



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pard,

Range War for 2011 is in the can. We had another successful Range War with 227 shooters actually shoot the match. This makes us one of the best if not the best attended SASS State Championship in the Midwest. We even have more shooters than some SASS Regional Championships. That is a credit to our Match Director, Deuce Stevens, and to the Wolverine Rangers.

For the last 2 years we tried something new regarding our shooter comment cards. During the banquet we put the comment cards on the tables and ask our shooters to fill them out and turn them in before they leave. We find that we get a better response by giving the comment cards out at the banquet then if we include them in the Shooter's Handbook or with the handout materials at Registration. We had 75 shooters fill our comment cards and turn them in. The shooters gave us an overall average rating for the Overall Experience of 95%. The lowest rated category was the Saturday Night dinner with an average rating of 78%. This is in large part due to the limitations that we have with the Club House and the limited seating that we have available. The Saturday Night Dinner will be one item that the Board will be looking at for next year. Incidentally, please feel free to contact our Secretary Cosmopolitan Christine if you would like to get a copy of the compilation of the results of the comment cards. You can reach her via email at egillary@gillarylaw.com or by phone during regular business hours at 248-528-0440. Email is best because she is working part time due to her new maternal duties.

We tried something new this year. The Blue Water Sportsman's Association, our host range, built some new bays and we decided to give them a try. The nice thing about the new bays is that they are bigger than most of the other shooting bays which were available to us. This gives Deuce more options in his stage design. It also give us plenty of room in case

one posse gets done early. We don't have issue with the posse shooting the stage getting crowded by the posse waiting to shoot the stage. We have a larger range than most other shoots and it gives more flexibility. One of the problems with a large range is that there is a fair amount of walking which our shooters need to do. We are aware of that and we will be discussing that in our next Board of Directors meeting in October.

I would again like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make 2011 Range War a success again this year. We can only do this with a lot of help from a lot of people many of whom work tirelessly to make our shoot one of the best in the region. Thanks again to all of you who helped.

Korupt Karl and CC Top from Indiana taught a CPL (concealed pistol license) class at the Gillary Farm in Columbiaville on Saturday September 17th. We had 10 people take the class most of whom were cowboy shooters. The cost was \$100 per person payable to Edge Training Group. The class was a success and Korupt Karl and CC Top, both from Indiana, did a very good and thorough job. We will probably have another class next year. Passage of the class will entitle you to go to your local police department in the state of Michigan to apply for a CPL. I would highly recommend that as many shooters as possible should get their CPL. We may even try to do a ladies only class. You can also check with your local gun club to see if you can take the CPL class there.

I have also talked to Deuce about teaching a Cowboy Action Shooting School at our farm. I am hoping to get something scheduled for 2012. The Lady and I provide the lunch and we guarantee that no one will go away hungry.

We have printed a passel of Wolverine Rangers Flyers/Brochures to promote the Wolverine Rangers and our member clubs. Feel free to contact Cosmo-

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politan Christine by email @ egil-lary@gillarylaw.com if you would like to have some of our brochures to pass out to prospective shooters.

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

ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

On August 7, 2011 the town of Rocky River welcomed 16 cowboys to the third Wild Bunch match for 2011. The weather matches the shooting action, hot and hotter. The cowboys shot 5 furious stages with multiple magazine changes and stoked the shotguns for maximum speed. When the dust settled the overall match winner and top Modern shooter was Bad Brass.

The top Traditional shooter was DSC's Nine Finger Bob and our Open category winner was Schofield Ranger. Shooting clean matches were DSC's Coyote Claxton, J.J. Longley, Camptown, and Eagle Eye Mike.

August 21st was our annual T-shirt and shorts cowboy shoot. Forty five cowboy and cowgirls ventured out in their finest

Range War T-shirts and shot 5 furious stages. When the shooting stopped and the scores were calculated the top cowboy was young gun Apache Wolf. Apache Wolf was followed very closely by Colt McCloud and J.J. Longley.

Shooting clean matches in August were Clay Creek, Dakota Doc,

Catlow, Cold Coffee Jack! No, Terrebone Bud, and Dodge City Duke.

