

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Wolverine Rangers,

Well, it's still WINTER out there. I can't decide if I'm suffering from SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) or just shooting withdrawal. I don't know about the rest of you, but those of us on the west side of the state haven't seen a lot of sunshine over the past few weeks.

Dakota Doc has informed me that he will not be acting as our Territorial Governor next year, so according to our bylaws, I will be assuming the position of T.G. for the Wolverine Rangers. I will do my best to keep everyone up to date on the issues under discussion.

Remember, your Wolverine Ranger renewals are due soon. Current memberships expire on March 31st. Card Shark Charlie and Lainey Mae will be sending out renewal letters in mid-February.

Most of the clubs have submitted their schedules for the upcoming year. If you haven't sent your clubs agenda in, please do. The calendar is being put together and should be going out with member packets beginning in March. The schedules will also be on our web site. Please make a point to check our website www.wolverinerangers.org frequently. A lot of last minute information is posted there.

The West Walker Rangers (Grand Rapids) will be hosting the SASS Michigan State Black Powder Championship Match on July 1st and 2nd. Please check out the website for details. If you have questions please contact Two Rig A Tony, Lucky Lennie, or Deuce Stevens.

The offices of Secretary and Captain will be up for election in the last quarter of this year. Mail Order Annie has announced that she will not be running for Secretary. I have not decided whether I will

run for re-election. Those who are interested in these positions can feel free to contact either of us and we will let you know what is required. Both of these positions require a fair amount of work. Most of that work is during the summer when you would rather be shooting. I would like to be in a position where we have at least 2 or 3 persons running for office, who are aware of the work required and who are willing and able to assume the office.

The above mentioned election, plus the election of Members at Large will take place in the last quarter of the year. Nominations will be formally opened immediately after Range War 2006. Our last election had a very low number of cast votes. I bear most of the responsibility for that. I was less forceful in promoting the election than I should have been. FEAR NOT. You will hear about our next election every time you hear from me for the remainder of the year. The Officers of the Rangers should be those who are desired by the majority of the Rangers. If you have questions regarding the organization just check out the website.

The Board of Directors has voted to pay the cost of RO1 training for any member taking the RO1 class through a member club. This includes the \$5.00 fee to SASS and the normal \$5.00 fee to the hosting organization to defray the cost of materials. Every shooter is encouraged to take this class. It helps to explain the rules and the reasons for the rules. It helps you to know what is expected of you and the other members of your posse during the match. We here in Michigan have a reputation for safety in our sport and we would like to continue with that.

Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay will be hosting an RO1 class during February in Lansing. Details are in this month's Epitaph, or check the website for additional information.

We would really like to have Range War 2006 be

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even better than last year. One area that we would like to see improved is the general appearance of the stages and props. If any one would like to volunteer to help, all you need do is contact the club closest to you and offer your services in building props. Any suggestions for improvements to Range War 2006 will be gratefully received. If you submit them to me or to any Board Member I promise that they will be seriously considered.

If anyone has a suggestion regarding vendors or sponsors for Range War please pass them on to me. We will be changing our requirements for vendors and sponsors so even if we have talked to them in the past we should communicate with them again.

Thanks for your time. Shoot often, shoot fast and have fun.

No Cattle

West Walker Sportsmen's Club

Construction on the range continues and word is, the contractor will be out of there before spring. The club is also finishing up an addition on the clubhouse. It looks really nice.

As you read in No Cattle's article, West Walker will be hosting a two day match July 1st and 2nd 2006. The West Walker Rangers requested and received permission from SASS to hold in conjunction with the match, the Michigan State Black Powder Championship.

