

Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Range War has come and gone and was a big success again this year. We had 258 shooters including shooters from Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky New York, and as far away as California. Congratulations to Colt McAllister the Overall Winner and Michigan State Men's Champion and to KJ Stevens the Michigan State Women's Champion. Please check out the Wolverine Ranger's website for the complete results.

Range War could not have been possible without the help of scores of people willing to give of their time and effort to make our State Championship a success. It is unbelievable the amount of volunteer time that is required to put on a shoot of this size and scope. I am not going to try to list each and every name of those people who were kind enough to volunteer their time to make sure that the SASS Michigan State Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting / Range War was a success. Primarily I would be worried that I might miss a name or two. I will do my best to identify the volunteer jobs that were done. We had volunteers who were involved in the following activities: Pre-Range War preparations and planning; writing, printing, processing applications; designing stages, hauling of props and steel, setting up and taking down props and steel; cooking; scoring; Posse Marshals; paying the bills; updating the website; running side events, the team event and Man on Man; setting up and taking down tents and canopies; registration; charity work; donating raffle items for the Charity Auction; teaching RO classes; and working with vendors. I am sure that I likely missed something and someone and apologize in advance for that. I never really appreciated the quality of the people in this sport until I was involved in putting on our State Championship. Our brothers and sisters in this sport went quietly to work without complaining and without asking what was in it for them. They did it

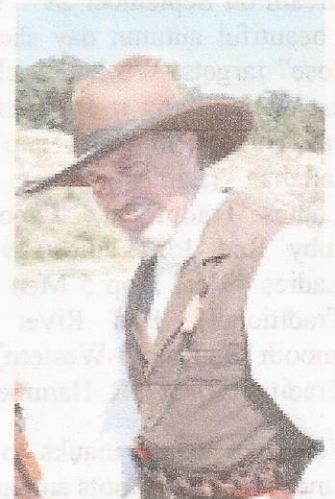
because of who they are. I appreciate the time and effort of my friends in this sport and give thanks from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to give a big thanks to Deuce Stevens (and to his lovely wife KJ) for agreeing to be Match Director this year. I think that Deuce did a great job and am pleased to say that I have him locked in for a while as Match Director. Deuce put a tremendous amount of time, effort and thought into designing 10 great stages. We had many well deserved compliments on stage design.

I know that I can speak for Deuce in saying that we are working to make next year's Range War even better. We know that there were some things that we could have done better and we will be working to improve on those.

Needless to say, Deuce and I had our times of excitement this year including the above and a temporarily misplaced posse sheet which sent things into a tizzy, but as they say in Hollywood (sorry about that), "All's well that ends well". We are looking forward to doing it all again next year. We will try to make all of you proud to be members of the Wolverine Rangers.

R.J. Law



Wolverine Rangers Club News

Straight Shots From Saginaw

The last couple months have been busy ones for our Saginaw cowboys. At Guns of August, the Mid-West Regional Championship held in Ohio in August, our members brought home some great memories, along with some nice plaques, too. The weather was HOT with temps reaching over 106 degrees! Bad River Marty was psyching everyone out dressed in his favorite chaps and flannel shirt. Guess the technique worked. He earned himself 4th Place Gunfighter. Katie Callahan received 2nd. in Lady 49'er. Ethan Callahan found his first year attending GOA a whole lot of fun and shot his way to 2nd Place Duelist and a clean match.

Our 9th. Wolverine Ranger Range War was a busy one for many folks. It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and work. Our thanks to ALL the volunteers, shooters and non-shooters, who pitched in and made it happen!

We had quite a few Saginaw pards winning at Range War this year. They included: Secondhand Jack, Laporte Lil, Duelin' Dylan, No Buk Chuck, Kid Al Fred, Cree Vicar Dave, Spring Valley Cathy, Tacoma Tad, Bad River Marty, Katie Callahan, Ethan Callahan, Elsie Rose, Goodshots Gettem, Black River Bill, Baldy Bill, & Bartholomew Wright Roe. Nice shooting!!!

