



WOLVERINE RANGERS EPITAPH



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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pards,

As I am writing this, The Lady and I have just returned from The Last Stand, the SASS Florida State Championship. This was the first year that we made it down there for the shoot. It was nice shooting with No Buck Chuck and Elsie Rose and seeing many of our other transplanted pards such as Shoulda Dun Gun, Ledge Lady, Led Foulin (transplanted to Arizona) and Fireball. Deuce and KJ also made the trip as did Hair Trigger Elden, Ruby Red Jo and Chili Pepper Pete.

Our pards did well. Deuce was the Overall Winner and Fireball was the Last Man Standing. Deuce shot well and beat some very good shooters. In order to win the Last Man Standing award, Fireball had to go mano a mano against 8 of the fastest shooters in the match. Fireball thanks his 87 for doing the job for him. He said that some of the matches were very close. For those of you who have never shot a man on man you should do so every chance that you get. Even though you may not have the chance to be the man on man winner, it is definitely a great experience. There is nothing more exciting than going one on one. It will definitely make you a better shooter.

Chili Pepper Pete won Classic Cowboy and Ruby Red Jo and Led Foulin came in second in their categories. KJ did not shoot this year.. She has other things on her mind. For those of you who don't know, Deuce and KJ are expecting sometime in June. That was good timing. We are expecting to have a Deuce Jr. or a little KJ to entertain us at Range War this year. Helen, Lighting Wayne's wife, is thrilled. She figures that she can be in charge of the little one rather than womanning the camera on each stage as she has faithfully done over the past several years. I think that she will like her new job better.

I would definitely recommend that all of our shooters get around and try shooting some of the

other state matches in the region as well as Guns of August, the Midwestern Regional. It is good to see what is happening at other big shoots. I know that it has helped Deuce be a better Match Director for Range War. The thing that I like about it is that other people are doing the big jobs. It is a time for me to enjoy the shoot, be away from home (hopefully with my bride) and not think about work for a few days. It also helps to broaden the horizons of our shooting friends. The best thing about this sport is the people and it is always nice to meet new shooters and to see our great country.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who make the Wolverine Rangers work. None of our officers get any remuneration of any kind but they put a lot of time into making the Rangers the one of the best CAS shooting organizations in the country. I would especially like to thank Deuce for doing a great job as Range War Match Director; Bad River Marty for being vice president / 1st Lieutenant and chief prop designer; Snareman for all of his work and expertise as treasurer; my daughter Emily for taking over the Calendar and secretarial duties for Range War; Laporte Lil for doing an exemplary job as web master; and all of the volunteers who make Range War the best State Championship in the Region. We could not do what we do without their fine work.

Shooting season will be in full swing soon and I look forward to seeing and shooting with all of you soon. Michigan has the best clubs.

I would like to close with thanking our veterans and the current members of our armed forces who make it possible for us to live in the best country in the history of the world and to enjoy our freedoms including the right to enjoy our shooting sports.

Shoot safe, fast and clean.

R.J. Law
Best regards,
R.J. Law - Captain



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

JOHNSON CREEK REGULATORS

The gang in Plymouth kicks off the 2010 cowboy season on March 27th. This year we are expanding to 8 monthly matches - March through October. We are developing new stages, some moving (anybody missing a garage opener) and some old favorites, along with new side matches and fun shoots. There is a new Marshall and Deputy in town this year. Gabby Glenn and Three Deuce Tom have taken over the town and promise big and close targets and clean matches (yeah, do ya think).

The March shoot will start with a fun side match at 9am. We are flipping a coin to see if it's the dueling tree or the poker game – weather has a big vote in the decision. Either one will be fun so bring some extra ammo. Shakey Puddin has promised some steamy chilly for the first shoot so come on out...renew ol' friendships and make some new ones.

ROCKFORD REGULATORS

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Now that the tree is down and the decorations put away what else is there to do but get ready for the next shooting season. After last year's sometimes grueling season with the overhauling of the range we are looking forward to this year. To start off the New Year we have a new match director, Ketchum Quick and Card Shark Charlie as co-match director.

We will be having a shoot in February, so mark your calendars for February 6th. This will be run like a Bare Bones shoot, with no lunch and scores will be posted later on the website. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and fees will be \$10 per shooter and juniors free.

Our April Shoot will be a Grand Reopening with a free shoot for all with a \$5.00 fee for lunch. (Hey if the retail industry can say this so can we). This is to thank everyone for putting up with the range during the renovations and hope you will enjoy our new and improved range. We've purchased 14 new shotgun

poppers, made by Doc Noper.

To add to the fun, we will be shooting six stages this year. We will be continuing with the Old Coot and Bare Bones Shoots and our annual two day shoot will be on May 22nd & 23rd with Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay teaching ROII. Looks like it's going to be a fun packed year and we hope to see you on the range.