Kirkpatrick Leather has agreed to be the match sponsor, (this means we will have at minimum a rig to give away). Work continues on getting more vendors. Ammo Direct (www.ammodirect.com) will be donating some gift certificates plus they have agreed to split cases of black powder ammo 1/2 rifle, 1/2 pistol. If you do not have the equipment or knowledge to load B.P. ammo, get several shooters together, order a case of ammo and split the cost. You will need 100 rifle 100 pistol. It's a good deal! Shotgun ammo is another story. I am of the

opinion black powder shotgun ammo is too expensive to buy. If you need help or advice we can get it for you. Just ask! (If you reload your shotgun shells now, you can load BP)

In addition to the 10-stage match, Lucky Lenny will be holding an EGG SHOOT. We will be shooting eggs at 50 yards (maybe closer) with cowboy lever guns! This will be held immediately following Saturday's shooting of the 1st five stages. All proceeds will benefit the Gillary Foundation.

We will have a burger fry Saturday night and if we have time maybe we can get in some cowboy skeet after dinner.

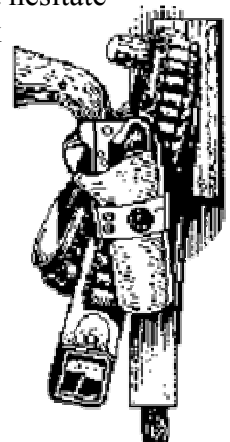
The match is for smokeless and black powder shooters, only BP shooters will be eligible for the state championship in their category. SASS rules will apply. As for categories, SASS states for a BP championship every class will be offered. This means, use the same guns you always have just use BP and you can compete for the State Championship in your category.

We have not put a minimum participation requirement in place.

The fee for the 2 day match is \$30.00 per shooter and \$10 for the burger fry. (Where are you going to find a 2 day match for \$30?) Registration forms are on the Wolverine Rangers website and the West Walkers website at www.wWSC.org

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. My work number is; 616-455-3991 or tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com

Two Rig a Tony



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RO I AND RO II CLASSES

Where: Gander Mountain, 430 N. Market Place,
Lansing, MI, 48917
When: Saturday, February 25, 2006
Time: RO I - 9:30 a.m.
RO II - 1:30 p.m.
(For those staying all day bring your lunch)

Need a refresher or never taken the classes? This is a great time of year to brush up your knowledge. These classes are for all cowboy action shooters.

At the November, Wolverine Ranger Board Meeting, it was voted on and passed that the Ranger Organization, in essence, would pay the class fee, for RO I, for any Wolverine Ranger. The board's goal is to have all members RO I certified. It would expand knowledge and improve safety for all of us at the shoots.

For anyone interested in RO II the cost is \$25.00 and includes an orange pin from SASS. RO II is also appropriate for everyone and is essential for anyone that functions as a timer operator, or writes scenarios, or is in any way involved in putting on shoots.

Pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Contact us for additional information and sign up.

Dakota Doc & Cactus Kay
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Lapeer Wranglers

The L.C.S.C. "Wranglers" Winter League is half-way completed. With two sessions to go, the following shooters (in no particular order) are leading the pack: P. Poor Shooter, Onyx, Tangueday Kid, and Wall-Man. Good shooting guys! Attendance for this year's Winter League is averaging about half of what we averaged for the League last year. I can't really come up with a reason for the attendance drop, but I have noticed that attendance figures for D.S.C. and ourselves have been pretty similar. All I can say is you cowboys & cowgirls should "come on down." Can't let the barrels of our guns get rusty and loaded with cobwebs can we? Remember when we have larger numbers, we split the group in two with 1/2 out shooting and the other 1/2 inside keeping warm. Then we reverse the group positions.

We have plenty of room for guns & ammo on our outside gun racks. You don't need to bother with your gun-carts. Just bring your guns & ammo in cases that can be put back in your car after being unloaded.

Tenderfoot Tess and associates have had some great grub for our lunches which are included in the price of admission. Don't forget the \$3 rebate for each match you attend, if you join us at Lenny Miller's for the banquet.
See you on February 12.