We finished our last match for 2007 at Field & Stream on September 29th with 68 pards enjoying a beautiful autumn day shooting our "big & up-close" targets. We had 5 clean shooters with the rest of us giving it our best shot. Overall winner was Three Gun Cole. Top 5 Ladies were Katie Callahan (Ladies 49'er), Tessa Two Gunner (Ladies Traditional), Laporte Lil (Gunfighter), Ruby Red Jo (Ladies 49'er), & Ledge Lady (Ladies 49'er). Top 5 Men were Three Gun Cole (Traditional), Bad River Marty (Gunfighter), Smooth Sail'n (B-Western), Shoulda Dun Gun (Traditional), & J.R. Hammer (Silver Senior).

We'd like to say thanks to all the shooters who joined us at our shoots and at our Wednesday night

practices this year. Cowboy camaraderie and friendship are the backbone of cowboy action shooting here in Saginaw. If you haven't shot with us, we'd love to have you give it your best shot on our BIG & UP CLOSE targets! We've even more fun scenarios and range improvements planned for 2008. Sure hope you can join us.

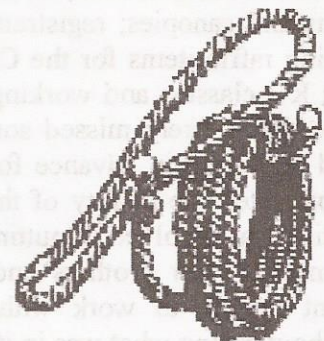
And remember! Live life... Give it your best shot!

Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

Lapeer Wranglers

Just a few lines from Lapeer. We have altered our approach to target size and placement by featuring no more smaller than average SASS targets unless they are optional shots. This alteration has been in place for the past two months and seems to be quite popular with the shooters. Come to our next match on Oct. 14 and see for yourself! While your at it, come to our next Long Range shoot on Oct. 13 starting at noon and make a complete weekend for you at "Lovely Lapeer." Our match on October 14 will feature our traditional "pumpkin shoot" team event after the 5 stages are completed. We have had many shooters asking if the "pumpkin shoot" was going to happen this year...the answer is YES! We have been doing this for 12 years now counting the years at Oxford's North Oakland Sportsman's Club and we'll try as hard as we can to keep the tradition going as long as there is interest in shooting those pesky critters. See you on the weekend of the 13th & 14th!

Wall-Man



Wolverine Rangers Club News

DSC-Rocky River Regulators

It was a wet August morning as 35 shooters registered for our monthly match. The mist turned to drizzle as our constants rallied for the start of the match. As time went on the drizzle turned to rain. It was time to make a decision. The DSC Cowboy's were consulted as to whether or not to continue with the match. The vote was unanimous. The match was called off due to the safety of our members and guests. With that said I have no results for August.

September brought much milder weather to our monthly match. With the sun shining, the cool morning brought 43 shooters to the town of Rocky River. When the scores were tallied up, the top three shooters were: Dodge City Dick 1st place, J.J. Longley 2nd and Catlow came in 3rd. We also had four Shooter's who finished with a clean match. They were; Beerbelly Willie, Ringo Wiguns, Grubby Hardrock and Chiricahua Momma. Way to go! Also in September, Batwing Betty opened up the town of Rocky River for Women's Day at the Range for the second time this year. This was an opportunity for women to get a "hands-on" introduction to Cowboy Action Shooting. We had 20 women of all ages come down to shoot. There were individual stages set up for revolver, rifle and shotgun. Once the women went through the mandatory safety briefing they were off to shoot some guns. As the day wound down the women were treated to a final stage using all three firearms on the clock. They had a blast. Literally! A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who came out to support this event.

On October 7th Jim Estes (a.k.a. Terrebonne Bud) will host the DSC Cowboy Rim & Centerfire Silhouette Championship. For more information about Cowboy Silhouette Matches, go to the DSC Cowboy Action Webpage at: <http://www.d-s-c.org/cowboy/index.html> or contact Jim Estes at (248-709-5254).

