



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

I hope that everyone is having a good summer and that you are spending some time with your shooting pards at your local cowboy club.

Thanks to everyone at Sucker Creek for handling the Annual Meeting / Free Shoot on July 19th. I would like to personally thank First Lieutenant Bad River Marty for handling the Annual Meeting while the Lady and I babysat for our 11 month old granddaughter Anna Kimberly Gregory. (It was fun!)

We once again had our annual raffle for the Wolverine Ranger members who attended the Meeting. The first prize winner of \$400 was No Name. Second and third prize winners who receive a free entry to Range War this year were Doc Noper and Hazel Miner. Congratulations to our winners!

Congratulations also to our Clean Match winners Split Aces and Ruby Red Jo! Good shootin'.

If you are planning on renting a hotel room at Range War this year please be sure to get your reservations made asap. There is apparently some type of event in the Port Huron area Labor Day weekend and the motel rooms are filling up fast.

We also found out that our golf cart vendor at Range War decided to sell his business. I have talked to the new owner and we are all set for this year with the same phone number and same deal as last year of \$150 for the weekend for a golf cart.

The Blue Water Sportsman's Association will be presenting Karaoke on Friday night at Range War in the camping area at about the same location where they had the classic country band last year. This is paid for by the Blue Water Sportsman's Association so please be sure to thank them if you are able to attend this. There are usually plenty of people willing to get up and sing and have fun.

Saturday night cowboy singer Ernie Sites will be performing at Range War. Ernie is one of my favorite cowboy singers. Please check out his website at www.erniesites.com. Two of my favorite cowboys CDs are *Great American Hero* and *Saddle Bags and Wishes* by Ernie.

Well that is about it for now. Hope to see you on the shootin' range soon and at Range War over Labor Day weekend.

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 – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

June 1, 2014 was our second Wild Bunch match of the season. Coyote Claxton wrote 5 Wild Bunch stages that included close and far pistol targets and multiple magazine changes. One scenario even included a farmyard full of animal targets.

Once the 1911's were holstered DSC's J.J. Longley shot clean and won the match shooting in the SASS Modern class. The SASS Traditional class, shooting his traditional 1911 one handed was won by Tres Hombres. DSC's Camptown finished second in the SASS Modern class and he also shot a clean match.

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".

Our next Cowboy match was on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th. Forty-eight cowboys and cowgirls came out to shoot and shoot they did. After all the shots were down range and most of them hit targets; Faygo Kid was declared the winner followed closely by Colt McCloud and J.J. Longley.

The Father's day shoot always brings the targets in closer and the cowboy action shooters took full advantage of very hittable targets. Shooting clean matches were Andy Horsurodinon, Attica Jack, Big Bad Jim, Briscoe Callahan, Broke N' West, Cactus Kay, Little River Kid, Mike Fink, Mr. Beer Belly Willie, Old Doc Potter, Poco Loco, and DSC shooter's John Weston, Nine Finger Bob, Rifle Rick, The Apostle, and J.J. Longley.

July 20th was a beautiful Michigan Sunday to play cowboy and/or cowgirl and 36 cowboy action shooters had the same idea. After completing 5 fun stages Apache Wolfe walked away with top honors. Colt McCloud and D.S.C.'s J.J. Longley tried to wrestle top honors away from Apache Wolfe but his shooting skills and speed were too much to overcome. Shooting Clean matches were Kentucky Drifter, Wildcat Maverick, Henry Moon, Rodent, and D.S.C.'s Camptown and John Weston.

Coming events at D.S.C... Sunday, August 3rd, Wild Bunch Match and Sunday, August 17th, monthly Cowboy Match.

There is plenty of shooting action at DSC.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



Straight Shots from Saginaw

Can't believe it's already August and the Michigan State Shoot (Aug. 29-31st) is just around the corner. We're sure Deuce has some great stages and there is always lots of fun for everyone. At Saginaw's August 23rd match, we'll be shooting some of the upcoming State Shoot scenarios as we've done in past years. This is a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the sequences and get some practice in. We look forward to a fun time. Sure hope you can join us.

A big THANK YOU to all the pards who traveled the trail to our two-day event in July. Weather was great and everyone had a lot of fun. We had 22 clean shooters on Saturday, but on Sunday, only 9 cleaned it. Those big targets suckered in a few shooters who just couldn't believe they could miss anything that big. Guess that means one can never over-estimate the size of a target! Scores are on the Wolverine Rangers web page. We had a lot of laughs and great food. Congratulations to Roxie LaRue, our raffle winner of a handmade shotgun belt, donated by Doc Noper.