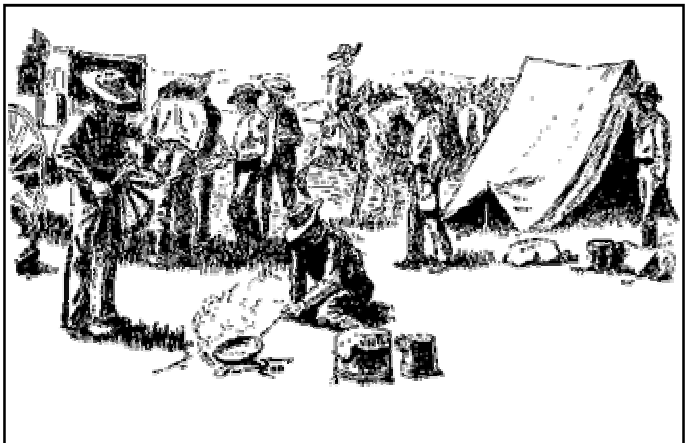
Wall-Man

Special Notes;

West Walker has no regular matches scheduled until further notice. Please check the club schedule this spring for new dates.

The Wolverine Rangers Club phone is now;
616-363-2827

Westworld is back! The dates are May 20th, June 17th, & July 22nd. In addition a special warm up for Range War is planned for August 26th.



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Straight Shots From Saginaw

Hope everyone is staying warm. We have an ample supply of snow to remind us we are in the Winter Wonderland. But, spring will be in the air soon and with that comes the smell of gunpowder, the clang of lead on steel, and the hearty "Yee Haw" of our shooting pards. And, of course, Bad River Marty's BIG & UP-CLOSE targets. He's busy thinking of new ways to use those steel giants.

Saginaw Six-Shooters started the year with an RO-1 the end of January. We continue hearing from new people interested in cowboy shooting. It's fun spreading the word. And plans are being made for another cowboy display at the Midland Gun Show in April. We'll even have a stage prop set up. Last year, it was a huge success and drew in a lot of people. Mark your calendar for April 22nd & 23rd for that big show. Here's the information...a little early, but then, it's fun to start planning even if there is snow on the ground. Maybe tell your shooting friends if they are looking for a nice show to attend, this is one you won't want to miss.

WHAT: Midland Gun Show
 WHERE: Hang Time Sports
 1321 E. Wackerly Road
 Midland, MI
 WHEN: Saturday, April 22, 2006
 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
 Sunday, April 23, 2006
 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
 COST: Admission is \$9 per day.
 Catered food is available for purchase.

We've also been working on our new building, moving in our props from all over the county, stored hither and yon. It will be nice to have everything in one spot and should make setting up a lot smoother. We are coming up with a lot of unique ideas to use the lower pistol range in the woods. It should be fun shooting in the woods, along with a few stages set-up out in the open. That time of year has rolled around once again fellers. Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th. How about surprising that little lady of yours?

Flowers, chocolates, trinkets, or just a pretty card would sure make you look good. Maybe even enough to let you sneak in a new gun. And, you might even be surprised... some of us ladies prefer steel to chocolate. Well, maybe. What ever you decide, just remember...live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators

This is Ranger Jack aka Tom Jackson coming at you from the Johnson Creek Regulators at Western Wayne County Conservation Association located in Plymouth, Mich. I'll be writing our article for the Epitaph. I'm a SASS Life member #14473 and Wolverine Ranger member #547.

We are looking forward to our first CAS meeting of 2006 tonight Jan.11th. We will be reviewing the SASS movie Hell to Pay and we'll have pizza and popcorn to go with the movie.

All of the cowboys, cowgirls, and buckaroos are looking forward to OUTDOOR RAMA. We will have a table setup on Feb.25th for CAS from W.W.C.C.A. We hope to have a lot of people come out to see what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. We are working hard to get ready for our second season of Cowboy Action Shooting at W.W.C.C.A. which gets started on March 25th. Our first season was very successful.

That's all for now.