Labor Day weekend brought Range War and 7 DSC cowboys were there. First event, the Wild Bunch match and the top finishing DSC cowboy was Beaver Creek Boy. Beaver Creek Boy also shot a clean Wild Bunch match. Also joining him with clean Wild Bunch matches were Coyote Claxton and Coffin Nail Bob.

The next event was the main State Championship Cowboy match. The top finisher from DSC was J.J. Longley. JJ also shot the cowboy match clean. Joining JJ with clean cowboy matches were Coyote Claxton and Terrebone Bud. Congratulations to DSC Coyote Claxton who shot 14 clean stages between the Wild Bunch and Cowboy matches.

Sunday, September 18, 2011 was a perfect day for cowboy shooting. Skies were clear and the temperature was cool. After the dust settled young gun Apache Wolf shot clean and was the overall champion. Also shooting clean were Any Horseurodinon and DSC's Kanab Kitty. Congratulations to all.

On Sunday, October 2, 2011 the D.S.C. Rocky River Regulators will be holding our last monthly Wild Bunch Matches for 2011. We will be shooting the SASS classes of Traditional and Modern (Men and Women) with a 1911 handgun, .45 colt 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.

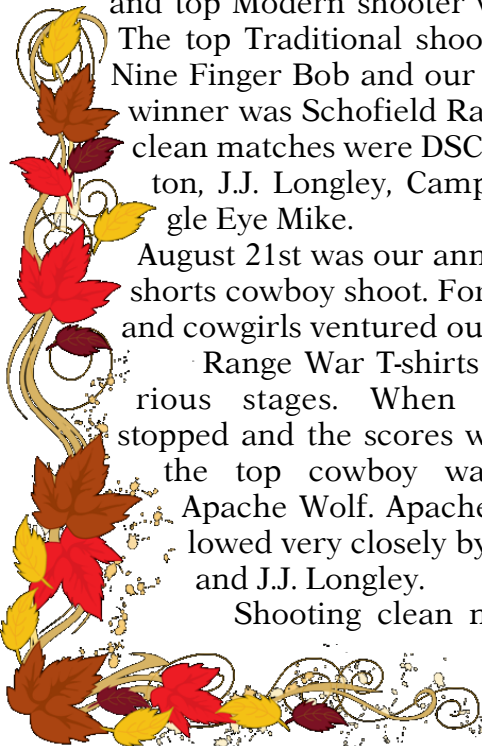
Saturday, October 15, 2011 at noon is our 50 yard .22 silhouette match. Bring any type of .22 rifle and come have some fun.

Sunday, October 16, 2011 is our regular monthly match and our annual Chili Cook Off. So come and shoot and bring your best chili to be judged at our annual event.

Come and enjoy some shooting fun.
See you on the Range.

See you on the Range.

J.J. Longley



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STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Summer may have left us, but not without some mighty fine memories here in Saginaw. Our two-days of shooting, July 30-31, saw 65 shooters on Saturday and 56 on Sunday. Weather was good, food was excellent, and fellowship was the best! We had lots of clean shooters and smilin' faces. Scores are posted on the W.R. website and while you're there, check our August 27th. match scores, too. We used six target sequences from the upcoming Range War so shooters could acquaint themselves with them. Out of the 61 shooters we had 23 clean shooters that day. Mighty fine, folks!

Summer temperatures may have been hot at some of our Wednesday night practices, but the shade down on the lower range helped keep us a little cooler, as did the popsicles on really hot nights. Also, it was cool watching our newer shooter's improve each week. With the shorter days of autumn, our Wednesday night practices have gone into hibernation until spring. But like The Terminator, we'll be back!!

Our congratulations go to this year's Michigan State Champions, Tessa Two Gunner and Colt McAllister. Also, hat's off to all winners, participants, and workers who put together a top-notch shoot. This year's Range War was very well-attended and had many positive changes, especially the new shooting bays. Many of our Saginaw shooters attended and did well. Posse fun was tops and the support within each posse is, in our opinion, one of the best parts of cowboy shooting. You hear cheers when you shoot well or groans of sympathy when your gun fails you...or your brain. You get an encouraging word spoken or a gentle pat on the back, when all you want to do is kick yourself in the butt. It's all this that binds you into a great fellowship with your posse pards.

