



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Well, May 21<sup>st</sup> was a wet one. Mother Nature tried her best to cancel our third scheduled match of the season, but some very determined cowboys had their way. Instead of cancelling the match or shooting five stages in the rain we moved our match to the DSC 50-yard range and shot all five stages under the 50-yard range covered roof. With a little creativity and mobile ingenuity we shot the 5 stages that were previously set around our cowboy town. The thirteen cowboys that ventured out on a rainy miserable morning stayed very dry and had a fun match. Twelve of the cowboys picked their categories very well and were all first place category winners. Finishing first overall was J.J. Longley followed closely by Rifle Rick and Beaver Creek Boy.



Our next Cowboy Action Match is Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Since this is our Father's Day shoot the targets will be big and close for all those cowboys celebrating the day on our range.



We are offering a Silhouette Match on our 50 Yard Range located at our Cowboy Range on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Any pistol caliber rifle or .22 is allowed. We have categories for every firearm. \$10 match fee, no lunch.

If you want to shoot your military rifle at 40 yards plan to attend our Military Semi and Bolt action Match on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM on our Cowboy Range. \$10 match fee, no lunch.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> is a make-up date for our first rained out Wild Bunch match. Plan to come out and enjoy a top notch Wild Bunch Match.

As you can see, we have a lot of shooting events at DSC. Come out and join the fun.

See you on the range.  
J.J. Longley

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Mother's Day morning at Butcher Butte started out overcast, breezy and a bit chilly, but the weather forecast said no rain. It wasn't too long before blue sky, sunshine and a warmer temperature graced the range to make an absolutely perfect shooting day.



A total of 20 shooters joined us for the wonderful weather and a fun match. Outrider Outlaw was tapped to be Posse Marshal, leading the group through the Pledge, the safety meeting and all the stages. Our Brass Retrieval Engineer (aka Brass Rat), Bryan drew the lucky winning ticket for our monthly drawing for a free match certificate. Laredo Van discovered that he held the winning ticket!

After the last bullet went down range and the smoke cleared, J.J. Longley edged out the



competition taking first place, followed by Apache Wolf and Dodge City Dick. Nearly half of the shooters shot clean; Attica Jack, Grubby Hardrock, J.J. Longley, Laredo Van, Mr. Beer Belly Willie, Old Doc Potter, Outrider Outlaw, Ramblin' Ron and Soaring Red Hawk. Congratulations to you all for a job well done!

We enjoyed lunch prepared by Big Bad Jim, with desserts prepared by Hey Sugar. Thank you both for your time in preparing a delicious lunch for us.

Please come on out and join us at Butcher Butte on June 11 for our next monthly match.

*Lengshot  
Lillian*

## The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys May shoot on May 27th, Memorial Day Weekend was held with our best weather for this year so far.

The highlight, even before we started shooting, was the delivery of our 'very own' "Eagleville Cowboys" badges from Lone Star Silversmiths. They are unique and very nice looking. They are numbered, and each member got to choose what number they would like. Because they were designed and ordered by One Son of a Gun, he got #1. Sometimes it pays to be first in line.. Our new awards this year are nice 'poker chips' with our Club name on them for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for every category in our monthly shoots. Come and get yours...

Today's category first place awards went to:  
Ladies Sil. Sr. - T.N.Tina, Grand Patron - One Son of a Gun, Wrangler - Smoking Joe Suggs, Catl. Baron - Trusty Rusty, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, 49er - Atlanta Sharp, Senior - Bulldog Jim, Elder Stsman - Care Bear, Du-  
elest - Petoskey Pete, Silver Sr. - Mohawk Scout, Ladies Sr. - Buckeye Juice. The one clean shooter was One Son of a Gun.

Birdshot Betty's grub was great as usual. Y'all come & C us next month.

One Son of a Gun.

## Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis



Due to the rainy forecast we had 23 shooters today. We even started a little early and didn't do the side shoots to hopefully out run the rain. THAT didn't happen though, it rained horses & steers for a while but it didn't stop posse 2, they pushed thru it. Posse 1 waited it out (wimps). LOL Thanks to everyone who joined us!!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the Valley and helped Sauk Trail Mike & I today: Blackthorne Billy, Grampaw Willie, Indy Bootlegger and Triple Threat! Thank you also, to our new cook, Ka Adik Krista for providing a delicious lunch for us. We had Pulled Pork sandwiches, Cole-slaw, chips and cookies.

Our next shoot will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, registration opens at 8:15 AM, side shoots start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.



## Straight Shots from Saginaw

We have come to the realization that time flies when you are either having a lot of fun...or growing older. We're going to stick with having fun!! And that's what we did at our May 13<sup>th</sup> shoot. We were blessed with great weather for our 32 shooters and we had quite a few visitors come to watch and learn what cowboy shooting is all about. Our mini Wild Bunch match, held after the awards, brought a fun day to a close.

