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★ CAPTAIN'S CORNER ★

Howdy Pard,

This is my last Captain's letter for this year. About the only business that we have to take care of is to elect the Captain, the Secretary, and our at large members. The ballot will be emailed before the end of the year to all members who we have an email address for and will also be posted on the website. Please be sure to vote. I will be running for re-election for Captain and Cosmopolitan Christine will also be running for re-election. Additionally, all at-large members are elected each year. If anyone wants to nominate someone to appear on the ballot for any of these positions, please let me know by December 20th so that we can add their names to the ballot. Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions about this. You can reach me by phone at my office at 248-528-0440 or by email at rgillary@gillarylaw.com.

That is about all that I have for now. The Lady and I will be heading to Florida for the SASS Florida State Championship in January. We are also planning on heading to Winter Range in February but as of now I am scheduled to be in trial that week so I may not be able to attend. Oh well, work comes first. Our daughter K.C. Kate will be joining us in Florida and at Winter Range. It is nice to see her get back to shooting again. Kate has said that shooters are the nicest people. I have to agree.

Please take some time and count your blessings. I am blessed with my wonderful family and with all of our shooting friends. We are also blessed to live in the greatest country in the history of the world. I would also like to thank all of our veterans who have fought and died to defend our Liberty. It looks like we may have some battles still to fight to retain our Bill of Rights and the Second Amendment. Stay vigilant.

The Lady and I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Best regards,

R.J. Law

R.J. Law - Captain



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

ROCKFORD REGULATORS

Salutations fellow Cowboy Action Shooters,

Just wanted to get the word out that the Rockford Regulators are planning on a few shoots through the winter. We are planning on shooting on the 1st and 5th of December, those will be a regular monthly match and an Old Coot Shoot, respectively. We have dates planned for the first Saturday of January and February as well. As always be sure to keep an eye on the wire or here on the WR web page for announcements regarding the matches. Most importantly remember to check on the weather prior to driving to these matches. We may cancel due to poor conditions. That being said, we have shot with nearly two feet of snow on the ground.

Our little club has been rather busy over the last couple of months. Our construction team have been doing a great job with keeping the range up and doing some nice improvements along the way. They have plans to cover the shooting areas on our Sheriff Office and our Saloon. That will be a nice addition to those stages in that our staged guns will be under a roof. This should add some protection from the elements on those stages.

Back in October we had 30 shooters turn out for our monthly match on the 12th. Out of the 30 shooters we had 6 shoot the match clean. The list of clean shooters included; myself (Ketchum Quick), Slo Mo, Riverview Rattler, Gunner Gatlin, Split Aces and Andy Horshurodinon. The lunch that day was pretty fun as we had a corn roast. This was hOOT Hamilton's idea. Everyone enjoyed it and we hope to make it an annual tradition.

On October 24th Card Shark Charlie held an Old Coot Shoot. The match was attended by 14 shooters that day and 3 came out with clean matches. They were Deuce Stevens, Riverview Rattler and Yip E Kia. From the report that I received, it sounded like the guys had quite a good time.

The Old Coot's came back to the club earlier this month, November 7th, for another match and 15 shooters were in attendance. Of those 15, 5 made it

through the match without penalties. They were; Deuce Stevens, Riverview Rattler, Drover Dan, Split Aces and Shiloh Red. Good job guys!

Black Friday, we had our second annual Black Friday match. It was one of those weird Michigan mornings with the temperature warmer at 8am than 10am. It was 46 degrees on the way to the range and the mercury was dropping from there. hOOT made a fire for us all but with the gale breezes that we had all day the fire didn't keep up very well. It served as a reminder that winter is now here and we will have to plan on bundling up for a while. We had 24 shooters come out and that was really nice to see. I know a lot of shooters have things going on with the Thanksgiving holiday and we are thankful that some of you came to see us at our town of Liberty.

On the behalf of the Rockford Regulators I would like to thank all of you who were able to come and join us during 2012. It was a pleasure seeing everyone and enjoying all the fellowship that we are so blessed to enjoy. I hope that all of you who read this have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope we get to cross paths in 2013.

