

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### Howdy Rangers,

I would like to congratulate the following folks on their election to office with the Wolverine Rangers.

**Texas John Critter** our new 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

**Dodge City Dick** our new treasurer.

**Catlow** --Member at Large

**Chili Pepper Pete** --Member at Large

**Cree Vicar Dave** --Member at Large

**R.J. Law** – Member at Large

**Square Shake Lake** – Member at Large

**Sunvale Pete** –Member at Large

These folks will begin their term of office as of the first of the year.

Some of you will notice that we have only 6 Members at Large and some names that you may have submitted are not on the list. There were several others who received enough votes to be elected to the Board. When I called these persons and asked if they were willing to serve, they each regretfully declined. Each of them indicated their thanks for being considered but they all had commitments that prevented them from serving in the manner that they felt was required. Don't let that stop you from naming folks to the board in future elections.

If we let these people know often enough how much we respect them we may be able to convince them of their destiny.

I must now ask for another volunteer. Mail Order Annie will be resigning as our Secretary. She is willing to continue in office until a replacement can be named and is also willing to help to bring that replacement up to speed. The person taking over will be named to fill out Mail Order Annie's term of office and then will be eligible to run for the office near the end of the year. If any person has an interest in this position please let a Board Member know and Mail Order Annie or I will contact you to fill you in on what is required.

Remember that the positions of Captain and Secretary are open for election at the end of the year in addition to the Members at Large. If you know of someone who you would like to see in these positions please talk to them and give them a chance to consider running for office.

We are currently putting the calendar together for next year. If you have pictures that you would like to see on the calendar please send them to us. Digital photos are the easiest but prints are OK. We will include about a dozen pictures so only send your best.

As strange as it seems it is also time to start thinking about WRRW 2006. If you have suggestions or comments please give me or a board Member a call.

I know that you won't see this prior to Thanksgiving but Patsy and I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. In addition, we want to say Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah. We wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

*No Cattle*

## Special Notes;

**West Walker Matches Cancelled Until Further Notice! See article inside.**

The final Winter League match at Lapeer has been moved to March 5, 2006 and the banquet to March 11, 2006. **See article inside.**

Hastings has added a shoot on December 17. Match will start one half hour later than normal.

**Notice to all match directors;** Laporte Lil will be administering the clean match program. Please send a list of all clean match shooters from July 31, 2005 until the present time and also each match from now until the membership shoot in July 2006. Please send them via e-mail to [laportelil@msn.com](mailto:laportelil@msn.com)

## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### West Walker Sportsmen's Club

First off, please accept my apology for not giving you all more than a few days notice of the cancellation of our matches. The township which is putting in new sewer and water lines had agreed to have their contractor do some excavation work at the club in lieu of payment for easement rights. As I understand it, both parties agreed work would not start until after Nov. 15th. As luck would have it, the contractor showed up two weeks early and tore everything up. At one point the club was totally shut down. As work went on, what was verbally agreed to, suddenly became too much. And the battle began. Will gun clubs ever learn?

Work is continuing at WWSC. When we will be able to use the range is the big question. Personally I think shooting there this winter is unlikely, but I have my fingers crossed.

#### **Other club business:**

Deuce Stevens has agreed to join Lucky Lenny and represent West Walker on the Wolverine Rangers board. The West Walker Rangers are now affiliated with SASS, and Lucky Lenny has accepted the position of Territorial Governor.

For 2006 we are working on a 2 day match, on July 1st and 2nd with a special event for Black Powder shooters. Shortly after the first of the year more information will be out about this match. Additionally we will have matches in October and November. Eventually those dates will be on the Wolverine Ranger calendar.

The West Walker Sportsmen Club and the West Walker Rangers are looking for new members. If you are not currently associated with a gun club West Walker would love to have you join them. Annual dues are \$50.00. Considering what you will have available to you, this is a real deal. There is no cost to join the West Walker Rangers just the desire to assist in putting on good matches.

