

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## Captain's Corner

WRRW 2006 (September 1<sup>st</sup> through September, 4<sup>th</sup>) is rapidly approaching. Plans are progressing well. By the time you read this you will probably have received your letter from the Wolverine Rangers inviting you to the event. We have sent these letters to all of the Wolverine Rangers and to all of those who attended WRRW 2004 or WRRW 2005. Our Canadian friends should have received their letters a few weeks ago. This allows them to submit the required paper work for border crossing. LaPorte Lil has published the Registration Form to the website ([www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org)) that can be printed. We have already received several applications, including two from Colorado.

We are still in need of volunteers for the various activities at Range War. We need assistance in setting up stages, side matches, and decorative props. If you are interested and can be at the range on Wednesday or Thursday please inform the Close Enough Construction Company (No Buk Chuck or Diewalker).

Texas John Critter, our 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant is coordinating side matches this year. If you are interested in helping out in this area contact Critter and he will point you to the persons who require assistance.

If you are interested in becoming a Berm Marshal or a Posse Leader please contact any Board member. You can also contact me directly at 616-363-2827. If you want to help out but have no particular area in mind please contact me and let me know when you will be available. I am sure that I can find some productive tasks for you to perform.

The Wolverine Rangers Membership Shoot will be held at Breckinridge on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Check out the website for details. This is one of your opportunities to express your concerns and opinions

to the Board. In addition, it has always been a great match so please plan to attend.

Nominations for Board Members at Large, Secretary, and Captain will officially open at the Membership Match so please think about the people that you would like to see in these positions. The election will be held by mail and e-mail during October and November. As I commented in earlier articles our participation in the last election was very low. I would like to see 80 to 90 percent of the Wolverine rangers cast their ballots this year.

Keep an eye on the web site for changes to schedules and other interesting information. LaPorte Lil is doing a great job of keeping us informed.

Don't forget the Clean Match Program. We will be acknowledging the person with the highest number of Clean Matches prior to the Membership Match. Match Directors, please keep LaPorte Lil up to date with your list of Clean Shooters. If you do not let her know, they will not be counted.

Y'all be safe and have fun!

## No Cattle

### SUNSET TRAILS

We have received notice of 2 Wolverine Rangers who have passed away.

Harold Lozen (alias: B. A. Butch) passed away sometime in January or February

Paul Charland (alias: Kid Macomb) passed away on March 30th.

If you hear of any Rangers who are seriously ill, or who have passed away, please let the Membership Secretary know.



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

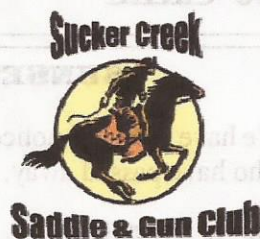
### Sucker Creek Peacemakers

We kicked off the shooting season with our first match of the year on May 12<sup>th</sup> and despite a little rain, we had a good, fun match. We shot six stages and Stage 3 was shot from our new "gallows" that was built just a week before the match. Even with the threatening rainy weather, we had forty shooters that braved Mother Nature and enjoyed shooting the match. Many people commented on how much they enjoyed shooting the stages, especially the "pop can thrower" on "The Lucky Strike Mine" stage.

The top ten overall shooters (we are all winners) by time were: Deuce Stevens, Traditional; Bad River Marty, Gunfighter; Lucky Lennie, Senior Duelist; K J Stevens, Traditional Lady; No Buk Chuck, Traditional; Katie Callahan, Lady 49er; Black River Bill, Traditional; Ringo Wiguns, Elder Statesman; Cree Vicar Dave, Senior Traditional and Dakota Doc, Senior Duelist. The final scores are posted on our web site: [www.SuckerCreek.org](http://www.SuckerCreek.org) and on the Wolverine Rangers web site: [www.WolverineRangers.org](http://www.WolverineRangers.org).

We have some new things planned for our next match on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope that the weather is nice and that you can join us for another fun filled CAS match.

Shoot straight & fast.  
**Wolverine Wrangler**



### Camping Info

If you are going to be traveling and would like info on camping near any CAS clubs, go to this new site; [www.cowboycampinginfo.com](http://www.cowboycampinginfo.com) Shari Karanas aka BayouBlessings is setting it up for Cow-boys. This is a nation wide listing. Very handy! Thanks Shari.

