



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



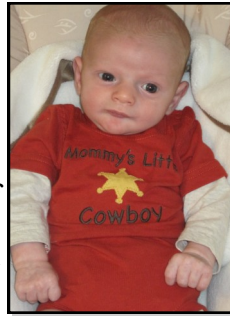
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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pard,

First of all, I would like to announce that Jacob Randall Kucinich was born on Thursday June 2nd to Cosmopolitan Christine and Dynamite Daryl. The Lady and I (parents of Cosmopolitan Christine) and Lefty Wheeler and Crazy Legs Kay (parents of Dynamite Daryl) are thrilled to be first time grandparents. Everybody is doing great.



The Lady and I just finished shooting at Saginaw. Boy was it hot. The Saginaw Six Shooters did another very nice job with their 2 day match. Unfortunately I was only able to make it for the second day. It is nice that their 2 day shoot is actually 2 one-day shoots. If you miss one day you can still compete and win something on the day you showed up. Bad River Marty did a nice job as usual in designing the stages and the ladies did another great job with the lunch.

We have had a long stretch of hot weather. Please be sure when you are shooting in 90 plus degree heat with high humidity that you stay hydrated and keep your electrolytes up. Most of us in this sport are not youngsters and the heat and humidity can put extra stress on our bodies. Please keep that in mind and remember that this is a game. If you see someone who may be suffering from heat exhaustion, do the right thing and intervene if necessary.

Korupt Karl and CC Top from Indiana will be putting on a CPL (concealed pistol license) class at the Gillary Farm in Columbiaville on Saturday September 17th. The original planned date was July 16th but we have been doing some major renovations to the farm house and The Lady wanted to have the farm house done before the Class. Everything will be completed by September 17th so we will be good to go. Please see the information and registration form on the Wolverine Rangers website at

www.wolverinerangers.org. The cost is \$100 per person payable to Edge Training Group and the class will run from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. There are limited spaces available so if you are interested, I would recommend that you sign up early. Passage of the class will entitle you to go to your local police department in the state of Michigan to apply for a CPL. I would highly recommend that as many shooters as possible should get their CPL. For those of you who cannot make it on September 17th at our Farm, we will likely have another class in the spring. You can also check with your local gun club.

According to Cosmopolitan Christine (Secretary of the Wolverine Rangers), we are running slightly ahead of registrations for Range War compared to this time last year. We are hoping to get close to 300 shooters. This would make us one of the best attended SASS State Championships in the Midwest. Please send in your application if you have not already done so. We had a registration deadline of July 31st in order to get a free tee shirt or free Wolverine Rangers shooter bag. We will try to extend the deadline for a couple more days but we need to get the tee shirts ordered and shooter bags finalized so please don't wait any longer. Range War applications are available for downloading from our website.

As a reminder for Range War, we will be having a Cowboy Mini-Match and Wild Bunch Mini-Match on Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Both Mini-Matches will run at the same time so you will not be able to shoot both. Side matches will take place on Friday. Long range events are from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and speed events are from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We had the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot / Annual Meeting at Fenton on Sunday July 10th hosted by the Butcher Butte Bunch. Big Bad Jim, Grubby Hardrock, Sassy Sue and everyone else from the Butcher Butte Bunch did a great job with the shoot

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and lunch. They clearly went above and beyond the call of duty with the lunch. Last year we began a tradition of giving out some prizes for our members who attend the Free Shoot / Annual Meeting of the Wolverine Rangers. The prizes are all randomly drawn from a list of all members in attendance at the shoot. The big winner this year was Coffin Nail Bob who won the prize of \$400 in cash. No Name Cowboy and Kid Orion each won a free entry to 2011 Range War. Congratulations also to our Clean Match Program winners Dakota Fats and Ruby Red Jo who received their awards at the Annual Meeting.

We have printed a passel of Wolverine Rangers Flyers/Brochures to promote the Wolverine Rangers and our member clubs. Feel free to contact Cosmopolitan Christine by email @ egillary@gillarylaw.com if you would like to have some of our brochures to pass out to prospective shooters.

