

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER...

Howdy Y'all! That's Texas talk.

Cactus Kay and I are getting ready to move out for the Winter Range. Probably by the time you read this, Winter Range will already be in the books. I saw in the January issue of the *Cowboy Chronicle* there is a new class for the Senior Division: Duelist Senior. Now that's something to think about. By the time Chili Pepper reaches senior age, he oughta have a lock on the competition. Of course, Redleg (The Original) and Led Foulin' are too close to benefit greatly...not enough practice time left.

Things you should remember:

1. New club starting in Sault Ste. Marie.
2. Cowboy Long-Range shooting at Durand Sportsman Association. Check your calendar.
3. Saginaw Field and Stream will be offering Saturday shoots this year. Other clubs have Saturday shoots as well. This allows an expanded opportunity to shoot this year.
4. Range War scheduled for Sept 1-4, 2000. An ad will appear in the *Cowboy Chronicle* in March, May, and July. Watch the ads for shirt offer.
5. R.O. Training Course was discussed at the Governors' Convention in Las Vegas. Sometime in May and/or June the W.R. board will be offering an R.O. class. We are expecting all poses marshals to be certified by the time of the Range War. The time and place will be well publicized ahead of time. Since SASS is providing tests, certification literature, and R.O. pin for successful completion, a \$10.00 fee will be required of all class members.
6. I have no further information about the Oglesby class, which has been scheduled for April 7-9, 2000. Bill was to call me back with a fee schedule in a couple of weeks. That was at least two months ago. When I know you will know.
7. Grandpa Willie aka Bill Albert has been busy at Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club. He and his committee are busy making props, securing steel and moving dirt for C.A.S. Watch for information concerning SKIRMISH AT CROW CREEK.
8. A big thanks to Billy Bob Digwell for the magnificent job he did on the article for the *Cowboy Chronicle*. By the way, did you notice his picture in the last issue of the *Cowboy Chronicle*? He was pictured with an article on the North/South Skirmish.

The W.R. board met on January 29, 2000. The topic was the Range War 2000. If anyone wants to set up a stage for the Range War, including scenario, props, and targets that meet SASS size requirements, they should contact their closest club board member. Also, we are looking for on site food catering. Anyone who has a contact person, club or group should call Mackinaw Kid, 248-852-0351.

Hope to run into some Wolverine Rangers at Winter Range and Trailhead.

Keep shooting safely.

Dakota Doc

Who Was That Masked Man

By Wiiwan

(Formerly The Shady Lady)

1. -His name is Bill Walter
-lives in Hortonville, MI
-has 2 grown children
-worked for 36 yrs for GM
-been shooting pistols for about 1 1/2 yrs now
-been hunting for about 99 yrs or so
-also, enjoys skeet shooting and camping
-member of the local Lions Club
-did you guess "Buckle Buster Bill"?
2. -His name is Joe Denslaw
-from Hastings, MI
-been shooting for over 2 yrs
-he is a production artist
-his girlfriend is Sara
-all he does is work and shoot- That's all!!
-His alias is Slow Jo, although we all know he is no Slow Jo!
3. -He's Jeff Rossell
-a machine operator
-married 11 yrs and has 3 kids
-has been cowboy shooting for 1 year
-likes hunting and fishing
-has never done any other type of shooting, except, hunting, but won the Man on Man at the WRRW and was also, on the winning team event team.
-His name is Kidd Vicious.

TIDBITS

By Cactus Kay

*Welcome new Wolverine Rangers! For the first time ever we have continued to add new members during the winter months. What a pleasant surprise.

*We continue to do Wolverine Ranger business long distance. There seems to be more this year than last, or my memory isn't what it used to be.

*We are being audited on our raffle. Wouldn't you know it, on our first one! Oh well. It just means more paperwork., but it goes with the territory.

*We encourage our members to become SASS members and NRA members. If you join either one tell them the Wolverine Rangers sent you!

*I am enrolled in a one day shooting class with San Juan (End of Trail 1999 World Champion) at Cowtown, AZ on Feb 8th. I'm quite nervous about it. Hopefully there will be some lesser experienced people in the class besides myself. They're pretty fast out that way.

*Guess who's getting married March 18th? Why, it's our very own Nitro Nellie, Editor in Chief of the *Epitaph*. Congratulations and I can't wait to see if her shooting is affected. If she gets too busy to practice much I might have a shot at her. Seriously, best wishes to Kim and Craig Denny from all of us! (editors note: I think I have just been issued a challenge. What Cactus Kay doesn't know, is that I will now have a shooting range right out my back door!)

