

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

Hola Amigos. Wooooo Weeeee! Summer is here and things are a jumpin. All the clubs are in full swing and there's a whole lot of shooting going on. Matches are going on just about every weekend so get out and enjoy all our clubs have to offer.

The Kimberly Ann Gillary Foundation made the presentation of a new defibrillator to the Marysville High School on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the unit that the Wolverine Rangers raised money for at the 2002 Range War. We will be raising money for this very deserving charity again in 2003.

I hope you all like the calendars that were sent out; I thought they came out very nice. Remember to get us a copy of your special digital photos for the 2004 calendar.

Range War 2003 plans are moving along nicely. We are looking for a food vendor to replace the one that was there last year (he was unable to return this year) so if you know anyone that might be interested please have them give me a call at 586-201-2778.

This year we are going to offer a Plainsmen side event on Saturday. If you have some cap and ball pistols and a single shot rifle that you hardly ever use this would be the perfect time to get them out and get the cobwebs out of them. Check out the requirements in the SASS rule book.

Another new item that has been added to this year's Range War is a Ladies Only side event being organized by Laporte Lil and Katie Callahan. Early indications are that it will be a scenario style course using all three guns.

Well, that's all for now, I hope to see you at the shoots.

*Best Regards,*

*Chili Pepper Pete*

## **Ramblings from the Bunkhouse**

Can you believe the year is almost half over? Range War is just a few weeks away. The Board has been busy doing their best to make sure that everything is ready for the shooters.

We have come up with a need. We are looking for some volunteers this year to relieve the people running the side matches. The more volunteers we have, the shorter time you will have to work. We are looking for approximately 15 people who will be at the range Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We will need people who can come in on Wednesday and Thursday to help setup

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the stages (targets, props, canopies, etc.). Even if you are not planning on shooting the events, but could come and volunteer for a few hours it would be greatly appreciated. Putting on Range War is a huge task for just a few people to handle. This year we are adding a Ladies Only side event stage. It will be run for a limited time on Friday. Don't forget to check the Range War schedule for the time and additional details.

The campground is going to need about two cord of firewood for the community campfire. If anyone has some they would like to donate and deliver to the Blue Water Sportsman's Club, it would be great. I am sure the campers wouldn't mind passing the hat for contributions if necessary.

The vendors we have received confirmation from so far are: laser engraver, metal engraver, clothing vendors, ear protection and a photographer who is going to do a panoramic photograph. Check the Range War schedule for the time. He will also be at the banquet on Sunday evening.

Special thanks goes out to Secondhand Jack for making two new sets of props for Range War. Make sure you tell Secondhand the next time you see him just how much you appreciate what he has done.

As of Memorial Day we have 247 Wolverine Rangers members and 27 people signed up for Range War. Remember in order for you to receive a WRRW t-shirt your application must be received no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Think safety! Shoot safely!  
**Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou**

### Rockford Regulators

Well a big cowboy "howdy" to all Wolverine Rangers from your pards at the Rockford Regulators. Our April 5 shoot will go down as one for the history books. The bad weather history books, that is. We went through one of the worst ice storms in recent memory. But I am sure that is not news to many of you that suffered through

natures last (hopefully last) blast. We had 31 intrepid shooters at our match. The weather cooperated better than I had expected. We had short periods of sun and short periods of snow flurries, but thankfully no more rain. Many of our folks had lost power, as I am sure some of you did also. Here is a simple prayer that all power was restored as soon as possible. I have been through this myself and know it is no picnic. Just think, when I was setting up Stage 1 on Friday I was worried about the mud! Now back to the shoot.

The morning was chilly but the wind was light. To my amazement the shooters started showing up at the regular time. We sure have a dedicated bunch of cowboys and cowgirls supporting us. And for that we are extremely grateful. We held the safety meeting in the clubhouse. I quickly realized that I was dressed fine for outside but way too much for inside. I had the honor of leading all the folks in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then it was off to the range for some not quite too serious ringing of steel. We had three brand new shooters on my posse. It is always great to see new faces to help expand our sport. We shot all five stages without a hitch. Then it was off for the dinner of spaghetti and garlic toast and ,yes, you guessed it, ice cream. I have to shamelessly brag about Sue's spaghetti (my wife) . I noticed that we didn't bring any home with us. That means that everyone ate well. For those of you that have not had the opportunity to come and shoot with us, I invite you to come and eat dinner with us. Oh yeah, we also shoot a cowboy match. (Grin) It came as no surprise that Fireball was our top shooter. It also was no surprise that your humble writer took first place in Gunfighter class, seeing as how I was the only Gunfighter, my prowess was assured. (Grin) As I was making the drive home with my niece Dana, one of our Brass Rats, I was marveling at how beautiful the trees were in the sunshine. They sparkled like jewels. It is times like these that make a person realize just what a great country we live in. A few hours earlier I was spending time shooting with some of the best friends a person

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could ask for and now I was able to look on such a glistening and peaceful landscape. It just takes your breath away.

