

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Although it is hard to believe by looking at the thermometer as I write this letter, cowboy action shooting season is upon us. The new calendars have been printed and all renewing members should receive their calendars shortly. My daughter Emily was primarily responsible for designing and assembling the calendar based upon the information provided by the clubs. If you like the calendar, please let Emily know at egillary@gillarylaw.com. If you don't like it please don't contact her. She works for me and I see her everyday.

I would like to congratulate Deuce Stevens on his fine showing at Winter Range. Deuce finished second and had the fastest overall time. I suspect that Deuce may be bringing back some ideas from Winter Range to use at Range War this year.

I would again like to recommend that our members travel outside of their local clubs and experience what else is out there in the world of cowboy action shooting. This has several benefits. Some of these include meeting new people; seeing new stages and shooting scenarios; different props; new vendors; traveling to new and different shooting ranges; and probably one of my favorite reasons, having a Road Trip!!

The Lady and I will be heading to Kentucky in May for the Kentucky State Championship. This is a nice way to get a little R&R, see some of our shooting buddies from other states and also to meet some new pards. The snake stomping contest is worth the trip. Last year they also had some good old fashioned Blue Grass music which was a pleasure to listen to.

Planning is well underway for Range War this year. The stages will feature story lines from the Western stories of Michigan's own Elmore "Dutch" Leonard including 3:10 to Yuma. I sus-

pect that Dutch Leonard will agree with me that the original was much better and truer to the genre than the remake.

That is about all that I have for now. Please do not forget to thank our veterans. Their sacrifices have made it possible for us to enjoy the freedom to live in the finest country in the history of the world and do what we do.

Shoot safe,
fast and clean.

R.J. Law



Notes from Webmaster; Laporte Lil

Program Administrator Needed

I've had a great time administering the Clean Match Program for the past three years but am stepping down after the June 29th Wolverine Rangers membership shoot in Hastings. This is an appropriate time to make a switch as it is the end of the 2007-2008 clean match cycle. This is not a difficult or time consuming job, it's just a matter of making sure you have received clean match information for each scheduled shoot and putting that information into a spreadsheet. I will provide the procedures and a copy of the Excel spreadsheet that I have used.

Monthly Match Registrations

I'm in the process of getting monthly match registration forms on the website so shooters can download them, fill them out and take them to the shoot of their choice. Might save pards time at registration.

If you have questions please contact me at laportelil@speednetllc.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Headlines from the web

COWBOY FAST DRAW - The Johnson Creek Regulators will be holding Cowboy Fast Draw at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association this spring. You will need a fast hand, quick eye, a .45 caliber single action pistol and holster to participate. We will provide all the ammunition. For more information on this sport see the www.cowboyfastdraw.com website or you may contact Smiling Bear at smiling.bear@yahoo.com

SOUTHERN ONTARIO ROUNDUP, JULY 12 & 13 - Our Canadian pards will be hosting the Southern Ontario Roundup on July 12 and 13 at Sombra, Ontario. Registration is limited to the first 125 shooters. Match fees for U.S. competitors are reduced to \$70 (compared to \$95 for Canadians) as you are required to pay a \$25 fee at Customs when entering Canada. Go to their website at <http://www.lambtonsportsman.com/> for all the details on requirements and forms. Let's support our Canadian pards just as they support us at Range War!

WOMEN ATTENDING RANGE WAR 2008 - We are offering an afternoon Ladies' Tea Party on Friday, August 29, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (side match day). We will be serving both iced and hot tea, cakes, finger sandwiches, cookies, candy, etc. There will be door prizes, entertainment and an opportunity to socialize and relax. We want to invite all ladies and girls whether they are shooters or non-shooters. We hope to make this an annual social event and something else to look forward to at our state shoot. Please contact Elsie Rose at lcrose55@sbcglobal.net with any comments, suggestions, or historical information pertaining to the social lives of women during the Victorian Era in the Old West. Be sure to sign-up by checking the box for the Ladies Tea Party under Banquet Fees on the [Range War 2008 application](#).

Lapeer Wranglers

Here's hoping that the return of Spring finds you all in good health and ready to return to our outdoor shooting season beginning in April. The Wolverine Ranger and the Lapeer County Sportsman's Club websites both have our March/April shoot dates and times plus other information needed for making pleasurable visits to "Wrangerville." We look forward to providing matches that are safe and enjoyable for all shooters. Target placement will continue in the manner we have followed during the winter shooting schedule. (i.e.; close! and any small targets will be optional and "off the clock.")

Please note that our annual two day match will take place in May this year. We decided that we would try a cooler weather month this year plus we would not be trying to compete with bigger matches like End of Trail. Our prices for both the Great Lakes Match #11 and our monthly matches have not increased for several years and we look forward to holding the line again this year. We do have some more good news to pass on to you: Our club has decided to improve the road leading from the rifle range down to and throughout Wrangerville. We will have a firmer surface so it will be easier to move our carts in that area. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to use our trailer to assist shooters to get "up the hill" after each shoot. Please take note of our schedule on the websites, and yes we realize that our Oct. & Nov. matches are "back to back."