**Best Regards,
Ketchum Quick**



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

ROCKY RIVER REGULATORS

Fall in Michigan has brought its entire splendor in color to our foliage and brought a bit of a chill to the range. On October 7th twelve hardy souls came to the range to test their skills with a 5 stage Wild Bunch match. When the scores were tabulated the overall winner in the Open class was Moe Gunns. Shooting in the SASS recognized classes using “big” bullets, DSC’s Camptown won the SASS men’s Modern division and DSC’s Nine Finger Bob won the SASS Traditional division. Nine Finger Bob also shot the only clean match for the day.

October 21st was a perfect fall day in Michigan. With the clear and sunny skies, thirty four cowboys and cowgirls tested their cowboy action skills against 5 furious stages. The shooting was almost as hot as some of the chili that was judged later in the afternoon. Finishing first overall was Faygo Kid, followed closely by Moe Gunns, and DSC’s J.J. Longley. Shooting clean matches were Moe Gunns, Onyx, Dakota Doc, Cody Wales, Andy Horsurodinon, Cactus Kay, Nine Finger Bob, Rodent, The Apostle, and Goatlips. The clean match by DSC’s The Apostle was his first ever. Way to go!

After the match the cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed a lunch of various chilis that was judged in our annual chili cook off contest. The winners were:

- Hottest Chili: Andy Horsurodinon
- No Bean Chili: Andy Horsurodinon
- Fowl Chili: Onyx
- Bean Chili: Penny Ante
- Best overall Chili: Justice John Goodnight

This is always a great lunch on an October afternoon after a fun shoot. The DSC cowboys want to THANK everyone that brought chili to our event. We look forward to doing this again next year.

November 10th was unseasonable warm for November in Michigan. So why not take advantage of the great weather. The Rocky River Regulators lined three cowboy stages with lanterns with candles and a little “back” lighting and waited for the sun to set. That’s when the shooting started. Boy it was hard to see your sights but that didn’t stop Broke N West and Jack Holladay from shooting some black

powder loads that lit up the range from their firearms. When the scores were tallied J.J. Longley “eeked” out a match victory over Leadfoot Luke. J.J. Longley and Camptown were the only “clean” shooters under the moon light. Following the twilight shoot we all gathered to hear the scores while eating a sloppy Joe and Coney Island snack in the range building. If you haven’t tried our Twilight Shoot, you need to put it on your agenda. It was a blast!

Thanksgiving and a turkey feast! But first the November Cowboy match. All the rifle targets were moved in close and the shooters had a blast. All the cowboys and cowgirls shot fast so that they could partake in the Thanksgiving feast that was being prepared in the DSC range building. As we gave thanks and ate the full turkey Thanksgiving dinner that Penny Ante prepared, we listened to the scores as Camptown read them off. Winning the match was Faygo Kid followed closely by Riverview Rattler, Clay Creek, and DSC’s J.J. Longley. We also had the following clean shooters: Faygo Kid, Riverview Rattler, Clay Creek, Moe Gunns, Onyx, Kentucky Drifter, Dakota Doc, Cactus Kay, Andy Horsurodinon, Big Bad Jim, Coyote Claxton, Red Dog, Rodent, Sassy Sue, and The Apostle.

Our next match is Sunday, December 16th and then Rocky River is shut down until March 2013. DSC will resume with a Cowboy 3 stage Twilight match on Saturday, March 2, 2013 and the regular 5 stage monthly Cowboy match on Sunday, March 17, 2013.

**Until then have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.**

J.J. Longley



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

SUCKER CREEK SADDLE & GUN CLUB

It was a cold start for our last match of the year on October 20th with the temperatures around the 60's. Shadow Warrior had written the stages with some interesting new shooting patterns (different, but enjoyable).

Overall winners were: Red Beard Bandit, Riverview Rattler and Crazy Nate.

