

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Olla Amigos. Happy New Year to all of you. I hope it will be safe and prosperous for all of you.

Well, as you may or may not know Lucky Lennie and I went out to Las Vegas for the Territorial Governors Summit and the SASS Convention. This was my first time going to the summit and I can tell you it was an eye opening experience. I had the opportunity to meet most of the members of the Wild Bunch and a hundred or so TG's from around the country. At the summit the TG's discussed and voted on proposed changes to current SASS rules and categories. The agenda items were announced in advance and no new items could be added. This helped move things along smoothly and without a lot of argument. That is not to say there wasn't some lively discussion but it was pretty civil. Some of the big changes are the addition of five new categories, Classic Cowboy, Classic Cowgirl, Senior Ladies (60+), Grand Dame (70+), and Frontier Cartridge Duelist. These categories will go into effect in April at End of Trail.

The Wolverine Rangers Range War will again be a SASS sanctioned State Championship. Lucky Lennie and I attended a meeting with the folks that put on state championships all over the country and let me say that we don't take a back seat to anybody. We are offering as much or more than most of the other shoots and at a lower cost.

The rest of the convention was excellent. We ran into several Michigan folks like One Son of a Gun and his wife, Poco Loco, Hazel Miner, their son Chris, Dirty Dances with Wolves, Hester Hope, Heck Wiltse, and Sunvale Pete.

All the major gun manufacturers were there with their goodies to pick up and fondle. There were a few clothing vendors, not as many as I would have hoped, but maybe more next year. We saw Evil Roy and his bunch, and they were excited about coming to Michigan to teach a class. I attended two of the lectures and both were very informative, one on costuming and the other on shooting Frontiersman. We missed the Yesteryears Ball but I'm sure that those that went can tell you all about it. I heard that it was fantastic. One of the high points for me was the opportunity to meet the Wild Bunch and talk with these folks. Most spoke highly of the Wolverine Rangers organization and now I have faces to put with the names as we talk in the future.

In closing, I'd like to thank you, the members of the Wolverine Rangers, for the opportunity to attend the convention. Not only did I learn a lot but also we let folks know that Michigan is one of the finest places for CAS in the country.

*Best Regards, Chili Pepper Pete*

## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Ramblings from the Bunkhouse

Here it is our February Epitaph. Do you know what that means? It's MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME again. Everyone's membership expires on March 31, 2003. A copy of the application is being sent to everyone. Please take the time to fill it out and update all your information and send it in with your check. Your new membership card and all the other information will be mailed to you.

We know that several of the badges have broken. If this has happened to you please send the badge front back to us (if you have it) with your renewal and we will get a new one out to you. We need the badges to work something out with the badge maker on compensation. If you have lost your badge and would like a new one it will cost you \$12.50. This is what it costs us.

There have been changes going on constantly with the Wolverine Rangers clubs. We have a new club from Ionia and the group from Flint/Davison has just been informed that they will not be able to shoot at Williams Gunsight and Outfitters this year. Keep up-to-date with current happenings by checking the website as it is updated regularly.

We are always looking for feedback, good or bad. You can send us an email or call and we will do our best to take care of your concern, if possible.

**Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou**

### Thanks to the Wolverine Rangers

Sue and I along with our daughters, Emily, Jennifer and Katie (K.C. Kate) would like to thank all of the Wolverine Rangers who participated in the Charity Challenge event at Range War. The event raised \$1,756. The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation contributed the balance of the cost of an AED and training (approximately \$869) so that we could donate an AED to a local high school. We sent an offer letter to Marysville High School, the closest high school to the location of Range War, and offered to donate an AED and training to the high

school. The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation makes an unconditional gift of an AED and training as part of its goal of donating an AED to every high school in the state of Michigan. As of the date of the preparation of this letter (December 17, 2002) we have not yet heard back from Marysville High School. We have recently followed up with them and will be persistent.

To date, the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation has raised over \$420,000 and donated 140 AED's to Michigan high schools. This has been made possible through the generosity of people like the Wolverine Rangers and the shooters who participated in the Charity Challenge. Thanks again.

**Randy and Sue Gillary**  
*aka R.J. Law and The Lady*

### Lapeer Wranglers

We have started our "winter league" outdoors as our new pistol building will be taking longer to complete than we expected. With one shoot of the required four completed the following "master shooters" are the leaders so far:

1. A.J. Peacock
2. Peter Pistolero
3. Dodge City Duke

The rest of us are grouped in a small pack about 20/30 seconds behind the top three. Guess there must be something to "hugging the fire barrel" and having pocket hand warmers, eh guys? Actually, the weather was not all that bad for the first shoot. The newly raised berms protected us against the cold winds and the fire barrels helped take the chill off until shooting time. Dodge City Duke and Beerbelly Willie were the winners of the first team shoot which featured quickness and speed in hitting all the required targets before your partner could begin shooting. Way to go guys! Hopefully, we will have seen more of you on January 12th!