Here in Saginaw, it is our goal to give our shooting pards a positive, fun time. We thank all those who joined us this summer at our matches and practice nights. We sure hope to see you back again next year, along with others who couldn't make it this year. Like our motto

has always been over the years..."It's more fun than should be allowed." We look forward to having you join in that fun with us.

Have a beautiful fall. Treat the little Halloween goblins well; be thankful for this great country we have and freedoms we enjoy; and remember to live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

PORT HURON

Buggy Man from Port Huron asked for help with their new matches. Their first match was Sept 25th and will have another on Oct 30th of the year. The people are new at this and we would like to see a good turnout. Wolverine Rangers do what we do best and attend with a helping hand and big helping of encouragement.

I've got to admit the Bluewater Club is less than ten miles from my home in Sarnia Ontario, which makes it real convenient. The shoot information is below.

Registration: 8:30 A.M.

Safety Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Shooting starts 9:45 A.M.

Cost \$5.00 includes lunch.

Contact: Buggy Man at geraldknow@gmail.com

Registration will be at the range and have signs showing the way at the road.

Bluewater Sportsman's
Association
4866 Ravenswood Rd.
Kimball, MI. 48074

Thanks
Clay Creek
SASS 65874 Life



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THE DOUBLE BARREL GANG HASTINGS

Our Sept match was shot by 25 shooters. The overall winner was Slo Mo. The top lady was Ruby Re Jo. Straight Arrow, Jonny Bingo, Ruby Red Jo, Hoot, Snareman, J R Hammer, Dakota Fats, Rooster, and Lue Dee Kriss all shot clean. Weather was good for a change for a change. Many enjoyed lunch at the Big Boy after the match. Our last match of the season will be Oct 8 th. We will have a wild bunch match before the regular match about 9 a.m. Thanks to all who have shot our match this year. Thanks to Cayuse Jack, Gun Slinger, Snare Man, for all there help all this season.



HURON RIVER RAIDERS

We were sad to hear that our fellow Cowboy Action Shooter "Old Timer Jim" passed away September 14. He and his wife attended matches at our sister club in Plymouth and helped start the practices at Multilakes. Our last practice of the year is October 01.

We have gained new members to the sport this year which has us very excited! Stay tuned.

Regards,

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SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

NEWS FROM "OUT AT THE CREEK"

Howdy. Seems like just yesterday we were waiting for the 3rd Saturday in May for our first shoot of the 2011 season, now here it is October and our last shoot of the season is fast approaching. We had a great shoot in September, thirty three shooters came out despite the prediction of rain, we had a beautiful day and lots of fun. Check out our website, www.suckercreek.org, for pictures and scores. Our last shoot before we roll up the sidewalks at Sucker Creek for the winter will be October 15. The "Match Director" will be Riverview Rattler and I'm sure he will have some neat stages for you to shoot. Come on out and join us registration begins at 8:30am, safety meeting at 9:45am and then you start plinkin that steel.

We have had a great season of shooting at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club, all of you cowboys & cowgirls that come out and shoot each month make it enjoyable for all. As we get ready to hunker down for the winter I'd like to ask you to keep some of our folks in your thoughts and prayers throughout the winter months: Kid Al Fred and Lady Lightning's granddaughter, Samantha, as she goes through cancer treatment and rehabilitation. Wolverine Jack & his wife Lady Wolverine as they cope with Mary's health problems, it is such a blessing to see them each month. Iron Burner as he spends his first winter without his wife of many, many years. There are others I am sure, but those are the ones that come to mind right away.

Always keep our SOLDIERS and our COUNTRY in your prayers. Have a great winter, hope to see you on the trail, if not before then next May at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club.

The Vicar's Wife,
Secretary/Scorekeeper SCS&GC

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ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Salutations my fellow Cowboy Action Shooting friends!

Tessa Two Gunner and I were eating breakfast this morning and we got to talking about how fast the summer has gone by. It seems like it was only a few weeks ago that our shooting season got into full swing. MAN! Time sure does fly when you are having so much fun.

Since our last Epitaph we have had a couple of monthly matches and a couple of Old Coot Shoots. We, the Rockford Regulators, appreciate all of you who come out to play with us. Thank you.

