

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Happy Spring everyone. The shooting season is now upon us. There were at least two clubs which shot outside all winter. These are the Rocky River Regulators at DSC and the Rockford Regulators in Rockford. (Apparently there was lots of regulating going on.) I made all of the winter matches at DSC and a few at Rockford. It does get a little cold at times but all of the shoots were a lot of fun. Long underwear helps. The "Darksider Challenge" at Rockford was especially a fun shoot, even though we had about six inches of snow. Congratulations to Slippery Pete who took the trophy home.

Laporte Lil is in the process of updating our website to include four cowboy long range matches. There will be three matches held the A.P. Goodrich R&P Club in Alma, Michigan and one at DSC in Utica. Several of our cowboys shot at Alma last year and I understand it was a very nice shoot. It's time to dust off your long guns. Check out the Wolverine Rangers website for more information.

We have also been active in planning for Range War this year. We will be back at the Blue Water Sportsman's Club and the banquet will again be at Crystal Gardens. We will be trying something new this year at Range War. Our plan is to post all of the stage scenarios on the Wolverine Rangers' website in advance of the match. This will allow any prospective shooters to download the stages. As far as I know, no one else has done this. This should put us ahead of the curve. I am hoping that this will help us to promote our match.

I also wanted to let you know that Andy Horshurodinon and I put on a cowboy action shooting demonstration at D-A Boy Scout Ranch in Metamora yesterday. The boy scouts and their dads really seemed to enjoy it. We had several of the kids shoot, and a few of the dads. Hopefully we

made some converts. I would like to thank Andy for being there and The Rocky River Regulators at DSC for letting us borrow some of their targets.

That is about all I have for now. We have a Board Meeting coming up on April 1, 2007 and I will provide you with an update of any Board action in the next newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email at rgillary@gillarylaw.com or you can call me at my office at (248) 528-0440.

Shoot straight and clean,

R.J. Law



Rockford Regulators

What a winter! We had to cancel the February match due to weather EXTREMES! I believe this is a Rockford first. We did manage to hold the March match, however, all the pardos who made it to Rockford that day would attest to calling a true Yukon match. What a bunch of diehards! The Darksider challenge made a cold snowy day full of smoke and fire. Congrats to all that attended.

We now find ourselves coming into a new season, and I'm sure it will make up for the looong winter.

We have some definite range improvements coming this year and we hope to see y'all come on out and visit. You know the grubs is always good!

Don't forget our two day April 28th & 29th! There is still time to sign up. Grab an application off the website, or call me @ 616-366-3406.

Case Harden

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Straight Shots From Saginaw

Spring is here and it's time to inventory your shooting needs. And what better place to see if you can find some of those must-have "goodies" than at the Midland Gun Show. Saginaw will have our cowboy action shooting display there for our 5th year. This is a BIG show and very well organized. We'll have a stage prop set up, be dressed in our cowboy duds, and will be educatin' all the folks on what they are missin'. Mark it on your calendar and when you get there, stop in and say "Howdy". Here are the particulars:

Midland Gun Show, April 21-22, 2006. It starts Saturday @ 9 am - 5 pm & Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm. It is located at HANG TIME SPORTS, 1321 E. Wackerly Road, Midland. Cost is \$9.00/day. Free parking. Grub is available to purchase there.

Saginaw is proud of our club members, Laporte Lil and No Buk Chuck, for their great shooting at the Winter Range National Championship in Arizona early this March. Laporte Lil took a 3rd place Lady Gunfighter and No Buk Chuck took 10th place in B-Western. He also dazzled the judges with his fancy B-Western duds and won 2nd place in the costume contest.

For any of you pards that get that shooting itch during the middle of the week, you're invited to join us at our Wednesday night practices. Our first practice night will be April 18th and every Wednesday evening after that. We start at 5:00 p.m. and shoot 'til dark or until we run out of ammo. Cost is \$5.00 for non-Field & Stream members or \$3.00 if you belong to Field & Stream. If your pony can't get you there right at 5, no problem. Just get there when you get there. We have lots of fun and this year we'll add the lower shooting range too. The club gate will be open and the targets a waitin'. We'd love to have you join us.

We're also looking forward to our match shoots, Saturday, May 26, July 28, and September 29th. This spring we will be working on even more im-

provements at the range and, if all goes as planned, we'll be putting up some permanent stages down in Buzzard Gultch. We've had a lot of positive feedback on our bays in the woods. We offer fun scenarios and a variety of movement on the stages. And yup, those BIG and up-close targets are still around...and still tricking us into thinking we can't miss. Ha!

