

# Wolverine Rangers' Epitaph



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Howdy everyone. Range War will be here soon and we are completing our preparations. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our plans are to make this a fun shoot. We have decided to stick with 10 stages this year rather than to try to shoot 12. We had some logistical concerns as well as some concerns about some of our younger shooters not being able to keep up with the older folks for 12 stages.

Be sure to bring enough ammo. You can figure on 10 rifle, 10 pistol and 4 shotgun shells for each stage as a bare minimum. You will need to also include ammo for side matches and for those unforeseen circumstances that are bound to happen. No one wants to be caught at a gun fight without enough ammo to get the job done.

We are proud of Match Director Deuce Stevens' fine finish at Winter Range this year. Deuce is the 2008 Traditional National Champion. He was also second overall.

Deuce is in the process of finishing the writing of the 10 stages for Range War. I am sure that our shooters will be pleased with Deuce's work. We will again be posting the stages on the website prior to Range War. We had some good feedback on this last year. Part of our philosophy is that posting the stages helps us to market our State Championship.

I would also like to let everyone know about our primary raffle item this year. This will be a pair of New Ruger Vaqueros in .38cal that are in the process of being engraved by Jim Downing. I am certain that the guns will look spectacular. As soon as we get the guns back from Jim Downing we will try to get a picture on the website. All members will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the guns regardless of whether they are able to make it to Range War or not.

Range War will also be a good opportunity for Wolverine Ranger members who have not completed the SASS RO I and RO II classes to do so. Cree Vicar Dave will be teaching RO I. The course will be free to Wolverine Rangers and \$10 for non-members. Dakota Doc and Lucky Lennie will be teaching RO II. The cost for the RO II course will be \$25. We are strongly recommending that all Wolverine Ranger members take both the RO I and RO II courses. Anyone operating a timer should be RO II certified. You can pre-register for the RO courses by contacting Killin Kelin at [kelinpro@gmail.com](mailto:kelinpro@gmail.com).

One of the new events for Range War this year will be the Ladies Tea Party on Friday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This will be for ladies only and will be an opportunity for the ladies to socialize and wear their fancy dresses or their shooting clothes or whatever else happens to tickle their fancy. Please contact Elsie Rose if you would like further information at [lcrose55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lcrose55@sbcglobal.net).

We are right in the midst of the prime Cowboy Action Shooting season. I hope that everyone is able to get some shooting in at their favorite club and are able to spend some time with their shooting buddies and buddies. While you are at it, think about exposing a friend or neighbor to our sport. They are probably already wondering why you keep wearing those funny clothes and throwing those large gun cases in your car or truck. This helps our sport to grow and continues to bring in new blood.

A I mentioned in my last letter; The Lady and I headed down to Kentucky for the SASS Kentucky State Championship. There was a passel of Michigan shooters who made it down there. Deuce put on a speed shooting demonstration and broke a world record for speed rifle shooting. It was great to hear the big cheer from the crowd when Deuce broke his own record.

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He put 10 shots with his rifle on one target in 1.90 seconds. Not to be overshadowed however was the fact that Chili Pepper Pete won the Snake Stomping Contest. It took him a few tries to capture the crown but he brought it home.

Well that is about all that I have for now. As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime. The best place to reach me is at my office during the day or by email. My office phone number is 248-528-0440 and my mail address is [rgillary@gillarylaw.com](mailto:rgillary@gillarylaw.com). After regular business hours you can also reach me on my cell phone at 248-379-8397. (Editors Note; Please change R.J. Law's phone numbers in your 2008-2009 Wolverine Rangers membership directory)

We look forward to seeing everyone at Range War. Please do not forget to thank our veterans. Their sacrifices have made it possible for us to enjoy the freedom to live in the greatest country in the history of the world.

Shoot safe, fast and clean.

*R.J. Law*



### New Clean Match Program Administrator

A big "THANK YOU" to Tessa Two Gunner and Ketchum Quick who have volunteered to take over the clean match program beginning June 30.

