



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★



Howdy pards,

Okay, enough already with the cold and snow. So much for Global Warming. J I am sure that our shooting pards who head South for the winter are chuckling as they relax in the sun with their T-shirts and shorts enjoying their adult beverages.

I would like to thank all of our Members who voted in the Wolverine Rangers' Election at the end of last year. The results are printed in this edition of the Epitaph. I would like to welcome new Board member hOOt Hamilton from Rockford. I would also like to welcome our new Marketing Director Sixgun Scotsman to the Board and to thank Scotsman for agreeing to take on this position. It has been vacant for a while and it is an important position.

The Lady and I along with Deuce attended the SASS Convention in Branson, Missouri in December. They had an unusual snow storm which dropped about 6 inches of snow while we were there. No problem for us but some of the Southerners had some issues driving in the snow. There are some benefits of being from the North.

The results of the Territorial Governors' Summit are as follows:

Agenda Item # 1 – Passed with a language adjustment. This new rule essentially provides that if the action of a long gun which was open and empty closes in the process of or after it is put down, it is a “no call”.

Agenda Item # 2 – Did not pass. This proposed rule would have eliminated the minor safety penalty for safely picking up a dropped round.

Agenda Item # 3 – Passed. This allows modifying a curved trigger on a rifle to a straight trigger. The intent is to make it less likely for a shooter to pinch his or her finger in cycling a rifle. Ouch! Been there, done that.

Agenda Item # 4 – Passed. This removes the Bisley hammer/grip frame restrictions and essentially allows a Bisley grip with a Ruger Vaquero type hammer.

That is all that I have for now. Stay warm while we all look forward to the warmer weather and for shooting season to begin.

Thanks again to all of our members who are veterans of our armed forces who have sacrificed to make this the greatest country in the history of the world. Please remember that freedom is not free.

In closing, please be sure to give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law

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Wolverine Rangers





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2013 Wolverine Rangers Election Results:

Vice President (First Lieutenant):

Incumbent: Bad River Marty

Treasurer:

Incumbent: Snareman

Members-at-Large:

Incumbents: Cactus Kay
Catlow
Chili Pepper Pete
Dakota Doc
Ketchum Quick
Steady Eddie
Three Gun Cole

Newly elected: hOOt Hamilton

Thank you to all of the Wolverine Rangers who voted in our 2013 Election!

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for the
Pony Express
Postal Match

***** For the benefit of the SASS Scholarship Fund *****

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Match Directors: Sign up your club to participate

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★ Shooting News ★

Rockford Regulators



Well here we are in the middle of the coldest winter that I can remember but that doesn't stop us from shooting.

Our December 7th shoot had weather in the teens and brought 14 shooters out for some fun. The clean shooters were: Ketchum Quick, Slo Mo and Split Aces.

On December 11th we had 8 shooters at the Old Coot Shoot. Drover Dan and Split Aces were the clean shooters.

We had 18 brave shooters at our January 4th monthly match. The clean shooters were Slo Mo and Split Aces.

On January 15th we shot the Old Coot Shoot with 14 shooters. Deuce Stevens, Deuce's Uncle Johnny and Split Aces were the clean shooters. Congratulations to all the clean shooters.

No matter what Mother Nature brings us in February we will be ready to shoot. Our monthly match will be on Saturday, February 1st and the Old Coot Shoot on February 19th. Come dressed warm and ready to shoot. We will have the fire pit blazing.

Hopefully by March it will be warmer and we will be able to see some dirt on the ground. We have several improvements planned for the range and as soon as the weather breaks we can get started.

Hope you will be able to join us for the 2014 shooting season.

Your Pard,
Card Shark Charlie



Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The town of Rocky River is quiet, cold, and deserted. Snow has covered all the board walks to the town and only an occasional cowboy appears to practice his skills.

Our first monthly Cowboy Action match is Sunday, March 16, 2014. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the match starts at 9:30 AM. We shoot 5 stages and then share lunch. Please plan to come out and enjoy our hospitality.

April 6, 2014 is our first Wild Bunch match of the season. We shoot 5 Wild Bunch stages followed by a light lunch and invite all to come out and try this shooting sport.

We do have the SASS sanctioned Wild Bunch classes recognized but if you don't have all the Wild Bunch gear, no problem. We have an open class where you can shoot any caliber CAS lever action rifle and any CAS shotgun you may own. All you need is ANY semi automatic pistol that shoots LEAD bullets and you are ready for a Wild Bunch experience. A typical wild bunch stage could be 20 pistol, 10 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be your "cup of tea".

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



Straight Shots from Saginaw

It's another cold day here in the Saginaw valley but like the Good Book says: "This too, shall pass." We're not sure what that old groundhog will predict, but whatever it is, spring will be here soon.

We've lined up our shoot dates for 2014 and hope our pards can come and shoot with us. The dates are:

- Saturday, May 31
- Saturday & Sunday, July 12-13
- August 23

We'll have our Wild Bunch Mini Match after each shoot. And, as we've done in the past, our 2-day event will be two separately scored shoots, with free camping available. Our Wednesday night practices will begin April 16th and go through September 24th.