Clean match certificates went to: Cactus Kay, Crazy Nate, Ringo Wiguns and Split Aces.

Scores and pictures are posted on our web site: www.SuckerCreek.org.

Also on the web site are many new items (lots of guns, grips, clothes) for sale by our members at http://www.sucker creek.org/Member_Sales.html. Check it out for some great deals, you might find something you always wanted.

Since October was our last match of the year, we have closed down the range for the winter season. We'll have our first match of the new year on May 18, 2013.

Season Greetings! to all our fellow shooters and friends. We wish them all good health and prosperity in the New Year.

We hope to see you down at the Creek next year!

Regards,
Wrangler

STRAIGHT SHOTS FROM SAGINAW

The Saginaw Six-Shooters had their annual planning meeting and pot luck in late October and have set our 2013 shoot dates.

Saturday, May 11th.

Saturday, June 29th. and Sunday, June 30th.

(Two back-to-back shoots, each scored separately.)

Saturday, August 24th.

Get that new calendar out and cipher them down. We'll also be continuing the Wild Bunch Mini Matches after our shoots. Wednesday nights will once again be our fun practice night. Christmas is just around the corner and a new year awaits us... perhaps with some uncertainty, but one thing's for sure, having great cowboy fun at Saginaw will do a person good! If you've never shot at our club, here's your invitation. And, for our pardos who keep coming back, we thank ya kindly and hope to see you in the new year! It's guaranteed more fun than should be allowed! And the chuck wagon grub is mighty tasty, too!!!

From all the Six-Shooters in Saginaw, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a new year filled with good health, lots of laughter, and straight shooting! God bless you all and remember to live life....Give it your best shot.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



★ SHOOTING NEWS ★

L.C.S.C. "WRANGLERS"

As the holidays approach, the Wranglers of the Lapeer County Sportsman's Club are preparing to begin our annual Winter League held from December 2012 thru March 2013.

We will be shooting four stages at our regular shoots plus an optional side match when the four stages are completed. The side match for December involves speed shotgun. I would not doubt that our Texas Star will be part of the stage. Since all the shooters have a shotgun to use for the regular match stages, there shouldn't be any problem using their main match shotguns for this optional stage. I'm sure that Flat Water Johnny and Wolf Creek Tom will have something planned that will keep our interest alive and take our minds off the cold.

We wish to remind shooters that no carts are to be used during the four Winter League shoots. We have more than enough space for their shotgun & rifle on our outside wall gun racks. We would also like to inform shooters that once you have selected the wall gun racks for your guns you are to leave your guns on that spot. We think that will end much of the confusion caused in previous years when all shooters moved their guns between the two stages as posses switched shooting stages. We have our request in to

the "weather gods" for decent weather for each of the four matches that will be happening as part of the Winter League. The "weather gods" promised if Flat Water Johnny smiled at least once during each of the four stages they would not have any problem controlling the weather.

The format for the Winter League remains as it has been for several years: All shooters must have perfect attendance & participate in each of the four shoots from December thru March to qualify for consideration for the top honors (prizes) and cash rebates for each shoot attended. We will end the Winter League in March and have our traditional banquet at Lenny Miller's in Dryden the first Saturday after the League ends (4-6pm). The remaining three side matches will be announced at the end of the first side match in December.

**Stay warm!
Wall-Man**

Territorial Governor for the
L.C.S.C. "WRANGLERS"



UPCOMING SHOTS

Check the website for changes

December

1	Rockford	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
5	Rockford	Old Coot Shoot
9	Lapeer	Winter Cowboy Shoot (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)
16	Utica	Monthly Cowboy Shoot
TBA	Hastings	

January

5	Rockford	Bare Bones Shoot
19	Scottville	Monthly Cowboy Shoot *NEW*

February

2	Rockford	Bare Bones Shoot
9	Scottville	Monthly Cowboy Shoot *NEW*
18-24	Phoenix, AZ	Winter Range SASS National Championship



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- 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

SENIOR WEB LADY

- 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

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