*Wall-Man*

## Wolverine Rangers Club News

### Straight Shots from Saginaw

Well, winter's here in Saginaw but that doesn't slow down the Saginaw Six Shooters. After a small dinner gathering in December our schedule for 2003 was put together. We will be hosting three scheduled shoots this year. Be sure to cipher on your calendar March 29th, May 31st, and October 11th. More details in the next Epitaph.

We're also having practice shoots on the third Saturday of February, March and April for all you cold blooded hombres. Cost is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members (of Saginaw Field & Stream). This is a good time to sharpen up those skills and test your cold weather stamina. We'll begin practicing at noon in hopes that the sun comes out to warm the temps up a little, hopefully above freezing!!

As we gallop along life's trails we meet many people that we consider our "good pards". The Saginaw Six Shooters has been the basis of many good friendships established out of Cowboy Action Shooting. But time keeps rolling along and circumstances change. This past December we wished Lumberman good luck as he packed up the little missus and headed south to sunny Florida to enjoy his retirement. We know he'll find a good Cowboy Action Shooting club there and we wish him many happy trails.

Along with Lumberman we were sorry to see Annie Rosebud and J.D. Stillwater hitting the trail. They have headed their wagons west to live out their cowboy dreams in Montana. Yup! Now that's what I call a good retirement! We wish them the very best of life that the old West has to offer.

This is what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. Sure, we love the shooting, but the friends along the trail are what make it so much more than just another shooting sport. The Saginaw Six Shooters would like to wish all of its shooting pards the best, happiest, healthiest, and safest shooting year ever!

And remember...Live life....Give it your best shot!

**Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty**

### Michigan Pistoleros

Have you noticed, all good things come to an end? The Michigan Pistoleros cannot shoot at Williams Gun Sight and Outfitters range in the future. This is not the fault of Tom Wright, CEO or Dan Compeau, Chief Operations Officer or any other employee of Williams. Each has been most helpful and courteous. No matter what the question or request, each was handled in the most positive manner and the desired outcome was granted. This will be extremely difficult to duplicate in the future of the Michigan Pistoleros Cowboy Action Shooting program.

I would like to remind all cowboy shooters, Williams is still able to handle your shooting needs at area competitive prices. The main reason for the discontinuance: civilization has encroached upon the range and since we shoot close to the berm, in front of the established firing line, one shot inadvertently over the berm would cause a multitude of problems for us and Williams. We will keep you posted on our future plans. Thank you again for shooting with Kay and me.

*Fast Eddie*

**In summary:** Williams will operate as in the past, it's just that they will no longer host Cowboy Action Shooting matches. They are open for public shooting and plan to remain so.

### DSC Rocky River Regulators

The New Year is here! Can a full schedule of shooting be far behind? We are holding ten shoots this year. We always take the month of March off due to the grounds getting extremely muddy. This year, due to scheduling conflicts, we will be taking the month of April off too.

Our 2002 New Year's Eve shoot held on December 29<sup>th</sup> brought beautiful weather and 44 shooters. A special thanks to all who came out.

The top shooters by category were:

49er	Faygo Kid	202.46
Duelist	Marshall J. Calhoun	294.74

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Frontier	Chili Pepper Pete	222.60
Junior	Montana Mark	434.76
Modern	Moe Gunns	237.51
Senior	Fast Eddie	290.76
Traditional	A.J. Peacock	196.23
Women	Cactus Kay	268.18

This article will have gone to the editor and chief before we hold our January shoot. A few days after January 19<sup>th</sup> just check the website for results.

It is going to be another great shooting year. Hope to see you at all the shoots!

### Mackinaw Kid

#### Rockford Regulators

A big cowboy Howdy from the Rockford Regulators in Rockford, MI. Well, the 2nd Annual Blackpowder, Frontier Cartridge, Gunfighter, Big Bore Challenge is now a part of the history books. If I left any part out of the title of this earth shattering event, please forgive me. The challenges as well as the name just seem to continue to grow. There were 13 intrepid contestants. Each one a legend in his own mind. Grin. When the smoke finally cleared, which on some stages took a while, Fireball was declared the winner. A tip of the old cowboy hat to those sooty shooters. I have to believe that in the fun category they were all winners.

No Buk Chuck kept trying to draw your humble writer into the smoky fray and admitted to me "I couldn't even shame you into shooting black powder". I just grinned, knowing how easy it would be to clean MY guns at day's end.