In August we had our annual Hawaiian Cowboy Match. We do this because typically the weather is hot and full cowboy attire is rather warm. And it is just plain fun to see all the chicken legs under some of our cowboy friends. Well this year the cooler Hawaiian shirts and shorts were not really needed to keep us all comfy. Our weather was on the cool side and if I remember correctly, I believe the skies sputtered some rain down on us as we were finishing up.

We did have 32 shooters at the match that day. That was a blessing because the weather people were calling for some rough weather prior to our match. So, thank you folks for coming to that match despite the dire forecast.

There were four clean shooters that day. Ruby Red Jo, Cayuse Jack, Dakota Fats and Black Mountain Ranger were all clean on that day. Good shooting folks.

In September Card Shark Charlie helped me out by writing stages and setting up our Monthly match as I had to work. Thanks again Card Shark!

We had the Texas Star out for this match I am told and from the feedback from shooters, it sounds like shooters had a good time with it. We had 30 shooters at this shoot and three made it through clean. They were; Johnny Bingo, Dakota Fats, and Rooster. Great shooting guys.

The Old Coot Shoots that are held on Wednesday's in the middle of the month have seen some great attendance. Card Shark Charlie runs this shoot and he tells me that in July they had 17 shooters and three clean shooters, Ruby Red Jo, Split Aces and Lucky Lennie.



In August there were 18 who made it too the Old Coot Shoot and there were two clean shooters at that match. They were Deuce Stevens and Split Aces. Nice shooting fellas.

On another note, I would like to report that in October we will have been shooting SASS matches at the Rockford Sportsmen's Club for 10 years. On the behalf of the Rockford Regulators I would like to give a special thank you to all of you who have attended our matches over the years. We love what we do at our club and we sure enjoy all of you who can come out and have fun with us. We thank all of those who have helped make our matches a success as well. And we look forward to having you all back at our future matches.

See you at the next one!

Ketchum Quick

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EAGLEVILLE COWBOYS

Eagles Revenge Annual Cowboy Action Shoot

The September 'Annual' Eagle's Revenge two day shoot was held at Eagleville, Central Lake, with one kind of soggy day, and one very sunny day. Each day was a separate shoot for those who could not make it both days. Both days, the possies cremated a standing toilet way out there with rifles, to the sound of many 'yee haas'.

The 1st days results: Senior - Riverview Rattler, Silver Senior - Thummpner John, Elder Statesman - One Son of a Gun, Gunfighter - Andy Horsurodinon, Ladies Senior - TN Tina, 49er - Bullwhip Karl, Wrangler - Bar-Gun Hunter, Frontier Cartridge - Tin Pan Sam, Ladies Frontier Cartridge - Senora Vaquera, Beer Can Roll - Trusty Rusty, Toilet cremation - Everybody!

Sunday saw quite a few more shooters: Wrangler - Ketchum Quick, Silver Senior - Lightning Wayne, Ladies Senior - Ruby Red Jo, Ladies Wrangler - Tessa Two Gunner, Senior - Riverview Rattler, Elder Statesman - Trusty Rusty, Classic Cowboy - Picacho Red, Gunfighter - Andy Horsurodinon, 49er - Bullwhip Karl, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Frontier Cartridge Duelist - Marlin Matt, Ladies 49er - Crack Shot Fannie, Duelist - Trigger Jim, Ladies Frontier Cartridge - Senora Vaquera, Beer Can Roll - Michigan Rattler, Toilet Cremation - Everybody, Top Gun Shootoff - Ketchum Quick.

Everyone got their choice of Door Prize items, and some great grub prepared by Birdshot Betty and several helpers with 'pot luck' items, and we all were lucky. Lotsa hootin & hollerin, so we guess everyone had a great time. C Y'all next year, or at our next and last shoot, on October 22nd. Until then, keep yer powder dry. One Son of a Gun TG

One Son of a Gun, TG



UPCOMING SHOTS

October

1	Rockford	Monthly Shoot
1	Bellaire	Monthly Shoot
2	Utica	Wild Bunch
8	Hastings	Monthly Shoot
8	Hillman	Monthly Shoot
8	Hillman	Monthly Shoot
12	Rockford	Old Coot
15	Lapeer	Fun & Silhouette
15	Utica	.22 Silhouette
15	Breckenridge	Monthly Shoot
16	Sturgis	Monthly Shoot
16	Utica	Monthly/Chili Cook-off
22	Lapeer	Long Range
22	Plymouth	Monthly Shoot
22	Central Lake	Monthly Shoot
22	Scottville	Monthly Shoot
30	Port Huron	!NEW!