Just a little reminder... Valentine's Day is around the corner and remembering that special loved one, young or old, will sure brighten their day and put you on the top of their "Good Pard" list.



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

Happy Trails,
Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Howdy All from Johnson Creek Regulators, Plymouth

As I am writing this, we are continuing with record snowfall in Michigan! But March is not far away and our first match will be March 22nd.

If you feel like wearing your Cowboy Duds in February, come to Western Wayne County Conservation Association on the 28th. The Cowboys are hosting the fish fry and we will have our Faro Game (for adults), a shell game, cowboy music and fun for all! The fun begins at 6:00 pm.



We will continue our free match program with 6 cards or Poker chips in any combination through April. Starting in May we will hand out one card for each shooter when the results of the match are presented. (Shooters must be present to get a card). One card in the box will be for a free match. Save your cards and the shooter with the best hand at our October match will get a free shoot.

One of our guest shooters suggested we try shooting to the north when we set up our range. We tried this and the benefits of sun to your back and having some shade were quite evident. As long as we have dry weather before the match, we will be setting up shooting to the north. Unfortunately wet weather turns the grass into a mud bog and we have to use the gravel road and shoot to the south.

So come on out to Plymouth in March. We will have all new stages. A first stage with movement and shooting in two directions and a bunch of fun!

Happy Trails,
Panhead Pete



Huron River Raiders - Commerce

Wanted cowboys/girls

The Huron River Raiders at Multi-Lakes are looking for new guests that want to learn how to Shoot the “Guns of the Old West”. You can use our guns and a limited supply of our ammo + range fee. (Club member range fee \$5, non member \$7).

Our goal is two fold: To introduce the fastest growing gun sport, Cowboy Action Shooting, to Men, Women, Youth and Western enthusiasts and to give instruction.

During 2014, we plan to have practice sessions on: 4/26, 5/10, 6/14, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20 & 10/25. The practice sessions are open to anyone. All sessions held from 10:00 am–12:00 noon.

You can use: .38 special, .44 special and .45 Colt revolvers and lever action rifles. 12, 20 and .410 gauge shotguns are also available. All are replicas of guns made between 1873-1897. We also have .22 caliber guns for youngsters and new shooters.

All new shooters and those who have no experience with these types of guns will receive instruction on their use.

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Editor's Corner

Goin' Postal

Ready for an extra bit of competition while shooting the matches you would normally shoot and support a good cause at the same time? Check out the Pony Express match! The Doily Gang is sponsoring a competition with 8 stages over the expanse of 6 months beginning in April and ending in September. Proceeds benefit the SASS scholarship fund. The fee for each shooter is a one time charge of \$25.00. For more information or to register as a shooter or as a participating club visit <http://doilygang.com/postal-match-details/>. The more clubs that participate, the easier it will be for participants to complete the necessary 8 stages.



Get Yer RO On!

Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay, our RO II Instructors, are available to teach the RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan. Their contact information has been permanently added to the "[Who to Contact](#)" page at the end of each Epitaph issue (beginning with this issue). If your club would be interested in hosting a class please contact them to schedule a date.

There's Still Time!

There is still time to submit your survey answers even though this issue begins publication of submissions. The survey is located at: <http://www.outrideroutlaw.com/epitaphsurvey.htm>

Look for the first installment of results elsewhere in this issue of the Epitaph.



It's all about YOU!

There is a section for YOU, the reader, to share experiences, thoughts, debate issues, stories and other items of interest as they pertain to Cowboy Action Shooting and/or the Wolverine Rangers. The Shooter's Stance page is just for you. Please feel free to submit any stories, whether thought provoking, touching or funny.

If you have comments about previous stories, please feel free to submit those as well. This IS, after all, YOUR newsletter! Please keep any stories and/or comments "family friendly", and written in a kindly manner.

Please email your submissions to:
EpitaphEditor@wolverinerangers.org
Please use the subject of: Shooter's Stance article.

★ Epitaph Survey ★

Late last year, a survey was posted for Wolverine Rangers. Various questions were asked. The results of one of the questions will be posted here with each issue. It's not too late to join in on the survey! Please visit www.outrideroutlaw.com/epitaphsurvey.htm to participate!

Survey Question:

Other than Cowboy Action Shooting, in what other shooting/target sports do you participate?

Total number of responses: 17 (15 male and 2 female)

Number of people who participate in each category:

No other shooting sports: 1

Skeet: 1

Trap: 3

Sporting Clays: 1

Pistol Target Shooting: 6

Rifle Target Shooting: 8

Hunting: 9

Long Range Rifle: 5

Archery: 4

Knife/Tomahawk Throwing: 3

Other: 3

Listed in the "Other" category were: Muzzle loading, long range silhouette, black powder cartridge, black powder shooting-rendezvous style, action pistol (IDPA/USPSA), bowling pin shooting.

Of the people who responded to the survey:

- 1 does not participate in any other shooting sport
- 3 participate in one other shooting sport
- 2 participate in two other shooting sports
- 8 participate in three other shooting sports
- 2 participate in four other shooting sports
- 1 participate in five or more other shooting sports

☆ 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

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

CHIEF RO INSTRUCTORS, MIDEAST REGION

- Scheduling SASS RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan



☆ 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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