

February 2003 Newsletter

Elk Rapids Sportsman's Club

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General Meeting January 8, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to our flag and the conservation pledge.

A membership vote was taken to approve the appointees to the 2003/2004 Board of Directors, as there were not enough candidates to hold a formal election.

The 2003/2004 Board members are: Ron Fortier, Tom Deasy, Gary Sutter, Russ DeBolt, Bill Ackerman, Rock Wilson, Howard Yamaguchi, Patty Sutter, Ray Pollister.

After the vote the members shared their trophies, photos and stories from this season's hunt, plus one extraordinary trophy elk antler fished out of a local lake

in 1967. This antler is over 200 years old and it is HUGE, it shows what kind of monster animals roamed this land before us. Fascinating stuff.

Thank you everyone!

Board Meeting January 15, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Rock Wilson, Gary Sutter, Bill Ackerman, Ray Pollister, Ron Fortier, Tom Deasy, Russ DeBolt, Patty Sutter. Absent: Howard Yamaguchi.

Also present: Phil Pomber, Rich Hoadley, Norb Rooke, Chuck McPherson, Todd Humpfrey, Jim Gurd.

Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as published. P. Sutter second. Unanimous. Carried.

Treasurer's report accepted as given.

Membership: Currently, 460 have renewed for 2003.

Programs: the Feb.5th meeting will be a swap meet.

Range master: we will be sending the trap machine to be refurbished. It will be ready to go by spring.

Wilson made a motion to nominate Tom Deasy for Vice-Chairman. P. Sutter second. Unanimous. Carried.

Board Assignment for 2003:

Howard Yamaguchi – Membership

Rock Wilson – Newsletter

Ray Pollister – Range Master

Tom Deasy – Treasurer /Vice-Chairman

Russ DeBolt – Building and Grounds

Gary Sutter – Programs and Promotions

Ron Fortier – Chairman

Bill Ackerman – Assistant Range Master

Patty Sutter – Secretary

Pollister made a motion that the club donate \$300.00 to Elk Rapids High School's Project Graduation for 2003.

Deasy second. Unanimous. Carried.

Pollister made a motion to run an ad in the "Town Meeting", letting the public know we are here and inviting the community to come out for trap and skeet. P. Sutter second. Vote 7 to 1. Deasy, nay. Carried.

A partial schedule for 2003 (below) has been established, more will be added as we confirm dates.

G. Sutter made a motion to adjourn. Deasy second. Adjourned 8:10

FEBRUARY 2: Winter Skeet League Begins

APRIL 26: Spring clean up

All ranges closed until work is completed

MAY 3 & 4: Registered Skeet

No open shooting

JUNE 4: family potluck picnic 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 7 & 8: ERSC kids fishpond

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7: Hunter Safety

All ranges closed

OCTOBER 25: Fall clean up

All ranges closed until work is completed

NOVEMBER 8 – 14: Sight-in.

DECEMBER 3: Holiday potluck 6:30 p.m.

**Swap Meet Feb. 5th 7:30
Let's make a deal!!**

"Classified" ads are a free service to members. Your ad can be submitted to Rock Wilson, 834 Indian Trail Blvd., Traverse City, MI 49686; 947-2481 or E-mail: rock@chartermi.net An ad will run, space permitting, until I am notified to remove it. Please let me know as soon as the item sells.