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



SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

NEWS FROM OUT AT THE CREEK

How time flies when you are having fun, and fun it is when you are shooting at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club. We have had three shoots this summer with close to 50 shooters at each match. We have had beautiful weather and some very good shooting with lots of visitors that we encourage to try Cowboy Action Shooting™ What we consider “the nearly perfect” out-house has been a good addition to our town.

Our next shoot will be August 20th and we will be having a pig roast along with the shoot so bring your appetites and come out and plink some targets, share your stories with other cowboys and enjoy a taste of the old west. There is dry camping available, contact Wolverine Wrangler or Kid Al Fred to make arrangements for Friday night camping.

Check out our website: www.sucker creek.org for pictures of all the shoots and lots more information about our Club and Cowboy Action Shooting™

Looking forward to seeing you on the 20th of August.

God Bless

The Vicar's Wife,
Secretary/Scorekeeper SCS&GC



Remembering Our Troops

Do you have family or friends serving in the military that you would like us to include in our prayers and thoughts. They will be published in the Epitaph and the website. Include whatever information you want published, such as name, branch of service, location, relationship to you, etc. If the service members would like to post something back to us they will be welcome to do so. We appreciate their sacrifice and courage and this is a way to let them know we care and are supporting them.

Send the information to the Epitaph Editor (Mail Order Annie) and Webmaster (Laporte Lil) and we will get the word out there. Our contact info is on last page of the Epitaph or on the Website.

God Bless Our Troops
Mail Order Annie

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ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

On June 5, 2011 the town of Rocky River welcomed 23 cowboys to the second Wild Bunch match for 2011. The cowboys shot 5 furious stages with multiple magazine changes and stoked the shotguns for maximum speed. When the dust settled the overall match winner and top Modern shooter was Moe Gunns. The top Traditional shooter was DSC's Beaver Creek Boy and our Open category winner was Poco Loco.

Father's Day was celebrated by 46 cowboy and cowgirls in the town of Rocky River. They all shot 6 stages under a bright blue Michigan sky. After every competitor had a chance to shoot the dreaded bottle rack, Faygo Kid was deemed the match overall winner. The top three DSC cowboys were J.J. Longley, Nine Finger Bob, and Fraser Fox.

July 17, 2011 brought the heat, both in air temperature and in competitive level. Under bright skies and 90+ degree heat the cowboys and cowgirls shot 6 stages. When the scores were tallied Faygo Kid walked away with top honors. Clint Chisum was the top Wrangler and the only clean match shooter. Top DSC honors went to J.J. Longley, Beaver Creek Boy, and Fraser Fox.

On Sunday, August 7, 2011 the D.S.C. Rocky River Regulators will be holding the third of 4 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.

August 21, 2011 will be our second annual Cowboy T-shirt and shorts monthly match. The dress requirements are relaxed for the August heat so put on that Range War T-shirt, comfortable shorts, sneakers and come shoot the monthly match with us. Regular cowboy gear is always welcome.

Remember that we practice on most Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM and all the cowboys are happy to answer any of your questions about Cowboy Action Shooting and Wild Bunch.

Come and enjoy some shooting fun.

See you on the Range.

J.J. Longley

HURON RIVER RAIDERS

Just want all the Cowboys & Girls to know that we will be having practices in 2011 on these dates: August 6, September 10, and October 1, from 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. The range fee is only \$7.00 and a large assortment of guns/calibers/ammo. will be available for kids (.22 & .410) and newbies.

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.

Log on to [Multilakes.com/Activities/Cowboy Action](http://Multilakes.com/Activities/CowboyAction), and watch a YouTube pick that is outstanding.

The Multilakes club will be having an August 27 "Good old Days" event for \$1.00 entrance fee. There will be a classic car show, food and drink tent, firearms and archery, live band and games for all ages, including Cowboy Action demos.

