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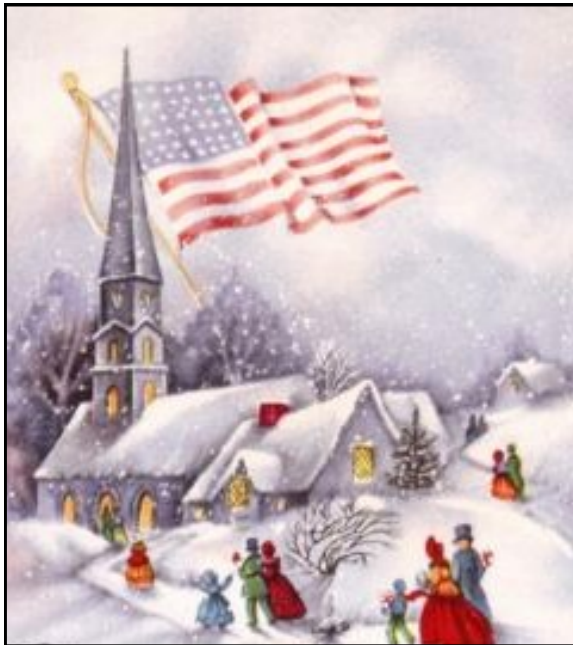
December 2011

★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pard,

In this season of Thanksgiving and with Christmas coming it is time to do some reflection and to count our blessings. Here is my list of blessings and things that I am thankful for:

1. I am thankful for my loving wife, The Lady, and my wonderful daughters and the rest of my family that God has blessed me including our new grandson Jacob.



2. I am thankful for the wonderful people that I have had the good fortune to meet and get to know in our sport.
3. I am thankful for the opportunity to attend Cowboy Action Shooting matches in Michigan and throughout our country which is the greatest country in the history of the world.
4. I am thankful for all of the volunteers and

shooters who help to regularly make Range War one of the best State Matches in the country and who make the Wolverine Rangers the best organization of Cowboy Action Shooters in the country.

5. I am thankful that we have the best Match Director in the country in Deuce and KJ.
6. I am thankful for the vets who have fought for our freedom and liberty so that we can enjoy this great country.
7. I am thankful for the courageous men who founded the United States of America and gave us the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights including the Second Amendment.

I am thankful that there is a majority of the people in this country who know that freedom is not free and that sometimes we have to fight to protect our rights.

Let's also keep in mind that Christmas is not about buying presents but it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for our soldiers who are away from home in harm's way to protect our freedom.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season,

Best regards,

R.J. Law



R.J. Law - Captain

★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

JOHNSON CREEK REGULATORS

The Cowboys and Cowgirls of Johnson Creek have put their shooting irons away and let the horses out of the corral for the season. We want to thank all the Rangers that made it out to our corner of Michigan that helped make our season a success.

Next year Rainmaker Ray and Carolina Cowboy will marshal up some new ideas that should make it fun for all. We have found new materials for props that will help us to set-up and tear-down easier each match. The exploding pumpkins and plastic jugs were a great hit with all so look for more things to explode. In the heat of the summer look for some relief with some sort of relaxed dress match (not sure how relaxed but stay tuned). Shakey Puddin is already planning the grub for the special event – come hungry!

A new idea that we are working on and plan to incorporate next year is the SASS World Record Stage. Many of you have seen Deuce Stevens shoot it on UTUBE in a shade over 12 seconds. Well we want to give everyone a chance at it. Presently it is planned to be one of our 5 stages each match. Individuals will have the option of entering it as a side competition or just as part of the match score. Records will be kept throughout the season and awards presented based on the Lewis Class scoring system. More info to follow.

We would like to thank Gabby Glenn for heading up the JCR gang for the last two years and look forward to his continuing support next year.

