

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I am writing this from the SASS Convention in Las Vegas on Thursday December 4th. We have had one of the three sessions of the Territorial Governor's Summit meetings. The process is interesting but there is a lot of wasted time which is frustrating to me. It is nice to see some of our shooting friends from around the country and to talk to the Wild Bunch members here. Frankly, the face time with the powers that be in SASS is beneficial for the Wolverine Rangers.

I would like to say thanks to the clubs who turned in proxies so that I can submit your votes for your club. This will ensure that our shooters in Michigan can have a voice in the Agenda items for the Territorial Governor's Summit. We will get the results on Saturday December 6th. As soon as I have the results I will forward them to Laporte Lil so that she can post them on the website. While I am at it I would like to thank Laporte Lil for all the work that she does on our website. She does a great job. Please say thanks to her when you see her for all of us.

We are looking at some cost cutting for 2009. One of the items that we are seriously looking at is trying to reduce the cost of postage and by relying on electronic communication to a greater degree. We will provide more details to you once any decisions are finalized.

We are also in the process of putting the calendar together for next year. We are asking all of the clubs to get their schedules to me within the next 2 weeks.

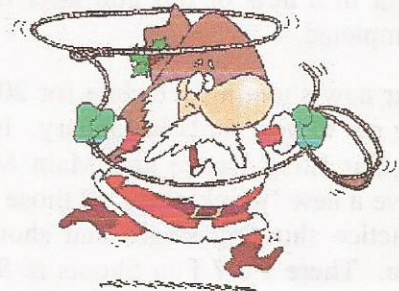
Please look for a survey from the Wolverine Rangers early in 2009. The Board will be looking for input from the membership as to what we can do to make the Wolverine Rangers a better organization for our individual members and for our member clubs. Please don't be bashful with your sugges-

tions as to what we can do to improve.

This is also the time of the year for us to look back on the year and to be thankful for the gifts that we have been given. It looks like the economic situation in Michigan is not going to get a lot better in the near term. When things get tough it helps to count your blessings. I am thankful for the love of my family and friends and for the freedom that we have in this country to play our sport and to live our lives. I am also thankful for the soldiers that have fought and died for us and for those who are still in harms way. We are the land of the free because of the brave.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season.

R.J. Law



**NOTICE;
HASTINGS CANCELS
DECEMBER 13th SHOOT!**

**STAY TUNED
FOR 2009 DATES.**



Wolverine Rangers Club News

Lapeer Wranglers 17th

Just a few lines from Lapeer concerning the Winter League and 2009 Shoot Schedule. Our Winter League begins on Dec. 14, 2008. January 12th, February 8th, & March 15th are the other dates. The dates are somewhat different from what is posted on the W.R. website, please use this new set of dates.

Our banquet at Lennie Miller's will be on March, 21, 2009. Remember gun carts are not required for the Winter League. All shooting will take place at the new pistol building and there are rifle racks for your guns. We will shoot three main stages and have an optional side-match for all those interested after the stages are completed. Our first side-match involves using .22 rifles; bring yours and some ammo and have some fun! Also, the pistol range is usually open for anyone who desires to sight in a new or old gun after the side-match is completed.

Our new shooting schedule for 2009 will be coming out to you pards in January. In addition to our regular Long Range and Main Matches, we will have a new 'wrinkle' for all those who enjoy some practice shooting stages and shooting .22 silhouette. There are 7 Fun Shoots & Silhouette Shoots between April and October, (both these events are on the same days--Saturdays). We tried a few of these combined this past summer and they worked out real well. Several of our L.C.S.C. club members who don't shoot Cowboy came to try the silhouette shooting and were very pleased with the setup and stated they will be back to shoot with us in 2009.

Wall-Man



A.P. Goodrich

Howdy Partners, the purpose of this new Bi-monthly column is to impart some knowledge of the care and management of the single shot rifle in practice and competition. Believe me, I have made just about every mistake you can make. If I can keep some of you from goofing up then I will consider this column a success.

There are basically 3 common styles to choose from the Winchester High-Wall, the Remington Rolling Block and the '74 Sharps. The High-Wall has the strongest action, the '74 and the "Roller" are somewhat less strong but in modern steels with modest loads the action strength isn't really an issue. If you shoot a Springfield Trapdoor the action strength is DEFINITELY an issue. Black Powder loads in a Trapdoor should be ok. But you really have to be careful if you shoot smokeless. Old Steel and an excessive smokeless charge and your old musket might wind up in pieces (you too!). Have a competent gunsmith inspect your trap door if you intend to shoot it. Basically, get whatever action type that appeals to you.

A 30 inch heavy weight barrel in round, 1/2 or full octagon is good. Longer barrels increase weight and give you a better sight radius. Heavy also helps to absorb recoil. A straight grip is good but you might find that a pistol grip is more "controllable." Set triggers are nice but a CRISP 3 or 4 pound single trigger is ok. (Rifles with heavy triggers are harder to shoot well). If you have a choice, get a rifle with a shotgun butt-plate. The Military butt plate and the rifle (curved) butt plate are narrower and usually have corners at the top that end up burrowing into your shoulder. OUCH!! A great way to not have fun and develop a flinch at the same time.

