# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As our shooting year winds down and now that we are in the Holiday Season, it is a good time to count our blessings. I am blessed by my loving wife, The Lady, and by our wonderful daughters. I am blessed by our extended families. I am blessed by our great shooting friends/family. Some of the best times we had this summer were traveling to cowboy shoots in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky; enjoying the competition; and hanging out with our pards.

We are all blessed that we live in the greatest country in the history of the world and that we have the freedom to pursue our dreams and enjoy this great shooting sport. We are blessed that we have soldiers who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life. Let us never forget that our liberties were hard fought and earned and we need to be ever vigilant in protecting our rights. Be sure and thank a Veteran for making it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms in our country.

I would like to once again like thank Deuce Stevens for doing an excellent job as Match Director this year at Range War. Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are planning to make it extra special. There will be more in up-coming newsletters about our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Range War.

I would also like to remind everyone to be sure and vote for the Board of Directors positions that are up for re-election this year. We will be electing two Officer positions including Vice President/First Lieutenant and Treasurer. Additionally, the 8 At Large Members of the Board of Directors are up for re-election.

As I mentioned in my letter of November 27, 2007 posted on the Wolverine Rangers website at <a href="https://www.wolverinerangers.org">www.wolverinerangers.org</a>, I am asking for your vote for Bad River Marty for Vice President/
First Lieutenant and for Bean Counter Slim for

Treasurer. Marty did a nice job this year and was a big help to me. Dodge City Dick has decided not to run for re-election as Treasurer this year and Bean Counter Slim (an accountant by trade) has volunteered to take over. He is willing and able and I believe he will do an excellent job.

Well that is about all that I have for now. I hope that you are all able to spend some quality time with your family and friends during this Holiday Season. Have a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

R.J. Law

## Nobuk Chuck Update:

Chuck and I have just returned from the eye specialist; Dr. Ramasamy. I am afraid that the news is not as good as we had hoped. First off the good news; Chuck's eye has healed well for the time span, however (this is where the bad news starts) scar tissue is causing the Retina to pull away and will need to be surgically fixed. The Dr. says that it will not take as long this time because he doesn't have to deal w/all the blood. He will remove all the silicone liquid, and probably the implant, reattach the Retina and replace the silicone. He is letting the healing continue for a few more weeks before the surgery, in hopes that the Optic nerve will heal and might allow Chuck a little more eyesight. When asked the prognosis, he said, Chuck will probably never see normally out of that eye again. He will be able to see white or grey shapes kinda foggy, but if it doesn't get any clearer after 6 months, that is as good as it gets. There is no surgery to repair the optic nerve. The new surgery will take place on December 13th. So again we ask for your prayers and we thank GOD for all the wonderful gifts he has given us, including all of you.

Elsie Rose and Nobuk Chuck

## **Straight Shots From Saginaw**

Is it our imagination or did this year really fly by that fast?! It was a busy time for the Wolverine Rangers and its clubs. In 2008, Range War will celebrate it's 10<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary. Talk about time flying!!!

The Saginaw Six-Shooters held their annual planning meeting Nov. 4th. and are looking forward to another exciting year. We've received many positive comments on our western range in the woods. We plan to continue our improvements there by adding another permanent prop or two for even more fun shooting. Bad River Marty will be teaching an R.O. 1 class in May, followed by a basic training class for those who want to stay and learn the how-to's of running a posse, etc. We'll be having three shoots in 2008 and will continue our tradition of Wednesday night practices, beginning April 16th and running through September. If any of you are hankerin' for some great practice, you're more than welcome to stop in some Wednesday night. Cost is only \$5 for non-Field & Stream members and the friendly harassment... why, that's free!!!

We're grateful to all the shooters who attended our shoots in 2007. We enjoyed having you in Saginaw and look forward to seeing you all in 2008. The Saginaw Six-Shooters 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.

## Katic Callahan & Bad River Marty



# **Lapeer Wranglers**

We have our Spring/Summer/Fall season behind us for this year. Our S/S/F season resumes in April, 2008. Until that time we will be offering our Winter League shoots for all of you folks who don't want your barrels to run the risk of cobwebs. Our first Winter League shoot is Dec. 9, 2007. Please remember that we start W.L. shoots about an hour later than usual, approximately 9:30am with registration, and the first shots go downrange at the pistol building around 10:15am. Remember also you do not need to bring your cart! We have gun racks for your use at the pistol building. Bring your usual amount of ammo as we will have a side-match or two after the regular three stages are shot. We will also offer a sight in period after the side-matches for anyone who needs to make sure your smoke-poles are shooting where you want. If you wish to shoot any other firearms such as double action pistols or semiautos, I'm sure we could make that happen also.