Also as I drove home, I noticed that something was missing. I didn't have this certain acrid smell embedded into my olfactory. Then it occurred to me what was missing. We didn't have any black powder shooters on my posse. My hat, clothes, and moustache didn't smell of the holy black! Now I can just hear No Buk, Chili, Mike Fink and some others groaning from here. But hey, the truth cannot be argued with. (Grin) So as you can see, you guys were sorely missed.

Our May monthly shoot is also history, and what a history maker it was. We had 83 shooters, a record for our club. A big thank you to all who attended. We sure do appreciate your continued support for our humble little shoot. Doc Roy L. Pain took Top Shooter with his performance in Modern. One of our newer shooters, Three Gun Cole, topped the Traditional category. A favorite, No Buk Chuck, was top 49er and the world famous Baldy Bill was top Traditional Senior. It comes as no surprise that Bad River Marty took Gunfighter. The lovely Katie Callahan was Traditional Ladies winner, Pine Mountain Lady was Modern Ladies winner, and Miss Misery was Duelist Ladies winner. The friendly Beerbelly Willie was top Duelist, Moe Gunns took Modern Senior category, Lucky Lennie was the Senior Duelist champ, Greenriver (yup, that's the correct spelling) was Frontier Cartridge winner, and Lopsided Ed rounds out our winners with a Junior Class victory.

It is my humble opinion that some of the stages were a little too "challenging". That has been noted and will be looked at. The weather was perfect for the shoot. I don't think that it can get any better than sunny and 62 degrees, no bugs, no humidity, just some of the best cowpokes in Michigan to shoot with. I can't say enough about the people that support our club. From the shooters to the members that come out and help setup, tear-down and generally support us, we thank you.

I'll see you for our June 7 shoot. And don't forget about the Hawaiian shoot in August. Be sure to wear your flowery shirt, shorts and cowboy hat for an extra 10 second bonus for "spirit of the fun"! It should be a real hoot. Until our trails cross again, stay safe.

*Your pard,  
Diewalker*

### Lapeer Wranglers

Howdy. The weather so far this new shooting season has been working against us here in Lapeer. Our April match had to be cancelled due to the ice storm on the previous Friday. We lost approximately 200 trees on our club property. Therefore, on April's match day several of us worked several hours with chain saws and good old physical labor to clear the trail leading to and thru the woods. Many thanks to Ricochet Bill, Wacko Kid, Tucco Cockroach, Deadwood Steve, Wolfcreek Tom, Marshall Cooper, and Eric Foxall for helping clear the area. Another special thanks to Tenderfoot Tess for preparing lunch for the crew.

Our Mother's Day match seemed to be headed for the same fate, but the weather gods did an about face and the rain ended until the match was over and all the steel and props were packed away. Our match winner was Bea Sweet who cleaned the all shotgun stages with her trusty 20 gauge. You can see the complete match results on the Wolverine Rangers match results webpage.

Speaking of matches, don't forget our 6th Annual Great Lakes Match on June 28 & 29. We have reservations already so get yours in before the June 15 deadline to insure yourself a spot at Michigan's finest two-day shoot in the month of June! Anyone who needs registration materials can contact me at wall\_man5009@hotmail.com or 248-628-7424. Links to the registration materials are also available on the Wolverine Rangers website either on the Lapeer club page or on the calendar page.

The future for the L.C.S.C. and the "Wranglers"

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seems to be getting brighter. We have started our new pistol building and it should be ready by the fall. Sure will be nice to have a heated building with running water and toilets for the coming Winter League starting in December. We will be able to shoot under an overhang complete with radiant gas heat.

*Take care,  
Wall-Man*

### DSC Rocky River Regulators

It was great to have a couple of months off. With the quantity of rain we received in March and April, we had very soggy ground on the shooting range. It was better by May's shoot. We never lost anyone. Speaking of May's shoot the top three overall shooters were:

1<sup>st</sup> - Andy Horshurodinon — Gunfighter 251.17

2<sup>nd</sup> - Camptown — Traditional 267.23

3<sup>rd</sup> - Nevada Gambler — Traditional 274.84

Check the website for the rest of the standings.