### Mason County Marshals

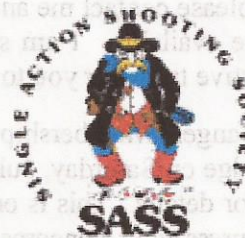
Thirteen brave souls met in the wilderness of north Darr Road, Scottville, on Saturday April 15, 2006 and wondered through the memoirs of Louis L'Amour. Ranging in age from a 15 year old young lady to a 70+ elder statesman these adventurers moved quick and shot straight, (most of the time), to defeat all foes. They helped the "Sackett" brothers fight the Begelow brothers at the town livery stable. Then they traveled to Arizona and helped Shalako defend a European hunting party against Apaches. Finally, led by Deuce Stevens, the eventual match winner, they helped tell "How the West Was Won" as they helped defend a westward bound wagon train from hostiles. Congratulations to Deuce and to all the category winners, which was just about everyone.

The Mason County Marshals will rendezvous on May 20 to defend our territory and protect our women and children. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30. For more information contact Lone Pine Duelist, aka. John Gillies at 231-845-5813, [gillies@t-one.net](mailto:gillies@t-one.net), or Two Gun Troll, aka. Roger Lehrbass, at 231-757-3821, [rlehrbass@carrinter.net](mailto:rlehrbass@carrinter.net).

Winners by category were:

- Traditional: Deuce Stevens
- Frontier Cartridge: Miss Elaineous
- Frontier Cartridge Duelist: Greenriver
- Classic Cowboy: Two Gun Troll
- Senior: Washo Dave
- Senior Duelist: Jimbo
- Elder Statesman: Deuces Uncle Johnny
- Junior Girl: Lilly Stetson

### Two Gun Troll



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Straight Shots from Saginaw

It's been a busy spring at the Field & Stream Club. We finished off the inside of our new building; got our new props organized and put away; and put up the new counters that were donated, along with a fridge and new picnic table. A dedicated group of pards have been moving dirt, building berms, chopping limbs, and doing whatever else was needed to transform a neglected pistol area into our new Cowboy range.

After many hours of sweat AND a lot of prayers, it came together for our May 27<sup>th</sup> shoot. We were blessed with great weather and 60 of our pards came out for a day of shooting at Bad River Marty's famous BIG & UP CLOSE targets. When the smoke cleared, top overall shooter was Deuce Stevens. We had 7 shoot the match CLEAN!!! Great shooting, folks! We also earned \$91.00 for the Gillary Foundation with our "Time is Money" 5-second bonus. Thanks to all those who participated!!

**Top five ladies:**

1. K.J. Stevens
2. Katie Callahan
3. Laporte Lil
4. Elsie Rose
5. Ledge Lady

**Top five gents:**

1. Deuce Stevens
2. Bad River Marty
3. Dodge City Dick
4. Lightning Wayne
5. No Buk Chuck

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next 2 shoots - Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot more fun scenarios and props planned for your shooting pleasure. We'll be continuing with range improvements and working to give you a fun-filled day of shooting with your pards at Saginaw's "Home on the Range". Hope you can join us.

And remember... live life. Give it your best shot.

*Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty*



### West Walker Sportsmen Club

Smoke on the Range and The Michigan State Black Powder Championship is fast approaching. July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember smokeless powder shooters are welcome and will shoot against themselves. We have lots of first time BP shooters signed up, should be lots of fun.

Registration forms are on both the Wolverine Rangers web page and the West Walker Sportsmen Club web page. Cost is \$30 for two days 5 stages each day. If you want to stick around Sat. Night for burgers it's another \$10.

Bring lots of ammo we will have an egg shooting contest (that's with your cowboy rifle) shooting a hanging egg. There will be a fee for that and all proceeds will go to the Gillary Foundation.

There will be side matches with speed pistol, rifle and shotgun free of charge. Shoot as much as you want until 5:30PM Sat.

If you have any questions e-mail or call me [tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com](mailto:tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com) or 616-455-3991.