The complete Winter League Schedule is as follows:

December 9, 2007 (2nd Sunday)
January 13, 2008 (2nd Sunday)
February 10, 2008 (2nd Sunday)
March 2, 2008 (1st Sunday)
\*\*\* Note 1st Sunday\*\*\*
Banquet at Lennie Miller's:

Banquet at Lennie Miller's: 4pm-6pm March 8, 2008

Our rules for the W.L. remain the same as in previous years. Shooters will receive a rebate of \$3.00 for each shoot they attend at the Banquet. To win the 1st Place Trophy you must attend and shoot all the shoots and attend the Banquet. As everyone knows who has attended past Banquets, Lennie Miller's has excellent food at reasonable prices.

Everyone have a great holiday season and we'll see ya on December 9th!

Wall-Man

# **Johnson Creek Regulators**

Hi pards! Well the Regulators are laying low in our hideouts and counting the days 'til spring so we can get started on our 2008 season. In the meantime we have elected new officers for 2008. They are; Chairman: Rainmaker Ray, Co-chair: Smiling Bear, Stage Design and Development: Cool Hand Carl, Stage Setup: M.T. Cartridge, Registration: Deadwood Denise, Ranger: Jack Scribe, Sourdough: Steve Cookie ,and Smiling Bear Territorial Governor.

Cool Hand Carl is already at work developing some new stages and it looks really good. We can't wait to try them out! Our cowboy banquet was on Nov. 1st and we had a great turnout. The food was great and we owe a big cowboy thank you to Rainmaker Ray's son-in-law Tony for catering our banquet. We really appreciate all his hard work. The Johnson Creek Regulators are setting up practice on the weekends from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a small fee for non WWCCA members. We'll get the word out when we are ready to go. We had a great 2007 and we want to thank everyone from the other clubs that came out to shoot with us. You made the 2007 season great! Especially our June shoot, which was a record turnout for The Johnson Creek Regulators Thank You so much. Well, that's all for now.

This is the Old Ranger saying;; Adios and

Happy Trails





# **Rockford Regulators**

Howdy Pards! Just a few words from the Regulators; I hope everyone had a grand year! We really enjoyed all the pards that mosey'd through our little cowboy town. If ya hadn't noticed, our town was named this year! From now on the name of our cow-town will be Liberty! A big Thank-You to Michigan Rattler for his sign painting talents! Anyone who has shot here this year surely couldn't miss the new store fronts. Well, next year we will be building on this year's efforts and making a few more major improvements. It will better than ever. Be sure to check us out!

Due to a change in my professional obligations, I am not able to take over the reins from No Cattle as was planned, so we held a little town meetin' and elected a new Match Director and assistant; they are Card Shark Charlie and Drover Dan. I am sure they will do a great job. Many thanks to No Cattle for all his years of service. No Cattle and I will still be around to help out as much as they need us and schedules permit.

Anyone that is interested; We will be having our Cowboy New Years celebration at the club again this year. BYOB and a snack to pitch in, with \$5 at the door per person to cover paper, ice, etc. We will have an airsoft indoor shooting gallery, cards, games, and good times. Contact Card Shark or m'self for details if'n ya want to attend.

Merry Christmas to all!

# Case Harden



## A Note from the Webmaster ---

Please note that my e-mail address has changed to laportelil@speednetllc.com I no longer use the MSN e-mail address so please do not send anything there. You may still click on the various webmaster links on the website and that mail will be routed to me. Thanks in advance.

## **DSC-Rocky River Regulators**

On October 20/21st, the DSC Cowboy's hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 2-Day Match in the town of Rocky River. It was the event of the year. After all the meetings and all the preparations, the Cowboy's were greeted to the best October weekend weather a person could ask for. The day started out with a hearty breakfast served up by our very own DSC club volunteers. As the morning wore on, the 62 registered shooters were treated to a number of side matches to take the edge off before the big match. They were offered free speed pistol, speed rifle, fastest shotgun and person on person events, in a number of our bays as part of the registration. It was a great way for the Cowboy's to pass the time and hone their skills before the long match ahead. The match started out with the Pledge of Allegiance and the mandatory safety meeting headed up by our match director Jim Estes (a.k.a. Terrebonne Bud). Then it was off to do some shootin'. During the match I waded through a sea of gun carts and heard an occasional "Cleeeean" report being belted out as another shooter hit all the targets. Later that day we were once again greeted by another group of DSC club volunteers who judged our chili cook off dinner. These brave souls risked their stomach linings to judge the batches of chili brought in by a number of contestants. Once the judging was over, it was time to relax and have some dinner after a long day of shooting. But the day wasn't over! As the sun went down the campfire was lit and the remaining shooters were treated to casual conversation and camaraderie. As a bonus, there was a candle light shoot held in one of the bays.