The sporting clay's people at DSC were greatly surprised when they were invaded by a group of cowboys/cowgirls arriving to shoot a round. This was the first time that a group of cowpokes had done this at DSC. There were 15 people total and everyone had a great time. They all wanted to do it again. First place that day went to Carl Ayres aka Colorado. Second place went to Tres Hombres and third place went to Sid Vicious. We will be doing it again on Saturday of the weekend of Pig-out-of-Luck. There will be an additional fee for this.

Pig-out-of-Luck tickets are now on sale. The tickets are for the pig roast dinner held on July 19<sup>th</sup> (potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and a beverage). The cost of tickets is \$15/adult and \$8/child up to age 16. Side events will be going on July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a ticket for dinner, side events are free. If you want to just shoot the side events there will be a charge of \$5. Our regularly scheduled shoot will be on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in getting tickets, they will be available at our June 15<sup>th</sup> shoot or by

sending a check to Rick or Lou Stover (same address as Wolverine Rangers). There are a limited number of tickets available.

Our next shoot is on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

### Mackinaw Kid and Lavender Lou

### Chippewa Regulators - Sault Ste. Marie

Welcome brothers in arms! Tiz a new shooting season for us Yoopers. We started with our first shoot of the season on May 17 and had over 30 shooters. The weather cooperated.... no downpour or no snow. Not bad for up here. Everyone had a fun time and there was lots of laughter echoing across the U.P. all day. After the shoot the ladies enjoyed a very proper tea party thanks to Giddyup Gal's planning. We will try to have another party at our June shoot if time allows. So ladies, remember to bring your tea cup and perhaps a fancy hat. Sorry, gents. No men allowed!

We'd like to invite everyone to come on up for our two-day event in June. Please take note that last year it was in July but because some of us have to tend to the home range (haying season), we scheduled it for June. Limited camping is available for both RV's and tents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lunch will be served both Saturday and Sunday (donation please for the lunches) with the pig roast again on Saturday night.

Costs are as follows:

Shooting: \$20 for both Saturday and Sunday

Lunch: Donation (whatever you think it's worth)

Pig Roast: \$10 per person

We have also scheduled an RO 1 class for Sunday afternoon after the shoot. Bad River Marty will be the instructor and the cost is \$10. Class will run approximately 3 hours and there will be a test at the end. RO 1 pins will be mailed from SASS to all who pass the test. Contact Bad River Marty at mnbell@yahoo.com with any questions.

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For further information on shooting at our matches, contact Fred Gregg at 906-635-9700 or at [ccsa@jamadots.com](mailto:ccsa@jamadots.com) or Anne Merchant at 906-632-4458.

**Katie Callahan for da Yoopers**

### Hastings Double Barrel Gang

We've had a couple of fine matches in Hastings so far this season. The first match in April was a beautiful day with sixty plus shooters. Due to a scheduling conflict with the club we had to run an abbreviated match. We shot three stages twice and only used the best score. We had a lot of fun with this and appreciated everyone's patience and understanding with the situation. To reward our shooters, everyone shot for \$5. What a deal! Overall match winner for the day was Seven.

Then came Mother's Day in May, we had terrible thunderstorms the night before but the weather cleared long enough for us to shoot on Sunday. We had 22 brave souls who fought the *COLD* and the *WIND*. It was more like a fall day than a spring day. I think bullets were being blown right off course or maybe that was just when I was shooting. In celebration of Mother's Day all women shot free. We shot all five stages and had the targets almost cleaned up when it started raining and never quit the rest of the day. Colt McAllister and Miss Misery were our top male and female shooters for the day. We would like to thank Uncle Wiggley, Slippery Pete, Billy MaGoon, and Little Don Dawson for all their help setting up and tearing down. We couldn't do it without their help.

Please note our shooter fees have changed to \$13/Non-W.R., \$10/W.R. and there is no lunch available. Also, the match planned for August 10 has been CANCELLED. This match was only listed on the website and two-page hardcopy calendar, so make sure you cross it off. It did not appear on the W.R. photo calendar.

We'll see you at our next match July 13!