*Two Rig a Tony*

### ARE YOU AN RO1?

An RO1 class will be held on June 10 at Sucker Creek. Cree Vicar Dave will lead the class with most of the instruction received during the course of the match and a written test given while scores are being calculated. The class is **FREE to Wolverine Rangers members**, non-member cost is \$10. Either way, you must also pay the match fee of \$15 W.R. member, \$18 non-member. Students should plan on downloading the [RO1 course material](#) from the SASS website and reading it through prior to June 10.

Pre-registration is needed by calling Cree Vicar Dave at 989-654-3636 or e-mailing [tippicanoe90@hotmail.com](mailto:tippicanoe90@hotmail.com)



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### DSC - Rocky River Regulators

The month of May brought us another successful monthly match for the Rocky River Regulators with good weather and a lot of fun had by all. A total of 68 contestants joined us in the Town of Rocky River. The top three shooters were Faygo Kid 1<sup>st</sup> place, Dodge City Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Moe Gunns came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also had 9 shooters finish with a clean match. Way to go Cowboy's and Cowgirl's.

Our next monthly match will be held on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>. The pre-match, side match will be a quick draw scenario at bowling pins with match revolvers. For those of you have been coming to our matches you know this is a great way to start your day before a match while having some fun. Come early, the side match starts at 8:00am.

Next month the DSC will be hosting its first annual 2 day match, "Ambush at Rocky River," on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm along with free practice to registered shooters until 8:00pm. Free primitive camping will also be available starting on Friday. On Saturday we will shoot the first five stages. After the Saturday match there will be a side match(s) along with an optional Cowboy 5 stand shotgun competition before the Pig Roast Dinner that will be held in the DSC Clubhouse. That evening there will be a campfire from 8:30pm - 10:00pm for bragging and socializing. Sunday will complete part two of the 2 day match along with an awards ceremony. See the Cowboy Action webpage at [www.d-s-c.org](http://www.d-s-c.org) or the "Important Notices" on the Wolverine Ranger homepage for more information and registration.

The DSC Rocky River Regulators will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> RO1 class for the year. For those or you who want to take the class or could not make it to RO1 training earlier in the year, now is your chance. The class will be held on August 5, 2006 at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. The class will include the latest revisions to the CAS Range Operation Basic Safety Course (Level 1). Contact

Rick Stover (248-852-0351) if you plan on attending.

That's all for now.  
Keep your spirits up and your bullets down range.

*Shotgun Willy*

### WRRW (Wolverine Rangers Range War) Announcements

Remember, Please contact Texas John Critter, if you can assist with a side match on Friday at WRRW. [texasjohncritter@hotmail.com](mailto:texasjohncritter@hotmail.com)

And the Close Enough Construction Company, if you can help with setup.

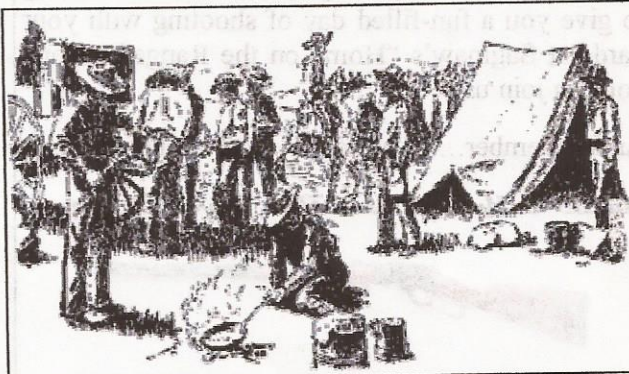
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### Blue Water Sportsman's Association

We have a new website with more features than before. We can now be found at the address below. [www.BlueWaterSportsmansAssociation.com](http://www.BlueWaterSportsmansAssociation.com)

As everyone should know, this is the site of Range War. Give 'em a visit.