ATTENTION ALL COWBOY ACTION SHOOTERS. On October 20 & 21st the DSC will

be hosting their 2nd annual 2-Day Match, Ambush at Rocky River. This year promises to be just as much fun as last year only a little cooler. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information see the DSC Cowboy Action webpage at:

<http://www.d-s-c.org/cowboy/index.html>

You may also contact J.J. Longley at 248-549-1075 or Batwing Betty at 248-879-8345 if you want to speak to someone in person. Spectators are encouraged to join us. Remember to bring eyes and ears.

ATTENTION WOLVERINE RANGERS.

There is a misprint in the 2007 Wolverine Ranger Wall Calendar and the Wolverine Ranger Shooting Schedule for the DSC November monthly match. The correct date for November match is: **November 11th**. Please be sure to update your Wolverine Ranger Wall Calendar and Wolverine Ranger Shooting Schedule with this important change. Both the DSC and Wolverine Ranger websites are correct.

Shotgun Willy

Range War notes;

We had a number of shooters come in from New York, however the furthest traveler was a gentleman, Chilly Willy and wife, that drove their motorhome from California. Not only did he come from afar but he helped setup steel and tear down. He had called Kelin a couple of months before RW and said he was coming. He told her that he knew no one in Michigan, would be there early, and would help with whatever we needed. Of course he set steel! He truly exemplifies the Cowboy Way, driving $\frac{3}{4}$ the way across the USA and then jumping in and helping. Kelin put him on No Bucks posse as she and I would be on it and at least he would 'know someone' he had spoken to on the phone, he was a pleasure to shoot with.

Tangueray Kid

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Eagleville Cowboys

The Eagleville Cowboys (in Northwest Michigan) have completed our annual 'Eagles Revenge' 2 day shoot. The weather was great, the trees around Eagleville were starting to turn autumn colors, the campground next to the range was full, and many stories were told around the campfire. Birdshot Betty and Patti made sure that all the cowboys and cowgirls did not go hungry during the weekend. We had extra shade in case of rain, or hot weather, and we did not have either.

The Overall Cowboy after 10 stages was Nunica Kid, Traditional - Shoulda Dun Gun, Senior - No Cattle, Elder Statesman - One Son of a Gun, Ladies 49er - Ruby Red Jo, Gunfighter - Andy Horshurodinon, Modern - Southpaw Reb, Silver Senior - Fly Speck Billy, Ladies Modern - T.N. Tina, Ladies Senior - Miss Elaineous, Classic Cowboy - Trusty Rusty, Duelist - Sutter Mountain Iron Man, Buckaroo - Drew Too Fast, Ladies Traditional - Coyote Melody, and Frontier Cartridge - Marlin Matt.

On Saturday afternoon, there were 3 events going on at the same time, "Chris Dominic" and Co, a Christian Country/Western singer, who was great, a buncha side matches, and an RO1 class, so everyone was busy. The side matches were a hoot, Speed Pistol - Card Shark Charlie, Long Range Pistol - One Son of a Gun, Pocket Pistol - Southpaw Reb, Long Range Rifle, pistol caliber - Mustang Ranger, Derringer - Southpaw Reb, .22 Pistol & Rifle - Southpaw Reb, Shotgun double - Picacho Red, Shotgun pump - Nunica Kid, Pistol alternating rustlers - Picacho Red, BB gun and Air Soft - just for fun, most rounds shot, the Buckaroo of course, Drew Too Fast.

The Top Gun Shoot off on Sunday involved all three guns, with two shooters at a time, running and shooting, one from the right of the stage, and one from the left, and met together at the falling tombstones, the last man standing was - Atlanta Sharp. The First Annual Beer Can shoot, involved

moving the beer can about 30 yards with pistols and rifle, with a bunch of shooters at the same time, to a lot of hootin' and hollerin'. Winner again was Atlanta Sharp. Then there was an RO2 Class. Birdshot Betty spent considerably time making the awards for all the classes and side matches, and everyone got some type of prize. Overall, a great weekend. If ya didn't make it, come see us next year.