We hope many of you can come and shoot our June 10<sup>th</sup> match. We have a motto we like to use here in Saginaw that speaks a lot about time flying and having fun. That motto is .....”You're never too old to play cowboy....so come on out and have some FUN!!!



Reminder: Saginaw will be hosting a 2-day shoot July 8-9. Each day is a separate shoot so come one day or both. Nice, free camping by the lake is available, along with camping in the picnic area. Contact us with your questions and be forewarned.... Time will fly but you will not grow old having FUN at these 2 shoots!

As May, 2017 fades into history, let's not forget Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. It's a time to reflect on the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The cowboys salute each man and woman serving, has served, or given their life in the line of duty and service for each of us.

Until next time...may the Good Lord bless your ride along life's trail. Remember to live life; give it your best shot! And pardos... have FUN doing it!!

Happy Trails from Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On May 20, 1862 Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act of 1862. The Homestead Act opened up over 270 million acres of land to settlement, most of it west of the Mississippi River leading to the settlement of the American west. 155 years later, 28 Cowboys, including new shooters James Vernon Sr. and Austin the Outlaw settled onto the lands of the Johnson Creek Regulators.

Three Deuce Tom referred to carnage that followed as our "Match of Sweeps." Several sweeps not previously seen at Johnson Creek were introduced. They included a Chimney Sweep (a vertical sweep), Texas Sweep (dumps on single targets with all four guns) and a 2017 Sweep (2 on #1, 0 on #2, 1 on #3 and 7 on #4).

Before the match got underway, A JCR member donated a free match. Winner of that free match appropriately was Buckaroo JC Wade. Honest Abe took the 50-50 drawing.

The Sinola Kid navigated the Match of Sweeps the quickest with a raw time of 120.52 and an adjusted time of 140.52. Clean matches were turned in by Attica Jack, Sarge and Henry Moonshine. Longshot Lillian was the top lady shooter and JC Wade was top Buckaroo. Spartan Johnny had the fastest single stage time of the day with a 16.97 on the Texas Sweep stage.

Come on out and join us for our next match on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Until then, remember "don't practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong" (Anonymous).



## The Shooter's Stance

### Monthly Match

What is a monthly match? For most of us you decide what club/match you want to shoot at. On the day of the match, you put on your cowboy duds, load up the car or truck, hoping you didn't forget anything and drive to the match. Upon arriving at the match you sign up, pay your shooting fees, shoot the stages and sometimes complain about a stage, eat lunch, listen to the scores, load up your vehicle, drive home and you are done.

I don't think a lot of the shooters realize how much thought and work goes into setting up a monthly match. First, someone has to design the stages. The stages have to be safe, fun, different, easy to shoot, but not too easy or too confusing either.

Now the hard work comes. I am guessing at a

normal 5 stage match, the people setting up move about 2000 lbs. of steel and then after a match the steel must be taken down and stored.

Finally, someone had to plan the lunches - not an easy task. Are we having 15 shooters or 40?

If anyone thinks planning a match is easy, write out a stage, set up the stage, and take it back down. Volunteers are always welcome for set up and take down.

Not complaining, just explaining. I would like to tip my hat to all that plan and set up and feed us at the monthly matches.

Attica Jack

## Editor's Corner

### Range Officer I & II

Earlier this year Cactus Kay and Dakota Doc decided they would retire from teaching the RO I & RO II classes.

We'd like to thank them for their years of service.

At this time no successor has been named.

### Ohio Annual Match

Over the Memorial Day weekend 188 competitors made the trek to Piqua, Ohio for the Ohio annual match—Shootout at Hard Times. Of those 188, seventeen were from Michigan. Below is a listing (in no particular order) of how our Michigan shooters fared. (apologies to anyone that may not be listed).

Name	Category	Category placement	overall placement
Spartan Johnny	49er	5	34
J. C. Wade	Buckaroo	2	141
Rodent	Cattle Baron	4	162
Sixgun Scotsman	Classic Cowboy	1	40
Sinola Kid	Cowboy	7	48
Ginger Sass	Cowgirl	4	117
Wildcat Maverick	Elder Statesman	8	100
Yee Haw	Elder Statesman	5	76
Crazy Mingo	Frontier Cartridge	4	113
Longshot Lillian	Lady 49er	2	79
Drover Dan	Senior Duelist	1	47
Shiloh Red	Senior Duelist	3	80
Broken West	Silver Senior	12	125
R. J. Law	Silver Senior	6	41
Riverview Rattler	Silver Senior	4	25
Deuce Stevens	Wrangler	1	1
Straight Arrow Hombre	Wrangler	4	9

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- Volunteer to help with Range War
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