



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

HOWDY PARDS,

Howdy Pardes,

Hopefully you have all seen my email which we sent to all members with an email address, or my letter which was posted on the Website, regarding the election of officers which was supposed to take place last fall. The time for the election came and went and I missed it. No excuses. To remedy that, we have sent ballots to all Wolverine Ranger members and are extending the time to vote until April 15th. Please be sure and send in your ballot before then. If for some reason you did not get a ballot, you can either download one from the website or you can contact Cosmopolitan Christine at my office by phone (248-528-0440) or by email (egillary@gillarylaw.com) and she will send you one. After April 15th we will send the results to Laporte Lil to post on the website.

The 2011 Calendar is done and hopefully by the time you get this Epitaph you will have already received yours. For those of you who don't know, the art work which we use for the Calendar and for the Shooter's Handbook for Range War was prepared by our Vice President / First Lieutenant Bad River Marty. This is the drawing of the 2 cowboys and the sheep herder with guns pointing at each other. Marty has some real talent. Thanks to Marty for this. While I am mentioning Marty, I might as well also say thanks to his wife Katie Callahan. Most of you don't know but Katie edits much of what I write to keep me on the straight and narrow. We refer to Katie as "Eagle Eye".

The Lady and I travelled to Winter Range in February. The Lady drove out with Deuce Stevens and Slo Mo and shot at Tombstone the weekend before Winter Range with many other Michigan shooters. I flew in to Phoenix the

Wednesday before the start of the Match and flew back on Sunday. The Lady, Deuce and Slo Mo were evidently having a good time driving out there because they seemed to forget that those horseless carriages sometimes need to be filled up with fuel. I understand that there are some lonely stretches of highway out there. 😊

The Lady won Classic Cowgirl and is therefore National Champion Classic Cowgirl! She was thrilled and it was fun to watch. I am now known as "The Lady's Husband. J Deuce came in second in Cowboy and second overall and Slo Mo came in 4th in Senior. Please see the picture of the Michigan shooters at Winter Range which is posted on the website. We made a good showing.

We will be getting into shooting full swing soon. Please take advantage of the great shooting clubs in our state and enjoy the great people in our sport. We sometimes take for granted what we have here in Michigan and in the mid-west in general. I did notice at Winter Range that we are a little more friendly around here and are more likely to help a shooter. I saw a few instances where that seemed not to be the case out there. We have a great group of people in this sport in Michigan. After all, when it is all said and done, things are nice but people are more important.

We are finalizing the planning for Range War and we will have the final version of the Range War Application posted on the website shortly. Hopefully it will be posted by the time you read this.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a new Marketing Manager. High Chin Bob who shoots out of Utica, recently volunteered. We are anxious to work with Bob and to have someone on board whose primary focus will be on promoting Range War and cowboy action

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shooting in Michigan. Please tell High Chin Bob thanks the next time you see him.

Well, that is about it for now. Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers of the Rangers if you have any questions. We have an open door policy and our books are always open to our members.

Please pray for our soldiers and veterans who protect our freedom.

Best regards,

R.J. Law

R.J. Law □ Captain
Wolverine Rangers



HURON RIVER RAIDERS

Just want all the Cowboys & Girls to know that we will be having practices in 2011 for the months of May 7, August 6, September 10, and October 1, from 9:30AM - 1:00PM. The range fee is only \$7.00 and a large assortment of guns/calibers/ammo. will be available for kids (.22 & .410) and newbies.

We need to buildup our membership so we can again hold SASS matches, which will benefit all of us.

We have the Taylors 1873 rifle in .357magnum called The Comanchero and came with the action work and short stroke done by Cody Conagher. Anyone at the practice can use it along with either 38spl. or 357 cowboy ammo.

Log on to [Multilakes.com/Activities/Cowboy Acton](http://Multilakes.com/Activities/CowboyActon), and watch a YouTube pick that is outstanding.

Regards,

Cool Hand Carl

Marshall of The Huron River Raiders

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ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Greetings my Cowboy Action Shooting friends. Well things have been heating up this spring in the town of Liberty. We have been shooting year round as most of you know and if you made it to our winter shoots you would know that we have been having a ball.

In January we started our bounty on clean shooting program. This has added some fun to our program. Our clean shooters from the January match were put into the free match drawing for February and Gunner Gatlin was the first rewarded with a free shoot for the February match. Lightning Wayne and Kentucky Drifter had clean shoots in February. Lightning Wayne wasn't able to attend the March shoot which gave Kentucky Drifter a fun time of shooting without giving up his loot. Our March match ended with four clean shooters: Deuce Stevens, Hoot Hamilton, Kentucky Drifter and Michigan Rattler. Their names will go into the hat for a free shoot in April. Good luck guys.