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Rockford Regulators

*(Note from the editor; This article arrived just after the close of the February Epitaph, and I forgot to include it in the April. My apologies to Tucson Stu)*

#### February 4<sup>th</sup> Cowboy Shoot

The weather cooperated again and we had a great day for a shoot. There were 55 participants and many more interested spectators. After our safety meeting directed by Match Co-director Mike Green (No Cattle) the posses proceeded to their starting point. Posse leaders for this match were Deuce Stevens, Card Shark Charlie, DieWalker, and Sutter Mountain Iron Man. Each posse had a great Brass Rat. On my posse (Card Shark Charlie's) we had Paige Jones. It was her first time being a brass rat and she worked like a pro. We always appreciate our loyal and dedicated young people who do this important job. Some have been with us for over four years and never miss a match. We also thank the generosity of all the shooters who chip in and see that they are rewarded for all of their efforts.

A new addition to our ranges was noted. Boot Hill has a number of tombstones created by Blackhawk and family. Many thanks – clever addition.

Clean Match shooters were The Dirty Weasel, & Bent Legged Jimmy. Congratulations!

Top Shooter was Three Gun Cole with Deuce Stevens, Read Beard Bandit, Doc Roy L. Pain and Texas John Critter rounding out the top five for this event. The top lady shooter was KJ Stevens who finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

The top shooters by Category were: Traditional – Three Gun Cole, Deuce Stevens and Red Beard Bandit. In the Modern class it was Fireball followed by Drover Dan and Blackhawk. Duelist winners were Doc Roy L. Pain, Case Harden, and Shoulda Dun Gun. Gunfighter top finishers were Cayuse Jack, Snareman, and Diewalker. The Frontiersman class was won by Chili Pepper Pete.

(He has some real fine Ruger black powder pistols. Lots of custom work) Frontier Cartridge was won by Beechnut Bob followed by Jorge Guapo. In the Frontier Cartridge Duelist class the winner was Crazy Mingo. Classic Cowboy was won by RJ Law followed by Steamboat Kid and Trusty Rusty. Our B Western class was topped by Miss Misery followed by Dakota Fats. In the Forty-Niner class Smooth Sailin' came out on top followed by Doc Noper and Card Shark Charlie. Senior Duelist top shooter was JR Hammer with Two Rig A Tony and Beerbelly Willie rounding out this group. The Senior group was led by Spencer McCabe with Teton second and Tucson Stu third. The Young Gun class was won by The Dirty Weasel (who finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall) and the Young Gun Lady class was won by Katie West. The Elder Statesmen Class was won by Deuce's Uncle Johnny. Finally the most important classes – Traditional Lady Class was won by KJ Stevens with Katt El'Prod finishing in second place. In the Lady Forty Niner Class Lainey Mae was the winner followed by Ledge Lady.

Finally we must thank our loyal kitchen crew. Once again a terrific lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Paul and Fran Kazmierski, Carol Stuart, Dora Jones, Cindy VanOrman and Sue Barksdale. Every month the lunches just get better and better.

Door prizes were awarded by a random drawing assisted by our brass rat Paige. Thanks to Luke Barksdale (Diewalker) and Mike Green (No Cattle) for well written stages and a well organized shoot. We hope to see all of you at the next match.

*Tucson Stu*



## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Johnson Creek Regulators

Hi pards, It's the old ranger again coming at you from Johnson Creek in Plymouth. Well, we are off to another great season. At our March shoot we had 40 shooters even with rain, and snow mixed with rain. In April, the weather was a lot better with 45 shooters, and our May shoot had 46 shooters. Our cookie Sourdough Steve has been doing a great job with making sure our lunches are first class cowboy grub we owe him a big thank you for taking on this job plus shooting the stages and taking pictures of our shoots.

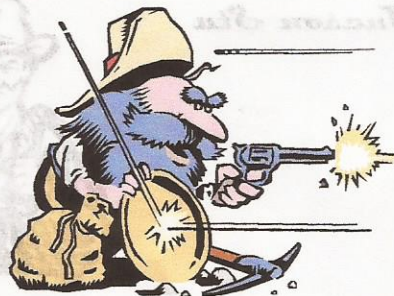
We have some new stages we are working on, plus a stage we may submit to Range War. Some of the Johnson Creek Regulators have sent in our fee for Range War and we also have our hotel reservations all set. We're getting excited about going and looking forward to another great weekend like last year.