As Easter draws closer, let's keep in our sites what the true meaning of this special day is. May God bless all our Pards, our troops in harms way, ...and remember, live life ... give it your best shot.

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Lapeer Wranglers

We just finished our Winter League this month, (results on the W.R. website), and had our banquet at Lenny Miller's restaurant. Our attendance was quite good for each of the four shoots with usually 22-27 shooters. To be eligible for "top gun" honors shooters must attend all four shoots and the banquet. We had approximately 35 people in attendance at the banquet. All shooters received a prize they selected from the prize table. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to talk to each other without having to worry about watching the unloading table, loading table, or picking up brass, etc.

We begin our regular outdoor schedule next month with Long Range on the 14th starting at noon. The regular match is on the 15th with registration beginning at 8:30am and the shooter's meeting around 9:15am. Shooting should start at about 9:30am with Tenderfoot Tess's lunch around noon.

Our complete Outdoor Schedule is available at www.lapeersportsmens.org or very soon from the W.R. website. I also have schedules and maps available, let me know if you need some!

Wall-Man

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Winter Range 2007

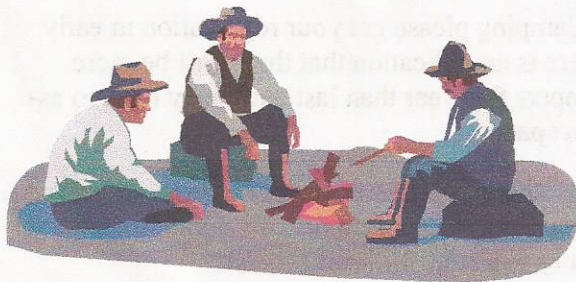
If you like hot and dry, this was the year for you at Winter Range. No rain, mud or cold, just clear skies, cool mornings and temperatures at 4:00pm of around 90 degrees was normal each day. Sunday was the only day that the wind kicked up a bit but it did not deter the man-on-man, team event or shotgun blast competitors.

Our Wolverine Rangers did well again this year as follows: No Buk Chuck – 10th B-Western, J.R. Hammer - 9th Senior, Miss Elaineous – 7th Lady Frontier Cartridge, Deuce Stevens – 6th Traditional, and Laporte Lil – 3rd Lady Gunfighter. Other Wolverine Ranger competitors were Baldy Bill - Senior, Poco Loco – Senior, Mustache Kid - Forty-Niner, and Dirty Dancing with Wolves - B-Western.

There were a total of 576 shooters which was considerably down from 2006. Traditional continues to be the largest category with 52 competitors but not far behind is Senior – 49, Forty-Niner – 47, Silver Senior – 46, and Elder Statesman – 40. Our ranks are getting older but they're still competing. Also, first place in the Traditional and Gunfighter categories that had been dominated by the "kids" for the last several years were taken over again by the "older" guys!

Shoot straight!

Laporte Lil



Johnson Creek Regulators

The Johnson Creek Regulators got our 2007 season off to a great start despite some rain and a soggy range we still had 53 cowboys and cowgirls that came out to put a lot of lead down range.

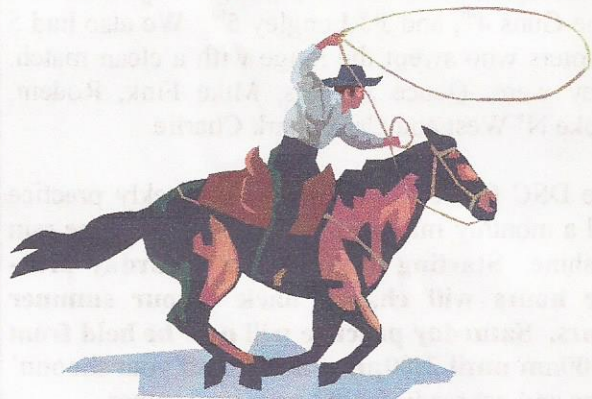
Sourdough was on the job also some great grub.

The Johnson Creek Regulators will be part of the Salem Township parade on June 9th of this year. We will use our covered wagon for the parade and maybe we'll even get more people to come out to WWCCA to see what cowboy action shooting is all about.

Our next shoot is April 28th at WWCCA. Registration starts at 8:30am safety meeting at 9:30am shooting starts at 10am. So come out and join us and don't forget our Michigan Out of Doors shoot on June 23rd. We sure would like to put on a good show for the TV cameras.

Well pards, that's all for now, this the Old Ranger saying Adios and Happy Trails.

