



# WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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## ★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

### HOWDY PARDS,

We are working on the Calendar for 2011. If you are your club's representative, please be sure that we have your shooting schedule for 2011. Our plan is get the calendars finalized and put in the mail during the month of February. We will be mailing one calendar to each family. Please let Cosmopolitan Christine (our daughter Emily) know if you need more than one calendar.

We are planning on making a couple of changes for Range War for this year. First of all, we will not be having the Charity Raffle this year. The primary reason is that Cosmopolitan Christine, who does most of the work on the raffle, and her husband, Dynamite Darryl, will be having a new addition to their and our family in May. The young shooter to be will be named Jacob Randall Kucinich. The Lady and I think that Cosmopolitan will have her hands full this summer as it is. (Needless to say the Lady and I, along with Lefty Wheeler and Crazy Legs Kay, Dynamite Darryl's parents, are thrilled!!)

We have been able to accomplish one of the major missions of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation of equipping our Michigan high schools with AEDs. We have filled all of our requests from Michigan high schools for AEDs and we believe that the vast majority of high schools in Michigan now have at least one AED. On behalf of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation and our family, I would like to thank the Wolverine Rangers and all of our shooting

friends who have supported our mission over the last 8 years. You have helped us to donate more than 550 AEDs to Michigan high schools. In 2009 an AED donated by money raised at Range War was used to save a man who was watching his grandson play baseball at Hamilton High School near Rockford.

For those of you who do not know, my family had nothing to do with the start of the Charity Raffle to benefit the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation back in 2003. It was all started by No Buk Chuck and Elsie Rose with the help of the Saginaw Six Shooters. The Lady and I showed up at Range War in 2003 and everything was already in the works. Needless to say we were very surprised and felt blessed to have such good friends. Thanks again to our entire shooting family.

One other change is that the entertainment will be provided on Sunday at the banquet rather than on Saturday night in the Club House. We will open the doors to the banquet hall a half hour earlier and start dinner and the program a half hour earlier. Our entertainer this year will be Pop Wagner who is known as a singer, picker, fiddler, lasso twirler, poet and downright funny guy. Please see [www.popwagner.com](http://www.popwagner.com). Pop will start his show after the awards presentation is completed. We are hoping that the majority of shooters will stay for the show before heading back to Blue Water or heading home. Hopefully, this can be a nice time to relax and enjoy



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some good entertainment.

We will also be adding a Cowboy Mini Match on Friday morning which will be held at the same time as the Wild Bunch Mini Match. There will be no extra charge for either mini match but we will ask for shooters to pre-register. We will also be making available a Wolverine Rangers Shooters Bag as an alternative give-a-way item for shooters who register on time. Each shooter will have the option to select either a Range War T-Shirt or the Shooter Bag.

Well, that is about it for now. Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers of the Rangers if you have any questions. We have an open door policy and our books are always open to our members.

Please pray for our soldiers and veterans who protect our freedom.

Best regards,

*R.J. Law*



R.J. Law □ Captain  
Wolverine Rangers

## JOHNSON CREEK REGULATORS

Howdy Everyone!

The cowboys and cowgals of Johnson Creek Regulators will be starting our shooting season off with a practice on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the 50 yard range at 3:00 pm. There will be another practice on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the 50 yard range as well.

Our first shoot of 2011 will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and join us for a great time. We are excited to announce this year JCR will be giving casino quality poker chips to the top three finishers in each class as well as all clean matches. We will be having a long range side match sometime in spring or early summer. Keep an eye on our web site [www.johnsoncreekregulators.com](http://www.johnsoncreekregulators.com) for updates or send me an e-mail at [highfilldanny@yahoo.com](mailto:highfilldanny@yahoo.com) to add you to our emailing list so you will get updates

on the going ons at Johnson Creek Regulators.

Dates for 2011

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Practice 3:00 pm  
 Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Practice 3:00 pm  
 Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Shoot #1 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Practice 3:00 pm  
 Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Shoot #2 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> Shoot #3 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Jun 25<sup>th</sup> Shoot #4 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> Shoot #5 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Shoot #6 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Sep 24<sup>th</sup> Shoot #7 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am  
 Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Shoot #8 - Registration 8:00am-9:30am

Come join us for a great time!

**Gabby Glenn & Carolina Cowboy**



## DOUBLE BARREL GANG

Greetings from the sunny south . Its been a cold winter down here. We are looking forward to a new shooting season in Hastings. Our first match is scheduled in April. We will resume shooting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. this season. Tiny and his brothers are ready to take on all comers. We hope to see you at Hastings this season.