Rock Wilson

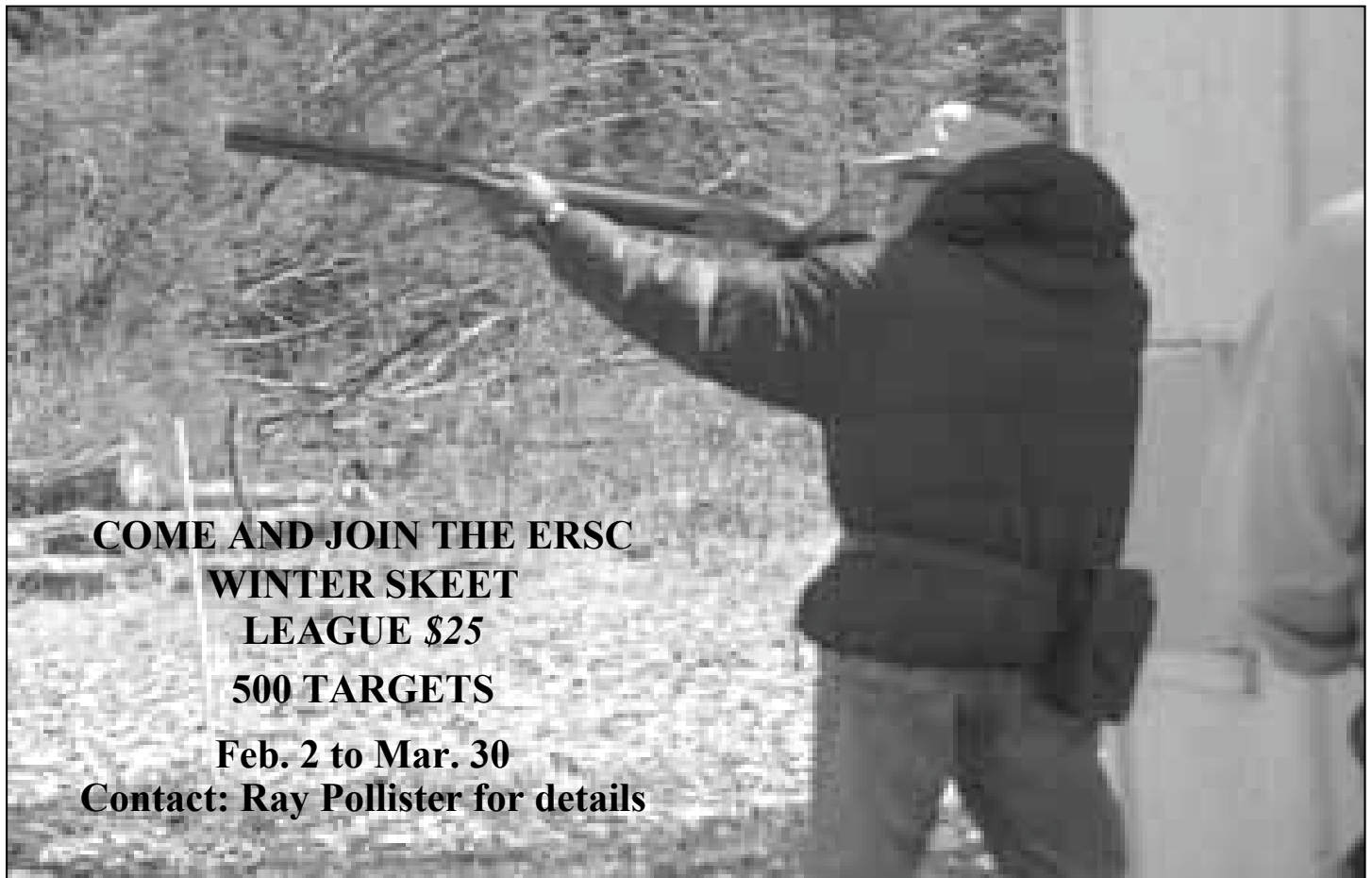
For Sale: Remington 513T, .22 target Rifle, Very Good Condition!! \$260; Contact: Jim Hintz 933.0543

For Sale: 45-70 Govt, NIB Dies, Brass and Bullets, 38 Spec./ .357 dies. Lou Cunningham 231-933-6638

NRA Dues

When you pay your dues to the NRA, please include our club number: **C004689E**. The NRA will send our club \$5.00 for each new member and \$5.00 for each renewal. Send To:

**Recruiting Programs
11250 Waples Mill Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22030**



**COME AND JOIN THE ERSC
WINTER SKEET
LEAGUE \$25
500 TARGETS**

**Feb. 2 to Mar. 30
Contact: Ray Pollister for details**

The Second Battle Of Adobe Walls

As researched by Coyote Creek Mike

East of the Santa Fe trail, west of the Llano Estacado and south of the Canadian River, lay the ruins of an ancient Spanish trading post, the name of which was long ago forgotten. Because of its only visible remains, during the nineteenth century the site was known as Adobe Walls. It also just happened to lie quite near the migration path of the Great Central Herd of buffalo. Today we'd say it sits in the northern Texas panhandle, about 150 miles southwest of Dodge City, Kansas.