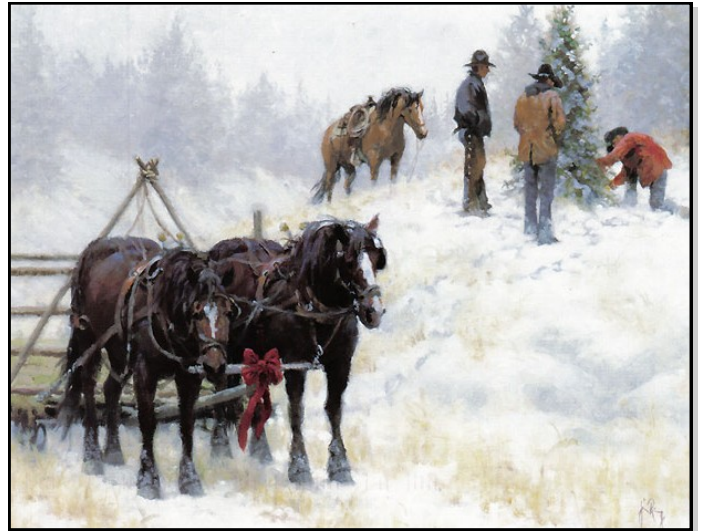
**Till Then, Happy Trails
Rainmaker Ray**



SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

NEWS FROM “OUT AT THE CREEK”

The shooting season is over and the Town of Sucker Creek has gone into hibernation for the Winter



months. We will be back in May 2012, the 3rd Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you all then. Meanwhile, we would like to wish you all a Very Blessed Christmas Season, and a very blessed and prosperous New Year.

Remember the REASON for the Season. Remember to pray for our Country and our troops. God Bless. Hope to see you on the trail

**The Vicar's Wife
for all of Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club**

HURON RIVER RAIDERS

The Huron River Raiders are in hibernation till our April 14 practice session, 10:00-12:00.

Everyone is welcome to use our guns.

Regards,

Cool Hand Carl

Marshall of The Huron River Raiders

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★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

On October 2, 2011 the town of Rocky River welcomed 13 cowboys to the final Wild Bunch match for 2011. 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 Open shooter was Moe Gunns. The top Modern shooter was DSC's Coyote Claxton and top Traditional shooter was DSC's Nine Finger Bob. Shooting the only clean matches was DSC's Nine Finger Bob.

October 16th was our annual Chili Cook Off cowboy shoot. Beside the "hotly" contested contest for best chili, thirty eight cowboy and cowgirls ventured out and shot 5 furious stages. When the shooting stopped and the scores were calculated the top cowboy was Faygo Kid. The top DSC finishers were J.J. Longley, Camptown, and Dar B Shurshot.



Shooting a clean match in October was DSC's Camptown. Other clean match awards went to Faygo Kid, Moe Gunns, Big Bad Jim, Andy Horseurodinon, and No Name.

On November 20, 2011 the town of Rocky River welcomed 42 cowboys and cowgirls from three different countries. The "international flair" for the shoot saw the countries of Canada, Australia, and the

United States represented on the range. The match was shot under cool skies, some sun, and a pretty warm day for November in Michigan. Every shooter even started a stage with a 20 shot barrage from a .22 caliber "Gatlin" gun that was supplied by Andy Horseurodinon. When the scores were tallied the top gun title went to Deuce Stevens. Deuce was followed closely by Faygo Kid who had a clean match. The top DSC shooter was Dar B Shureshot followed closely by DSC's Rochester Kid. Also shooting the only other clean match for the day was DSC's Nine Finger Bob.

This was DSC's annual November shoot that always has a traditional Thanksgiving lunch after the match. DSC's Penny Ante out did herself by preparing a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. It was a feast to behold!

Sunday, December 18, 2011 is our last regular Cowboy monthly match for 2011. Come and enjoy some shooting fun with us in December.

Have a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you on the range in 2012.

J.J. Longley

★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

As we flip the calendar to the last month of 2011 we wonder where the days went. Time certainly has a way of galloping faster and faster every year. Saginaw pards attended our annual planning meeting and decided upon the following shoot dates. Get that 2012 calendar out and get to ciperin'. We'll also be continuing our Wednesday night practices and other projects, too.