One Son of a Gun

Johnson Creek Regulators

Well pards, we had another great season of cowboy action shooting for 2007 we had 58 shooters at our last shoot in September and Red Ranger Lil and I had our two grandsons out to shoot with us which made it even more fun and the weather was great and all the cowboys and cowgirls really enjoyed the WWCCA Western Beef Cookout.

We had a busy season this year our May shoot we dedicated to John Wayne our June shoot we were on TV with MUCC Michigan Out of Doors. We also set a record turn out that day with 89 shooters and thanks to all the Wolverine Rangers that came out to make that such a success and also in June several of us cowboys and cowgirls took part in the Salem Township Flag Day Parade and about 10 of us from Johnson Creek saddled up and went to Range War a good time was had by all.

Speaking of Range War one of our Johnson Creek shooters Carl Sundburg aka Cool Hand Carl was the top cowboy shooter from WWCCA and our grandson Red River Slim won an award for placing 5th in the junior category and his brother Mudd Dog Kid did very well for his first Range War.

Well pards we hate to see the season end but we are all looking forward to next year we will be working on new things for the 2008 season.

Adios and Happy Trails,

Ranger Jack

Wolverine Rangers Club News

Spring Round-up in Mason County

Lots of New (Old Familiar) Faces in Scottville

No Cattle heard about the shoot and came looking for his herd. Smooth Sail'n was looking to catch the ferry to Milwaukee. Double Back Dakota was back and Cree Vicar Dave blessed them all. Yes there were lots of new faces at the Fin and Feather Club in September. Actually they were old familiar faces that we were glad to see. All came for different reasons and all came for the same reason, to throw a lot of lead down range and have a lot of fun, and the seventeen shootists at the September shoot in Scottville did both.

When the dust had cleared Lucky Lenny was the top gun on the day winning the Senior duelist category. Smooth Sail'n did shoot pretty smooth and finished second while taking the B-western category. Third was nailed down by Hair Trigger Elden who won the Senior category. Deuces Uncle Johnny was close behind winning in Elder Statesman. No Cattle was second in Senior and fifth overall. The Seniors (old familiar faces) sure shot well and took 4 of the top 5 spots.

Other winners were: 49er, 1st Nunica Kid, 2nd Tucson Charley Smith; Ladies 4er, 1st Ruby Red Jo; Duelist, 1st Double Back Dakota, 2nd Drover Dan; Gunfighter, Cree Vicar Dave; Senior, 3rd Slim Chance, 4th Mt. Forest Ron; Traditional, 1st Lone Pine Duelist; Frontier Cartridge Duelist, 1st Crazy Mingo; Modern, 1st Hell Canyon Kid; Senior Duelist, 2nd Messie James.

The next and last shoot for 2007 will be held on Saturday October 20. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30. Hope to see you there.

Happy Trails

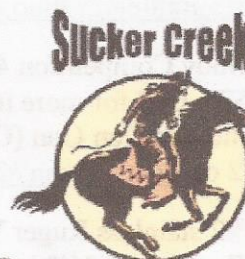
Two Gun Troll

News from out at Sucker Creek

It's hard to believe the shooting season at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club is drawing to a close for another year. This has been a busy and fun year at the Creek. We have made several improvements and work continues, as another part of the Town of Sucker Creek is going up. Several of our members and friends placed at the Wolverine Rangers Range War, Bad River Marty, Ethan Callahan, Katie Callahan, No Buk Chuck, Secondhand Jack, Tacoma Tad, LaPorte Lil, Kid Alfred, Cree Vicar Dave, Duke Dakota, Elsie Rose, and Spring Valley Kathy. Congratulations to you all. Hope I didn't miss anyone. We are especially proud of our Buckeroo, Duelin' Dylan who is the Michigan State Buckeroo Champion for the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations Dylan! Cree Vicar Dave went to the Indiana State Shoot in September with Smooth Sail'n, they had a great time and they both won their category. At our September Match Ethan Callahan took 1st place overall, with Ringo Wigums and Riverview Rattler coming in 2nd & 3rd. Our numbers were small in September but our fun was big. We hope to see you at the Creek in October, if not have a fun and safe Winter.

God Bless
See you on the trail

The Vicar's Wife



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