



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pardos,

Thanks to all of our members who participated in Range War this year. The weather was definitely hotter than normal. Normally the Port Huron area is starting to cool off in late August and early September. Not this year. This was the second year in a row that we had hotter weather for Range War in Kimball than Guns of August did in Middletown, Ohio not too far north of Cincinnati. Thanks to our Main Match Sponsor Doc Noper and to our Main Awards Sponsor, Ed's Custom Leather Crafts. We really appreciate their support.

We had 206 shooters actually shoot the match. Congratulations to Michigan State Champions and the Overall Men's and Women's Champions, Deuce Stevens and KJ Stevens!! Congratulations also to all of the Category Winners and to all of the Side Match Winners. Please check out the Wolverine Rangers website for complete results at www.wolverinerangers.org.

Please also check out the photographs on the website. These were all taken by Longshot Lillian. She did a great job and was able to capture many of our shooters in great action shots. Please feel free to download any pictures of yourselves or of anyone else. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Longshot Lillian for the selfless job she did in taking all of the photos. She would shoot a stage and then hop on a golf cart with Wildcat Rose (who also did scribing work to keep track of which competitor was in which picture) and take pictures of shooters in action. Please join me in thanking Longshot Lillian for her work if you happen to see her.

Thanks also to all of those who helped with Range War. We rely on volunteers and we could not put on this Match without all of the help we get. We are the only major match that I am aware of that starts from scratch each year with assembling the stages and setting the targets. Most other major matches have permanent props. This is definitely a lot of work but it allows Deuce to design a new match each year.

The main raffle winners this year were: Leadfoot Luke – SKB Double Barrel Shotgun; Dodge City Dick – Model 73 Winchester; and Swearen Jen – Handmade Leather Pistol Case by our Main Awards Sponsor - Steady Eddie.

We will be having a Board of Directors Meeting for the Wolverine Rangers on Saturday November 7th. Please feel free to let me know if there are any issues that you would like for us to address. As always, our financial records are open to our membership. Please feel free to contact Snareman (DickDennison@Comcast.net) if you would like to review any of them.

Please give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them you love them every chance you get.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

On August 16th 40 competitors came out to shoot some cowboy stages and hone their skills for the Range War that was around the corner. When the dust settled young Gunfighter Apache Wolf edged out Senior Gunfighter Clay Creek for top honors. We had the following shooters that shot clean matches...Clay Creek, Colt McCloud, Onyx, Briscoe Callahan, Longshot Lillian, Outrider Outlaw, Broke N' West, Rochester Kid, Poco Loco, Stoneface Marshall, Old Doc Potter, Sarge, Quick Draw McKraw, Horse Keeper, and Michigander. I guess they are ready for Range War.



On a beautiful early fall morning 39 Cowboy Action Shooter competed for top honors at Rocky River. When the shooting stopped Faygo Kid edged Dodge City Dick and J.J. Longley for top honors. Shooting clean were the top three competitors plus Cactus Kay, Poco Loco, Big Bad Jim, Rifle Rick, Two Gun Tim, Old Doc Potter, Wildcat Maverick, Rochester Kid, John Weston, Soaring Red Hawk, Jack Holladay, and Terrebbonne Bud. I guess these shooters like big close targets.

Coming events at D.S.C... Sunday, October 11, 2015 is our final Wild Bunch match of the season. We will 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".

October 18, 2015 is the regular monthly cowboy match. This match is our annual Chili Cook Off competition. Bring a sample of your best chili and put it up against the best in the area.

November 15, 2015 is our regular monthly cowboy match and generally we serve a Thanksgiving feast after the match. So come and enjoy some fast hittable stages and a great lunch.



There is plenty of shooting action at DSC. Come out and see for yourself.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The morning of September 20, 2015 started out pretty chilly but it turned out to be a fantastic shooting day! We had 38 shooters today.

We had one clean shooter : D. K. Tracker. Congratulations!

We would like to thank Lady Bandit for the writing of stages and the stage set ups. We heard lots of compliments on your hard work. People really enjoyed themselves today!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the September shoot and helped Mike & me today: Blackthorne Billy, Diamond Jim, D. K. Tracker, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat. A special thank you to Cookie for the great lunch.

Seven of the thirteen Hidden Valley Cowboys Posse members from the St. Joseph Conservation & Sportsman's Club, Inc. participated in the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Michigan and Indiana State Championships in September.

At the Michigan match one of our shooters had a clean match (100 rifle shots, 101 pistol shots and 44 shotgun shots).