Hope to see you at a match.

*Two Rig a Tony*

### Timbertown Marshals, Midland

Our October shoot was a great success with 7 shooters enjoying a great day. The winner was 'Beer Belly Willy' who really tore up the competition. 'Grizzly Bear Pete', as usual, made all the others look good. I had the most fun though.

Our schedule calls for the next 5 shoots to be inside as we are pretty much fair weather shooters. (No shot guns) The cost is \$5 per shoot and lunch can be had for an additional \$3. The winter shoots, on the third Saturday of each month, are either timed, as usual, or a 1-on-1 match event. In the 1-on-1, you will shoot against every other person attending and will be a handicapped event. Trust me, it's a blast! (Good choice of words) We will start with a mandatory shooters meeting at 10:00 AM. Come on out and join the winter fun! See y'all at the November shoot.

### Gillary Foundation Update

Due to the generosity of the shooters at the Range War, the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation received \$4,794 in donations. This will be used to purchase three AEDs. Continuing with our tradition that we started last year, the person who wins the Charity Spirit Award gets to select the schools to receive the AEDs. This year the Charity Spirit Award was shared by Montana Long Hair and No Buk and Elsie Rose. Montana Long Hair's scalping raised \$1,573 and he and Little Sis are selecting their daughter's school in Warsaw, Indiana to receive an AED. No Buk and Elsie have selected Hemlock High School near Saginaw, and Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Michigan (near Holland) to receive AEDs. Offer letters have already been sent and the AEDs should be delivered this Fall.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Vaya Con Dios,

*R.J. Law and The Lady*

## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club

Well, another Cowboy Action Shooting season comes to a close after our October match at the Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club. It was a good year and we got to meet a lot of new shooters. Now that all the stages and props are packed away for the winter, we can reflect on the past season and try to identify where we can make improvements. As in the past, we'll always try to make things better and fun for the shooters.

Our new shooting schedule has been posted on our web site: [www.SuckerCreek.org](http://www.SuckerCreek.org). If you haven't been to our web site you should give it a peek.

We try to keep it updated with the latest news and pictures.

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers wish all our shooting partners a Happy Thanksgiving and a Cowboy Merry Christmas. May God keep you in good health!

*Wolverine Wrangler*

### Editor's Saddlebag

Well pards, it's been one year since I found the "high country" of Cowboy Action Shooting. I have had a ball! I look forward to another interesting year in 2006. I stayed pretty close to the home range, Rockford, but I did get to Ionia, Hastings, and Walker. I do hope to get around to some ranges farther a field this year. Everywhere I went, I met the greatest people. Special Thanks to No Cattle, Diewalker, Deuce Stevens, Card Shark Charlie, Drover Dan and Two Rig a Tony for bringin' me along the trail. What a great group of friends I have this Christmas, that I didn't have last year! I love this game! Too bad it's soooo cold around here though. Takes a little of the fun out it from now until Spring. Oh well, I ain'ta gonna stay inside and miss that much shootin'! For those pards that haven't been to Rockford lately, we are getting a huge addition to the clubhouse, and should add needed room for 2006 lunches. Come on out and shoot with us!

*Case Harden*

### Lapeer Wranglers

On December 11, 2005, we begin our annual Winter League. Dates for the future shoots will be January 8, February 12, and March 5, 2006. Our banquet will be at Lenny Millers on March 11, 2006, 4 to 6pm. Remember, to be eligible for winning the Winter League you must attend all four shoots and the banquet at Lenny Millers. These rules have been in existence since we started the Winter League several years ago.

In regard to the Winter League, we will do most of our shooting at the new pistol building. No carts are permitted in the building. We have gun racks for your shootin' irons and ammo on the range side of the new building. We will divide into two posse's as we have in the past and shoot three stages plus a team or man-on-man event for each shoot. Perhaps we could even work a "Wild Bunch" side event and a .22, derringer/pocket pistol side events into the future side match events. We haven't shot any 4X4's in a while so that could possibly be on the agenda as well! We'll let you know in plenty of time in order that you be prepared for whatever saga is in the future of the 2006 edition of the Winter League.