For more information contact Rain Maker aka Ray Hanka, Cheyenne Raider aka Howard Saltz, or myself at; rhanka@crosstelecom.com
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Until next time, Happy Trails and Adios,

Ranger Jack

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TERRITORIAL GOV'NERS CORNER

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS' SUMMIT LAS VEGAS, 2005

Each year the conference gets better and is more organized. We worked toward that end by offering to carry proxies for all of our clubs with Territorial Governors. A big thanks to all the governors who responded. SASS was very pleased with the overall number of clubs represented. The actual attendance was up this year, even though it was the first year the governors each paid money (\$45.00) to attend. All but three states were represented. The summit had to be moved to a larger room than in previous years! Go figure. A special thanks to Wall-Man for being the first to get his proxy to us before we even asked for it and to Mackinaw Kid who had to work **WAY** harder than anyone to get it to us in time.

Coyote Calhoun put the voting results on the wire, but we will recap in case you missed it. State Championships and higher must honor all SASS categories. Rule changes from the Territorial Governor's Summit go into effect on March 1st of the following year. All black powder competitors must produce smoke equivalent to a base line load of 15 grains by volume (1cc) of ffg blackpowder. "B" Western is now an official category. Competitors cannot protest a non-safety or a safety issue on another competitor. A competitor may shoot in an age-based category as long as he/she is that age on the official published start date of the match. Competitors may not put the hammer tie down strap between the hammer and the frame. It is still a penalty to leave empty shells on the carrier of an open shotgun or rifle. Revolving percussion rifles are not allowed as Main match rifles. As of the convention two items were sent out for ratification by all governors and one was tabled to a committee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

It was decided that B Western shooters could shoot their pistols any style (traditional, duelist, gun-

fighter) on any given stage. They can mix and match as they see fit.

In order to help eliminate personal conflicts at major matches, match directors are being encouraged to include the phrase; "interpersonal conflicts will not be tolerated". This would let shooters know that is not acceptable to argue, fight, threaten, etc.

It was stressed that the timer operator should not turn away from the shooter to tell score, etc., until the shooter is moving to the unloading table. The timer operator is a very important position and we should all see that this person is well informed and competent.

There was a presentation by Larry Townsend of Townsend Products, a company in Wisconsin that supplies Emergency Medical Products to law enforcement. They have developed a "Firearms Trauma Shooting Kit". The cost is \$17.50 and we heard that the scissors included are worth more than that price by themselves. Also, they will replace any products that you have to use, for free. The phone number is 1-800-771-0366 and they make up the kits as orders come in. It takes 3-5 weeks for delivery.

Stage designers can now call a particular prop expendable, if it is explained in the scenario, so if the prop is hit, it is a "no call".

SASS is talking about an RO II Refresher Course to be taken by RO II Instructors.

When pistols are not shot back to back, gunfighters have the option of drawing both pistols, shooting gunfighter style for 5 shots, moving to position where second pistol is going to be shot (pistols in hand with hammers down on spent cartridges) and safely staging both pistols on a designated prop. Move to long gun(s) and engage long gun targets as specified. Move back to staged pistols, at appropriate time, for remaining 5 pistol shots. Gunfighters still cannot holster pistols after 5 rounds shot from combined pistols and then redraw for remaining 5 rounds.

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There was an open discussion about splitting the senior class 60-64 and 65-69 (Super Senior) and creating an 80 and over category (King of the Cowboys). Most seemed to favor these ideas. This will probably show up on the agenda at the convention next year.

SASS would like all shooters to be RO I certified for the added safety and knowledge.

Our contribution to the discussions was that the Timer Operator should not smoke while timing. It could constitute a safety hazard if both hands are occupied and for the shooter being timed who is bothered by, or allergic to, smoke, it is a problem. It doesn't seem to be a problem in Michigan but it is becoming more noticeable out state.

There was a discussion on the minimum velocity rule, but varying it by caliber. Trying to level the playing field and prevent gamers, with really light loads, from switching to heavier loads for knock-downs. Many feel there is a safety issue with really light loads because it is hard to hear squibs.

There was a discussion on stage design so that no more than 2 shotgun rounds were fired at any one position in a stage (multiple positions of two shots in same stage fine). Would eliminate the "shotgun assault" stage and level the field between 97's and doubles??