Wall-Man



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Johnson Creek Regulators

Well pards, our first shoot of the 2008 season had to be canceled due to heavy snow fall and cold weather, so we will try again next month on April 26th. I would like to let all the Wolverine Rangers know that our home range the Western Wayne County Conservation Association will be celebrating the 70th anniversary on July 19th. The Johnson Creek Regulators will be giving a demo on cowboy action shooting and there will be a demo on cowboy fast draw. There will a lot of activities going on all day, so we want to put out a big cowboy invitation to the Wolverine Rangers to come out and join us for a great day.

Our next shoot will be April 26th. Registration starts at 8am, the match starts at 10am. The weather should be better so come out and join us. See all you cowboys and cowgirls then. Thank You so much!

Well that's all for now. This is the Old Ranger saying; Adios and Happy Trails

Ranger Jack

Rockford Regulators

Howdy Pards!

Like I mentioned in the last Epitaph; the Rockford Regulators will be presenting a lot of shooting opportunities this year. (We just can't seem to get enough!) We hope everyone will have the opportunity to ride with our Posses' this year, no matter what your schedule may be. And don't miss Gun 'N Fun! Applications are now available for the annual 2-day Rockford Gun 'N Fun shoot to be held on May 31st to June 1st.

See the Wolverines Rangers website or pick one up at the next Rockford shoot on April 5th.

Case Harden

A.P. Goodrich

Howdy pards! Hopefully by the time you read this, the frozen north will be thawing out and you will be thinking about the upcoming match season. As you may have guessed by reading my last few articles, I am a devoted student of the single shot rifle. I remember about 15 years ago when I entered my first B.P.Ctg. Silhouette match at Ithaca. I was nervous; No familiar faces in sight, new game, no experience....I'm sure you remember how you felt at your first cowboy match. Fortunately for me, shooters everywhere are just about the friendliest bunch of people around. People went out of their way to help me in any way they could; Letting me try out their rifles, giving me casting and loading tips, etc. I can assure you, this pilgrim really needed help! I hit a grand total of ONE animal out of 40 at that match. The one thing I new for certain on the way home was that I was BIT BY THE BUG! Rather than be discouraged by my dismal score, I decided to work on things and come back the next month to see if I could improve. (It would be hard to do much worse anyways). It took a while but within a few years I was breaking into the double digit scores (over 10 animals hit!) It was a major accomplishment then when the winning scores were in the low 20's. I realized that I was only competing against myself and I could see real improvement. This game was really hard! What slowly dawned on me was that I had become a better bullet caster, better re-loader and a better shot offhand and from the sticks because it WAS so hard.

When I started shooting the Mid and Long Range matches I quickly realized that I was back at square one. I didn't know squat about the effects of wind drift and mirage. Scores were low, but through the years and lots of trial and error (mostly error) my scores went up.

Now I'm askin' you cowpokes for forgiveness for makin' you read this boring narrative of my shooting history, but I wanted to illustrate to you one thing (and I will probably be the guest of honor at

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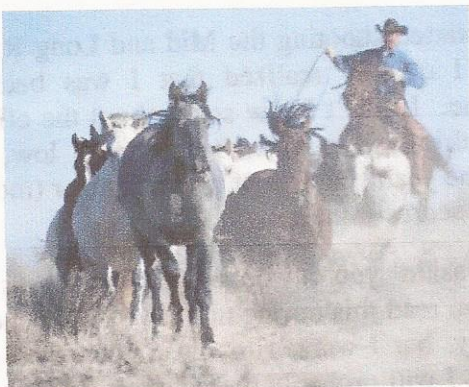
a neck tie party for saying this)-----IF YOU LIMIT YOURSELF TO 100 OR 200 YARD EVENTS YOU ARE NEVER, EVER, GOING TO GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF SKILL! !!!! (I hear the lynch mob coming) I understand that Long Range Shooting will not appeal to most cowboys and girls, and that's ok, but some of you who read this will understand that there is something about hitting a target at long range that just tickles your fancy.

For those of you who want to be modern day "Quigleys", we have scheduled the first Cowboy and B.P. Ctg. Long Range Seminar to be held at our range at Ithaca on May 18. Yeah, I know that there is probably a cowboy match you wanted to go to being held somewhere on the same day, but think of this. How many cowboy matches will you go to this year? How many Long Range Seminars will you get to attend ever? Get my drift pard?

The 3 speakers who will be there hold 8 Black Powder Target Rifle National Records between them. They've been there and done that and they are willing to share with you all they know about casting, loading, and shooting the big single shot rifles. You will never have a better opportunity to take advantage of their experience. If you want a flyer with all the details, e-mail me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com

'TILL NEXT TIME.....

