone, I don't want to wear a monkey suit and I don't want to hang out

at some stuffy party. Well, this is where my idea will help those of you who agree with my husband.

I'm proposing a New Year's Eve party in a beautiful historic opera house just outside of Lansing, filled with music, drinks, your friends, great food and wearing what you are comfortable in. There are a lot of fantastic women out there who do not shoot but yet they still dress the part. I think that this would be a great event for them to show off those beautiful dresses in weather that is not 90 degrees. Many of us really like to wear those pretty gowns more than once a year. We can kill a lot of birds with one stone here. Critter and I will be hosting this shindig.

In order to make this happen we would need 100 interested people. This would keep the cost for dinner, an open bar with beer and mixers (BYO Booze) and a band for around \$60 per couple. If you would like to see photos of the opera house checkout the following website:

www.grandledgemi.com/operahouse.htm If you scroll down far enough there are pictures of the inside. Please get back with us if you are interested at (616) 506-7321 or dfahrni@fbinsmi.com or texasjohncritter@hotmail.com

High Maintenance

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Bordertown Hombre	Port Huron	519-336-1690
Table Top Tom	Rockford	616-363-2430
Bad River Marty	Saginaw	989-585-3292
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RO 1 is being offered.
Check the back for details.

We are saddened to learn of the death of our friend and shooting partner Big Joe aka Richard Conroy on January 30. Our condolences go out to his family and many friends.

Welcome to new members Doug River Bar, Carhouse, Lin Smokin Hank, Jackie Hoss, Steamboat Kid, Lady Hunch, Two Bells, Goodness Gracious and Beaver Kid. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

The following size changes are effective immediately: Bights 17 to Bights 18, Ops 18 to B. Patchman and Pat Kilde w. Ops 18.

RO 1 Class Offered

RO 1 is being offered on Sunday, April 27 at Gander Mountain Lodge Room in Utica, Michigan. Class will begin at 10:30 a.m., will probably last 4 - 5 hours, and cost \$10 per person. The instructor is Mackinaw Kid. Please pre-register at r.stover@juno.com or call 248-852-0351



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