We have our complete list of shooting dates for 2006. I will be sending copies out probably in January. This should give everyone ample time to decide which matches to attend. We would hope more of you would shoot our monthly matches and in particular our two day Great Lakes Match #9 June 24 & 25, 2006. With plaques for all side events, main match categories, and costume dress competitions, plus each shooter getting a gift and a free lunch on Sunday and a very reasonable dinner Saturday night we think our two day shoot is extremely reasonable as far as fees are concerned. We have not increased our fees in several years and have added three ways you can reduce your costs by being a Wolverine Ranger, SASS member, and a NRA member. Plus L.C.S.C. members even get an additional fee reduction. Happy trails & holidays from L.C.S.C.!

*Wall-Man*

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### Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club From the Governor's Desk Cree Vicar Dave TG

This is the time of year that many clubs start easing back on the drive and getting ready for winter. Before you get too relaxed in the bunkhouse I encourage you to consider things that would enhance our sport. Write down your thoughts and take them with you to the next club meeting. If supported by your club these ideas can be sent in by your Territorial Governor to The Wild Bunch for consideration.

These suggestions must be sent in by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be on the T.G. agenda in December of the same year. The wagon wheels of change turn slowly so to be ready for the December 2006 T.G. Summit meeting it's time to get moving

Some of the discussion topics for the December 2005 are:

- Splitting the Senior category into two divisions (60 to 64 and 65 to 69)

- XS Sights for rifles. At present these sights are not in violation but are considered by many to be pushing the limits.

- Also pushing the limits, depending upon your definition of internal/external, is the Lightning Rod.

There are persisting questions on what to do about a live round left in a six shooter, NOT UNDER THE HAMMER. Quoting the Territorial Bulletin "The correct call for this is (a) just a miss. There is no penalty unless the round is left under the hammer, in which case it is a stage DQ or unless too many rounds were loaded....In which case it is also a stage DQ"

I encourage all to read the ROI material once or twice a year to stay up to speed on the rules.  
Until next time  
God Bless

*Cree Vicar Dave*

### Straight Shots From Saginaw

As 2005 comes to an end in a few weeks, we reflect over the past year. What a busy time for the Wolverine Rangers and its clubs. Already, the Rangers are making plans for the 2006 Membership Shoot and State Championship.

The Saginaw Six-Shooters are also looking forward to an exciting year. We held our Annual Planning meeting on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. and discussed plans to build some permanent stages in the lower pistol range, located in the woods. We've never had any stages in this area before but are looking forward to developing some fun ones in this rustic setting. We'll be having three shoots this year. We're also holding our Wednesday night practices, beginning in mid-April and running through September. And, our club will be represented by Bad River Marty as our new, SASS Territorial Governor.

Other exciting news is our brand new storage building, 24' by 32', located on the lower pistol range of our club. We should have lots of room for prop storage, registration, and feeding our hungry pards after a shoot.

We're grateful to all the shooters who attended our shoots in 2005. We had a lot of fun and hope to see you all next year. For all the Saginaw Six-Shooters, we wish you and yours a very Merry and blessed Christmas. May you find peace and happiness, good health and prosperity. And as the New Year rides in, remember to live life...give it your best shot.

*Katie Calahan & Bad River Marty*



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### Allegan Dan Reports;

The score was 21-0 at half time as the Hamilton Hawkeye's were well ahead of their rivals; Byron Center. This was an important game. It would determine if the Hawkeye's would go to the Regional Playoff's.

After the half time festivities the principal called Sunvale Pete and Allegan Dan to the podium. Sunvale Pete took a few minutes to tell the crowd of the importance of an AED on the school premises. He used his real life experience as a Firefighter and an EMS technician to explain how important getting help to someone who has succumbed to sudden cardiac arrest.