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING INFO:

SASS has created three new regional shoots: the Southwest Plains Regional (New Mexico & Arizona at the Founders Ranch), the North Central (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North & South Dakota) and the New England Regional (the New England States and possibly New York). 2007 contracts for state championships are available in January 2006. Send a list of registered shooters for state championship 20-30 days ahead of shoot so SASS will issue buckles.

SASS would like to see RO I and RO II classes offered at all state championships. They would like to see a Territorial Governor meeting there also. Prize pools, with a prize for every shooter, are not

going to be required at regional shoots any longer. A random draw is acceptable.

SASS would like continued support for the scholarship fund. (This helps raise a gun friendly younger generation).

SASS is going to compose a list of merchants, by state, that are SASS affiliated.

Club renewals can be renewed on line. You need the policy number of your insurance company and the name. E-mail Coyote Calhoun for the link.

We enjoyed seeing Two Shot Tinley and One Son of a Gun in the Territorial Governors Summit Meetings. That made the Wolverine Rangers well represented with four strong. Other Rangers at the convention attended seminars and activities of their choice. It was great talking to all. We would list names, but, no doubt, we would forget someone. Our age is a factor you know.

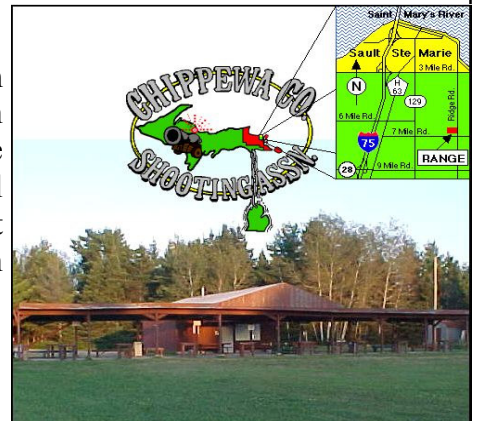
Dakota Doc & Cactus Kay

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

The Cowboy Action shoots at the Chippewa County Shooting Association Range in Sault Ste. Marie will be held on the following Saturdays: May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, and a two day on Sept 16 & 17.

An indoor restroom, campsites and with electric hookups are available on the range. The contact person is Fred Gregg; fredg@30below.com

Also our 27th Annual Gun show will be held on April 1st & 2nd at the Quality Inn in the Sault.



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DSC-Rocky River Regulators

It was another cold wintery morning for the January Cowboy match. As I approached the town of Rocky River I could see a cloud of smoke billowing from the fire pit indicating signs of life. As I drew near I could see, Cold Coffee Jack No, stomping around looking for something to keep the pile of logs burning. I directed, Cold Coffee Jack No, to the kindling we had stored and the fire was saved.

This is a typical morning for us here in the town of Rocky River where the tough come out to shoot and the rest.....well, stay home.

This particular match produced 32 contestants who braved the cold. As a result Faygo Kid took first place, No Buk Chuck took second and Moe Gunns came in third. Moe Gunns also had a clean match along with Andy Horshurodinon, Camptown, Cody Billing and Nine Finger Bob.

When it was all said and done we sat down and enjoyed a nice warm meal prepared by our very own Terrebonne Bud and Lavender Lou. THANKS FOR THE GRUB! And thanks to all the folks who help setup and took down the match.

This month we have two important events I would like to draw your attention to. First, SASS RO1 training will be held on March 4th at the Gander Mountain in Waterford. This training is not just for new comers but also for seasoned RO's as well. The training will include the latest revisions to the CAS Range Operations Basic Safety Course (Level 1) along with an opportunity to actively discuss club safety for the DSC Cowboy's. Regular Saturday practice will not be scheduled for this day. Contact Mackinaw Kid at 248-852-0351 for more information.

Second, we're breaking tradition and holding a Cowboy match on Sunday March 19th with setup on Saturday March 18th. In years past we used to take a breather in March from our year round shooting to give the range a chance to dry out, but not this year! The Cowboy Action Committee had

decided that with all the range improvements and the new building we thought we would give it a try. What've we got to lose?