For our January 4 shoot we had 58 shooters. It was a fine day with light winds and a balmy 30 degrees. Truly that was a fine turnout for a winter shoot. We could not have been more happy at all the pard and pardettes supporting our humble little shoot. It was pretty easy to keep cool. No shade was necessary. Remember, THIS is the weather we were wishing for during the heat waves last summer!

A personal thanks to Cactus Kay, Fast Eddie and Lucky Lennie for running the Range Officer I and II courses at Buchanan, Michigan on January 11. They did a fine job of instructing. There was a good showing of cowboys from Michigan and Indiana for this class. Anyone having the opportunity to take these courses will benefit greatly from doing so. We are going to try and setup one at Rockford sometime this summer. So if you are in need of these classes, keep a lookout and we'll see if we can make this happen.

Well, that's about all I have for now. We look forward to seeing everybody at our next shoot on February 1. Remember, we shoot the 1st Saturday of the month. Until then, keep reloading, we'll surely need that ammo for next summer.

#### *Diewalker*

#### Shoot Straight Cattle Company

Howdy, everybody. Been a long time since I wrote something for the Epitaph but I think you'll like what I have to say. High Maintenance and I are starting a new shoot in Ionia, Michigan at the Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club. Most of our shoots will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month but there are a couple of exceptions so check the calendar carefully.

WMRPC is our local club where we go to practice. We were approached by the Board of Directors and asked to put on a shoot for the club. So being gluttons for punishment, we took on the task. Red Beard Bandit, Slippery Pete, and Smokey Cinders have all offered to pitch in and help so we are well on our way to putting on a good match. There's more detailed information on the next page so I won't take up too much more of your time. The Shoot Straight Cattle Company wants to see you all at our first shoot March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any comments, questions or things you would like to see at a match get a hold of us at [texasjohncritter@hotmail.com](mailto:texasjohncritter@hotmail.com) or 269-506-7325.

**Shoot Straight!  
Critter**

# The Shoot Straight Cattle Company

is open for business!

**High Maintenance - Proprietor  
Texas John Critter – Wrangler**

**“We got a \$5 fine for whining”**

The SSCC would like to invite you to the Western Michigan Rifle and Pistol Club located in Ionia, Michigan for Cowboy Action Shooting.

### We will be shooting on the following dates:

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Sunday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>     | Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>                |
| Saturday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Saturday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>                 |
| Saturday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Saturday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Saturday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> | – Black powder only shoot!!!! Details to follow |

Five new and challenging stages each shoot.

Minimum ammo requirements are:

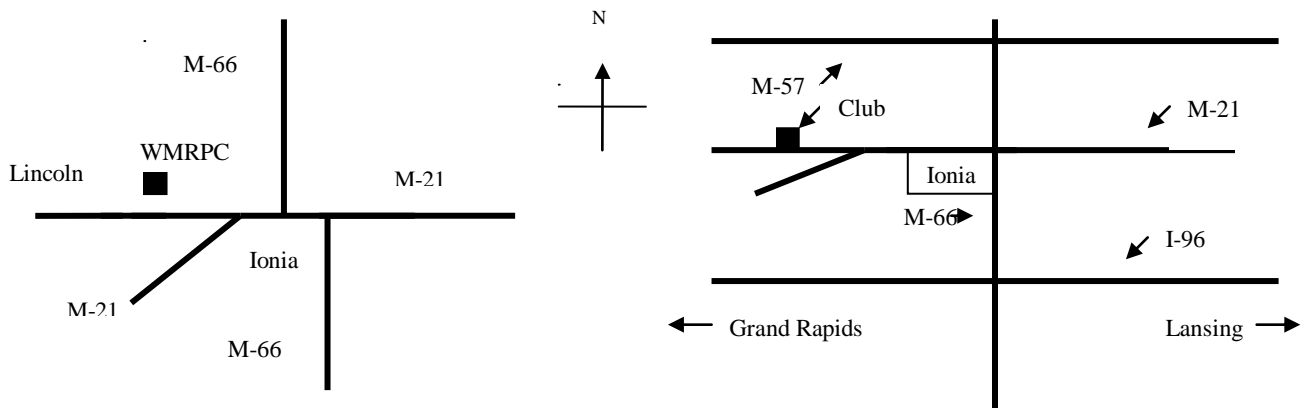
25 shotgun, 50 pistol, 50 rifle

All SASS rules apply. All SASS shooting categories will be recognized.

\$18 per shooter, Juniors \$10, lunch available for a donation.