All those pards that send match scores to Laporte Lil should also copy Tessa and Ketchum on the note at [j-n-bwayman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j-n-bwayman@sbcglobal.net)

Keep shootin' clean!  
Lil



### Lapeer Wranglers

Lapeer's Great Lakes Match #11 could not have had better weather and as a result attendance increased from the low 30's in 2007 to 49 shooters this year. I also think that we will keep the Memorial Day weekend for future Great Lakes Matches rather than returning to the last weekend in June. Shooters expressed the opinion that the cooler weather of May was a great "selling point". I know our work crews were glad they didn't have to put up and takedown steel and props in high 80's and low 90's heat. Match #11 report and results will be featured in the next Epitaph; just not enough time for me to get it ready for this issue.

Some of you may have heard, but I wish to announce that Lapeer will be holding .22 rimfire Silhouette Matches as part of our Long Range shooting on Saturdays before our regular Sunday matches. Hopefully we can get this started on June 21, 2008, if we can get everything "squared away" before that date. Those of you who would like to shoot might give me a call the week before the date and I can let you know if it's a "go" or "no go." In any event, if June doesn't work out we will certainly be ready for our next scheduled Long Range in August, 2008. In general we will have three age divisions: Adult (18 & over), Junior (13 thru 17), Buckaroo (12 & under: must have an adult on the firing line at all times). If you have a .22 rifle we will find a category for you to shoot. Single shots, lever actions, and semi-autos are all permitted as well as iron or optical sights. All shooting is offhand at distances of 25, 35, 40, & 50 yards. I know from personal experience that it's not quite as easy as it might look! Take care and we'll see ya in June.

*Wall-Man*





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### Straight Shots From Saginaw

Here at Saginaw Field & Stream Club, we've been busy promoting cowboy action shooting at the Midland Gun Show and doing our spring cleaning and building on our ranges. The weather posed a few problems for our clean-up day but we finally got'er done when a surprising warm spell settled in. We took advantage of that window of opportunity to make our dream of a "log cabin in the woods" become a reality. It was a lot of work and I admit to whining when we had to peel each log. Tails were draggin', but building it gave us all a new perspective on what our pioneer ancestors endured and how thankful we are for chainsaws and Home Depot!

While the cabin was under construction on the lower pistol range, others in our group were building a permanent Fort Saginaw on Stage 5, providing great protection from lurking hooligans and one pesky Indian! Check it out at [www.saginawfieldandstream.com](http://www.saginawfieldandstream.com) under Cowboy Action photos.

At our May 10<sup>th</sup> shoot, 68 pards officially tested and enjoyed the new props. Deuce Stevens was top overall shooter and the following 9 shooters shot CLEAN! Congratulations to Deuce Stevens, Lightning Wayne, Katie Callahan, Duelin' Dylan, Bartholomew Wright Roe, Beerbelly Willie, Secondhand Jack, Three Deuces McKee, and Two Story John. We also earned \$110.00 for the Gilly Foundation with our "Time is Money" 5-second bonus. Thanks to all those who participated for this worthy cause!!

#### Top five ladies:

1. K.J. Stevens
2. Katie Callahan
3. Ruby Red Jo
4. Laporte Lil
5. Roxie LaRue

#### Top five gents:

1. Deuce Stevens
2. Bad River Marty
3. Lightning Wayne
4. Ethan Callahan
5. Red Beard Bandit

Like our motto says, if you're looking to "have more fun than should be allowed", mark your calendar for our next 2 shoots - Saturday, July 12th

and Saturday, September 13th. Our Wednesday night practices are in full swing, 5 p.m. 'til dark. We practice on the lower range and you're more than welcome to join in the fun and friendly harassment.

And remember... live life. Give it your best shot.

*Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty*

### News from out at Sucker Creek

Well it finally arrived; our first shoot of the year! Couldn't have asked for a better day or better company. The town of Sucker Creek is growing and bursting with new props and stages. We now have a "Shoe Shop", the "Golden Horse Saloon", "Madam Orr's House" and the "OK Corral" in addition to rest of our Town. Check out our website, [www.sucker creek.org](http://www.sucker creek.org) for pictures and the latest updates. We had 38 shooters who came out to shoot with us; they all had a good time, good food and good fellowship. We had several new shooters, some new to our Club and some new to Cowboy Action Shooting™. Top shooters for the day were: Overall - Two Rig A Tony; Senior Traditional - Two Rig A Tony; Gunfighter - Bad River Marty; Duelist - Ethan Callahan; Senior Duelist - Lucky Lennie; Traditional - Black River Bill; Senior Gunfighter - Secondhand Jack; Elder Statesman - Ringo Wiguns; 49er - No Buk; Young Gun - Duelin Dylan; B Western - Tanqueray Kid; Modern - Black Mountain Ranger; Silver Senior - Baldy Bill; Senior Lady Traditional - Dakota Duchess; Lady Young Gun - Indian Paint Brush. We also had four clean matches, Two Rig A Tony, Cousin Gary, Black Mountain Ranger, and Pine Run Kid. We have several father/son teams and now a grandfather/granddaughter team, it is always fun to watch families having fun together especially in the shooting sports. Our next shoot is June 21<sup>st</sup>, looking forward to seeing you there. See ya all on the trail. God Bless.

*The Vicar's Wife*



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### A.P. Goodrich

The first ever long range seminar was held at our range at Ithaca on May 18. Twenty three men and women showed up to learn about what it takes to hit a target that is waaaaay out there. The weather could have been more cooperative, however, temps in the low 50's and a brisk northwest wind kept everybody on the firing line bundled up like it was November.

We sincerely hope that everyone who attended gained some useful tips to help them become better long range shooters. Remember that the cowboys are invited to come and shoot a match with us on June 14 to put to use what they learned. They will compete in their own class with other cowboys and win their own separate awards. This would be a great time to get some match experience in preparation for the August 9 Cowboy Silhouette Championship at Ithaca. Remember, somebody is going to win the 2008 Cowboy Silhouette Championship ... but it won't be you if you don't show up!

The 60 shot Black Powder Target Rifle Mid-Range State Championship was held at Cadillac, MI on May 24 and 25. The course of fire consisted of shooting at bulls-eye targets from prone cross sticks at 200, 300 and 600 yards. The weather was great with temps in the 70's and not even a hint of rain in the forecast. The gang from Ithaca consisted of the Lovely Miss Jodi, Smilin' Steve, Big Fella, Bad Brad, The Marshall and yours truly; El Guano. The conditions on Saturday were fishtailing headwinds at 5 to 15 miles per hour and switched 180 degrees overnight to fishtailing tailwinds from 10 to 20 mph on Sunday. All of the shooters were at their wits end trying to keep on top of the constantly switching wind direction and velocity. When all the shootin' was over and all the score tallyin' was done, El Guano wound up being the 2008 Black Powder Target Rifle Mid-Range State Champion with a score of 550-11x out of 600. In doing so he tied the 300 yd State record and set another State record for Match Aggregate.

For those single shot aficionados' who might want to know the load recipe it is as follows: rifle- 45-90 C. Sharps High Wall with 34" Badger Barrel, long range tang sights with Hadley Eye Cup and wind gauge spirit level front sight. Lyman 535 gr. Postell bullet cast at 30:1, Annealed Starline cases primed with Winchester Large Rifle Primers. 84 grains of Swiss F Powder loaded into a fire-formed case through a drop tube followed by a .030 Polywad and the bullet seated on the wad by hand, and using homemade bullet lube.

Don't forget about the 2008 Wolverine Ranger Cowboy Single Shot Rifle State Championship being held at the Detroit Sportsmens Congress on July 20<sup>th</sup>. This 45 shot match will feature stages fired from prone x-sticks, sitting or kneeling x-sticks, and offhand, all at 200 yards. **START PRACTICING NOW!** Match day is no time to get familiar with these shooting positions. When all the smoke clears we will know who the top 3 Cowboy Single Shot Shooters in the State are. You may shoot a lever gun but it **MUST BE LOADED AND FIRED ONE ROUND AT A TIME.** Black Powder or smokeless – your choice. Lead bullets only. By request from last years participants – Cowboy attire is optional.

For any information on Cowboy, Silhouette, Mid or Long Range events, please contact me at spider-controlinc@aol.com

*El Guano*

### Rockford Regulators

Just a quick Thank-You to all the pards who made the Rockford Gun & Fun 2 Day a success! We had 61 participants, and due to space constraints, I can't list all the details, but all had a grand time. To anyone who couldn't be there, the changes in the town of Liberty have to be seen to be appreciated. We look forward to shootin' with all of ya sometime this year, if ya can make it.