It's been nice to see some new first time shooters come and shoot with us. Even my two grandsons ages 11 and 14 are shooting! It's great to see the young people getting involved in our sport. Our next shoots are June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> so come out and join us. I'd like to send a big cowboy Get Well soon to Mackinaw Kid from all of the Johnson Creek Regulators hope he's doing well recovering from appendicitis. Well pards, that's all from the old ranger for now. Hope to see some of you at our upcoming shoots.

For more information contact [www.wvcca.com](http://www.wvcca.com)

E-mail: [cowboyaction@wvcca.com](mailto:cowboyaction@wvcca.com)

### Ranger Jack



### Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy Pards! We have completed two big projects just recently. We have fixed the boardwalk to our PH Saloon and removed the sag encountered when people walked on it. Thanks to Tucco Cockroach and Saddle Tramp who corrected the problem in a couple of hours of hard, intensive labor. We have also added a two building facades to our Stage #3 (Moving Target). Thanks to Deadwood Steve, Steel Dust Jack, Bean Counter Slim, Four Finger Carl, Sassafrass Lori, Wolf Creek Tom, Bill Bright, Butch Haircut, Ricochet Bill, and myself who acted as the "go-fer", the whole project was completed in three Saturdays of 8am to 2pm work. This leaves us with two stages to go in our goal of erecting facades for each of the stages in the woods. If all goes well, we should have the entire project completed within the next year. We would certainly welcome anyone who wishes to come and view our work. Better than that, come and shoot with us...no politics are allowed, just having good fun with safe shooting!

Speaking of safe shooting, we have our two day shoot almost upon us next month. Most of you should of received a mailing from me already. If this is not the case, either contact me or get your entry forms from the Wolverine Rangers website by selecting the entry forms available at our club site. We plan to kick off the shoot with our Chili Cook-off on Friday the 23rd around 6pm at the clubhouse. We had quite a few entries last year and our "celebrated judges" had a very difficult time selecting the cook-off winners. Five stages will be shot on Saturday the 24th along with the side matches starting around 2pm and lasting until approximately 4pm. There are 8 side-match plaques waiting to be won and the Man-On-Man Match plaque for the Kimberly Gillary Foundation side-match. All proceeds from the Man-On-Man Match are donated to the Kimberly Gillary Foundation as has been our practice for the past several years. There are also 6 "Best Dressed" plaques waiting to be won at our costume competition following our Saturday night dinner at the clubhouse.

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Finally, there are 12 match winner plaques waiting to be won after the final five stages are shot on Sunday. They will be awarded after the "team matches" on Sunday and the stats are printed for everyone to take with them when they depart. All-in-all you get quite a bang for your buck shooting at our annual match. Prices are kept affordable with discounts to Wolverine Ranger members, NRA members, and SASS members.

We look forward to seeing you on June 23/25!

**Wall-Man**

### Rockford Regulators SUNDAY SHOOTS!

Howdy Pards!

Due to popular demand, we have added three Sunday shoots to the Rockford schedule. They are; **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, **July 30<sup>th</sup>**, and **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. These will be "Bare Bones Shoots" with no lunch provided. The matches will be scored like normal, but no certificates will be printed. Entry is only \$10 !!!!!

Also, we are in the process of constructing some really cool (if I do say so myself), COVERED loading and un-loading tables! These will help all the shooters and their hardware endure the rain, snow, and blazing sun of Michigan weather. As you all know, we shoot ALL year at RSC.

C'mon out and shoot with us.

**Case Harden**



### CLUBS & CONTACTS

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One Son of a Gun	Central Lake	231-544-2461
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Bad River Marty	Saginaw	989-585-3292
Yoooper Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700
Mackinaw Kid	Utica	248-852-0351
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334-564-8391	Plymouth	Cavoy's Rangers
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616-837-0428	Rockford	Clawfoot
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909-452-3700	South St. Louis	Yoo-hoo!
248-321-0331	Union	Michigan
331-757-5821	Two Gun Tom	

**Shooter Ready??!!**

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Well-Well

**Rockford Regulars**  
**SUNDAY SHOOT!**

**Pickin' Up Pards**

Welcome to the brand pards!

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**Classifieds**

**None this month!**

**Must be everyone's keepin' the cards they're holdin'!**