At the Indiana match we had three clean shooters (121 rifle shots, 120 pistol shots and 52 shotgun shots). At both Michigan and Indiana six of our shooters placing 1st to 3rd.

We also had three Tri- State winners (Ohio, Michigan & Indiana).

We all had a great time at the shoots!

The next shoot in the Valley will be our October 18, 2015. Hope to see you there!

Sauk Valley Stubby & Ms. Blazin



The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of NW Michigan held their annual two day 'Eagles Revenge' shoot on the weekend of September 26 and 27, to an absolutely beautiful weekend. There were two 'one day' shoots to accommodate those few Cowboys who could not make it both days for one reason or another. And some of our Pards from some distances away are finding that our little town of Eagleville is a neat place to shoot. We are thankful for that. If You haven't been here, we have one more shoot before the snow flies, the 4th Saturday of October.

Our Top shooters for Saturday were: Riverview Rattler - Silver Sr., Card Shark Charlie - Sr., Twisted Pine Pete - Classic CC, Thummpier John - Elder Stsman, T.N. Tina - Ladies Sr., Trusty Rusty - Ctl Baron, Lainey Mae - Ladies 49er, Marlin Matt - Frt. Cart. Dlest, Andy Horsurodinon - Sr. GF, Bar Gun Hunter - 49er, Smoking Joe Suggs - Wrangler, Tin Pan Sam - Frt. Cart, Miss Elaineous - Ladies Frt. Cart., Hondo Dan - Frt.Cart. GF, Fly Speck Billy - Silver Sr., Senora Vaquera - Ladies Frt.Cart. Dul-est, Laurie L'Amour - Ladies GF, Big (I) Buckaroo.

At the Eagleville Cowboys Club meeting several minor issues were covered, and a motion was made to keep the same slate of Club Officers for the following year. Our Territorial Governor, Laurie L'Amour, discussed all of the issues that will be discussed at this year's SASS Convention in Las Vegas.

On Sunday, we were thankful that several of our long distance Pards came to sling lead with us. The following came out on top of their respective classes: Straight Arrow - Wrangler, Lightning Wayne - Elder Stsman, hOOt Hamilton- Ctl. Brn, Drover Dan - Sr. Dulest, Card Shark Charlie - Sr, Riverview Rattler - Silvr Sr., Twisted Pine Pete - Classic CC, Lainey Mae - Ladies 49er, Bar-Gun Hunter - 49er, T.N. Tina - Ladies Sr., - Miss Elaineous - Ladies Frt. Cart, Tin Pan Sam - Frtr. Cart., Hondo Dan - Frt. Cart GF, Kimber Starr - Ladies Wrangler, Andy Horseurodinon - Sr. GF, Laurie L'Amour- Ladies GF, Mercantile Annie -Ladies S. Sr., Big (I) - Buckaroo.

There was a very spirited (last shooter standing) with pistols on falling plates competition, after many rounds of shooters, the last shooter standing was Lighting Wayne, great shooting!

Then everyone had their choice of the many door prizes that were offered on two full tables, what fun. Then the big drawing of half of a playing card that each shooter put in a hat when they registered. Who was the lucky holder of the other half of the card they were holding ? The biggest smile was from Tin Pan Sam as he took possession of a new Ruger LCR .38 special revolver.

Another successful conclusion to our Annual "Eagles Revenge". It was a Blast.

One Son of a Gun, Club President.



Straight Shots from Saginaw

September has slipped away but not without some great shooting memories being made. Our August 29th shoot started out with some rainy conditions but that quickly stopped and turned into a great shooting day. We hope everyone that attended had a fun time. We offered some of the upcoming state shoot scenarios and all the shooters did well on them. Scores are posted on the W.R. web page.

The week after our match shoot, many of our gang headed down to Port Huron for the 2015 Range War/ State Championship. Aside from some temperamental weather conditions testing our endurance, it was a great shoot. Friday was filled with the Wild Bunch match, the Mini-Match, and side matches. They were good warm-up shooting for the Main match on Saturday and Sunday. Bad River Marty led Cowboy Church Sunday morning and that evening everyone enjoyed another great banquet and awards ceremony. Our hats are off to everyone who worked on making all aspects of Range War #17 a great success. And congratulations to our 2015 State Champions, Deuce Stevens and K.J. Stevens and to all the winners.