*Case Hurdan*



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### International Blyth Trophy Postal Match

Sponsored by the Swadlingcote Rifle and Pistol  
Club in Derbyshire, England

The Wolverine Rangers have been invited to participate in this international postal match and Paul Behe has volunteered to be the Match Director for the State of Michigan.

#### Match Particulars:

- \* 5 members per team
- \* All firearms must be pistol caliber under lever (lever action) or single shot rifles.
- \* All iron sights and optical sights are allowed.
- \* Smokeless loads only. Black powder loads are not allowed.
- \* Shooting positions: standing, sitting, kneeling, or prone. Cross sticks are allowed.

#### Course of fire:

- \* One NRA B-38 target at 100 yards – ten rounds.
- \* Four NRA B-19 targets at 50 yards – five rounds each.

This can be shot at any club that has the proper firing lines. All targets need to be shot in the month of June. Enter your best targets for your Official score. Re-Entry is Allowed. Targets will be scored by the NRA method; the edge of the bullet hole must touch a scoring ring to earn the higher score. Contact Batwing Betty at [renee@darbyshire.net](mailto:renee@darbyshire.net) for score sheets. All team scores must be mailed to Paul Behe at 124 Huron, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043. Paul will email the final score sheets to England.

DSC Cowboys will make available the necessary ranges and will be shooting this on June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at high noon and after the main match on June 15<sup>th</sup> and on every Saturday for the month of June. The DSC Rifle range will be open on Monday nights from 5 till dusk. Rifle range fees are \$10.00 which includes targets. Extra targets will be available for \$1.00 each.

### DSC-Rocky River Regulators

Yee Haw! Thirty five shooters were brave enough to run the outlaws out of Rocky River even though rain was predicted. Some of our Canadian neighbors managed to swim the river to make the match. It did everything but snow during the match and we still had fun. Dodge City Dick placed first overall. The top Rocky River Regulator was Dar B Shureshot. Six shooters managed to shoot clean.

Looks like some of our pards could use some practice. The Rocky River Range is open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm till dusk. Saturday practice hours run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The range is reserved for silhouette practice after 2:00 pm. Make arrangements for an approved RO ahead of time for silhouette practice.

Bring yer Paw to our next monthly Cowboy Match, Father's day Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tell ma she can come too with the youngin's. We'll feed 'em all. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Cowboy Single Shot Rifle Championship will be held on the 200 yard upper Rifle range at DSC. Contact El Guano aka Paul Behe at [spidercontrolinc@aol.com](mailto:spidercontrolinc@aol.com) or (586) 463-7967 for more details.

There will be three silhouette matches this summer. July and September will be center fire and rim fire matches. August will be a rimfire only for a DSC Scholarship Fund match. Watch the DSC website for dates.

Batwing Betty will be representing the Wolverine Ranger Cowboys at Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association "Heritage Days" in late August. If you are interested in participating, contact Batwing Betty at [renee@darbyshire.net](mailto:renee@darbyshire.net) or (248) 879-8345.

Don't forget to put our Two Day Match, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> on yer calendar.

*Terrebonne Bud*





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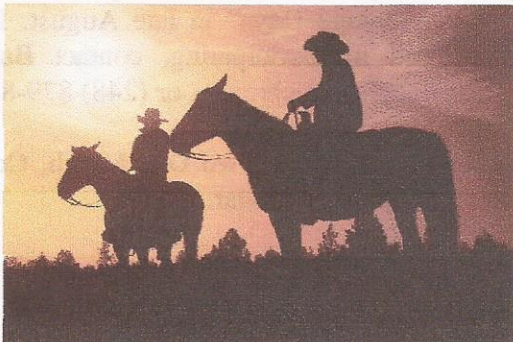
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## RO II (and/or RO I) ANYONE?

Anyone interested in taking an RO II class that is not planning on doing it at Range War, contact Dakota Doc or Cactus Kay at 810-733-8454 or e-mail at [docandkay@yahoo.com](mailto:docandkay@yahoo.com).

We would be willing to set up classes if there is enough interest. Also any club that wants a class, at their club, can contact us. Please leave your contact information.



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