*Nitro Nellie and Lucky Lennie*

### Straight Shots from Saginaw

Spring is in full force here in Saginaw. Birds are chirpin', bees are buzzin', and, yup, bullets are flying. Our Thursday night practice shoots are keeping our guns a blazing and the cowboys busy loadin' ammo. We start at 5:30 p.m. and shoot 'til dark. These practices are an excellent opportunity for old and new shooters alike to sharpen up their shooting skills.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> Bad River Marty held an RO 1 class at Gander Mountain in Saginaw. There were 12 shooters who attended along with a few spouses who sat in on the class. Everyone participated with some excellent questions and all passed their test. We had a lot of fun and even got to surprise Lady Lightning and Kid Al Fred with an anniversary cake decorated with shooting cowboys. Congratulations to our pards on 35 years of being hitched.

Our second shoot of the season was held on May 31 just after the Epitaph "went to bed" so we'll recap that match in the August Epitaph.

Anything of importance takes effort and Cowboy Action Shooting is no exception. We appreciate everyone who lends a hand before, during, and after our shoots. We tip our Stetson's to a great bunch of hardworking cowboys and cowgirls!

Our last shoot of the season will be October 11. For more information keep your spectacles focused on upcoming issues of the Epitaph.

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

**Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty**

### Taped Match at Rockford

Tuesday, April 22 was a great day for the Rockford Regulators and their guests. We were proud to host the partially televised Cowboy Action Shooting Mini Match for Gerry Barnaby of Barnaby's World at WOOD TV8.

The weather was superb and the folks were even friendlier than usual. I just hope that they weren't

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too disappointed that I did not feed them as our lady members usually do.

We managed to field 29 shooters. Among them were five lady shooters and one junior shooter. Gerry Barnaby aka Dangerous Rod did shoot one of the two stages and acquitted himself quite well with only a single handgun miss during the 24 round stage.

A special thank you to Andy Horschurodinon for explaining to Gerry the shooting categories and equipment used, and to Colt McAllister and Fireball for demonstrating blazing speed if something less than precision accuracy.

I want to thank all of those who attended and to inform you that I will publish the date that this segment is to be aired as soon as I receive that information. I have the first batch of video tapes from the taping. If you ordered a video you can call me and arrangements will be made to get it to you. I will also have them at the next Rockford match. If you did not order one and would like one, please let me know ASAP. The cost is \$6 per video.

Ron (R.C. Silver) Parker did his usual fine job of photography and we will try to make the pictures available to all.

Sincerely,  
No Cattle

### Brass Rats

Here at the Rockford Regulators, we came up with an idea that has worked wonderfully for us. I would like to take this opportunity to pass it along to the other clubs. We have what we call "Brass Rats" at Rockford. No, it is not some kind of vermin infestation, it is a really well accepted and appreciated tradition here. We have about three or four of our younger folks that their job is to pick up brass after the shooter has left the shooting line.

I will use my niece, Dana, as my example. Dana is 15 years old. She has been a Brass Rat since we started this shoot. The age can vary according to the maturity of the individual. But as said, the

shooter leaves the shooting line and the Brass Rat comes up with a little plastic basket that we buy at the dollar store and collects the brass and shotgun hulls. They then go to the unloading table and if necessary carry the brass to the shooter's gun cart. By that time the next shooter has finished that stage and it is time for the Brass Rat to go back to work picking up that shooter's brass.

At the end of the match at dinner time, we have a bucket by the door where the shooters come in so they can kick in a buck or two or .... We also pass it around so the ones that didn't see it on the way in can contribute if they like. That money is then divided among the Brass Rats that worked that day.

The kids make pretty good money and us fat guys don't have to grunt and strain bending over to pick up all that brass. Sometimes with the gun belts on it is really uncomfortable not to mention possibly unsafe to be bending over to pick up brass. That also leaves more posse members to score, spot misses, and work the loading and unloading tables.

All I can say is it works like a charm for us and we constantly get positive remarks on having our Brass Rat program. We have bright yellow t-shirts with BRASS RAT printed on them to make them easy to pick out of the cowboy crowd. We make sure that anyone that is working as a Brass Rat understands when to go up to the line and what the hazards of working in close proximity to the firing line are. Dana has been hit with lead and completely understands the need for hearing and eye protection.

I would recommend this program for other clubs, with the provision that they properly train and equip the youngsters that will be doing this job. My advice is to pick them wisely with maturity in mind. This is not a job for one to take lightly. They must have some interest in what is going on around them and be able to keep a focus on the job at hand.

Your pard,  
*Diewalker*

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**Pickin' Up Pards**

Welcome to new members Q.T. Curls, Palamino Man, Wildcat, Red Keg Rose, Runs with Scissors, two members from the same family — Left Eyed Lizzie and Drover Dan, and three members from the same family — Diamond, Rocky Kate, and Pecos Kid. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

**Alias Changes**

The following alias changes are effective immediately: Buck Hunter to Buck, Saddle Sore Sue to Slow Hand Sue, and Dusty Britches to M.T. Cartridge.