November

5	Lapeer	Setup for Shoot 9:00
6	Lapeer	Monthly Shoot
9	Rockford	Old Coot
20	Utica	Monthly Shoot
TBA	Hastings	Monthly Shoot

December

1-4	Las Vegas, NV	Wild West Christmas SASS Convention
3	Rockford	Monthly Shoot
7	Rockford	Old Coot
11	Lapeer	Winter Shoot 9:30-2:30
18	Utica	Monthly Shoot
TBA	Hastings	Monthly Shoot

★ SHOOTING TIPS BY EL GUANO ★

Howdy pards

In this issue I think we'll talk about the official N.R.A. black powder target rifle classification system and the different categories you can compete in. The N.R.A. classifies shooters according to their ability. They are: master, expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. A new unclassified shooter entering his first match or two is put in master class because his shooting ability is unknown. Enjoy it while it lasts! After firing a minimum of 60 shots in mid or long range competition, his score is sent to the N.R.A. where they average them up to determine what class he belongs in, then send him his shooter classification card. Mid and long range must be qualified for separately and each award their own classification card. The beauty of the system is that you shoot in a class with other people of the same ability. For obvious reasons, the better shooters compete in higher classes with others of the same ability. This gives newer competitors an opportunity to actually win or place highly among their peers.

A shooter will be considered for a higher class after he has fired at least another 120 rounds in competition. If his reported scores have a high enough average, he moves up to the next higher class and receives a new classification card. This system motivates people to improve their shooting skills since basically, they are competing against themselves.

In my humble opinion, the cowboys should have adopted this system from the very beginning. As it stands now, many cowboy competitors will never win anything because they are grouped together in the same category with people having experience that ranges from national champion to beginner. They may hit all their targets, but many people will NEVER shoot as WELL or as FAST as a national champion. The classification system is the great equalizer. "God created man, the classification system made them equal".

As in cowboy shooting, the N.R.A. black powder target rifle program has different CATEGORIES you may compete in. They are: OPEN, all competitors using vernier sights are in this class. WOMEN, also must use vernier sights. JUNIOR, 20 years old or younger. SENIOR, 60 years old or older. MILITARY RIFLE, must use a military rifle in "as issued" configuration. MUZZLELOADER,

not your roundball rifle. Big bullets, fast twist. SCOPE, scope tube must be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter and have externally adjustable, non-click mounts. Awards in each category are based on your aggregate score in the match.

It is fairly common for someone to win an award in two or more categories. For example, a senior woman could win both of those categories in addition to the open category if she shot the highest aggregate score in the match.

In black powder cartridge silhouette, the shooter classification system is as follows: B, A, AA, AAA, and MASTER. At your first match you purchase an official N.R.A. score book and your score after each match is entered in the book. Once again, at your first match, you are placed in master class. Your class will be determined by how many animals you knock over at your first match. B class is 0-15 animals, A is 16-20, AA is 21-25, AAA is 26-30, and master is 31 and up. Awards are given to the top competitors in each class. To move up to the next higher class, you must fire 3 scores within the next two years that fall into the next higher class level. As your shooting ability improves, you are moved up into a higher class with other competitors of the same ability. You may compete in IRON SIGHT category using a mid-range vernier sight, or in SCOPE category using a 6 power [maximum] scope having a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tube with externally adjustable, non-click mounts. Like in mid and long range, scope and iron sight categories must be qualified for separately and are scored separately at a match.

In B.P. mid-long range, all the targets are bullseyes and in B.P. silhouette, you fire at animal shaped steel knock-down targets. Obviously, the most important thing in both types of competition is PRECISION not SPEED. First time shooters usually get a little intimidated when they see the size of the targets and the actual distance they will be firing at. FEAR NOT! Everybody was a "new guy" once. If you stick to it you'll only get better.

If any of you would like to try these disciplines, contact me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com 'till then.....hold center.

EL GUANO





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