**Dakota Fats said that.**

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## ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

Winter has come to the town of Rocky River and the town sits covered in snow. Everyone anxiously awaits spring and the new shooting season. The cowboy and cowgirls of Rocky River had their Cowboy Appreciation Get-together and awarded the following honors...the top three club shooters for 2010 were J.J. Longley, Nine Finger Bob, and Coyote Claxton. The D.S.C. Cowboy Volunteer for 2010 was awarded to Terrebonne Bud for 266 volunteer hours on and around the range.

Our shooting season starts with a Cowboy Action Match on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

On Sunday, April 3, 2011 the D.S.C. Rocky River Regulators will be holding the first of 5 monthly Wild Bunch Matches for 2011. We will be shooting the SASS classes of Traditional and Modern (Men and Women) with a 1911 handgun, .45 colt rifles, and 1897 shotguns. In addition, we will have an Open class for all other firearms (used in CAS) so that ALL can come out and have fun. These Wild Bunch Matches will be 5 stages with multiple magazine changes for maximum excitement. A casual lunch will follow each match. Look to the Wolverine Rangers calendar for match times.

If you want some .22 Silhouette fun, come out on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at noon for some 50 yard silhouette action. The following day will be the April Cowboy Action Match on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

Once the snow melts, the fun begins.  
See you on the Range.

**J.J. Longley**

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As I type this it is 19 degrees and snowing steadily outside. As I think about cowboy action shooting I can't help but dream about the warmer weather that will be here as I type the next entry for the Epitaph.

We have been keeping on with the shooting at The Rockford Sportsmen's Club. We held matches in December and January and the stages have been planned for our shoot in February also. It isn't always easy putting on a shoot in the winter months because you never know if the weather is going to be bad or really bad. So far, luck has been on our side.



For our December 4<sup>th</sup> shoot the forecast was for rain in the late morning and it worked out pretty good. It was cold with clear skies when we started shooting and about the time both posses were on their last stages, the skies did a little sprinkling on us. Not too bad a day over all. We had 28 shooters out that day and it

was a lot of fun despite getting dribbled on at the end of the match.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, we had an Old Coot Shoot. We had 8 Cowboys show up for it. Not too bad considering this was a Wednesday shoot. If I remember correctly, the weather was pretty chilly but the skies were clear.

On the first day of this New Year we had weather that I do not think will ever be better. It was 60 degrees in Grand Rapids at the stroke of midnight! The temp did go down and our New Years Day match was just as nice as could be. We had 24 shooters make it to the match and I have to say that I think that is quite respectable for a match on a holiday.

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We made a couple announcements at the safety meeting and I think that you will want to hear about them. First, we are going to reward match attendance. We announced a plan that Card Shark Charlie has wanted to try. His plan is to offer those who make ten matches in a year a free shoot. So if you make ten matches the eleventh is free. Great thinking Card Shark!

The other program that we will be doing in 2011 is to have a reward for those who shoot a clean match. The program works like this- if you shoot clean your name goes into a hat. At the next monthly safety briefing we will draw a name from the hat and that shooter gets his or her match fees back for that shoot. This should be fun too. At our January shoot, Slo Mo, Drover Dan, Gunner Gatlin and I all shot clean. We will see how the drawing goes for one lucky shooter at the February 5<sup>th</sup> match!

Mark your calendars for our Annual 2-Day Match scheduled for June 4th and 5th. We hope to make our regular June shoot into our Annual 2-day for the years to come. It's great to have so many Cowboy Action Shoots that finding an extra free weekend has become very difficult.

Lastly, I would like to thank Deuce Stevens for setting up a club You-Tube page for the Rockford Regulators. There are a few of us now that have flip video cameras. We have some videos up from our last shoot. If you are interested in seeing them check them out at <http://www.youtube.com/user/RockfordRegulators>. If you have a camera and plan on attending one of our shoots feel free to bring it and shoot some video.

That is all for now. Hope to see you in February.

**Ketchum Quick**

## HURON RIVER RAIDERS

Just want all the Cowboys & Girls to know that we will be having practices in 2011 for the months of May 7, August 6, September 10, and October 1, from 9:30AM - 1:00PM. The range fee is only \$7.00 and a large assortment of guns/calibers/ammo. will be available for kids (.22 & .410) and newbees.

We need to buildup our membership so we can again hold SASS matches, which will benefit all of us.

We have the Taylors 1873 rifle in .357magnum called The Comanchero and came with the action work and short stroke done by Cody Conagher. Anyone at the practice can use it along with either 38spl. or 357 cowboy ammo.

