



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Editor for the Epitaph and a new Clean Match Administrator. Thanks to Outrider Outlaw for agreeing to take the reins from Mail Order Annie as Editor of the Epitaph and to Buslin Belle for taking the reins from Tessa Two Gunner as the Clean Match Administrator. Please join me in thanking Mail Order Annie and Tessa Two Gunner for their work in these 2 positions over the last several years. As everyone knows, we operate totally on volunteer help and it is nice to see that our members have stepped up to help out. Please thank all of them the next time you see them.

We have some changes for Range War this year. By the way, this is our 15th Anniversary of Range War! First of all, we will be using the Aces Scoring System this year. Some of our clubs have already been using Aces for their local matches and I have heard nothing but good things about this system. All of the scores will be input into electronic devices after each shooter completed a stage and we will be able to electronically keep all scores. This should be simpler and easier for everyone to use. One of the main benefits will be that I am happy with is that Camptown will be able to shoot Range War this year. Our prior system was labor intensive and Camptown did everything after the scores were recorded on the posse sheets. After 7 years it will be a pleasure to see Camptown be able to shoot our State Championship.

I would like to express my personal thanks

to Camptown for all of the work that he has done over the years in handling our scoring.

The second change is that we will be using buckles instead of plaques for the main awards. Other shoots have been using buckles and we decided to give it a try. Please feel free to contact Cosmopolitan Christine (egillary@gillarylaw.com) if you would like to see what the buckles look like.

We have also responded to one of the comments made by many shooters on the Comment Cards that we receive after each Range War. We will be eliminating the mandatory breaks each day for the posses. This means that we will go from 12 posses to 10 posses. This necessarily means that the posses will be larger. We will see how this works this year and if it goes well, we will probably make the change permanent. Please let us know how this works for you and your posse this year.

We are expecting another good turnout for Range War this year and we already have some shooters from Florida signed up. Overall we are ahead of registrations compared to this time last year. Please sign up if you have not already done so. We try to put on the best State Championship in the region and Range War has an excellent reputation.

Saturday night we will be having Cowboy singer Ernie Sites performing in the Club House. I have some of Ernie's CDs and he is excellent. Please feel free to check out his

website at www.erniesites.com. He is one of the best Cowboy singers around and I am sure that you will like him.

Thanks to all of our members who attended our Annual Meeting / Free Shoot at Rockford on July 12th. We had an excellent turnout and everyone had a good time and the lunch was excellent especially the home-made desserts. Congratulations to our raffle winners. Drover Dan won the \$400 cash prize and Hoot Hamilton and Cousin Gary won free entries to Range War this year. The raffle prizes are to encourage our members to attend our Annual Meeting / Free Shoot each year. Please feel free to contact our Secretary Cosmopolitan Christine if you would like to obtain a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and our Treasurer Snareman if you would like to get a copy of our financial statements. Also, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions about the Rangers.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Range War this year. Please attend to support our State Championship.

Please don't forget to tell your kids that you love them every day and pray for our soldiers who fight for our freedom and our ability to play our sport and to live in the best country in the history of the world.

Best regards,



R.J. Law – Captain

Wolverine Rangers

L.C.S.C. “WRANGLERS”

L.C.S.C. “WRANGLERS” GREAT LAKES MATCH #16

MAY 25, 26, & 27, 2013

The L.C.S.C. “GREAT LAKES MATCH #16” was held over Memorial Day weekend. Actually, we attempted to start on Thursday the 23rd but the day began with a “Michigan Monsoon” that lasted most of the daylight hours. The plan had been to have our

computer crew and helpers shoot through so they could attend to their duties on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday without worrying about shooting their stages. The girls decided to try to shoot all twelve stages on Friday and the weather

cooperated so all seemed to be in order for Saturday's six stages. Flat Water Johnny & Wolfcreek Tom lead the 39 remaining shooters bright and early to the first six stages. We had decided to only have two posses instead of the usual three. Both posses had an "A" & "B" group of shooters who split the work with one group shooting and the other doing the spotting, loading & unloading tables etc. The work was

.22 Pistol	Clint Chisum #42877
.22 Rifle	Clint Chisum #42877
Derringer	Andy Horshurodinon #20360
Pocket Pistol	Schofield Ranger #24545
Long Range Single Shot Rifle	Schofield Ranger #24545
Long Range Pistol Cal. Rifle	Schofield Ranger #24545
Long Range Rifle Caliber	Four Finger Carl #60694
Long Range Pistol	Tres Hombres #2163
Man-On-Man	Tres Hombres #2163