For our fans of Wild Bunch action shooting, Card Shark Charlie is organizing a Wild Bunch Side match for our May match. The shooting will start immediately after lunch and there will be no

extra fee for it (if you shoot the regular match). So be sure to bring your Wild Bunch gear to the May match and make a day of it.

Just a reminder, if you have not seen it yet, check out our YouTube videos. We have been receiving a lot of positive feed back from it. Not just for those who are in the videos but from shooters all over the country.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RockfordRegulators>

Wishing all of you a fun shooting season,

Ketchum Quick

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ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

Spring has come to the town of Rocky River and the cowboys and cowgirls started to stir from a long winter layoff.

Our shooting season started with a Cowboy Action Match on Sunday, March 20, 2011. The air was cool but the raised decking shooting area kept our feet dry and the action warmed the air. After the dust and cobwebs from a long winter siesta were shaken from our pistols and rifles the action returned to fast and furious. When the dust settled our top gun of our first match was Deuce Stevens followed closely by Faygo Kid. Our only clean match shooter was Broke N' West. The top three cowboys from DSC were J.J. Longley, Dar B Shureshot, and Camptown.

On Sunday, April 3, 2011 the D.S.C. Rocky River Regulators will be holding the first of 4 monthly Wild Bunch Matches for 2011. We will be shooting the SASS classes of Traditional and Modern (Men and Women) with a 1911 handgun, .40 caliber rifles, and 1897 shotguns. In addition, we will have an Open class for all other firearms (used in CAS) so that ALL can come out and have fun. These Wild Bunch Matches will be 5 stages with multiple magazine changes for maximum excitement. A casual lunch will follow each match. Look to the Wolverine Rangers calendar for match times.

If you want some .22 Silhouette fun, come out on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at noon for some 50 yard silhouette action. The following day will be the April Cowboy Action Match on Sunday, April 17, 2011. The snow has melted and the fun begins. Come on out to DSC and have some fun.

See you on the Range.
J.J. Longley

SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

News From Out At the Creek...

Howdy Pard, the calendar says SPRING, the weather says WINTER. I'm sure glad we're still on the trail in the southern part of our beautiful Country. Not much news from the Town of Sucker Creek, we pretty much rolled up the streets and headed south for the winter. Some of the brave, hearty cowpokes have ventured back, but several of us are still enjoying the sunshine. I heard tell that Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club was well represented at "Winter Range" and that a good time was had by all who attended.



Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held April 16, 2011 at the 'Lil Chef restaurant in Midland, Michigan. You don't have to be a member to attend, just to vote, so come on out and join us I am sure we will have a good meal and lots of cowpoke tales will be told. We will also take care of Club business. Check our website,

www.suckercreek.org,

for more information and contact Wolverine Wrangler or myself to let us know if you will be attending.

We have lots of ideas and plans for the shooting season; we will be shooting the 3rd Saturday of each month May thru October again this year. Looking forward to seeing you all this year, our first shoot is May 21, 2011, see you then.

God Bless
The Vicar's Wife,
Secretary, SCS&GC

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STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Well, April is finally here. We'll shout a "Hallelujah" for that! This winter has really given us a reason to appreciate the warmer weather that is working its way north. And, following the warmer breezes of spring, our pards, who winter-over out west and down south, will be drifting their way back home to a reunion with their "winter-worn" pards.

April 13th will find the Saginaw gang starting their Wednesday night practices, spring through fall. If any of you are in the neighborhood some Wednesday night, between 5 p.m. and dark, stop in! You're guaranteed lots of shooting fun and even some harassment thrown in, if'n yer deserving of it. Seriously, it's just a real fun night out.

Our shoot dates for this season are Saturday, June 25th; Saturday & Sunday, July 30th & 31st; and Saturday, August 27th. In July, each day will be a separate shoot, scored separately, same as last year. We also have free camping for pards who can stay for both shoots. For the August 27th shoot, we work in the State Shoot scenarios, giving everyone a good warm-up. After all our shoots, we will again be having the Mini Wild Bunch match...three stages of pure adrenalin. We have a lot of fun at our shoots and we sure hope you can join us...for each one of them! Consider this yer personal invite!

This year, when you come to our shoots, you'll notice our new club house being built by the trap range. Currently they are working on the electrical inside it. This center will be used for education, meetings, membership rental, etc. It's always exciting to see improvements and growth, especially in the shooting sports.