A big THANKS also to Dutch Henry & Brenda for making the trip to set up their store for both days. Our shooters found lots of great cowboy clothing and items to choose from and it's hard to beat the friendliness of these two folks. Our Wednesday night practices are still in progress

and we definitely have a lot of laughs. That's just what cowboy action shooting is all about...good times with good pards.

We hope you have fun this summer and enjoy the wonderful times that await you as a shooter. We'll be hoping to see you at our shoot on the 23rd. Guaranteed you'll have more fun than should be allowed.

We would like to thank those who have been keeping Marty in your prayers during his bout with cancer and his radiation treatments. He finished them on July 8th and will be getting checked out in the upcoming months. He's living life and giving it his best shot. We hope you are, too!

God bless you all.
Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Pictured below is The Lady shooting in the Classic Cowgirl category at our two-day match in July



The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys July shoot almost got rained out. About a dozen early-birds showed up at registration and sat around in the registration trailer for almost an hour while it rained and thundered. Someone I know predicted that it would stop and the sun would shine by shooting time of 10:00 AM. I guess he had connections, because that is exactly what happened. It was a little wet, but nice and sunny for all 6 stages, the grub, and the awards.

When the smoke cleared (yep, several dark side shooters), the following topped their category. Silver Senior - Lightning Wayne; Elder Statesman - Thummpen John; Ladies Sr. - T. N. Tina; Cattle Baron - Trusty Rusty; 49er - Bar Gun Hunter; F. Cart. Duelist - Marlin Matt; Wrangler - Rowdy Rusk; F. Cart. - Tin Pan Sam; Lady F. Cart. Duelist - Senora Vaquera; F. Cart. Gfr. - Scotty Two Shotty; Lady Duelist - Laurie L'Amour; Lady Silver Sr. - Mercantile Annie; Lady F. Cart. - P.K. Brimstone; Lady 49er - Buckeye Juice; Buckaroo - Big I. (age 8).

After the awards were presented by Match Director, Trusty Rusty, quite a few cowboys and cowgirls headed down to the park by the lake only a half mile away to attend the annual "Antrim Outdoor Fest". My son had his booth set up for his "Professional Shooting Instruction", and also a table for our Eagleville Cowboys, which he covered until the posse showed up.

Of course, we all went in full cowboy dress including guns, and put several rifles & shotguns on the table for the public to see.

We know of a least one potential we hooked, as I heard that he ordered guns and equipment on the spot from Rancher Roy. What a fun day...

One Son of a Gun TG



L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Silver Bullet Shoot

On July 14, 2014 at 3:00 pm the first Silver Bullet Shooting Match came to be. This shoot was put on by the Village of Oxford, Michigan to raise money for the Lone Ranger Parade which is being held on August 2, 2014.

For those of you that don't know Brace Beemer was the first Lone Ranger. When we turned on our radios on Monday night to listen to the Lone Ranger show it was Brace Beemer's voice you heard. Beemer portrayed The Lone Ranger from 1941 - 1954 and lived in Oxford from 1942 to 1965, when he passed away.

Competitors (fifteen in all) came from as far as Brighton, Michigan and from all walks of life. Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club was well represented by Paul Butkis, John Rose (Flat Water Johnny), Nate Hall (#1 Butch Haircut) and George Boisineau (Horse Whisperer George Metis). Other Wolverine Rangers were Donna Stuart (Hey Sugar) and Mike Ward (Cody Billings).

There were five different shooting scenarios that the competitors had to shoot their way through and save the day, from mutant flies and spiders, aliens, deadly card game and the Lone Ranger's deadliest foe, Butch Cavendish. Five shots per stage, twenty five rounds total.

After the shooting was over we all sat down to a nice meal that was provided by the Village of Oxford. After dinner awards were handed out. First place was Paul Butkis, second place John Morrison and third place Mike Ward (Cody Billings). Donna Stuart (Hey Sugar) won the Most Enthusiastic Shooter Award, and George Boisineau (Horse Whisperer George Metis) won Best Dressed Cowboy.

All in all, for a first time event everyone had a good time.

Horse Whisperer George Metis
AKA George Boisineau

Pictured left to right: Third place, Mike Ward;
First place, Paul Butkis; Second place, John Morrison



Editor's Corner

RO Classes at Range War

RO I will be on Friday, August 29th at 1:30 and RO II will be at 6:00. Shooters do not have to be shooting the Range War to attend the classes. Shooters must preregister for the classes. Contact 817-371-6600 or docandkay@yahoo.com.