Regards,

Cool Hand Carl

Marshall of The Huron River Raiders

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JOHNSON CREEK REGULATORS

The Johnson Creek gang is now half way through the 2011 season. Rain was the last thing on our minds as we fired up for the July match but then again Rainmaker Ray was there to usher in a brief shower before the safety meeting. Rev. C.S. Missalot had a word or two with the Big Guy and the rain passed. Thirty Cowboys and Cowgirls ventured out into the Sagebrush (brown grass) and started banging steel. Highlight of the match was the exploding milk jugs with colored water. Always fun to blow something up. Smiling bear kept the mosquitoes away as the only black powder shooter. Much to our surprise the smoke just hung there and we had to really strain to see hits (no misses). Cloud cover made the morning fun to be a shooting but Ol Sol burned the clouds away for the last couple of stages and the grilled brats and fixings matched the roasted cowboys. As scores were read smiles abound when Shakey Puddin passed around the ice cold popsicles. Besides Carolina Cowboy's first place finish, I think the popsicles were the hit of the day. Thanks to all that helped set up and tear down in one of the hottest days of the season.

If you haven't had a chance, check out our web site for pictures and videos of our past shoots – Johnsoncreekregulators.com. If you've been to our matches you will probably be on film. Enjoy!

Next match is August 27th and one of the last warm up shoots before the State Match – Range War . Our stages for this shoot will be taken from the 2011 Range War shooters book if it is available in time. Get a jump on the rest, ya all come out! ! !

**Till Then – Happy Trails
Gabby Glenn – Sheriff
Johnson Creek Regulators**

STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

Well, pard, as we look at the weather forecast and compare ourselves to other states, we'd say Michigan isn't doing too bad. We're sure the pioneers and cowboys of the Old West suffered through many uncomfortable weather conditions. Just gives another meaning to the term "cowboy up".

We had 47 shooters at our June 25th match and were blessed with beautiful weather. Everyone seemed to enjoy the scenarios and shooting the new targets, which sure gave off a distinct ring when hit. It's always fun seeing shooters clean a match and we had 16 grinning when the clean match awards were handed out. (Their names are on the W.R. webpage, listed with our June scores.) Congratulations to the top five gents: Riverview Rattler (Overall Winner), Bad River Marty, Tacoma Tad, Ethan Callahan, and Black River Bill. Top five ladies were: Katie Callahan, Laporte Lil, Roxie LaRue, Crazy Legs Kay, and Sassy Sue. Our Mini-Wild Bunch Match had 6 shooters with Red Beard Bandit winning Overall and Ethan Callahan shooting a Clean Match.

Wednesday night practices have gleaned us a couple new shooters. They're learning a lot about cowboy shooting and the humor and harassment that gets dished out. Our practice nights are always fun and open to any of you pards who happen by, 5 p.m. til we fizzle in the heat or run out of ammo or daylight...whichever comes first.

Due to printing deadlines, we'll be posting our 2-day shoot results in the next Epitaph. And don't forget our shoot on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Hope you can make this shoot. It's a perfect match to get you warmed up for the State Shoot the following week. This year's Range War promises a lot of fun events. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy the remaining summer days and keep our troops in your prayers! And remember...live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

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ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Howdy cowboy action shooting friends. We at the Rockford Sportsman's Club have been having a great time with all of our visitors. Thanks to all of you that have been in attendance.

On June 4th and 5th, we had 56 shooters come to our two day Gun 'n Fun shoot! It was great to see everyone and hope you had a lot of fun. We had planned on doing quite a few side matches on Saturday afternoon but with the heat we held it to Long Range Rifle, Cowboy Trap, Speed Pocket Pistol and Derringer. It was really hot! Our one and only shooter to shoot a clean match was Dakota Doc. Congratulations Doc! Quite a feat when your guns are sweating!!

On July 2nd we had 59 shooting pards attend our match. Again, thank you everyone for turning out on your busy holiday weekend. We were fortunate enough to welcome four out of state shooters; Crabby Hays came from Illinois, Spittoon O'toole from Indiana, Short Fused Ruby and Black Tom from Kentucky. It was great to have them in attendance.

We added a sixth stage in July and the feedback was nice to hear. This was a full stage, not a shotgun only stage like we typically shoot in the summer. We made sure the stages were fast and furious. Our resident hot rod, Deuce Stevens, had a blistering fast stage. He shot a 10, 10 and 4 stage in 12.42 seconds. I wish that I would have video recorded that run.