We want to thank those who were able to come to shoot with us this year in Saginaw, at our local matches

and our Wednesday night practices, which ended the last of September. We enjoyed shooting with each of you and hope to be able to do it again next year. We had new shooters that came to practice all summer and graduated when they were able to shoot in a match.



We're proud of all our pardos and wish each of you continued fun and good shooting in the days and year ahead. We're also excited about Saginaw Field & Stream's addition of camping sites, approximately a dozen sites on the lake, with electrical hook-ups for our shooters next year.

We hope to see you on the trail. Until we do, remember to live life.....give it your best shot!!!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek gang has one more shoot for the 2015 season. October 24 will be our last match this year.

Seems like the summer flew by considering we had one "snow-out" and one "rain-out". We've all had a good time throwing lead and ringing the targets. Our new "rolling buffalo" that was designed and built by Pokey Pack Rat was a hit and we are working on new ideas for next year.

Our September match was a lot of fun – Dodge City Dick kept his first place finish for another month with Snuffy Dave Edwards, Rev CS Missalot, Moe Guns and Poco Loco finishing out the top 5. Our stage theme for September was "Blazing Saddles" and included a Toll Booth and a horse.

We are seeing more of our older cowboys dropping out

of the sport and wondering if other clubs are experiencing the same thing. It seems that 3 gun and IDPA are drawing the younger folks and our numbers are shrinking. A SASS report stated that we only have 18,000 active members Maybe it's time for the Wolverine Rangers to do some advertising.

Elections for Sheriff, Deputy and Territorial Governor of JCR will take place at our November banquet. All of our cowboys and cowgirls are eligible that are members of WWCCA.

Until then – Happy Trails
Rainmaker Ray

Shooter's Stance

Shootin' the Texas Star

Several years ago, while watching a shooting event on a sports channel, some people were shooting a Texas Star. I can't even remember if they were cowboy action shooters or not, but it looked like they were having a great time shooting the Texas Star. I had never seen a Texas Star before that day.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Star, imagine a 5 spoked wheel, facing you, without a rim, and a central pivot point. Each spoke would be about 19 inches long, and have an 8 inch circle target at the end of each spoke. The circle targets are held in place by a unique spring device, allowing the target to fall when hit. When the first target is hit the star starts to rotate, and the fun begins. It stops rotating when all the targets are knocked off of the spokes.

I started asking around at each monthly match to see if anyone had shot the star. Several people said that they had, and Dakota Doc said that he had a Texas Star. I think I asked Doc every time I saw him, asking when he was going to bring the star to a shoot.

Finally, on Aug. 19th, Doc brought the star to the monthly match at Butcher Butte in Fenton, MI. Long-shot Lillian and Outrider Outlaw had written all the 5 stages and the Texas Star was set up on Stage 5.

The star was set up about 12 to 14 feet away with a circular dump plate to the left of the star. The shooter

started with the rifle, loaded with 10 rounds, and an open and empty shotgun, lying on the table.

At the buzzer, the shooter would say his/her line, and start shooting at the targets on the star. If the shooter knocked off all targets (5) with 5 shots, he or she would dump the extra 5 on the dump plate, or 6 and 4 on the dump plate etc. Misses were counted for missing the dump plate.

If all 10 rifle rounds were shot at the targets and not all 5 targets were shot down, the shooter would use the shot gun to finish them off. Revolvers were not used on this stage.

It sure was a whole bunch of fun, shooting the Texas Star. Once you shot off the first target, and the other targets started to rotate, things got interesting...in a hurry. I checked some scores -- lots of shooters got 5 for 5. I got my 5 in 6 shots.

After the match was over Lead Foot Luke and I reset the targets and shot it with our revolvers. Now, that was a real challenge. If they set the target for shooting with revolvers they might have to have pistol reloads on the clock.

Thanks to all involved, with setting up the Texas Star.

Attica Jack

Wolverines and Spartans in Cowboy Shooting?

It's game on! Wolverines vs. Spartans. The long-time rivalry of the two Big Ten college teams comes to Cowboy Action Shooting! Be sure to join the folks at Western Wayne County Conservation Association (Plymouth) for their next match on Saturday, October 24.

Not only will we be shooting pumpkins, but we'll have a grudge match between two shooters who have never

even met—**SPARTAN** Johnny and **WOLVERINE** Regulator!

The two will be facing off on one of the stages. Best overall time for the designated stage wins. The prize? bragging rights as well as their team flag flying for the rest of the match. It should be a good match up and a downright good time. Come on out and cheer for your favorite team or your favorite shooter.

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