Questions? Contact High Maintenance or Critter at 269-506-7325

or [texasjohncritter@hotmail.com](mailto:texasjohncritter@hotmail.com)



## Sitting Around the Campfire by Diewalker for WRRW 2002

(This poem was read by Diewalker at the banquet but some of you may have missed it)

Sitting around the campfire  
 with the folks from Hooterville;  
 We've spent all day a-laughing,  
 shooting and ringing steel.  
 The good times they are many,  
 the stories loud and tall.  
 What a way to spend the day  
 with good friends one and all.

I think I'll use this bit of verse  
 to name and poke some fun  
 At some of our more notables,  
 who to this shoot have come.  
 They'll not be in any special order  
 of gender, age or skill.  
 It's just how I can rhyme them in.  
 I think I'll start with Bill.

Baldy Bill, it's widely known,  
 Travels with a gang,  
 And when this mob shoots at their targets,  
 They "generally" go clang.

No Buk Chuck's a friendly pard,  
 As plain as a tarnished penny,  
 But, he'll beat you and take your dollar,  
 Just ask Lucky Lennie.

Then there's Chili Pepper Pete,  
 He's like a jumping bean.  
 He's a fast and wirey feller,  
 With a wit that's razor keen.

When you mention cap and ball,  
 You think of old Mike Fink;  
 With acrid clouds of smoke and fire,  
 Lordy what a stink!

Now we come to Fireball,  
 Shootist extraordinaire.  
 How he stokes that "87"  
 Is a shotgun skill quite rare.

Andy Horshurodinon is a gunfighter  
 Of great renown.  
 I've gone up against him many a time  
 And usually I'm put down.

My good pard is Allegan Dan,  
 As strong as a mighty oak,  
 But when I yanked both barrels on my scattergun,  
 I thought he was gonna choke!

Shotgun Mary is definitely  
 A cowboy shooting lass.  
 The way she scores, I sure am glad,  
 She doesn't shoot my class.

Now we come to Seven,  
 The reigning cowboy champ,  
 With pistols like chain lightning,  
 He's come to wow the camp.

The Faygo Kid is a likeable cowpoke,  
 Always happy and never low.  
 I like to slide up behind him and say,  
 "Which way did he go?"

Peter Pistolero is a friendly guy,  
 A fine old shooting gent.  
 He travels to the cowboy shoots,  
 Using his van for a tent.

Catlow has a fine moustache,  
 That would make any cowboy proud.  
 He's gracious and always smiling,  
 Never brash or loud.

Texas John Critter has that look in his eyes,  
 Standing there upright and proud.  
 A deadeye shot when he goes for his guns,  
 He'll surely impress the crowd.

Cactus Kay is a beautiful lady,  
 And angel sent down from heaven.  
 But, the simple fact she'll out shoot  
 Most of us on any day is a given.

Slippery Pete is a cowboy friend  
 Who used to make us proud.  
 Then he gave in to the "darkside"  
 And now he stands in a smelly white cloud.

Lucky Lennie is a real tough nut,  
 A competitor through and through.  
 But, you never know until he shows up  
 If it's Lennie or Pinky Larue.

## Sitting Around the Campfire (continued)

To have a ton of cowboy fun,  
Grampaw Willie will travel far.  
You know it's him with his constant grin  
And ever present cigar.

Fast Eddie, he's a live wire.  
He always has lots to say.  
Unless he's sleeping,  
He's only quiet when he gets beat by Cactus Kay.

Colonel Blaze is mighty speedy  
When he gets down in that crouch.  
He's good on a posse;  
Friendly to all and with pistols he's no slouch.

Then you have the Colonel's offspring,  
Sergeant Dynamite.  
He shoots real good, is mighty fast,  
And works to get it right.

Wildcat Elly's the ladies champ;  
She'll be fighting to keep her crown.  
It's up to the line, whack 'em and smack 'em  
Knocking those poppers down.

Tucson Stu is calm and collected  
With a downright friendly demeanor.  
But when he straps on those "irons",  
There's many a time he finishes up top Senior.

Colt McAllister is just plain fast,  
Getting those pistols in play.  
One day he'll digress and get slow like the rest,  
But that surely won't happen today.

Bad River Marty is another Gunfighter  
Who always bests my time.  
I surely can't beat him but I certainly admire him,  
Sauntering up to the line.

You know if there's a cowboy shoot,  
Lue De Kriss attends it.  
He nurses back those old time guns;  
If it's broke he mends it.

Micky Lobe is a friendly sort;  
Pumps out good cheer like a faucet.  
The only thing is when he comes to a bridge;  
He simply just won't cross it.

No Cattle is a real fine pard,  
A regular cowboy machine.  
He's usually easy to spot at our shoots,  
Because his bandana is green.