Ranger Jack



Wolverine Rangers Club News

DSC-Rocky River Regulators

February brought some challenging weather to the Town of Rocky River for our monthly match. Due to the snowfall we had back then, our Saturday setup went into overtime as we cleared the stages and plowed the field for our Sunday match. As I was driving down to the range on Sunday, my in-car thermometer was reading a chilling 14 degrees.

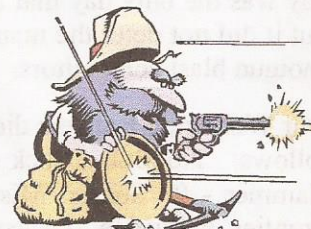
When I pulled into the parking lot a smile came to my face as I saw a whole bunch of Cowboy's preparing for the match. That day we had 23 Cowboy's compete in the snow and the cold and the match went off without a hitch. When it was all over and our gear was put away the Cowboy's were treated to a nice hot meal prepared by our very own Sue Gillary (a.k.a. The Lady). After everyone was fed and their bones had warmed up the match results were read. The top 5 overall scores were; Deuce Stevens 1st, KJ Stevens 2nd, Moe Guns 3rd, J.J. Longley 4th and Chili Pepper Pete 5th. We also had six Cowboys who finished with a clean match. They were; Deuce Stevens, KJ Stevens, Moe Guns, Broken N' West, Dun Runnin, and Two Guns Tim. Way to go Cowboys!

March brought much warmer temperatures as 37 Cowboy's rallied to compete for top honors in the town of Rocky River. When the smoke cleared the top 5 overall scores were; Deuce Stevens 1st, followed by KJ Stevens 2nd, Dodge City Dick 3rd, Moe Guns 4th, and J.J Longley 5th. We also had 5 shooters who swept the range with a clean match. They were; Deuce Stevens, Mike Fink, Rodent, Broke N' West and Card Shark Charlie.

The DSC Cowboy's hold regular weekly practice and a monthly match 12 months a year, come rain or shine. **Starting in April our Saturday practice hours will change back to our summer hours. Saturday practice will now be held from 10:00am until 2:00pm.** So dust off your shootin' irons and get ready for the warmer weather.

Our next monthly match will be held on Sunday April 15th and our following monthly match will be held on May 20th. Spectators are encouraged to join us at our matches. Remember to bring eyes and ears. That's all for now. Keep your spirits up and your bullets down range.

Shotgun Willy



West Walker Rangers

Registration forms for the Michigan Black Powder Shootout, Smoke On The Range II are available on both the Wolverine Rangers website and on West Walker's website; www.wWSC.org.

For those in need of a room, the following Inns are within 5 minutes of the range.

Hampton Inn North
500 Center St. NW
Walker, Mi.

Holiday Inn Express
358 River Ridge Dr.
Walker, Mi.

Springhill Suites by Marriott
450 center St. NW
Walker, Michigan



If Camping please get your registration in early. There is an indication that there will be more campers this year than last and I may have to assign spaces.

Any other questions do not hesitate to e-mail me; tonyastuccio@astuccioins.com. I look forward to seeing you June 30th and July 1st

Two Rig a Tony

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Sucker Creek Peacemakers

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers have dusted off their guns and are ready for some shooting after a long winter rest (at least for those of us that couldn't head south). Our first match of the season will be May 12th.

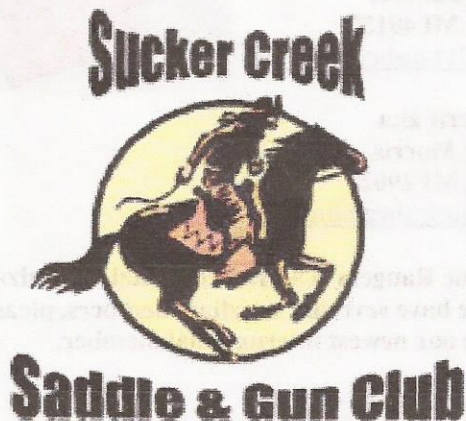
The Board of Directors held the annual membership meeting on March 24th. We welcome the two new Board members: The Vicar's Wife is our new secretary and Riverview Rattler is our new Ground Foreman. You'll be seeing them at our scheduled matches. Congratulations on their election.

The Sucker Creek's web site: www.SuckerCreek.org has been updated with the shooting schedule for 2007 and other match information, so check it out when you put together your shooting schedule for this year.

The Sucker Creek Peacemakers have lots of plans for improvement projects on the range and for the stages this year, so we hope that you can join us down at the Creek.

Shoot straight – fast,

Wolverine Wrangler



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