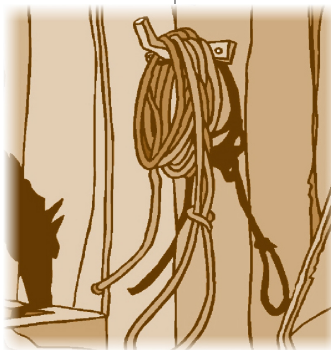
STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Well, pard, we're finally in the shortest month of the year, which means we're that much closer to spring and some serious warm-weather shooting. We're not sure what the old groundhog saw this month. For some reason, we can't put too much faith in some sleepy-eyed critter. But it doesn't really matter too much. We're counting the days to our regular Wednesday night practices, starting April 14th and looking forward to our scheduled shoots. Mark that calendar for May 29th; our two back-to-back shoots on July 31st and August 1st; and our shoot on August 28, right before Range War. Also, for you Wild Bunch shooters, we'll be having mini-matches after each of these scheduled shoots.

Sometimes spring fever hits early with the Saginaw pard, and the only way to break it is to venture out and throw some lead down-range. We'll be watching the weather, sort of like that groundhog, so we can have a few "play days" during the next couple months. It's also when we discover additional projects that need to be put on our work list...like dealing with that habitual offender, a vagrant mouse, who makes himself right at home in our target box. He's fast and cunning; really quick on his feet. Kinda reminds us of our cowboy shooters (only with a tail).

As cowboy shooters, we certainly enjoy the freedoms we have to participate in this fun sport. Holding true to the "cowboy way", let's not forget our brave men and women serving in the military, and all the volunteers giving comfort to the less fortunate here, and around the world.

Keep yer top-knot warm this winter, yer guns well-oiled and watch that calendar. The days are going fast. And nestled somewhere in the month is



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that wonderful day, Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. I always mention it as a subtle reminder. Oh....OK, you guys always remember your favorite gal. What was I thinking??? There must be someone out there who can use some prodding. ("Hey, Marty.....chocolate, flowers, new guns!!!!")

Remember to live life. Give it your best shot.
Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

D.S.C., Utica, MI

The town of Rocky River has sat very quiet so far this winter, but like spring it is ready to be awakened. The cowboys and cowgirls are planning new improvements to the town and are planning a more aggressive shooting calendar this season for everyone's enjoyment. It is time now to get your cowboy calendars out and start marking some important dates so that you can participate in all the shooting fun we are planning. *Besides our regular monthly matches held on the 3rd Sunday of each month*, we are planning to hold the following special events.

May 15, 2010 and September 18, 2010

We will be holding a 22 Silhouette Match on our 50-yard range in our cowboy town. We are not fussy--bring whatever .22 rifle you have, and we will find a category in which you can compete. We guarantee you will have fun.

June 19, 2010 and July 17, 2010

Dust off your .22 pistols and lever action rifles and try your hand at our gallery targets, our .22 clay targets, and other fun targets that will be set up. In addition, we will set up some traditional cowboy stages that you can shoot with your .22's or your regular cowboy firearms.

July 31, 2010 Wild Bunch Shoot

This Wild Bunch Shoot is a first for Rocky River, and we are planning enough categories to shoot in so everyone can come and participate. Have a 1911, perfect. Don't have a 1911, no problem, bring what you have and we will find a category to fit you into. If we don't have a category, we will make one up. This shoot is designed to allow you to

shoot some different firearms and have a great time doing it.

August 8, 2010

The Rocky River Regulators are planning a fun G.O.A tee-shirt shoot as a tune up for all the cowboys and cowgirls looking for a match prior to the Midwest SASS Regional, Guns of August. Come out in the cooler comfort of a tee-shirt and shorts and get in one more match prior to your trip to Ohio. Come and have fun even if you are not going to G.O.A.

September 25 and 26, 2010

These are the dates for the annual Ambush at Rocky River 2- day match. This match continues to be fun and fast and we hope you put it on your shooting schedule. Side match competition and 10 fun stages are hard to beat.

We will have more information posted on our club web site (www.d.s.c.org) in the future for all of these events, but mark the dates now.

Remember-these are additional shooting events. Rocky River invites you to shoot each month with us at our regular monthly match on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Stay warm, keep reloading; it is only one more month until **March 21, 2010** when the town of Rocky River holds its first monthly match of 2010 and we start another fun shooting season. See you on the range.

J.J. Longley

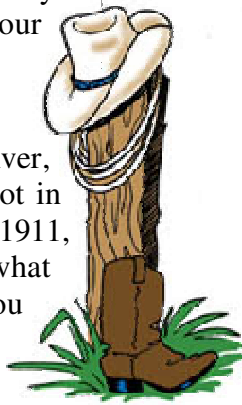
UPCOMING SHOOTS

February Shoots

6th Rockford Bare Bones Style
 14th Lapeer Winter League

March Shoots

6th Rockford Regular Match
 21st Lapeer Winter League
 21st Utica Regular Match
 27th Plymouth Regular Match
 27th Lapeer Winter League
 Banquet at Millers





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- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

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- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets
- Requests to receive Epitaph by mail

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- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

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