The cowboys & cowgirls answered the cook's triangle at 7pm at the clubhouse for our traditional evening meal. This year we were pleased to have our own vice president Derrek Moralee doing the honors of being our "chief cook & bottle washer." In case you don't know, Derrek is a great cook and he did himself proud with the Saturday evening meal! We had chicken and ham with all the trimmings that had many people returning for seconds & thirds. If you went away hungry it was your own fault. Derrek was assisted by Sandy

reversed when the first group of shooters was complete. The idea was stolen from what happens at "End of Trail" and other large number shoots not to have the same people doing most of the work all the time. The six stages were completed in plenty of time for the Side Matches to be completed before dinner was served at 7pm. Side Match winners were as follows:

Boisineau, Jennifer Maxwell, and Lori Roper handling the dessert table.

Bright and early Sunday morning the two posses returned to Wranglerville to complete the final six stages. Before we knew it we had everything completed shooting wise. While some of the shooters competed in cowboy trap, the computer crew finalized and printed the scores. About half an hour later the cowboy trap shooters joined the other shooters in the clubhouse for the match results. They were as follows:

Overall Match Winner	Faygo Kid
49er Match Winner	Spartan Johnny (John Frazier)
Trad. Match Winner	Clint Chisum
Senior Match Winner	Broke N West
Gun Fighter Match Winner	Clay Creek
Duelist Match Winner	Big Bad Jim
Black Powder Match Winner	Mike Fink
Classic Cowboy Match Winner	Four Finger Carl (Carl Roper)
“B” Western Match Winner	Buggy Man
Woman’s Match Winner	Cactus Kay
Silver Senior Match Winner	Snuffy Dave Edwards
Elder Statesman Match Winner	Moe Gunns
Modern Match Winner	Wall-Man (Wally Liley)

The three shooters listed above with their “real names” are L.C.S.C. members.

Wall-Man

ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Howdy from the Rockford Regulators. Our annual two day shoot on June 1st and June 2nd was a huge success and thank you to all that came. The weather cooperated and the rain held off until nighttime. Congratulations to our raffle winners. Kip E

Kia was the winner of the Mec shotgun loader and Riverview Rattle won the Doc Noper shotgun belt. Door prizes were handed out at the Saturday night dinner and everyone left with something in hand. Dust off those long range rifles. We will be

adding a long range side match after our monthly shoots on July 6th, August 3rd and September 7th. Come join the fun. Our next Old Coot shoot will be July 17. Our August 3rd match is our Hawaiian shoot so come dressed in your best Hawaiian shirt

Your Pard, Card Shark Charlie.

STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Good weather, bad weather, what was it going to be for our 2-day shoot??? Shucks, who listens to the weatherman? One guess is as good as the next. And for those who guessed right and made Saginaw's 2-day shooting event, both days were good. A sprinkling on Saturday morning was well-tolerated and the sunshine that followed on Sunday was even better tolerated. We had fun, had over 55 shooters, many shooting it CLEAN, and we had great food, as always, from our camp cooks. Hats are off to the winners and clean shooters and scores can be found on the W.R. webpage. Thanks to Laporte Lil for her speedy job of posting them. She and Avalanche Andy have been using the new ACES scoring program and it seems to be working great.

On Saturday, August 24th, Saginaw's shoot will again showcase the Range War

and shorts. Now that summer is in full swing it is great to be able to see all our Cowboy Pards. Looking forward to seeing you at Rockford and at the other clubs throughout the summer.

State Shoot stages. It's a great time to get some extra practice in and become a bit more familiar with different shooting scenarios. And if you've never shot Saginaw, this is yer last shoot of this season to come on out and meet the gang. You'll have more fun than allowed. Yessirree!!!

While we're talking about the State Shoot, Deuce has been doing a great job as Match Director and I'm certain this year will be another fun time. We urge you to get yer registrations sent in or sign up on the W.R. webpage...makes it super easy and fast.

Summer will be winding down before ya know it. Git out and enjoy yourself...life is short and there's a lot of fun waiting to be had. We'll be looking for you to join us in Saginaw on August 24th. Until then...Live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

HURON RIVER RAIDERS

Greetings from The Huron River Raiders !
Since 2010, we have made many new members to our sister clubs through our training facility at the Multilakes club in Commerce Twsp.

