

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy everyone! We are finalizing our preparations for Range War, which will be upon us sooner than we think. Side Matches are scheduled for Friday August 29th with the Main Match Stages on Saturday and Sunday and then the Banquet on Sunday night. I would like to remind everyone to be sure and plan to attend the Juni Fisher concert on Saturday night after the chili dinner at the club house. I have heard Juni sing and I have most of her CDs. She is very good and is guaranteed to please. Please try to make time to attend the concert.

We also have a special opening ceremony planned for this year. I am hoping that it comes off the way it is planned. It should be impressive. That is all that I am going to say about that but it should be nice.

The shooting scenarios should be posted on the Wolverine Rangers website shortly at www.wolverinerangers.org. We have expanded on our idea of posting the shooting scenarios which we started last year. This year we will be posting virtually the entire Shooter's Handbook. This will allow anyone to download their entire Shooter's Handbook in advance of Range War. We are interested in getting some feedback on this idea. It could be a significant cost savings for the Wolverine Rangers if most shooters were able to download the Shooter's Handbook, as we would be able to print fewer of them. Please drop me an email, a snail mail note or phone call and let me know what you think about this. My email address is rgillary@gillarvlaw.com and my mailing address is 201 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 1020, Troy, Michigan, 48084. My work phone number (best way to reach me during the day) is 248-528-0440 and my cell phone for after work hours is 248-379-8297. As far as I know we are the first big shoot to

post the shooting scenarios and the Shooter's Handbook on the website.

The Raffle tickets for the pair of stainless steel Ruger Vaqueros in .38/.357 engraved by Jim Downing, are selling very well. If you have not had the opportunity to purchase any tickets at your local shoots don't worry. There will be plenty of tickets for sale at Range War. We should have a picture posted of the guns on the website soon.

We are in great need of volunteers for Friday's side matches. Please contact Killin Kelin and let her know if you will be available to help out. This is a totally volunteer run organization and State Championship. It will not work without the help of a lot of people. That is one of the nice things about this sport. We have the best people who enjoy having a good time and pitching in to make things work.

Well that is about all that I have for now. I hope to see everyone at our 10th Anniversary Range War.

Please take a moment and give your sons and daughters a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them. Also, please say a prayer for our service men and women and women fighting for your freedom. I would also like to ask for a special prayer for my nephew Grant Gillary (aka Navy Bean). He is being deployed to Iraq as I write this. He is a Marine in 1st Recon and we are all very proud of him.

Shoot straight, fast and clean and stay safe

R.J. Law

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Lapeer County Wranglers

Great Lakes Match #11

The match was held over Memorial Day weekend May 24 & 25 rather than on the traditional last full weekend in June. The reasoning behind this move was a request by several members of the Wranglers to see if we could escape some or most of the usually extremely hot weather that the end of June seems to feature. Most of us Wrangler's and our faithful shooters are either seniors or pretty close to that "magic age." I think if the truth were known 99.99% of our shooters favor cooler weather regardless of their age. The weatherman cooperated to the fullest, temperatures in the 70's to low 80's were present throughout the weekend.

Saturday dawned bright and clear with an excellent day for shooting. 48 shooters joined our three pos- ses headed up by Andy Horshurodinon, Bean Counter Slim, and Tucco-Cockroach. The first five stages were held in the woods as they were in previous years. The stages were completed between 2pm & 2:30pm leaving enough time for those cowboys who wanted to shoot the Side Matches to blast away to their heart's content.

The Side Match Winners were as follows:

- .22 Pistol; Wasyl Traveler
- Pocket Pistol; Rotten Rob
- .22 Rifle & Long Range Pistol;
- Terrebonne Bud
- Derringer; Beerbelly Willie
- Long Range Rifle-Big Bore;
- Flatwater Johnny
- Long Range Rifle-Lever Action;
- Andy Horshurodinon
- Long Range Rifle-Pistol Caliber;
- Tres Hombres
- Man-On-Man ; No Buk Chuck

The money collected from the Man-On-Man Shoot enabled the Wranglers to donate \$100 to the Kimberly Gillary Foundation.