Regards,

**Cool Hand Carl**

Marshall of The Huron River Raiders

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## L.C.S.C. WRANGLERS

We are halfway finished with our L.C.S.C. winter shoots. Our remaining shoots are: 2-13-11 & 3-20-11. Our banquet at Lennie Millers will be Saturday 3-16-11 from 4pm to 6pm. As usual, you must be present at the banquet to qualify for the awards to be presented at that time. Rumor has it that no expense has been spared for the awards to be presented this year.

When we start having our shoots in Wrangerville this coming April, we will be increasing our shoot fees a little to keep up with the ever increasing prices of food and materials to keep the shoots relevant. L.C.S.C. members will pay \$10, Wolverine Rangers will pay \$18, and non-Wolverine Rangers will pay \$20. At this time, there does not appear to be any increase in main match fees being considered for our three day annual shoot held over Memorial Day in May.

Speaking of our three day annual shoot in May, we are planning to have our format that we used last year again this year. That means Saturday will have six stages, side matches, and the banquet. Yes, we plan to have the same folks serving up the food for the banquet that we had last year. Sunday will have the remaining six stages and whatever Laredo Van & friends have "cooked up" for you shooters to shoot (perhaps those 4x4's), anyway time will tell. Monday will feature our "Wild Bunch" match with Flat Water Johnny in charge. We are also planning to have a second "Wild Bunch" match on July 23, 2011 or possibly a week earlier...we have to see what is on the L.C.S.C.'s List of Events. In any event we will let you know the date a.s.a.p.!

**Wall-man**

## STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Most of us pards are fond of old Westerns with some good, clean romance thrown in, and it being Valentine's Day this month, we thought we'd relate the romance story of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

It was 1944 and Dale was assigned to work with Roy on "The Cowboy and the Senorita." Well, she was a fish-out-of-water. She didn't even know how to ride a horse, but she managed. Although she was a popular radio and big band



singer at the time, her life had not always been glamorous. She was a single mother with a teenage son, Tom. Her elopement at 14 had ended when her husband abandoned her when her son was just a baby. When she got to Hollywood, the studio instructed her to say Tom was her brother, but Dale

always was made to feel a part of Roy's "Western family," along with Gabby Hayes and the Sons of the Pioneers.

Roy's wife, Arlene, died suddenly in 1946 after giving birth to their third child, Roy Jr. Dale was busy starring in other pictures when Roy began inviting her to dinner and meeting his children. She saw Roy as a responsible, caring person and their friendship grew and in September of 1947, he gave her a friendship ring.

A month later, while astride their horses at the Chicago Stadium, waiting to be announced, Roy leaned over and told her he loved her. Ahhh! Cowboy romance. And then he handed her a ruby ring. She thought it was just a birthday present but when the King of Cowboys asked, "What are you doing New Year's Eve?", she thought he was kidding with the proposal. When he said he was serious, she was speechless, but just then the announcer called their names and as they galloped into the spotlight, she called out, "Let me think about it."

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Well, she did think about it and on New Year's Eve, 1947, Roy and Dale, both 35, exchanged wedding vows during a blizzard at the Flying L Ranch near Oklahoma City. Their romance spanned over 51 years until Roy passed away in July, 1998. Dale joined him February 7, 2001, to ride those heavenly, happy trails together. And that's the romantic story of Roy and Dale.

Speakin' of riding trails together, mark these dates to join your pards in Saginaw...June 25, July 30-31, and Aug. 27. We guarantee you'll have more fun than should be allowed! Also, you're always welcome to our Wednesday night practices starting April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We're positive our cowboy shooters can out-shoot Cupid, but, hey, do you really want to? Remember to live life, give it your best shot... and don't forget the chocolates on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan**

## UPCOMING SHOOTS

### February

- 5..... Rockford..... Monthly Match  
\$10—No Lunch
- 13..... Lapeer..... Winter League
- 22-27 . Phoenix, AZ ..... Winter Range
- 27..... Phymouth ..... Practice

### March

- 5..... Rockford..... Monthly Match
- 12..... Plymouth ..... Practice
- 16..... Rockford..... Old Coot
- 20..... DSC ..... Monthly Match
- 20..... Lapeer..... Winter League
- 26..... Plymouth ..... Monthly Match