After the destruction of the buffalo herd in Kansas, the hunters moved south and west to continue practicing their profession. In June of 1874, a group of enterprising businessmen had set up two stores, a blacksmith shop, and a saloon near the ruins of the old trading post in an effort to rekindle Adobe Walls and make a dollar off the hunters. By late June there had been talk of imminent Indian problems and, in recent weeks, hunters had actually been killed.

Some 28 or 29 persons were present at Adobe Walls, including James Hanrahan (the saloon owner), 20-year old Bat Masterson, Billy Dixon, and one woman, the wife of cook William Olds, when, in the pre-dawn hours of June 27th, 1874, the ridgepole holding up the sod roof of the saloon broke with a loud crack. Everyone in the saloon and several others set about repairing the damage. Thus most of the inhabitants were wide awake and up and about when, at dawn, a combined force of Comanche, Cheyenne, and Kiowa warriors estimated in excess of 700 strong and led by Comanche Chief Quanah Parker (son of a captured white woman, Cynthia Ann Parker), swept down on the trading post, intent on erasing the populace of Adobe Walls.

The attack almost carried the day; the Indians got close enough to pound on the doors and windows of the buildings with their rifle butts. In such close quarters the buffalo hunter's long-range rifles were useless. They did most of their fighting with pistols and Henry and 1866 Winchester lever-action rifles in .44 rim fire.

After the initial attack had been repulsed, the hunters were able to keep the Indians at bay with their Sharps

rifles. A search following the initial battle turned up the bodies of fifteen warriors killed so close to the buildings that their fellow warriors could not retrieve their bodies. The Indians finally retreated out of range and camped in the distance while deciding how to handle the situation, effectively laying siege to Adobe Walls.



All told, the population of Adobe Walls suffered four

fatalities. Two brothers who had been asleep in a wagon failed to survive the initial onslaught, Billy Tyler was shot through the lungs as he paused in the doorway of a building to take a shot, and Mrs. Bill Olds accidentally shot her husband in the head as she handed a reloaded rifle up to him. The bullet entering under his chin and exiting out the top of his head.

Two days after the initial attack, fifteen warriors (Various writers put the number as low as five and as many as twenty-six) rode out on a bluff nearly a mile away to survey the situation. At the behest of one of the hunters, Billy Dixon, who was already renowned as a crack shot, took aim with a borrowed 'Big Fifty' Sharps (.50-90-473) and cleanly dropped a warrior from atop his horse. History shows that this so discouraged the Indians they decamped and gave up the fight. Two weeks later a team of US Army surveyors, under the command of Nelson A. Miles, measured the distance of the shot: 1,538 yards, or nine-tenths of a mile. Computer analysis of the .50-90-473's trajectory (muzzle velocity 1320 fps) indicates the bullet's drop would have been 3823.8 inches, the time of flight 4.838 seconds, and windage adjustment, assuming a 15 mph crosswind, would have been 337.8 inches. A lucky shot? For the rest of his life, Billy Dixon never claimed the shot was anything other than a lucky one; his memoirs do not devote even a full paragraph to the shot. *(Edited from the web page of The Faultline Shootist Society and the Journal of Forensic Sciences, Texas A&M Medical Sciences Library July 24, 1989)*

NOTICE TO NEW MUCC MEMBERS

If you requested the MUCC magazine and you are not presently a MUCC member, your subscription will begin with the May 2003 issue. MUCC has a convoluted membership scheme, which frankly doesn't make much sense. If you have questions, call Ron Fortier at 929-0553

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Trap & Skeet 10 am-4 pm | | | Trap & Skeet 1-4 pm | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 General Meeting 7:30 pm Trap & Skeet 1-4 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 Black Powder 1 pm |
| Trap & Skeet 10 am-4 pm | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Board Meeting 7:00 pm Trap & Skeet 1-4 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 Black Powder 1 pm |
| Trap & Skeet 10 am-4 pm | | | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Trap & Skeet 1-4 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Black Powder 1 pm |
| Trap & Skeet 10 am-4 pm | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Trap & Skeet 1-4 pm | 27 | 28 | Black Powder 1 pm |
| Trap & Skeet 10 am-4 pm | | | | | | |