I'd like to thank the Gillary Foundation and especially No Buk Chuck for giving me the opportunity to choose Hamilton High School as a recipient for an Automated External Defibrillator. I'd also like to thank all those who helped raise the funds at Range War this year, and of course all the Wolverine Rangers.

The school and all those involved were excited to receive this, if the applause was an indication!

I have included the article written in the Holland Sentinel about the event. Wish they hadn't focused on me, but it's hard to tell media types what to write! I surely appreciate the good press for both the Kimberley Anne Gillary Foundation and the Wolverine Rangers.

By the way, Hamilton won the game (26-14) and went on to the Regional Playoff's.

*Holland Sentinel Article;*

### Group donates defibrillator to high school

By OLIVIA COBISKEY Staff writer

Youth are not immune to cardiac arrest, and Hamilton resident Bill Penning wants to make sure no more high school students die needlessly.

That's why he and other members of the Wolverine Rangers shooting club and the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation are working to provide high

schools with automated external defibrillators.

"We hear about it at least once month," Penning said of young people dying from sudden cardiac arrest. "It can happen to any child."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 3,000 people between the ages of 15 and 34 die of sudden cardiac arrest annually. Penning will donate a defibrillator to Hamilton High School at half-time during its football game tonight.

Hamilton High School Principal Doug Braschler, said the school is thankful to Penning.

"We couldn't have done it without him," Braschler said. "We're excited to have one on site here. I wish every one of our buildings could have one of those -- hopefully we never have to use it."

Penning has seen the grief of losing a young child to sudden cardiac arrest first hand. Randall and Susan Gillary of Troy are members of the Wolverine Rangers, a "cowboy action" shooting club and lost their daughter in 2000. Their daughter, who the foundation is named after, had a birth defect that caused her to go into sudden cardiac arrest during a water polo tournament.

The current survival rate for cardiac arrest is less than 5 percent without a defibrillator on hand.

"It affected all of us and we've raised money every year since 2000 when it happened," Penning said.

This year the Michigan Wolverine Rangers raised \$4,800 to place defibrillators in three high schools in Michigan and Indiana, including Hamilton High.

"If you have a defibrillator available at a high school and you have an incident of cardiac arrest your chances of survival are considerably higher," Penning said.

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### Montana Longhair gets scalped at Range War!

The Michigan State Cowboy Action Shooting Championships or what is commonly referred to as the Wolverine Rangers Range War, took place over Labor Day weekend in 2005. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship and everyone had a great time, or most everyone, that is. Unfortunately, we did have one casualty. Montana Long Hair (SASS #27261 and Territorial Governor) got scalped! Fortunately, it was all in fun.

During the run up to the Range War, Montana Long Hair decided that he wanted to do something for the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. This is a Foundation which my wife Sue (The Lady, SASS Life #15467 and I formed after we lost our 15 year old daughter Kimberly to a cardiac arrest in a water polo game in April of 2000. Since then we have raised over \$700,000 and have donated more than 300 AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to high schools in the State of Michigan. All of the money donated by the public goes directly to purchase either AEDs or training. Montana Long Hair said that if he was able to get commitments for \$700 for the Foundation that he would get his hair cut. This is just what Mike Fink SASS #29047 was waiting to hear.

Mike Fink (referred to by Montana Long Hair as a "Short Hair") went on a mission. He personally donated \$200 and spearheaded the drive for additional donations. Mike was not only interested in seeing Mr. Long Hair get his hair cut, but Mike wanted to do the scalping. Mike Fink and his family (The Clan) all shot on my posse. We all had a great time although we did get criticized for being too rowdy. Our posse did have the most fun however.