We offer Cowboy Action as part of the NRA Women-on-Target program and they "hook" their husbands into the sport too. Most of our trainers are seasoned match shooters and

Regards, Cool Hand Carl

enjoy this function as much as attending matches. Please join us on September 14 and October 5.

Better yet, bring the family out to the Multilakes "Good Old Days" open house event featuring: helo rides, CAS shooting, bouncy inflatables, pony rides and much more! This will be held Aug.24 starting at 10:00.

EAGLEVILLE COWBOYS

*The Eagleville Cowboys June shoot threatened rain all day, but the good lord said " No, not on those cowboys and cowgirls, they are having too much fun, and several of them are shootin' that black powder".

We had another great shoot, and even had two shooters from Florida (and wherever they decide to park their motor home,

which is usually on, or near, a cowboy shooting range). Those shooters, Rio Drifter and wife Tennessee Tall said that this was their 35th state !! to shoot cowboy action shooting in. And they picked Eagleville to ad Michigan to their large map of the United States. We sure enjoyed their company and visit, we would love to have them back anytime.

When the black powder smoke cleared, the following ended up on top their category:

Rio Drifter - Elder Statesman,

Tennessee Tall - Ladies S. Senior,

TN Tina - Ladies Sr,

Atlanta Sharp - 49er,

Trusty Rusty - Cattle Baron,

Wrangler - Lone Wolf Henry,

Crack Shot Fannie - L 49er,

Senora Vaquera Ladies Frt. Cart. Duelest

Marlin Matt - Frt. Cart. Duelest,

Tin Pan Sam - Frt. Cart.,

Laurie L'Amour - Ladies Duelest,

Big I - Buckaroo.

We had (Seven)! Cowgirls shooting, and y'all know how much cowboys love cowgirls, and one Buckaroo, with a 70 year spread between the oldest and the youngest shooter, which is another indication that this is truly a family sport for everyone so inclined. Another great time One Son of a Gun, TG

had by all, and, the local newspaper reporters were here all day, taking photos and interviewing cowboys, and also, Tennessee Tall, who writes for SASS, so, great coverage for our sport. Y'all come see us in Eagleville.

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RANGE WAR ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are excited to announce that this year Smokin' Iron and Honey B. Quick will be offering a Wild Bunch Range Officer Certification Class on the Thursday of Range War. Information regarding the certification class is listed below. Please contact them if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions. Hope to see you at Range War 2013!

With sincere thanks,

Cosmopolitan Christine, Wolverine Rangers Secretary – egillary@gillarylaw.com

RANGE OFFICER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

When: Thursday, August 29 – Wolverine Rangers Range War

Where: Blue Water Sportsmen's Association, 4866 Ravenswood, Kimball, MI 48074

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 – Payable at the door

Contact: Smokin' Iron and Honey B. Quick (740) 974-7007 or (740) 974-7329 or by email at smokiehbq@gmail.com to register for the course.

Prerequisites for course attendance are:

- Current SASS member
- RO II Certification
- Familiarization with the SASS WB Handbook
- Understanding of the function and operation of all SASS WB legal firearms

Fulfilling the prerequisites will greatly enhance each participant's successful completion of the course, and allow for continuity and consistency of training as well. If you have questions about the prerequisites call or email me.

Before attending the class you should:

- 1 Copy and paste the following link <http://www.sassnet.com/Shooters-Handbook-001A.php> in your browser and print a copy of the SASS Wild Bunch Handbook version 5.
- 2 Read the Handbook.
- 3 Bring the Handbook with you to training.
- 4 Bring note taking materials to the training. During the written test you may use your notes, but **NOT** the WBAS Handbook during the test.
- 5 Bring any snacks or drinks you may want.
- 6 Do NOT bring any firearms or ammunition to the class.

The course consists of a PowerPoint presentation, a 25 question written test, and a range oriented practical test. All the test answers are in the WBAS Handbook, so we emphasize that you read and understand the Handbook before the class. The training will be approximately 6 hours, with a half-hour lunch break and hourly 10 minute breaks.

Upon successful completion of the course you will receive your WBAS RO Pin. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Smokin' Iron at smokiehbq@gmail.com

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in class.

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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

Volunteer to help with Range War
Vendor Registration and Information

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WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
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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

★ **CONTACT INFORMATION** ★

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Please keep your e-mail address current with the

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