We are continuing our bounty on clean matches. If you shoot a clean match at Rockford, your name will go into a drawing the next month. If your name is picked, you get to shoot for free that day. Dakota Doc got a free shoot in July. We had seven clean shooters in July for the drawing in August: Doc Noper, K.J. Stevens, Cayuse Jack, Split Aces, Stove Pipe Wells, Crabby Hays, and Lue Dee Kris.



If you haven't made one of our Hawaiian shoots over the years, come and check it out. This is your opportunity to dress cool in Hawaiian shirts

and shorts to beat the Summer heat. It's not mandatory but encouraged. Many come dressed in their regular cowboy shooting outfits. Hope you can make it. That is all for now pards! See you at the next one.

Ketchum Quick

EAGLEVILLE COWBOYS

The Eagleville Cowboys monthly shoot up here in the great Northwest was a very 'warm' success. The cloud cover most of the day kept us from completely melting into a puddle on the ground.

Our stages written by Tin Pan Sam were even more interesting than usual. It was great to see some new pards out to try our Cowboy Action Shooting. Our 'Grub Master' Bird Shot Betty, made sure all of the days grub was cool or cold, good thinkin'. Our Match Director, Trusty Rusty, had everything under control, even the friday night set up, target arraignment, and first mate karen had all the targets lookin like new. When the smoke cleared, yep, that bunch was here again, the following topped their class:

Silver Senior - Thummpet John, Elder Statesman - Trusty Rusty, Ladies Senior - T.N. Tina, Ladies 49er - Crack Shot Fannie, 49er -

Atlanta Sharp, Frontier Cart. Duelest - Marlin Matt, Wrangler -

Bar-Gun Hunter, Frontier Cart. - Tin Pan Sam, Duelest - Trigger Jim, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Ladies Frontier Cart. - Senorita Vaquera, Ladies Wrangler - Wild Whiskey Girl, Gunfighter - Scotty Two Shotty, and Ladies Frontier Cart. - P.K. Brinstone.

A reminder, our Annual 'Eagles Revenge', 2 day shoot will be held on Sept 24, and 25. And each day will be a separate shoot in itself, for those who can not make both days. Hope to see all yer smiling faces then. Y'all come & C us & do away with some of the Bad Guys...

One Son of a Gun, TG

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L.C.S.C. "WRANGLERS"

GREAT LAKES MATCH #14
MAY 28, 29, & 30, 2011

The L.C.S.C. "WRANGLERS" GREAT LAKES MATCH #14 was held over Memorial Day weekend. Actually, we began on May 27 with a shoot through for seven of our club members who would be working for us during the weekend. Shooting 12 stages in one day was a hard, but necessary event, as the weather did not cooperate as it had in previous years with no rain.

Saturday dawned overcast and cool—not an excellent day for shooting, but at least no rain so far. 46 shooters joined us in the Pledge of Allegiance (we had 4 Canadians who were shooting with us) and the stages got underway.

We had our 12 stage format as last year with six on each of the first two of the weekend days. Flatwater Johnny, Four Finger Carl, & Wolfcreek Tom led their respective posses through the first six stages quickly enough to give us plenty of time to complete the Side Matches before dinner was served at 6:15pm. Side Match winners were as follows:

.22 Pistol	Rotten Rob
.22 Rifle	Rotten Rob
Pocket Pistol	Rotten Rob
Derringer	Four Finger Carl #60694
Long Range Rifle Caliber	Clint Chisum #42877
Long Range Pistol Caliber Rifle	Bad Brass #84355
Long Range Pistol	Bad Brass #84355
Long Range Single Shot Rifle	Sassafrass Lori #66058
Man-On-Man Match	Tres Hombres #2163