El Guano



DSC-Rocky River Regulators

Finally, after being iced out of February's match, the weather was great for our March St. Patty's day match. All the cowboy leprechauns came out to play. Faygo Kid took advantage of the sunshine and found the pot of gold placing first overall. Moe Gunns and R. J. Law were right behind him on the rainbow, taking second and third. The cowboys with the luck of the four leaf clover were Dar B Shureshot, Onyx, Sixgun Scotsman and Goatlips, who shot clean matches.

The talk around the town of Rocky River is the coming of a brothel. The cowboys think it's great, the cowgirls aren't so sure. Thanks to Faygo, the teamsters have delivered the materials. The carpenters are getting anxious to start building as soon as the snow melts. I'm sure all will enjoy the companionship and entertainment at the new building. Batwing Betty has lovingly answered our call for a Madam.

Cold Coffee Jack No is working up in the hills digging up plans for a silver mine. It sounds as though he will also have a cold coffee camp for the workers along side it. We are all hoping his pickaxe will get working soon.

For April we plan on having our first silhouette match of the season on Saturday the 19th at high noon. On Sunday the 20th we'll hold our normal monthly match. For information on either of these matches contact Terrebonne Bud at (248) 709-5254 or terrebonnebud@comcast.net.

We hope to see you all soon at Rock River.

Terrebonne Bud



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Straight Shots From Saginaw

The calendar says spring is finally here and as our pard, Elsie Rose says, YAHOO!!! For any of you pards that get that shooting itch during the middle of the week, you're more than welcome to join us at our Wednesday night practices, starting on April 16th and every Wednesday evening after that, through September. We start at 5:00 p.m. (or whenever you can get there) and shoot 'til dark or we run out of ammo. Cost is \$5.00 for non-Field & Stream members or \$3.00 if you belong to Field & Stream. All harassment is FREE. We plan on using two of our bays in the wooded lower range. The club gate will be open and the targets a waitin'. We'd love to have you join in the fun.

We will again have 3 match shoots in Saginaw this year. We ran into some shooting schedule conflicts on the calendar and have moved our match shoots up a couple weeks from last year's. We'll be shooting on May 10, July 12 and September 13. We have a lot of fun planned, some new props to amuse you, and, of course, those well-known BIG targets. We sure hope you can attend and join in the fun and fellowship with your cowboy pards.

Spring is also the time for gun shows. This is the 6th year we will be heading for the Midland Gun Show to promote cowboy action shooting. The location has been changed this year to the Midland Fair Grounds, (off US-10) in the Gerstacker Building, on April 26th, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 with free parking. Grub is available to purchase there. Stop in and say howdy if you're passing by our table.

This year is an important year in many ways. Along with the Presidential election, the 2nd. Amendment is going to be defined by the Supreme Court. This will set a precedent to whether a citizen has the right to carry a gun. Every pard should get involved and follow this gun issue with great interest and concern.

Another important event to get involved in this year is your Wolverine Rangers Range War 10th

Anniversary. We would encourage members to volunteer and share in making this a fun-filled time for everyone, members and guests alike.

Hope to see you on the range this summer, and remember to live life; give it your best shot.

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

News from out at Sucker Creek

Spring is here, the calendar says so, and we are getting ready for our 2008 shooting season!

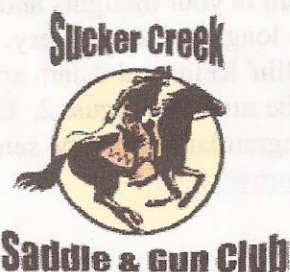
We have 2 clean-up days planned, April 29th and May 3rd, an extra hand always makes the work lighter, and we always have a lot of "cowboy fun". Come join us if you aren't busy.

We will be shooting the 3rd Saturday of each month this year, May thru October. We have lowered our prices, still with all the same good times and lunch too. We have a lot of unique targets, with more in the planning stages. The Vicar has been busy making props this Winter, and Wrangler has been getting our signs all spiffied up.

Check out our website www.suckercreek.org for pictures, articles, and directions.

Hope to see you all "out at the Creek" real soon.
God Bless

The Vicar's Wife
Secretary SCS&GC





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Let's get to shootin'!

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Prayer Riders

Bad River Marty talked to Kid Surrey Wednesday, February 27. Kid Surrey is home, the triple bypass surgery and cleanup of calcium on his previous stint went good, he's doing very well and will be taking it easy for a while. You can send get well wishes to Kid Surrey, aka Harry Piggott, 7315 Gillett Road, Flushing, MI 48433.

Killin' Kelin's fiancé Adam along with his friend Jamie (his wife Andrea works in Tanqueray Kid's office) was involved in a snowmobile accident in February. Both sustained multiple injuries but are doing as well as can be expected. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel the long road to recovery. On a happier note, Killin' Kelin and Adam are engaged and planning to be married August 2. Get well wishes and/or congratulations can be sent to Killin' Kelin at kelinpro@gmail.com

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