On April 30th, the Saginaw pards will have their information booth at the Midland Gun Show. It's at the Midland Fairgrounds in the Gerstacker Building. We already spread the word about cowboy action shooting when we set-up at the Birch Run Gun Show for a 2-day event in March. We passed out information on the Wol-

verine Rangers, SASS, Field & Stream, and guided folks to area clubs close to their homes. It's always fun spreadin' the word and getting new folks involved. Guess you could call us the "cowboy shooting recruiters".

As we were hunkered down this winter, shoveling snow with our special snow shovel (gifted to us by No Buk Chuck ... bless his heart!), he, along with many of our Michigan pards were shootin' it out at Winter Range. Congratulations to the winners, but buckle winners or not, we are very proud of the fact that our shooters are such good sports, wherever they may be shooting. Hat's off to Michigan shooters!

It is our sincere prayer that all our shooting pards find a special blessing this Easter. May the Lord also bless our troops in harm's way, the many countries in distress, and may the United States of America stand strong. Have a Happy Easter and God's blessings to you all. And, remember to live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



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SHOOTING TIPS FROM EL GUANO

Howdy pards,

Since all of you shoot offhand, I thought it might be a good idea before the season starts to go over some tips on good single shot shooting form.. Most of this stuff you've heard before, but you would be surprised at how many people THINK they are doing the right things to be a good offhand shot...but the holes all over the target prove otherwise. Now, don't get your undies all bunched up! Nobody was BORN a good shot. Paying attention to good form and quality practice at the range will work wonders for anybody.

OK. Here goes. First of all, RELAX. Nobody ever did well all wound up. The idea is to have fun and give it your best. Stand with your feet at about a 45 degree angle to the target. Raise your rifle and sight as steadily as you can at the target. Now close your eyes for a few seconds. When you open your eyes again, if the target is off to the right or left, SHIFT YOUR FEET to get back on target again. What you are doing is finding your "natural point of aim" without having to TWIST YOUR BODY to get back on target. Twisting your body starts to put stress on the muscles. This is something you don't need.

Grasp your rifle just enough to control it. NO DEATH GRIP! Some people lay their thumb on top of the grip. Others lay their thumb along side the grip next to their trigger finger. Too tight a grip on your trigger hand can induce uneven stresses that actually affect accuracy. The other hand supporting the forearm should be just ahead of the action, not out in the middle of the forearm. This position should bring your left elbow [for a right handed shooter] up into your body. Tuck it in there tight! This gives you "bone support" and is steadier than having your elbow just floating around out there. Mind you now, this style of shooting is for deliberate slow fire. If you are out hunting or in a timed match, you just don't have time to assume this very deliberate position. Your cheek should be on the same

part of the stock, with consistent pressure, for every shot. This is called your "cheek weld". It too, can affect accuracy.

If you have a Hadley eyecup on your rear Vernier sight, adjust the aperture bigger or smaller until the front sight aperture is as sharply in focus as you can get it. The front aperture "ring" should be about twice the diameter of the bullseye as it appears looking through the sights. In other words, you should have a "ring of light" around the bullseye. Too small of a front aperture makes it too hard to keep the bullseye in the front sight. The target should be centered in the front sight with a perfectly uniform ring of light around it.

Take a couple of deep breaths to oxygenate your blood. Bring the rifle up smoothly to your shoulder and snug it up in the same place and hold it there with the same amount of force for every shot. Begin sighting on your target. Set the trigger now if you have one...NOT BEFORE! If you get in the habit of setting the trigger before you bring the rifle up to your shoulder, I GUARANTEE one day you will have an accidental discharge when your trigger finger brushes the trigger. Then you'll feel stupid. Take a final breath and let part of it out. Focus on a perfect sight picture and SQUEEZE the trigger when the target is in the center of the front sight. Sounds easy, right? In fact, the timing of centering the target and squeezing the trigger when it is centered is the hardest thing to master in offhand shooting. It all lies in the practice of training your brain to respond instantly when that perfect sight picture appears. Believe me, NOBODY can hold a rifle steady. The good offhand shots have just learned when to squeeze the trigger. If you can't break the shot in under about 8 seconds, bring the rifle down and take a couple of deep breaths to re-oxygenate your blood. Look out at something in the distance to take the strain off your eyes. Re-focus on what you are about to do, bring the rifle up and start over. REMEMBER! That trigger is still set when you

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are doing all of this so DON'T TOUCH IT!