The cowboys answered the cook's triangle at 6:15pm at the clubhouse for our traditional evening meal and costume contest. New York strip steaks and chicken breasts were the main features along with all the trimmings provided by Countryside Banquet Center and Catering as they had last year. Various desserts were provided by our lady shooters and others to round out our splendid meal. Leftovers were used for the Sunday lunch. If you went away hungry, all I can say is "tough luck". While dinner was being

eaten, the costume contest was held with the banquet participants doing the voting on the winners of the several categories. The winners were as follows:

Best Dressed Townie-Male--Four Finger Carl (Carl Roper)
Best Dressed Townie-Female--Hawk Woman (Sandy Boisineau)
Best Dressed Cowboy-Faygo Kid
Best Dressed Cowgirl-Sassafrass Lori (Lori Roper)
Best Dressed Jr. Cowboy-Deadeye Travis (Travis Lusignan)
Best Dressed Jr. Cowgirl-Little Braine (Samantha Cadotte)

Sunday dawned as a much better day weather wise... the strange yellow orb" returned to its rightful place in the sky and it actually got a little warm, imagine that!!! The final six stages were renumbered and targets changed from the previous day.

There were no problems with any malfunctioning targets, everything worked exactly as they were designed to do by our #1 target designer & "fixer upper" Bob (Dr. of Horse) Becker. Actually, many of our guests commented that they were very happy to see the many "improvements" that had been made to not only "Wranglerville" but to our grounds etc. in general

here at the club. Our attendance numbers are increasing not only for our Great Lakes Matches but also for our monthly shoots. All L.C.S.C. members should be happy to hear this and work even harder to keep the improving image our club has obtained!

Scores were totaled and results printed while shooters were engaged in trying to break water balloons and plastic eggs filled with baking flour at a distance of 8 yds. Little Braine was the winner of this activity. Guess this puts all of us older, more experienced shooter to shame. With that activity completed, the shooters gathered in the clubhouse to get their stat sheets and see who were the class and overall winners:

Overall Match Winner	Faygo Kid #26408
49er Match Winner	Bad Brass #84355
Traditional Match Winner	Tres Hombres #2163
Senior Match Winner	Cody Wales #40936
Gun Fighter Match Winner	Clay Creek #65874

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Duelist Match Winner	Kentucky Drifter #85997
Black Powder Match Winner	Scofield Ranger #24545
Classic Cowboy Match Winner	Ira Bigelow #62675
“B”Western Match Winner	Wolf Creek Tom (Tom Maxwell)
Modern Match Winner	Crowbait #20275 (Phil Huber)
Woman’s Match Winner	Eleanor Jewel #26409
Silver Senior Match Winner	Moe Guns #26854
Elder Statesman	Steel Dust Jack #64997 (Jack Briggs)

Special thanks to all of the LC.S.C. folks who made this event a success: John Rose, Tom & Jennifer Maxwell, Carl & Lori Roper, George & Sandy Boisineau, Nathan Hall, Charlie (Dr. Bob)Becker, Dick Schalau, Greg Harper, Rod Wentworth & family, Van & Mary Starkey & family, To all you folks, many thanks for your time and effort!!! We couldn’t have done it without your help. Also, a very special thank you to all our banner sponsors: Lennie Millers of Dryden, Rosy Bros. of Dryden, Patterson’s Pharmacy of Oxford, Cubbies Trophies of Oxford, Charles Becker D.V.M. of Oxford, Williams Gun Sight Co. of Davison, Otisville Gun Barn of Otisville, and Randy Gillary of Troy. A great time was had by all the shooters and helpers and hopefully we’ll see even more of you for Great Lakes Match #15 in 2012.

Wall-Man

CPL CLASS DATE CHANGED Moved from July 16th to September 17

The new flyer and registration form are on the website www.wolverinerangers.org

Taught By Korupt Karl & Curt Ebersole
Hosted by R.J. Law & The Lady

When: Saturday, September 17th, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Where: The Gillary Farm - 3608 Klam Road—
Columbiaville, MI 48421

Cost: \$100.00* per person

Details: This is a State of Michigan required course with range time and live fire. The course will center around the NRA Basic Pistol course and will include NRA packet with manuals, diploma, etc. Please bring a hand gun and ammo. Lunch will be provided by R.J. Law & The Lady. Please contact R.J. Law or Cosmopolitan Christine at (248) 528-0440, rgillary@gillarylaw.com or egillary@gillarylaw.com if you have any questions. Please make checks payable to **Edge Training Group**. Class size is limited to the first 45 paid registrants. Please send payment and registration to address on form. *Additional charge of \$15.00 for passport photos and fingerprints for a Florida permit.