Your caliber choices will usually be limited to 38-55, 40-65, or 45-70. 38-55 is a great caliber, accurate, with not much recoil, but won't take down rams at 500 meters 100% of the time. It is also wind sensitive at the longer distances. 40-65 is popular, accurate and shoots through wind better than the 38-55. It is great for use out to 600 yards with 400 grain bullets. The 45-70 is probably the most popular, has a great selection of bullets to choose from and is accurate out to 1000 yards using 500+ grain bullets and lots of powder. The 45-90 is an all 'round excellent caliber. It does everything the 45-70 does only better. However, there is a price. RE-COIL! If you can't manage recoil do not buy a 45-90.

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Straight Shots From Saginaw

Elections are finally behind us and Christmas is just around the corner. A new year awaits us, perhaps with some uncertainty, but one thing's for sure, having great cowboy fun at Saginaw is our continued goal in the new year.

We had our annual pot luck in late October, and our pards have tentatively set our 2009 shoot dates for May 23, July 3&4, and August 29. We also discussed some great fun ideas and maybe even another new bay to handle those bad guys that are always lurking about. And, of course, those wickedly big targets will be around to challenge even the best of you pards.

This past year has been a busy and exciting one. The Ranger's 10th. Anniversary was great but rumor has it, YOU can add YOUR special talent or time to make 2009 Range War the best one yet.

If you've never shot at our Saginaw club, here's your invitation. And, for our pards who keep coming back, we thank ya kindly and will see ya in the new year! From all the Six-Shooters in Saginaw, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a new year filled with good health, lots of laughter and straight shooting! God bless you all and, remember to live life.... Give it your best shot.

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Now read this and read it good ... DO NOT BUY A 45-100, 45-110 or especially a 45-120 or 50-90 unless you are willing to put in the time to really master it. Save these guns for later if you have to have one. Just have fun for now. Make sure your rifle weighs 12 lbs. or less so you can eventually shoot Cowboy Silhouette (there is a 12 lb. 2 oz weight limit).

Your rifle will probably come with the standard blade front and buckhorn rear sights. These are great for hunting and informal shooting out to 100 yards but really won't cut the mustard for ACCURATE shooting at 200 yards and beyond. The problem here is you could spend another \$500 or more or your hard earned dollars on a decent Vernier tang sight and aperture

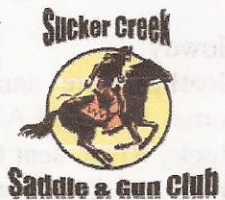
News from out at Sucker Creek

Not much happening "Out at the Creek" right now, but we had a great year of Cowboy Action Shooting™! Thanks to all of you who came out to shoot with us. Our last shoot of the year was in October and we had a great time and a good turnout. Lots of new cowboys & cowgirls joined us, some even from as far away as Australia.

Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club may be closed for the winter but plans are already being made for next year. We are always making improvements and thinking of new ways to make Cowboy Shooting more fun, although I don't know if the old ticker could handle much more fun, ha ha.

Our plans for next year are on the drawing board, our schedule should be the same, we plan to shoot the 3rd Saturday of each month, May thru October. Come join us each month for great cowboy shooting, fun and fellowship. We hope you all keep warm this winter and we wish you all the very merriest and blessed Christmas.

Don't forget to pray for our troops, especially those in harm's way.



The Vicar's Wife

front. Use your own judgment, but remember, these are an absolute must for really accurate shooting at 200 to 1000 yards. The standard aperture sight comes with about a dozen inserts to choose from. An optional spirit level will prevent you from canting (tipping) the rifle. It is nice to have but you can manage without one if you pay attention to holding the rifle plumb. It is mandatory to have one for 800-1000 yard shooting because a few degrees of cant will mean a clean miss off target. A wind gauge (windage adjustable) front sight is really only needed for long range shooting. Check out Buffaloarms.com to see the different styles that are available. Well Pards, that's enough for now.

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Merry Christmas!!

RANGE WAR 2008 PICTURES

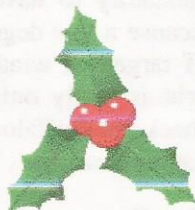
Howdy!

Goatlips here announcing that I just uploaded some 160 GREAT pictures of the Ambush at Rocky River, sent to me by KrazyKat aka Yolanda from our Canadian contingent. There's two albums, day one and day two, and her shots are wonderful, especially the Black Powder ones.

Other than KrazyKat, I haven't had much luck getting more pix from the Matthew Brady wannabees, but, well, you can lead a horse to water...

Anyhow, here they is:

<http://www.pbase.com/goatlips>



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