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*The trip to the Territorial Governors' Convention in December was great! (The Rangers paid Dakota Doc's trip, we paid my way) It did the Rangers a world of good to be represented at this meeting. It put us on the map for the people we talked to. I was able to attend all of the meetings, but the stipulation was that non-governors had to sit on their hands and not vote or contribute to the many discussions. Now that was tough. That was really tough! I did however got to take the R.O. exam with Dakota Doc. The Rangers should make it a priority to have someone represent us each year at this event.

INDOOR SHOOT SCHEDULE

<u>LAPEER</u>	<u>DSC</u>
02/20/00	
03/12/00	03/05/00
12/10/00	

PLEASE NOTE...

Anyone wishing to contribute an article for the next newsletter may send it to Kim Meyer at 719 N Hanover, Hastings, MI 49058, 616-945-9251, meyer@triton.net until March 10th, or you may send it to Dakota Doc at 4345 S Linden Rd, Flint, Mi 48507, 810-733-8454. I will be moving and I do not have the new address nor do I have a phone yet. You can always reach me at work, 616-945-4106 between 9am-4pm.

**SAFETY
FIRST
LAST
AND ALWAYS!!!**

Howdy & Thanks

My name is Michael Carnaghi and my alias is Chili Pepper Pete SASS #11917. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to the general membership and thank the W.R. Board for the opportunity to serve with them. I am truly honored to have been chosen to the Board and I hope I can serve the members well.

I am married and have two children, who I hope to get involved in CAS. I am, also, part owner in a commercial general contracting business. I have been shooting CAS for 5 years and fell in love with both the sport and the people involved. Since I started shooting, I have met so many great people, all of whom shared their time and experience with me. I hope to be able to do the same for all of you. My personal goal is to help make CAS in Michigan all the fun it can be. Having fun is the reason we became involved in CAS in the first place and as we grow in numbers it is important to remember that. The fun and the friendship are what this sport is all about, and I hope to help keep it that way.

If you have any questions or concerns (or just like to talk) you can contact me at (810)228-8339 or e-mail at mike@carnaghi.com.

Thanks Again,

Chili

FROM YOUR EDITOR....

Just received word that Dakota Doc had open heart surgery this past week while in Phoenix for Winter Range. Of course, he doesn't like the fact he's in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay and their family.

CLUB CONTACTS

Border Town Hombre	Port Huron, MI	519-336-1690
Dakota Doc	Davison, MI	810-733-8454
Kalamazoo Kid	Saginaw, MI	517-624-4283
Mackinaw Kid	DSC, Utica, MI	248-852-0351
Nitro Nellie	Hastings, MI	616-945-9251
Wall-Man	Lapeer, MI	248-628-7424

CLUB NEWS...

From Lapeer

We have two indoor shoots left. We will reveal the winner of the winter indoor shoots at our banquet on March 18th at Lenny Miller's restaurant in Dryden at 6:00p.m. We have had an average of 15 shooters for each shoot, and we haven't had any bad weather!

From Hastings

We've been busy in this part of the state planning the shoots for the upcoming season. You'll definitely be seeing some bigger targets, but I can't say as those crescent moons are going to be retired!! Hopefully, we'll have a couple of new props ready to go, also. Our first shoot is slated for May 14th, Mother's Day!! We decided to go ahead with date after much discussion. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Lapeer Firelocks Gun Show

A wise person once said change is good, because it encourages thought. With this in mind the Lapeer Firelocks Muzzleloading Club applied to the Contemporary Longrifle Association to hold a regional (mini) show. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce the authorization from the CLA to create a regional show. To bench mark our show we looked at the old Rochester Show held at Oakland University. First the Rochester show was an excellence show and second it was sponsored by a small muzzleloading club. This regional show theme has created change in our annual show format. The contemporary longrifle portion of the show will be featuring the finest custom and production muzzleloading arms, accouterments, parts and services for the longrifle gunsmith. Displays of fine antique arms are greatly encouraged. The remainder of the show will house arms and accouterments used in the Civil War and guns of the old west and replicas thereof. This is a juried antique arms show. No arms or accouterments produced after 1896 are to be displayed. The Lapeer Show will be an excellent opportunity to come out and study the art and design of these fine antique arms. Hope to see you march 5th at the Lapeer American Legion Hall, show hours are 9am-4pm. Questions? Contact Dave Cook 248-258-2743



IT'S TIME TO RENEW

YOUR

WOLVERINE RANGER

MEMBERSHIP!!!!

(SEE ENCLOSED LETTER)