

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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*aka Catlow*

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

I'd like to start out by saying "Thank You" to Ed and Paula Smith for all they have done for the Wolverine Rangers. As two of the founding members of this group, they laid the groundwork for this wonderful organization with the hours of endless work it took getting started and keeping the group moving in the right direction. I look forward to continue working with them on the Board.

It is now time for others to pick up the load. I am honored to have been chosen to help lead the Rangers into the future. Mickey Lobe, Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou have also stepped up to represent you as officers of the Wolverine Rangers. The Board of Directors is busting out with talent, experience and dedication to CAS and the Michigan shooters. It is our goal to continue the growth and popularity of our sport while continuing to make it better. We are excited about the future of the Wolverine Rangers as we move forward adding new clubs and members to our ranks.

The Board also has some new ideas that we hope to incorporate into the upcoming year. These include organizing a "WRRW" committee to help put together the 2002 Range War. We are looking at a cowboy dinner dance for sometime next spring with a short membership meeting to kick off the new season. We are also making some changes to the membership shoot. First the membership shoot will be held in Saginaw on September 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held at a different club every year thereafter. We have moved the date of the shoot to after the Range War so we can get your feedback prior to planning the following year. By moving the shoot from club to club, we hope to create an open house atmosphere and an opportunity for the club to show its stuff. The club can set up whatever shooting format they wish. We have also decided to donate \$200 to each of the nine clubs that are affiliated with the Wolverine Rangers. These clubs pay \$1.00 per shooter from each match they host as dues to the Rangers. This is our way of giving back to these clubs and the shooters. Whether it's new timers or targets, props or parking lots, we want each of the clubs to continue to upgrade their matches.

We also want your help. We need to hear from you the members. Your ideas and thoughts are important to the improvement of both the local clubs and the Rangers as a whole. Remember that you are the Wolverine Rangers. If you have a suggestion or an issue please let us know.

The Board has once again authorized funding to send Dakota Doc to the SASS Territorial Governors summit in Las Vegas. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have done this and the Board feels that this is important for us to have a voice in what is going on. Along with Doc, Paula and Lucky Lennie are also planning on attending the summit. This will give us at least three voices "live" at the meeting to express our thoughts. With the other TG write-in ballots we want to make sure that Michigan is heard loud and clear.

The website is up and running and I must say that it is top notch. Our webmaster and Epitaph editor Laporte Lil did an awesome job putting this site together. GREAT JOB LIL!!! We hope that this website will help spread the word through the CAS community

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of the happenings of the Wolverine Rangers. This tool should be of help to all members in keeping track of what's going on and help get new shooters moving in the right direction. When you get a chance, check it out at [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org)

As the Captain of the Rangers, I want each of you to feel comfortable in contacting me with questions and suggestions anytime. The best way of doing this is by e-mail at Chili\_Pepper917@hotmail.com or calling 586-228-8339 in the evenings.

*Regards,  
Chili Pepper Pete*

### Lapeer Wranglers

The Lapeer Wranglers October match was won by Ricochet (NO MISSES) Bill for the first win of his "long and distinguished career." Saying that he had "nothing on my mind except shooten", Bill swept into first place by a ten second margin of victory.

The November match was won by Catlow with a 30 second margin over second place finisher No Buk Chuck. This concluded the outdoor portion of the Lapeer Wranglers schedule for this year.

Next comes the indoor Winter League with matches on December 9, January 13, February 10, and March 10. The Winter League features three stages and an individual or team event after the stages are finished. Registration for the Winter League begins at 9:30am on each of the four Sundays with shooting beginning at 10:30am. Matches are usually concluded by 1:30pm and the range is open for about 1/2 hour afterwards for "open shooting." Costs are \$18 for non-members and \$8 for members of the L.C.S.C. This includes your lunch provided by Tenderfoot Tess. Each person attending receives a \$3 credit for each match attended. This money is refunded to you at our annual banquet at the White Horse Inn in Metamora. Prizes are also given to each person attending the banquet. Come out and join us whenever you're able!!!

*Wall-Man #5009  
Wranglers Territorial Governor for SASS*

### Rocky River Regulators at DSC

Let me start by saying if you missed our November shoot you missed a lot. A very big, heartfelt thank you goes out to The Lady (Sue Gillary). The Lady stayed up all night cooking so that everyone who came to the shoot could have a preview of the perfect Thanksgiving dinner. There were three turkeys, homemade mashed potatoes (enough to feed a small army), dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie with real whipped cream. Words cannot express our thanks.

Speaking of thanks, we would like to thank our RO's for the day: Isim, Ridge Runner Slim, Micky Lobe and Mackinaw Kid. Thanks to El Dorado Ed for bring his clay pigeon thrower, getting the clay pigeons, and running the side match after the main event. Thanks to everyone who helped take down and put away props. When they say many hands make light work, they are not kidding.

It sounds like we have a lot to be thankful for and we do. We have a great country to live in. A lot of incredible people of many nationalities and religious backgrounds that all come together to make this the United States of America. Where else can we get together on a weekend, dress the way we choose, wear our hair the way we want, carry firearms, and socialize with our friends. Enough said for now about our great country.

Our November 18 shoot brought together 41 cowboy action shooters, of that the top three shooters were: 1. Moe Gunns, 2. Faygo Kid and 3. Catlow. Great shooting guys!