Last year when he wore his old "arrow shirt",  
Dirty Dances with Wolves made a pun.  
Whether trooper or scout, there's never a doubt,  
He's going to have plenty of fun.

Doc Roy L Pain and Miss Misery  
Are a cowboy shooting pair.  
They shoot here together and have lots of fun;  
Nowadays that's kind of rare.

Table Top Tom is the range boss  
Of our Rockford cowboy gang.  
He keeps us in line, "well, part of the time",  
At least I think that's his aim.

Watch out for pards like Moe Gunns,  
The slender, quiet type.  
When he gets those guns unlimbered,  
His slinging lead's a sight.

Buckshot Ed will favor a shotgun,  
From his name, "that" you can tell.  
But, be it shotgun, rifle or pistols,  
He shoots them all quite well.

Coop-D-Graw is the quiet type,  
But when he toes that line,  
He gets those guns a working,  
Shooting record times.

Red Beard Bandit came to us;  
He'd never shot cowboy before.  
But in less than a year,  
His cowboy career has shot up like a meteor.

It's not hard to spot Slim Bisley,  
Standing out in a crowd.  
Although he's quiet when he's shooting,  
His weaponry speaks loud.

Finally, our poet, Diewalker;  
He's improving all the time.  
I'm not really getting any better;  
I just need that to rhyme. (Grin)

# Evil Roy Shooting School



After two years of trying we finally did it!  
We talked Evil Roy into coming to Michigan to conduct a shooting class! We are very excited about this opportunity.



For those of you who need a little background, he and his granddaughter, Holy Terror, are on the cover of the October 2002, Chronicle. Evil Roy is the 2001 SASS Overall World Champion and the 2000 SASS Overall National Champion. For more information on Evil Roy's background you may access his website at [www.evilyroyshootingsschool.com](http://www.evilyroyshootingsschool.com).



ERSS classes cover equipment selection and preparation, drills to improve skills, stage strategy, and the mind set required to be a good shootist and will give you the tools to improve your skills. The class will be two full days, Wednesday and Thursday, August 27-28, 2003. It will take place at the Blue Water Sportsman's Association in Port Huron, MI. It is the two days preceding the Wolverine Rangers' Range War and Michigan State Championship. You do not have to be shooting the Range War to take the class.

Cost of the class is \$270.00 including range fee for two days. Spouse is added at \$170.00. A limited number of juniors may take the class at a significantly reduced price provided their parent, who is also taking the class, accompanies them. Class size is limited to 25.

If you are interested send in a deposit now to hold your spot. Remember, the class is limited to 25. Our easy pay plan would be a minimum of \$50 now and then about \$50 a month until paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Or, if you wish, you may send a check for the full amount now.



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## Wolverine Rangers - Other Noteworthy News

### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie



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THE WINTER!!!!

### Range War 2002

A variety of Range War 2002 pictures are now available on the website — [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org) — simply click on the “Photographs” page.

### Pickin’ Up Pards

The Wolverine Rangers would like to welcome new member Two Story John.

### Custom Gun Carts

W. J. Maynard Engineering Services has custom gun carts for sale. Contact Red Keg Will at [cwde@tds.net](mailto:cwde@tds.net) or 989-687-5984 for more information or a brochure. Red Keg Will is a member of the Saginaw Six Shooters and Wolverine Rangers.

### Items For Sale

One 5 1/2” AWA, 44-40, like new condition. One 7 1/2” Uberti, 44-40, action job, like new condition, black powder frame but never seen black powder. Kirkpatrick holster, black with a SASS legal cross draw, like new condition. WTB Model 92 Winchester full length magazine tube for 44-40 caliber. Will sell individually. Contact Sunvale Pete—[sunvale3@earthlink.net](mailto:sunvale3@earthlink.net) or phone 626-249-0125 (home) or 616-340-2375.

Colt black powder accessory kit. Features a cap tin, bullet mold and powder flask bearing a likeness of Sam Colt’s signature on each. Like new, in the original box. Contact Nasty Canasta at [chaos45@tir.com](mailto:chaos45@tir.com) or 810-240-9455.

### 2003 Wolverine Rangers Calendar

February	1	Saturday	Rockford
	9	Sunday	Lapeer (Indoors)
	16	Sunday	DSC/Utica
March	1	Saturday	Rockford
	9	Sunday	Lapeer (Indoors)
	23	Sunday	Ionia *
	29	Saturday	Saginaw

\* If camping at Ionia, call Texas John Critter beforehand at 616-506-7325.

**Note:** The complete calendar will be mailed soon to each member and will also be available on the website at that time.

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