Note From the Senior Web Lady

After much searching through archived files and some scanning from hardcopies, I've reloaded the Epitaph's going back to 2000. We have the space to keep these records available online as part of our history, for newer members to be able to see how far we've come and it's just basically some interesting reading! I've also changed the format on the Epitaph webpage in order to keep things concise.

There are a few Epitaph's that I am missing and if you have a copy please scan it into a .pdf file and e-mail it to me. Those that I need are:

1998 and 1999 - all issues
2000 - June, August and October
2001 - February and October

I'm also working on recapturing all previous Range War scores, i.e, category, overall, clean matches, side matches, mini matches, trap, Top10, etc.

I'm looking for the following scores:
1999-2000
2004-2006

If you have any of these scores, scan them into a .pdf file and e-mail them to me at SeniorWebLady@wolverinerangers.org

Thanks in advance, pards.
Laporte Lil

Clean Match Winners

Congratulations (again) to Ruby Red Jo and Split Aces for having the most clean matches for the past year ending July 13, 2014. Ruby had 16 clean matches while Split Aces had 37!

Wild Bunch Rule Changes

There have been a couple of changes in the Wild Bunch rules effective immediately. The biggest one that will impact the Wild Bunch RO course is that you no longer are required to be a Cowboy RO 1 or RO 2 to take the Wild Bunch RO course.

The Wild Bunch RO manuals have been updated and are available at the following URL: <http://www.sassnet.com/Shooters-Handbook-001A.php>

Anyone interested in taking the RO course should print off the Wild Bunch Handbook along with the Wild Bunch Range Operations Handbook.

Range War Hotel Update

Our secretary was just informed that there is a race event in the Port Huron area over Labor Day weekend and hotels are booking up quickly.

If you are planning on staying at a hotel during Range War, please make your reservations **ASAP!**

Baymont Inn & Suites is our Range War Host Hotel, and is offering special pricing and free pizza & pop on Friday night (810-364-8000).

A list of area hotels can be found on the [Range War page](#).

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Wolverine Rangers Range War Cancellation Policy

Please contact Cosmopolitan Christine as soon as possible at egillary@gillarylaw.com or (248) 528-0440 if you need to cancel your entry for Range War 2014. Cancellations received by **August 1, 2014** will receive a full refund. If you would still like to receive your T-Shirt and/or Shooter Bag and Name Badge, you will receive a refund less \$20.00. Your items will be mailed to you after the shoot.

Cancellations received between **August 2, 2014 and August 15, 2014** will receive a partial refund. You will receive your entry fee(s) minus a \$5.00 per shooter administrative fee to cover the cost of pre-purchased shooter supplies, etc. If you would still like to receive your T-Shirt and/or Shooter Bag and Name Badge, you will receive a refund less \$20.00. Your items will be mailed to you after the shoot.

Cancellations received between **August 15, 2014 and August 22, 2014** will receive a partial refund. You will receive your entry fee(s) minus a \$30.00 per shooter fee to cover the cost of non-refundable banquet reservations, pre-purchased shooter supplies, etc. Also, if you purchased additional banquet tickets they will not be refunded. If you would still like to receive your T-Shirt and/or Shooter Bag and Name Badge, you will receive a refund less \$45.00 (and any additional banquet tickets purchased). Your items will be mailed to you after the shoot.

Cancellations received after **August 23, 2014** will not be refunded. Please let us know before the start of Range War if you would still like to receive your T-shirt and/or Shooter Bag and Name Badge. They will be mailed to you after the shoot.

★ 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.

Survey Question:

How did you become involved in Cowboy Action Shooting?

Visited an ex-neighbor and friend out in Colorado in '99. Took me to his local range. Started reading the SASS Chronicle. — Broke N West

Had a friend that lived in Durango CO. that tried for 10 yrs to get into CAS. I just kept telling him I was to busy playing Indian. So, I was reading a little more about in in Mags and Moe and I were shooting varmit rifles and going to shoot prairie dogs once and so I decided to try it out. Moe and The Clan have never looked back . — Faygo Kid

My brother-in-law is a camera man for a tv station that did a local report about the cowboy action shooting at the Rockford Sportsmans Club. He was working with Jerry Barnaby (reporter). After they aired the video, Don, my brother-in-law made me a copy of the video. He knew I enjoyed shooting. Tessa Two Gunner and I watched the video and within a few weeks we attended our first CAS match at the Rockford gun club. Sunvale Pete was there and graciously offered to let Tessa Two Gunner and me try shooting a stage with his guns. We thought it would be a fun activity that the two of us could enjoy and after a few weeks of mulling it over we decided to collect the equipment that we would need to get going. In January of '07 we shot our first match at RSC and we have been hooked every since. — Ketchum Quick