December 30 will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Shoot. There will be hot food, a warm fire, coffee boiling and we will all get to show off our new cowboy duds that we got for Christmas. Hope to see you there. Remember you do not have to dress cowboy, just according to temperatures. If you plan on attending come a little early and buy breakfast of sausage and biscuits made by our local famous chef, Isim. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., cost is \$3.00 with the profits going toward parts for our shooting gallery.

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Yes, we will be having a Sunday, January 20 shoot. May God bless you and yours in this holiday season.

### Mackinaw Kid

#### Straight Shots from Saginaw

We had 48 shooters ride in on September 29<sup>th</sup> to compete in our final shoot of 2001. It was a time for reflection and soul-searching as the terrorist's actions were fresh on our minds. Bad River Marty opened with a prayer and all shooters united together as we pledged our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Our winners were:

Men: 1. Bad River Marty  
2. Led Foulin'  
3. Ethan Callahan  
4. No Buk Chuck  
5. Moe Gunns

Ladies: 1. Cactus Kay  
2. Katie Callahan  
3. Laporte Lil  
4. Annie Rosebud  
5. Stix

Led Foulin', Onyx, Iron Horse Kid and Ridge Runner Slim impressed us all by shooting clean matches. Great shooting, pards!

The Six Shooters had a work-meeting on October 10 to discuss the upcoming year and what goals we plan to achieve. The meeting was well attended and yup, the grub was tasty!

We will be having practice shoots the first Saturday of the month, 9:00a.m.-noon, for those interested in challenging the elements and doing some winter shooting. (For some reason, True Grit comes to mind.)

Saturday, February 23, 2002 will be our first shoot of the new year. There will be a \$15 registration fee with the shooters meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Grub is on us. Wear your woolies and a smile. We'll have lots of fun.

A big thanks to ALL the many cowboys and cowgirls who helped make this a wonderful cowboy action season in Saginaw. We're lucky to have such great hands working together. Laporte Lil is doing an excellent job getting our information out on the website. Be sure to let her know how much she's appreciated!

As the holidays approach, keep praying for our nation and its people. We are strong; we will endure. And remember....live life! Give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty

#### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

A total of 43 shooters participated in the October 20 match. Many of the Saginaw Six Shooters brought their "tin covered wagons" to camp for one, two or even three nights. EZ Munny from Roscommon, and Mesa Mike and Giddyup Gal from the Soo also stayed in their covered wagons to bring the total to nine. Some parked in a semi-circle with others staked out on either side of the main clubhouse.

After some practicing and setting up the range on Friday, the evening found the cowboys and cowgirls headed to town for grub. The Mexican restaurant we had chosen had a three hour wait so we opted for a Chinese buffet down the trail a bit.

The nights may have been cold and rainy but during the daytime Thursday-Sunday it was partly sunny with cool temperatures. Great for shooting!

Upon conclusion of the main match on Saturday the many side challenges began. Photos were taken of the losers lying in a propped-up wooden coffin with the victor standing beside smiling proudly. The six women shooters participated in an interesting challenge which required a strategically placed rifle shot to an iron cowboy who now has a higher pitched voice! Just funnin', cowboys!

After pushing much lead down the range the following buckaroos took home the great trophies:

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Top Cowboy	Bad River Marty
Top Cowgirl	Katie Callahan
Up & Coming Shooter	Blue Boy
Stage 1	BernEng Bullets
Stage 2	Jack Bantam
Stage 3	Mesa Mike
Stage 4	Tacoma Tad
Stage 5	EZ Munny
Buffalo Shoot	Mesa Mike

The winner of the final seasonal drawing, a 1873 Uberti revolver, was Al Cahill from the Soo.

Saturday evening found the group "wagon training" back to town in their SUV's, pickups, and vans for a buffet at Abner's. The food was hot, abundant and delicious. We had our own private dining room filled to capacity with approximately 30 cowpokes in their 1890's garb.

After dinner back at the campground found a group around the iron "indoor bonfire" reminiscing about the day, reciting poetry, and tellin' "yarns".

This was our last shoot of the season. Have a great winter and we'll see you in May.

Respectfully submitted for Yooper Fred  
by Laporte Lil

Howdy Folks:

We are considering hosting a Cowboy Dinner and Social possibly in the Lansing area as it would be centrally located for all members statewide. We hope to keep the cost around \$30 per person. Before too much effort/legwork is put into this, we would like to know if this sparks your interest.

Please get back to me or any of the other Board members with your thoughts on this ASAP.

**Mike Carnaghi**

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As always, we are looking for volunteers to help on the planning committee. Thank you very much for your support. Happy Holidays!

### FOR SALE

Navy Arms, 1892 Stainless Steel,  
Full Octagon Barrel, .357 Cal. \$450 OBO  
Contact: Nevada Gambler (248) 682-0977

### Notice from your Editor

In the October Epitaph I mentioned that an attempt would be made to send the December Epitaph electronically to all members with an e-mail address. The Board met on November 4 and decided that all future issues of the Epitaph could be put on the website as soon as they are published and eliminate (or never start) to send it to members electronically. Members with e-mail addresses will have received the December Epitaph via hardcopy and can also access it on the website. Beginning in February, those with e-mail addresses will receive an e-mail notification that the Epitaph has been published and is ready to be viewed/printed from the website. Those members without e-mail addresses will, of course, still receive a hardcopy of the Epitaph through the mail. Thanks for your patience and understanding while we're in the "figurin' out" stage. We'll eventually get there!

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