ROI and ROII at Range War 2011

Must pre-register with Dakota Doc/Cactus Kay
docandkay@yahoo.com or call 817-371-6600

RO I

2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 2

In the clubhouse

\$10 fee

(free to current Wolverine Rangers members)

RO II

6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 2

In the clubhouse

\$25 fee for everyone

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Howdy pards,

I think in this issue we'll talk about one of the big factors that must be dealt with if you want to shoot a lot of X's at your next mid/long range match. And that is...recoil management. I say management because recoil can NEVER be eliminated, but it CAN be dealt with. First of all, lets understand recoil. There is ACTUAL recoil which is measured in foot pounds. It's really a simple thing to understand. If you take a rifle of a given weight, and shoot a bullet of a given weight at a specified velocity, the rifle recoils backward with a certain amount of measurable force, expressed in foot pounds. Lets imagine two 45-70 rifles shooting the exact same load except one rifle weighs 7 pounds and the other weighs 12 pounds. The 7 lb. rifle will recoil more because it's lighter. Now let's take two 45-70 rifles of the same weight except one shoots a 300 grain bullet at 1200 feet per second and the other shoots a 530 grain bullet at the same velocity. The one shooting the heavier bullet at the same velocity will recoil more. Most of you understand this already since you use extremely light loads to reduce recoil in your cowboy matches. Lets get something straight right now. Since we are going to shoot mid/long range or silhouette, using lighter bullets or shooting at low velocity is NOT AN OPTION. Don't even think about it. BIG and FAST is the only way to go.

The other type of recoil we have to deal with is FELT recoil. This can be difficult because different people react differently to the exact same amount of recoil. Some people are "recoil sensitive" and others can shoot the exact same rifle and load and not be affected at all. Heavier people can soak up recoil better than skinnier ones [but not always]. That's no excuse to go out and pack on the pounds though.

O.K. What exactly contributes to felt recoil and how can you deal with it?

1. I already mentioned rifle weight. If you are mainly going to compete with it and not lug it up and down mountains while hunting, get one that weighs a little under 12 lbs.[silhouette legal]. Heavy rifles help soak up recoil. If your rifle is a little on the light side, don't hesitate to drill a couple of 3/4 inch holes under the butt plate and fill them with lead bird shot. If you do this, DON'T DRILL

THROUGH THE SIDE OF THE STOCK! It won't look good.

2. Pick the smallest caliber that is adequate for the job. 38-55 is the smallest caliber that will work for silhouette or mid-range although a .40 caliber is better for both. A 45-70 will do nicely for silhouette/mid-range and is minimum for long range. A 45-90 will do EVERYTHING well. Remember one thing though, the bigger the cartridge/bullet the more recoil you have.

3. Get a rifle with a shotgun buttstock because the large buttplate distributes the recoil over a larger area of your shoulder. This style of stock usually has a more rounded comb which won't bite your cheek when the rifle is fired. A "rifle" [curved] buttplate or a "military" buttplate are smaller and narrower and have sharper corners which concentrate recoil into a smaller area. This definitely increases felt recoil. Position the buttstock squarely on your shoulder muscle. If it is positioned near your collar bone, down toward your bicep muscle, or not firmly held against your shoulder, all I can say is OUCH! Guess how many black and blue arms and shoulders I've seen? A straight grip stock will work fine, but I've always had a preference for pistol gripped stocks. In my humble opinion, having a pistol grip makes the rifle easier to control. Almost all the competitors I know shoot from the prone X-stick position. Unfortunately, felt recoil is most evident when shooting this way since your body doesn't "give" when the rifle goes off. Remember though, this is the MOST ACCURATE position to shoot from.