I saw an article in Guns and Ammo in 1982 and thought it would be fun but would never come to Michigan. Later, a friend found out that the Paw Paw Conservation Club was hosting CAS shoots so we went out to take a look and the rest is history. I went because it looked like fun but have stayed because of the great people I have met. — Cayuse Jack

Went to woods and waters and talked to a cowboy shooter i had always loved the old west and the cowboy way since i was a young boy as an adult i had rode bulls in a small rodeo circuit and loved shooting single actions so we went and watched a match and within a month i was shooting in a match. — Wolf Creek Tom

I was on active duty with the Navy, stationed in Long Beach, CA. A friend on the ship asked me if I wanted to go to a shooting match. We went over to a civilian's house and then to the range with him. I was lugging a hernia bag full of camera gear, intending just to take pictures. When we got to the range, while I was looking around trying to find the best places to shoot (pictures) from, a young lady came up to me with a clipboard and asked my name. I told her and asked what she needed it for. When she told me it was for the shooters' list, I told her I was just there to take pictures. At that time the civilian we had ridden out to the range with came up and told me that my range fees had been paid, there were guns and gear for me to use and that this was not a spectator sport. I was going to shoot, end of story, end of subject, end of conversation. That was on the first Saturday of October, 1984 and I've been at it ever since. — Andy Horshurodinon

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Survey Question...continued

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While visiting my brother in Arizona, he took me to Three Points Rifle and Pistol Club for my first experience with CAS. I was hooked! When I returned home, I checked the internet and found the closest CAS club to me at that time was DSC in Utica, 45 minutes away. — Major Frank North

I think I saw some SASS shooting on American Rifleman the T.V. series. My friend and I got interested, and I went to Florida, saw a match, and was hooked. I shot my first match at DSC, down by the river. Mackinaw Kid was the posse leader, we had 7 shooters. — Attica Jack

I went to a Cowboy shoot and they let me shoot their guns. I was hooked. — Spartan Johnny

We have a Cowboy venue at our club. Horse Whisperer went to one match and have a great time. So the next time the Cowboys had a fun shoot I went along and was hooked. The people in Cowboy Action Shooting are awesome, friendly and helpful. — Hawk Woman

16 years ago cowboy shooting came to Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club, even though I was interested in cowboy shooting, it took me six years to get off my duff to go see what it was all about. So one Sunday winter shoot I went to the club to get more info and watch. Wow!!!! I did not expect what happened. Somebody ask me if I was going to shoot the match, I said no, because I had no guns and with in five minutes Andy Horshurodinon had me totally out fitted to shoot. All the time walking back into the range house I kept saying, " I just want to watch". Andy kept pulling me along and saying " try it you will like it ". At the first stage I was scared to death, and never meeting Andy before I was worried that I was going to make a fool of myself! But with all the coaching from Andy and all the other shooters I shot my first cowboy match. I was amazed at how friendly everyone was and how they encouraged me to come back next month and Andy told me that if I didn't have my guns by then he would outfit me again. I just want to say that Cowboy shooters are some of best people I've meet, ever in my shooting career. — Horse Whisperer George Metis

My husband and I have friends who are involved with cowboy mounted shooting, and we discovered that there was also cowboy matches that didn't involve horses as well. My husband looked up information on the internet and found a club near us that was hosting a practice and we inquired about attending to see what it was all about. We were welcomed with open arms, and no sooner than we had eyes and ears on, we had guns put into our hands and we were being instructed on what we needed to do. We were hooked from that first encounter with great people into the wonderful, fun world of Cowboy Action Shooting! — Longshot Lillian

One of the organizers talk me into it. — Carson City Slick

I have a few acquaintances who participate in Cowboy Mounted Shooting. It looked really interesting to me, but since I don't have a horse I thought I'd see if there are any other cowboy shooting sports out there. I did an on-line search and found out about CAS. I did a little more investigating and found a club near my home that would be having a practice session. I contacted one of the people involved and was invited to come see what it is all about. My wife and I were received with open arms and were invited to give it a try. Well, I guess the rest is history. I was hooked from the moment I took my first shot. — Outrider Outlaw

Saw it on T.V. . I saw Evil Roy shooting and talking about it and thought, hay I can do that. Boy, did I have a lot to learn ! — Dodge City Dick

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- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

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☆ CONTACT INFORMATION ☆

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