You don't have to practice with your big bore rifle ALL the time. As a matter of fact, learning the shot timing can be done quite nicely with a .22 rifle. Scoped or iron sights makes no difference. And it's way cheaper too! And fun. When you practice, don't go easy on yourself. I mean it. Nobody got better that way. Use a three inch bullseye at 50 yards, a six inch bull at 100 yards, or a 12 inch bull at 200 yards. They are scaled to look the same size in the sights. If it isn't fairly hard to hit it isn't practice. No garbage can lids at 15 yards if you get my drift.

One last thing. PRACTICE! It's not like riding a bike where you learn once and you're good for life. You don't keep your edge unless you practice, practice, practice! For info on BP silhouette, Mid-Long range shooting contact me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com Until next time....keep'em in the black.

El Guano



UPCOMING SHOOTS

April 2011

Sat 2 nd	Rockford	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 2 nd	Bellaire	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat-Sun 2nd - 3rd	<i>Smoke in the Woods (Regional BP Championship)</i>	
Sun 3 rd	Utica	.22 Silhouette Shoot
Sat 9 th	Hastings	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 9 th	Lapeer	Fun Shoot & Silhouette
Sat 9 th	Hillman	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 10 th	Plymouth	Practice
Sun 10 th	Fenton	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Wed 13 th	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
Sat 16 th	Lapeer	Cowboy Long Range
Sun 17 th	Sturgis	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 17 th	Lapeer	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 17 th	Utica	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 23 rd	Plymouth	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 23 rd	Central Lake	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 23 rd	Scottville	Monthly Cowboy Shoot

May 2011

Sat 7 th	Lapeer	Fun Shoot & Silhouette
Sat 7 th	Rockford	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 7 th	Bellaire	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 8 th	Fenton	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 14 th	Hastings	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 14 th	Hillman	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 15 th	Sturgis	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 21 st	Breckenridge	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 21 st	Plymouth	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 21 st	Sault Ste Marie	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 22 nd	Utica	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Wed 25 th	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
Sat 28 th	Central Lake	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sat 28 th	Lapeer	Great Lakes Match
Sat 28 th	Scottville	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
Sun 29 th	Lapeer	Great Lakes Match #14
Mon 30 th	Lapeer	G.L.M #14 – "Wild Bunch Match"

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SASS MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 13TH ANNUAL WOLVERINE RANGERS RANGE WAR

(www.wolverinerangers.org)



**SASS MEMBERSHIP
REQUIRED**

Blue Water Sportsman's Association
4866 Ravenswood Rd., Kimball, MI 48074
September 2nd - September 4th, 2011

**SASS RULES
APPLY**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

(Please see website for updated times and additional information)

FRIDAY:

Side Matches
Wild Bunch Mini Match 9 am - 12 pm
Cowboy Mini Match 9 am - 12 pm
Long Range Events 10 am - 1 pm
Speed Events 12 pm - 4 pm
ROI Class 2:00 pm
ROII Class 6:00 pm
(Please see website for details)

SATURDAY:

Main Match 9:00 am
Five Main Stages
Cowboy Trap
Man-on-Man
Cook-Out Dinner 6:00 pm

SUNDAY:

Cowboy Church 7:15 am
Main Match 8:30 am
Five Main Stages
Awards Banquet @ Alexander's 5:00 pm
Banquet will have a cash bar
Wolverine Rangers Raffle
Entertainment provided by Pop Wagner
(www.popwagner.com)

MAIN MATCH AMMO

120 PISTOL = 120 RIFLE = 60 SHOTGUN



Register before August 1st and get a FREE Range War T-shirt or FREE Shooter Bag (picture on website)

LODGING:

Baymont Inn & Suites** (810) 364-8000
Holiday Inn Express (810) 987-5999
Comfort Inn (810) 982-5500
Fairfield Inn - Marriot (810) 982-8500
Hampton Inn (810) 966-9000
<http://porthuronmi.unp.myareaguide.com/hotels.html>

CAMPING:

On-site Camping \$10.00 (Includes all nights)
Off-site:
Port Huron Twp Park (810) 982-6765
KOA Campground (810) 987-4070
Thousand Trails (800) 905-2267
(Membership Required)

** Baymont Inn is a Host/Sponsor for Range War this year. They are giving Range War shooters, family and friends special rates and providing FREE PIZZA and POP on Friday night. Please help us support our sponsors.

QUESTIONS?

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Entry Form is Available on Website.



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REMEMBER OUR TROOPS



★ WHO TO CONTACT ★

CAPTAIN

- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- 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

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

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

WEBMASTER

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

EPITAPH EDITOR

- 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

★ CONTACT INFORMATION ★

Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information

Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary

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