4. Put a slip-on recoil pad on the rifle or wear a shoulder pad or both. Just be aware that using both will increase the length of pull of the stock and make correct sighting and "cheek weld" more difficult.

5. Use the best ear muffs you can buy. Their ability to suppress noise is called the NRR [noise reduction rating]. The higher the rating number, the better they are. Some shooters I know use foam ear plugs and shooting muffs. Why do I mention noise protection when we are talking about felt recoil? Here's why. The noise of the rifle going off and the recoil you feel are inseparably linked together. Believe it or not, if you reduce the NOISE of your rifle going off, your PERCEPTION of felt recoil will be less. It's true.

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Shooting regularly will definitely acclimate you to the effects of recoil. Believe it or not, you actually start to get so used to it that you begin to ignore it. This allows you to concentrate 100% on the most important things, i.e. sight picture, breath hold and trigger squeeze. Lots of practice never hurt anybody!

Not being able to manage recoil is the number one cause of flinching, which dramatically affects how well you shoot. Remember, you can't eliminate recoil, but you CAN adapt to it and lessen its' effect on you. For info on mid-long range and B.P. silhouette contact me at spidercontrolinc@aol.com 'Till next time hold center.

EL GUANO

P.S. Leroy "Iron Wolf" Sleight became the first cowboy to try his hand at mid-range shooting at the Mid-Range Michigan State Championship held over Memorial Day weekend at Cadillac Mi. Way to go Leroy!



RO-I CLASS TEACHING CHANGE

SASS has made a change on teaching RO-I classes. Basically, if any RO II (orange pin) wants to teach an RO I class, they must have an RO II Instructor (black pin) in attendance in the class. We can be contacted, if there are questions, at docandkay@yahoo.com or 817-773-0637.

Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay

UPCOMING SHOOTS

August

- 6..... Lapeer Long Range
- 6..... Rockford Monthly Shoot *
- 6..... Bellaire..... Monthly Match
- 7..... Lapeer Monthly Shoot *
- 7..... Utica..... Wild Bunch Shoot
- 11-14... Guns of August Middletown, OH
- 13..... Hastings Monthly Match
- 13..... Hillman Monthly Match
- 14..... Fenton Monthly Match
- 17..... Rockford Old Coot Shoot
- 20..... Lapeer Fun Shoot/Silhouette
- 20..... Breckenridge Monthly Match
- 20..... Sault Ste Marie Monthly Match
- 21..... Sturgis Monthly Match
- 21..... Utica..... Monthly Match **
- 27..... Plymouth Monthly Match
- 27..... Saginaw..... Monthly Match
- 27..... Central Lake Monthly Match
- 27..... Scottville Monthly Match

September

- 2-4..... Wolverine Rangers Range War
SASS Michigan State Championship
- 3..... Bellaire..... Monthly Match
- 10..... Hastings Monthly Match
- 10..... Rockford Bare Bones ***
- 10..... Hillman Monthly Match
- 10..... Lapeer Wild Bunch Shoot
- 11..... Fenton Monthly Shoot
- 14..... Rockford Old Coot Shoot
- 17..... Lapeer Long Range
- 17..... Breckenridge Monthly Match
- 17..... Sault Ste. Marie Monthly Match
- 17..... Gillary Farm CPL Class
- 18..... Sturgis Monthly Match
- 18..... Lapeer Monthly Match
- 18..... Utica..... Monthly Match
- 24..... Lapeer Fun Shoot/Silhouette
- 24..... Plymouth Monthly Match
- 24..... Scottville Monthly Match
- 24..... Central Lake Eagles Revenge ****
- 25..... Central Lake Eagles Revenge ****

October

- 1..... Rockford Monthly Shoot
- 1..... Bellaire..... Monthly Shoot
- 2..... Utica..... Wild Bunch Shoot

* Hawaiian shirts & shorts may be worn
 ** Cowboy t-shirts and shorts may be worn
 *** \$10 per shooter. No lunch. Scores posted later.
 **** Each day scored separately



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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

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets
- Requests to receive Epitaph by mail

WEBMASTER

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

EPITAPH EDITOR

- 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** ★

Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information

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

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