The next day, the shooters were well rested and ready to pound out another 5 stages. We had some of the top shooters from all over the state including Ohio and Canada. When all the hootin' and hollerin' was over, the top three shooters overall were; Dodge City Dick 1<sup>st</sup> place, Hole N Hat came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Shoulda Dun Gun taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We also had a number of Cowboy's finish with a clean match and they were; Onyx, Andy

Horshurodinon, Lue Dee Kriss and Goatlips. Way to go Cowboy's. The DSC would like to thank everyone who came to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2 Day Match and look forward to seeing you next year.

In November 38 shooters came to the town of Rocky River for our Thanksgiving Match. When the smoke cleared the top three shooters overall were Faygo Kid 1<sup>st</sup>, Dodge City Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Moe Gunns came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. That month we also had a number of shooters with a clean match. They were: Faygo Kid, Mike Fink, Camptown, Dar B Shureshot, Rodent, Horse Keeper and Goatlips. Yee Haw!

When the match was over and our gear was put away the shooters were treated to a Rocky River tradition, Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with all the trimmings. There was turkey and stuffing and mashed potatoes and gravy and rolls and..... You get the picture. It was a feast fit for a king. Many thanks go out to The Lady, Batwing Betty and all the people who helped prepare such a wonderful meal.

The DSC Cowboy's, normally hold regular weekly Saturday practices to optimize their skills 12 months a year. Our winter hours are now being held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. until April 2008. Heck, we'll even be practicing on the Saturday before Christmas and the Saturday after Christmas. So don't practice at the monthly match, come on down and join us.

Our next two Cowboy Action monthly matches will be held on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2008. Spectators are encouraged to join us at our matches. Remember to bring eyes and ears. That's all I have for now. So, keep your spirits up and your bullets down range.

Happy Holidays!

Shotgun Willy



## **Spring Round-up in Mason County**

It was like home on the range for the October Cowboy Action Shoot for the Mason County Marshals hosting their final match for 2007. Twenty-five shooters showed up to chili weather at the start of the shoot. Thankfully the Marshals had a fire going to warm the cowboys and warm up they did. They warmed up to some great competition on a unique variety of targets and scenarios. On a couple of the stages, shooters had a choice as to which targets to shoot with which guns and the possibility of not having to use their shotgun. When the shooting was over, the cowboys ended the day chili. Or, should I say filled themselves with chili and corn bread prepared by Miss Elaineous.

When the dust had settled and the smoke had cleared, Deuce Stevens was declared the top gun for the day. Category winners were as follows: Open: Deuce Stevens, Senior: Lightning Wayne, Ladies Traditional: K J Stevens, 49r: Doc Noper, Gunfighter: Cayuse Jack, Modern: Ketchum Quick, B-Western: Dakota Fats, Senior Duelist: Lucky Lennie, Frontier Cartridge Duelist: Drover Dan, Traditional: Council Monore, Frontier Cartridge Ladies: Miss Elaineous, Ladies 49r: Lainey Mae, Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter: Hondo Dan.

Many thanks to all who came to Scottville and helped to make 2007 a great year. Hope to see you all next year along with many new faces.

Our next shoot will be on the third Saturday in April, (April 19, 2008).

Two Gun Troll

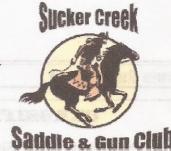


## News from out at Sucker Creek

A Winter chill has set in around the Town of Sucker Creek, it has been buttoned up and put to sleep for the Winter. We had our last shoot in October and bid adios for the cold Winter months. The town has continued to grow with a hotel, saloon and shoe repair shop going up in the cool Fall breezes. So be sure to come out in the Spring to see all that is new around town. We will be shooting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, May thru October, in 2008 (note the change). Looking forward to seeing you all then. We want to wish all of our cowboy & cowgirl pards a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

God Bless
See you on the trail

The Vicar's Wife







# **SHOOT DATE ADDED;**

Hastings has added December 8 to their shooting schedule!

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### CLASSIFIEDS

Ruger New Model Single Six .32 H&R Magnum, 5 1/2" barrel, adjustable sights, reduced springs added. Gun if from the mid-80's but looks new except for Ruger ring. Serial #650-231xx. \$375. 2 Ruger New Model Single Six .22's, 6 1/2" barrels, adjustable sights. These were originally Bisley's. Grip frame, trigger and hammer have been replaced with ones from Ruger Single Six .32 with short grips. Reduced springs have been added. Boxes and locks included. Test fired only. Great starter revolver for Buckaroo or Buckarette. \$295 each or \$550 for the pair.

Contact: Shoulda Dun Gun (Charlie) 517-622-4372 or Cmchapman 7@aol.com

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