The cowboys circled the wagons around 6pm at the clubhouse for our traditional Saturday evening

meal and costume contest. This year's head cook was Sinful Cindy, our own Cindy Irwin. She was assisted by her daughter Katie Irwin, and Darlene & John McClain. The food was excellent! During dinner the costume contest was judged and the winners were:

- Best Dressed Town Persons;
- Horse Whisper & Hawk Woman
- Best Dressed Jr. Cowgirl; Little Brain
- Best Dressed Jr. Cowboy; Coyote Kyle
- Best Dressed Cowgirl; Cactus Kay
- Best Dressed Cowboy; Bull Redding

Sunday's weather was a repeat of Saturday. The final stages were shot over a changed course of fire from the previous 10 years matches. A new feature prop (thanks to Van Starkey & Carl Roper) was the brand new one-holer outhouse used on stage 6. All the shooters seemed to welcome the chance to sit down and do their shooting while seated on the throne. The highlight of the day was watching Horsekeeper attempting to throw the roll of toilet paper into a bucket which had an opening of at least 4ft. and missing with the roll winding up 20ft. away at the first row of targets!

Stage #10 was also a creation of 'Starkey Custom Creations.' The Vanwagon managed to find its way from King's Mill to L.C.S.C. We were introduced to the Vanwagon last year and took great pleasure in shooting various targets from it. There was more of the same this year featuring the two poppers which when hit caused a clay bird to be thrown into the air which also had to be hit to complete the stage. I heard of varying degrees of success and failure with these "true tests of the shooters skill." Please rest assured that these "tests" will remain on the program in the future.

Scores were totaled and results printed while the shooters kept busy trying to bust 4X4s in half with rifles & shotguns from the Vanwagon. After busting most of the 4X4's in half, shooters gathered their equipment and came up to the clubhouse to see who were the class and overall winners.

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They were:

Overall Match Winner; Clay Creek
 Senior Match Winner; Cody Wales
 B-Western Match Winner; No Buk Chuck
 Woman's Match Winner; Cactus Kay
 49er Match Winner; Rattlesnake Kid
 Gunfighter Match Winner;
 Andy Horshurodinon
 Traditional Match Winner;
 Bean Counter Slim
 Duelist Match Winner; Beerbelly Willie
 Jr. Match Winner; Left Eye Leroy
 Classic Cowboy Match Winner;
 Four Finger Carl
 Modern Match Winner; Tucco Cockroach

Special thanks should be given to the people who helped the Wranglers' make this event a success. Also, a very special thank you to all our banner sponsors.

A great time was had by all shooters and helpers and hopefully we'll see more of you for Great Lakes Match #12 in 2009.

Wall-Man

Straight Shots From Saginaw

We've been busy in Saginaw building stage props for Range War and on July 25th, we transported a trailer full of stages to Port Huron. Thanks to each Saginaw pard who lent a hand in gettin'er done. We're excited about Range War's 10th Anniversary and are looking forward to some great shooting and fun activities.

Speakin' of which, we are looking for a few good men or women to help work at the side-match Shotgun Stage. You only need to work for 1 hour on Friday and it's not hard to do. If'n you're interested in volunteering, contact Katie or Marty at mnbbell@yahoo.com and we'll fill ya in. Thank ya kindly, in-advance!!!

Everyone is invited to our last shoot of the season

on Saturday, September 13th. If you haven't been to Saginaw, we hope you'll join us in having "more fun than should be allowed." You won't want to miss this one. Also, our Wednesday night practices are seeing a lot of action on the lower, wooded range and you are more than welcome to join in the fun.

At our July 12th match, we had 7 clean shooters: Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, K.J. Stevens, Ruby Red Jo, Secondhand Jack, Grizzly Bear Pete, and Ambling Rogue. Great shooting, Pards! Top Over-All Shooter was Deuce Stevens. Our Top Five Ladies were K.J. Stevens, Katie Callahan, Ruby Red Jo, Cactus Kay and Laporte Lil. Top Five Gents were Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Lightning Wayne, Bad River Marty, and Andy. The weather was shaky at the start but soon turned into a great day for shooting and having fun.

It's a known fact that we love to have fun in Saginaw. In mid-July, our No Buk Chuck turned another year older. To be kind, we won't mention how many years "young" he is, but we did get to turn the tables on him and surprised him with a birthday party, complete with a "roast and toast" and a flaming cake that almost burnt down our pistol building. He survived it all quite well, especially for an "old" prairie fairy.

Summer is speeding by way too quickly so get out there and enjoy the day. There are shoots to attend, cook-outs to savor with friends, and even an August election thrown in to keep things sizzlin'. And, of course there's the highlight of Michigan's cowboy action shooting ...the 10th. Anniversary of Range War!