**Area Code Change**

Please note that Texas John Critter and High Maintenance's area code has changed to 269. Please update any incorrect documents you have.

**Rockford Fun Nights**

Fun Nights continue in Rockford each Friday night. Beginning in June the schedule will be the 1st and 3rd Friday. There will be no fun night on June 20th nor July 4th due to conflicts.

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Wall-Man	Lapeer	248-628-7424
Border Town Hombre	Port Huron	519-336-1690
Table Top Tom	Rockford	616-363-2430
Bad River Marty	Saginaw	989-585-3292
Yooper Fred	Sault Ste. Marie	906-635-9700

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**Items For Sale**

Outback Trading Co. brand duster, full-length, size large, style #2052. 90% condition-wise left, there are a couple of stains on it. Asking \$65. To view this style of duster go to [www.outbacktrading.com/media/2052w.jpg](http://www.outbacktrading.com/media/2052w.jpg) Contact Allegan Dan at 269-751-8045 or [allegandan@macatawa.com](mailto:allegandan@macatawa.com)

Winchester 97, all original, 20" bbl, marked Cly & 2 3/4 chamber, a police riot gun, marked DPD (Detroit Police Dept). This gun was made in 1950. The shotgun has a well used finish, good bore, smooth action, tight and a good shooter. \$450. Contact Tres Hombres at 810-513-0511.

*Item 1* "El Tigre" Saddle Ring Carbine. Copy of 1892 Winchester made in Spain from 1918 to 1921. When Poncho Villa raided Columbia, NM and Douglas, AZ in 1916 the U.S. got real ticked off at him and put an embargo on selling him Winchesters. He liked Winchester 92's so much he commissioned GARATE ANITUAY in Eibar, Espana to manufacture copies of the Model 92 for him. They were also used in the Spanish Civil War and used by police in Central and South America. I have been told these rifles are the rarest of the Winchester clones as they were only made for a short time. The Caliber is 44L or 44-40 Winchester. The bore is very good to excellent (sharp rifling with no pits) the bluing about 60%. Mechanically the gun is excellent. The wood shows some dings. Has Marbles front sight but I have the original. Shoots and functions well. I have used it at several cowboy matches. Asking \$550. *Item 2* Over and Under American Derringer, Model 1 in 45 Colt/.410 gauge. Asking \$250. For either of these two items, contact Nine Finger Bob 586-997-9427 or [bsbrossia@comcast.net](mailto:bsbrossia@comcast.net)

**Lost and Found**

A pair of prescription glasses were found at the April shoot in Hastings. If you attended that match and are still wondering where you left your glasses, chances are you might want to contact Nitro Nellie or Lucky Lennie!



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**There are no strangers in Cowboy Action Shooting,  
only pardos you have not yet met.....**

Welcome to new members of our family...  
We are pleased you have joined the  
Wolverine Rangers!

Area Changes  
The following side changes are effective  
immediately. Thank you to all who have  
done a great job and look forward to all  
changes.

Area Code Change  
Please note that Texas Area Code and High  
Maintenance Area Code has changed to 202  
Please update any contact information you have.

**Cancellations**

- 1) July 12 in Port Huron — **CANCELLED**
- 2) August 10 in Hastings — **CANCELLED**
- 3) The Wednesday night *practices* in Ionia — **CANCELLED** — due to lack of participation.

**Ladies Only**

We will be designating one side match stage at Range War for ladies only... no hombres allowed. It will take place during the regular side match session on Friday, August 29, but only 1:00-3:00pm. Check your Range War program for details. This is a chance to warm-up for the main match and to compete with only the ladies.

Again this year at Range War we will be conducting a soiled dove contest on Friday night. Start working on your costume as a great time was had by all last year and should be even more fun this year.

**Shooting School**

The Evil Roy Shooting School is now full. Thanks to everyone that has signed on, you won't be sorry.

**Range War**

It's not too early to send in your application for Range War nor to think about volunteering a few hours of your time to help setup, teardown, run a side match, be a posse leader, or a hundred other jobs that would only take an hour or two of your time. The more volunteers we have the shorter time each one needs to work.

We would also like to have a designated **non-shooting** scorekeeper for each posse, one less duty the posse members would have to handle.

If you can help in any of the areas above, contact Mackinaw Kid at [wolverinerangers@yahoo.com](mailto:wolverinerangers@yahoo.com) or 248-852-0351.