Saturday, May 26th.

Saturday, June 30th. and Sunday, July 1st. (Two back-to-back shoots, each scored separately.)

Saturday, August 25th.

We sure hope all of you can come to Saginaw next year and shoot with us. Guaranteed more fun than should be allowed!

Christmas will be here soon and all the Saginaw Six-Shooters want to wish our shooting pards a blessed day with family and friends. And as the New Year comes over the horizon, we pray for comfort to those hurting in many different ways; safety to those in harms way; and wisdom for our country's leaders. God bless one and all!

And pards...remember to live life. Give it your best shot. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Salutations from the town of Liberty!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with your family and friends. I can tell you that I did! I can also tell you that we had a great shoot at Liberty yesterday.

We held a Black Friday match at our club. It was a whole bunch of fun. The idea was proposed by Chubby Johnson at our October monthly match. It was executed bare bones style so we could slip out of the house for some fun and return home in short order to continue with the holiday weekend fellowship with our families. Or helad to the mall for Christmas deals.

Thirty shooters came out for this match. The thermometer had us at 61 degrees at the range...not too bad for November 25th! I would like to thank Chubby Johnson for pitching the idea, the Rockford Regulators who supported the idea and Deuce, Drover, hOOt and Royal Flush for setting up the stages. Great job gang.



I would like to remind everyone that we will be having our monthly shoots throughout the winter months too. We will have a monthly match and an Old Coot Shoot in December. These will be held on

the 3rd and the 7th, respectively. In January and February our monthly shoots will be held bare bones style, meaning no lunch will be served. This gives our kitchen staff a break and if you make the shoot, when you are done shooting you can zip home to put your feet up in front of your fire place. I hope to see you there.

I closing, on the behalf of the Rockford Regulators, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Best regards,
Ketchum Quick**



<u>UPCOMING SHOTS</u>		
<u>December</u>		
3	Rockford	Monthly Shoot
7	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
11	Lapeer	Winter Shoot
18	Utica	Monthly Shoot
TBA	Hastings	Monthly Shoot
<u>January</u>		
7	Rockford	Bare Bones Shoot
<u>February</u>		
4	Rockford	Bare Bones Shoot
20-26	Phoenix, AZ	Winter Range

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★ SHOOTING TIPS BY EL GUANO ★

Well pard, It looks like the “Shooting Tips” trail has just about come to an end. In the past articles I’ve tried to convey everything I’ve learned about shooting single shot rifles and long range marksmanship. It would please me to know that you have learned something and put it to good use. Obviously, reading about something will only convey information, you actually have to DO IT to fully understand exactly what you read. It was my hope that some of you would want to take your skills to the next level and try silhouette or mid-range shooting. I can only guess that the small targets and the ranges that they are shot at are intimidating to the uninitiated. “Big and close” targets don’t exist in this game! It has to be that way. It HAS to be hard.

If any of you would like to comment on the series of articles I wrote or get on the silhouette or mid-long range mailing list for 2012 please e-mail me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com . If any of you are really, seriously interested in shooting a mid-range match or silhouette, PLEASE LET ME KNOW! It will be your last opportunity.

Lastly, like all the other articles in the Epitaph, I guess I’ll give match results for the big silhouette, mid and long range events held in 2011.

- N.R.A. Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette Regional Championship. Scope class gold medal: El Guano
- N.R.A. Black Powder Target Rifle Mid-Range State Championship. Second place iron sight class: El Guano
- N.R.A. Ultimate Long Range Championship. First place muzzleloader class: El Guano
- N.R.A. Black Powder Target Rifle Long Range Regional Championship. Scope class gold medal & Long Range Scope Class State Champion: El Guano
- 5 tentative national records set: El Guano

Maybe I really did know what I was talking about in all those articles. Adios Amigos!

EL GUANO



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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