Looking to the future the Rocky River Regulators will be hosting a two-day match in July that will include our annual Pig Out of Luck Dinner. With an event of this magnitude the DSC Cowboy Action Committee formed a subcommittee to plan and manage this task. They have been meeting on a bi-monthly basis and have been making a lot of progress. It will require the efforts of all the DSC Cowboy's to run this event. Contact Bob Biestek, at 313-562-5053, for more information about supporting this subcommittee.

The following are our future side match events at our regular monthly matches.

- Feb; little hart candy with 22 rifle.
- March; Roswell. hanging mobile target-Rifle
- April; The Roach Packs; Rifle or Pistol
(two targets, near and far; two different entrees)

Shotgun Willy

CLUBS & CONTACTS

Check the website for club contact e-mail addresses

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Is that you Harley?!

Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club

The winter months have been slowly passing along for the Sucker Creek Peacemakers. Since most of us are "fair weather shooters", we are eagerly awaiting warmer weather so we can dust off our guns and start another season of fun.

The Board of Directors of the Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club has scheduled the annual general membership meeting for February 18th at the Texan restaurant in Midland. Guests are welcome. We'll start with dinner at 6 P.M.

The Midland Gun Show is coming up April 22-23. We plan on being there, so all of you cow-pokes come out and visit.

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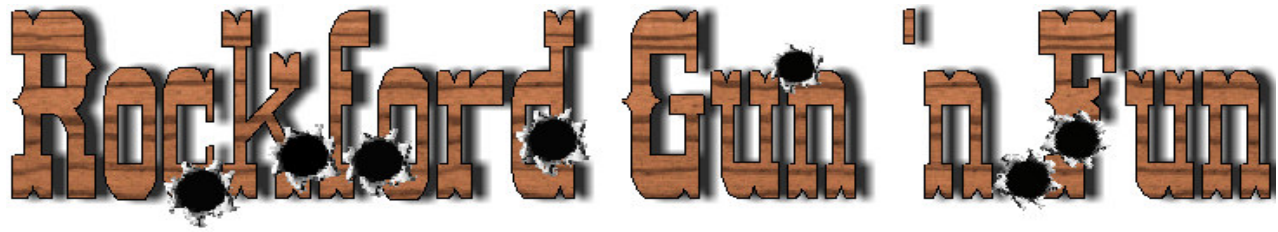
Pickin' Up Pards

If you are new, and we missed ya, we'll get'cha next time. We are pleased you have joined the Wolverine Rangers!

Classifieds;

.45 Long Colt Nickel Plated, once fired Starline brass. Has not been cleaned. Sold in original boxes of 50 with plastic dividers. \$3.00 per box.

Contact: Shoulda Dun Gun at 517-622-4372
or Cmchapman7@aol.com



**ROCKFORD REGULATORS
ANNUAL 2-DAY COWBOY SHOOT
APRIL 29 & 30, 2006
REGISTRATION FORM**

ALIAS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY

Traditional	Classic Cowboy	Traditional Lady	Young Gun
Modern	B-Western	Modern Lady	Young Gun Lady
Duelist	Forty-Niner	Classic Cowgirl	Buckaroo
Gunfighter	Senior	Forty-Niner Lady	Buckerette
Frontiersman	Senior Duelist	Senior Lady	
Frontier Cartridge	Elder Statesman		
Frontier Cartridge Duelist			

Entry Fee Includes Lunch Both Days & Side Events Total

First Adult Shooter: \$40.00 \$ _____
 Second Adult Shooter (same household): \$20.00 \$ _____
 Juniors (17 and under): \$10.00 \$ _____
 Saturday Dinner: \$10.00 \$ _____
 (period dress encouraged)
 Total Amount Enclosed..... \$ _____

Breakfast Sunday Morning: \$5.00 (Pay at the door)

Make checks payable to: Rockford Sportsman's Club	Mail to: Pat Green 3329 Rogue River Rd. Belmont, MI 49306
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PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER AND SEND TOGETHER