So, remember...live life. Give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Wolverine Rangers Club News

A.P. Goodrich

On August 9 the A.P. Goodrich R&P Club will be hosting the Single Shot Shooting cowboys of Michigan at the 2nd Annual Cowboy Silhouette State Championship. The cowboys will shoot alongside of the regular crowd but will shoot in their own class, have their own awards and have the option of using either black or smokeless powder. By request, cowboy attire is optional. Firing is done at 200 meters offhand, and 300-385 and 500 meters from sitting or prone cross sticks. If you have a big single shot rifle and have a hanker' to use it knockin' over steel critters, come on up and shoot with us. The top 3 cowboy long range silhouette shooters in Michigan will be determined at this match ... just remember this ... if you don't come you won't be one of them! Results in the October issue.

The Black Powder Target Rifle Ultimate Long Range Championship was held on June 28 & 29 at Camp Grayling. Long range shooters from all over the region gathered to compete for the honor of having their name engraved on the coveted "Governor's Trophy". The rain shortened match ended up consisting of two 15 shot and two 10 shot stages all fired from the 1000 yard line. The wind was pretty consistent on both days blowing at 10-20 mph from the southwest (from our 8 o'clock). Quartering head and tailwinds usually give shooters' fits and there was certainly no exception to that here. Moans and groans could be heard all up and down the firing line as bullets went high and low and left and right of the 6X6 foot target. When the lead stopped flying and all the cipherin' was done, El Guano won the championship and was presented with the Governor's Trophy.

On July 11,12 and 13 the N.R.A. Great Lakes Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette Regional Championship was held at our own A.P. Goodrich Range in Ithaca, MI. B.P.C. shooters from as far away as Kentucky, Illinois and Wisconsin came to compete for the gold, silver and bronze medals

which were to be awarded for the best scope and iron sight aggregate scores shot over the 3 day 120 shot match. The weather conditions ranged from dead calm and sunny to cloudy with thunderstorms to sunny accompanied by 20-30 mph winds. When all the shootin' was done, our own El Guano was awarded the gold medal for the best aggregate score in scope class. For info on Cowboy Silhouette - Mid or Long Range Matches contact me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com

El Guano

News from out at Sucker Creek

This has been a great season of shooting at Sucker Creek. We have had 3 monthly matches so far and had over 50 shooters at the last two. Work continues to progress at the town of Sucker Creek, new loading and unloading tables are being constructed, there have been several new businesses open, The Golden Horse Saloon, Harvey Evans' Shoe Shop, Mt Forest Ron & Cree Vicar Dave's Cartage Co, and Madame Orr's House. The town is growing and new things happen each month. Check out our website, www.suckercreek.org, for pictures and news of upcoming events.

Top Shooters for June were Doc Roy L Pain, Deuce Stevens, Lightning Wayne, Doc Noper & Red Beard Bandit. We had six clean matches. They were, Ambling Rogue, Beer Belly Willie, Dakota Fats, Doc Roy L Pain, Second Hand Jack & Wolverine Jack.

Top shooters for July were Doc Roy L Pain, Two Rig A Tony, Shoulda Dun Gun, Katie Callahan & Lucky Lennie. Four Cowboys shot clean in July, they were Andy Horshurodinon, Doc Roy L Pain, No Cattle & Wolverine Jack.

We have lots of fun and good shooting, come join us "Out at the Creek" real soon, our next match is August 16th, see ya all there. God Bless.

The Vicar's Wife



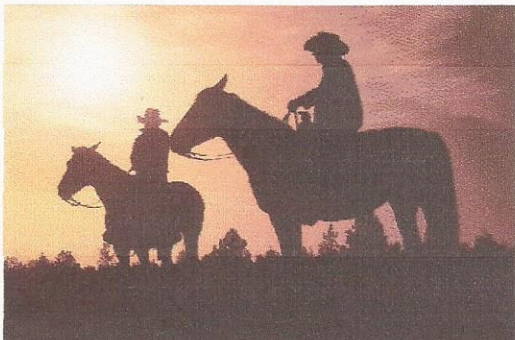
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There's a Range War a'comin'!

RO II (and/or RO I) ANYONE?

Anyone interested in taking an RO II class that is not planning on doing it at Range War, contact Dakota Doc or Cactus Kay at 810-733-8454 or e-mail at docandkay@yahoo.com.

We would be willing to set up classes if there is enough interest. Also any club that wants a class, at their club, can contact us. Please leave your contact information.



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