### April

- 2 ..... Rockford..... Monthly Match
- 3 ..... DSC ..... Wild Bunch Shoot
- 9 ..... Hastings..... Monthly Match
- 10 ..... Plymouth ..... Practice
- 13 ..... Rockford..... Old Coot
- 16 ..... Lapper..... Long Range Match
- 16 ..... DSC ..... 22 Silhouette
- 17 ..... Lapeer..... Monthly Match
- 23 ..... Plymouth ..... Monthly Match

## RESULTS OF THE T.G. SUMMIT IN LAS VEGAS

1. Should we eliminate the 10 second minor safety penalty **overloading a RIFLE**? For – 174 (57%); Against - 135 (43%); Abstain – 0; **FAIL**
2. Should we change the rule regarding **empties left on the carrier or in the chamber of a long gun**? For – 130 (42%); Against – 179 (58%); Abstain – 0; **FAIL**
3. Should we create the new sanctioned category **“Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter”**? For – 194 (63%); Against – 115 (37%); Abstain – 0; **FAIL**
4. **Should the rifle regulations for B-Western be changed as follows to allow the earliest rifle to be from 1880 instead of 1884?** Rifles: Any SASS – legal rifle of 1880 or later or a replica thereof (i.e. Burgess, Lightning, 1892, 1894 Winchester or Marlin). For 278 (90%); Against – 30 (10%); Abstain – 1; **PASS**

**Laporte Lil has detailed information on website**



## POSITION AVAILABLE!

The Wolverine Rangers are looking for someone to fill the position of Marketing Manager. Duties include marketing and promoting Range War and Cowboy Action Shooting in the state of Michigan in general. If you are interest please contact R.J. Law.

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## TIPS FROM EL GUANO

Howdy again pards

For most of you who have to suffer through winter in Michigan, it is a time to buy new equipment, reloading components, anneal brass, cast bullets, and to reload all that empty brass in preparation for the upcoming shooting season. The various clubs are printing their match schedules so you have to pick and choose the ones you want to attend. By the time that first event rolls around, all your gear and ammo is in tip top shape and you are rarin' to go. You've probably even got a few butterflies. You must love to compete otherwise you wouldn't be doing this, right? Did you ever wonder why some people like to compete and others don't? Is it the fear of doing something new? Fear of doing poorly in front of other people? Losing? Screwing up? Does this sound familiar? Two new guys show up to a match. Both do about as well as you could expect for first timers [poorly]. One guy said he had fun [but you never see him again.] The other guy gets that strange gleam in his eye. He's hooked and he knows it! Right then. Right there. Hook, line and sinker. Most of you who read this were that guy once, right?

OK. Here is a question to those of you who own single shot rifles. Why not try shooting that big boomer of yours at targets that are out there a ways? There are two types of events that appeal to single shot riflemen [and women.] First is silhouette. Chickens at 200 meters offhand, pigs at 300 meters, turkeys at 385 meters, and rams at 500 meters. Pigs, turkeys and rams are shot from sitting or prone X-sticks. The animals give a very pleasing "clang" as they topple over. It's just like when you shot at cans with your BB gun as a kid. All you need is a rifle with a vernier sight, ammo, and a set of X-sticks. Let me warn you though bub....it's hard to hit those little suckers and you are gonna miss a LOT at your first few matches. But you WILL GET BETTER!

The other type of event you could try is the paper matches. Mid-range is fired at 200-300 and 600 yards from X-sticks. Long range is fired from 800-900 and 1000 yards from X-sticks. A mid-range match is the place for new people to start. Don't try long range until you've got a few mid-range matches under your belt. Keeping all your hits on paper at

600 yards isn't as hard as you think. If you can keep all your hits on paper at 200 yards, you can keep them in the scoring rings at 600. Shooting paper targets is a game of PRECISION. Where a hit anywhere on a silhouette or cowboy target will score, it's WHERE you hit a paper target that counts. The X ring at 600 yards is only 6 inches in diameter so to keep your hits near the center, you have to start learning about wind deflection and mirage. Of course, it is understood that you must have a complete understanding of sight picture, breath control and trigger squeeze because if you don't, all those little errors you make on the firing line just get magnified the farther away the target is.

You'll never know what it is like until you try. It may not appeal to all of you but that's OK. As long as some of you like it that's all that matters. Life is short. Try it. For information on silhouette, mid or long range shooting contact Paul at [spidercontrolinc@aol.com](mailto:spidercontrolinc@aol.com)

El Guano





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## REMEMBER OUR TROOPS



### ★ WHO TO CONTACT ★

#### CAPTAIN

- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

#### RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

#### WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

#### MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

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- Requests to receive Epitaph by mail

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- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

### ★ CONTACT INFORMATION ★

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*Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary*

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