Over the weekend and at the banquet on Sunday night, Montana Long Hair was able to raise \$1,573 for the Foundation. Almost \$500 came from Mike Fink's table which included The Clan (Mike Fink, Eleanor Jewell, Moe Gunns, Q.T. Curls and The Faygo Kid), D.B. Rawhide and Chili Pepper Pete.

The scalping took place at the banquet. Fortunately we had our official Wolverine Rangers photographer and webmaster, Laporte Lil SASS #33413, handy with a camera to record the fateful event.

The first picture shows Montana Long Hair getting scalped by Q.T. Curls (SASS #47956 fortunately a professional hair dresser) and being comforted by Eleanor Jewel (SASS# 26409), Q.T. Curls' Mom. Mike Fink (Q.T.'s uncle) is looking on and wearing Montana Long Hair's hat on top of his own derby. Notice the pained expression of Montana Long Hair. He was fearful of becoming a dreaded Short Hair. Montana Long Hair had no idea how short his hair would end up after the scalping. The second picture shows Montana Long Hair with less hair and Mike Fink holding the scalp/trophy.



Picture #3 shows the resigned and saddened Montana Long Hair and the gloating Mr. Fink. Picture #4 shows Montana Long Hair about to address the dinner crowd.



Fortunately, Q.T. Curls did a little more coiffing work before the night was over to even up the job. Mike Fink is also wearing a button entitled "Fur Ball Scalping Posse". Everyone who shot with Montana Long Hair that weekend including Mike Fink, Eleanor Jewel and Q.T. Curls, all wore their "Fur Ball Scalping Posse" pins. We all had a great time.

I would personally like to thank Montana Long

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Hair for being such a good sport. It was a pleasure shooting with him and Lil Sis along with the Clan and the rest of our great posse. Montana Long Hair is a true example of the cowboy way and another example of why the best thing about cowboy action shooting is the people.

***R.J. Law***

SASS Life # 15466

### DSC-Rocky River Regulators

October 16 was a great day for shooting. The weather was cool and crisp with the trees just beginning to show their true colors. 75 eager competitors shot up the town. Targets were falling like leaves. Faygo Kid, Onyx, Hole 'N Hat, Poco Loco, Baja Kid, Tuscosa, Goatlips, Dodge City Duke, and Dirtbag Devon came out with Clean Matches! The pumpkin side match was won by Mike Fink, a dear friend of DSC.

The Chili Cook off was a great success as usual. We had 8 tasty entries that were very difficult to choose from. We would like to thank our wonderful judges Bonnie Palmer, Gene Canapini, and Dale Canapini. I had the pleasure of watching the three of them at work and now have a new appreciation for the art of making chili. They are amazing! A good friend to DSC, Onyx, won the chili cook-off by taking 3 of the categories.

We had a fabulous turn out for our Thanksgiving Shoot, 58 shooters came out to play. Hole 'N Hat, Andy Horshurodinon, Deadly Dady, and Kahite Kid all got clean matches. Way to go Amigos! The match was followed by a fantastic Thanksgiving Feast. Many thanks go out to The Lady, Lavender Lou, Misty Rivers and Batwing Betty for all their hard work at preparing such a wonderful meal.

“Anticipation, anticipa-a-ation, it's making me

wait. La la la la.” Well we are still waiting for Shelby Twp's okay to go ahead with the building. We will keep you informed as soon as we hear something. Meanwhile, 85% of the stone has been put on the parking lot. It keeps looking better all the time.

Here is a short list of the up and coming side matches we will be having:

**January** - Shoot the top off the bubbly. Shoot at three paper target champagne bottles. You get 10 points for hitting the cork and you get minus 5 points (-5) for hitting the bottle and Minus 2 points (-2) for missing. Rifle or pistol. Loaded and staged/holstered.

**February** - little heart candy with 22 rifle.

We would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Wonderful Holiday Season!

***Batwing Betty and The Lady***

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**Pickin' Up Pards**

Welcome to new members;

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We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine  
Rangers!