

Wolverine Rangers

Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Don't forget that our Annual Meeting / Free Shoot is scheduled for Sunday July 10th at Saginaw Field & Stream. Registration begins at 8:30 am with the Shooter's Meeting at 9:30 am. We will have two \$200 cash prizes randomly drawn for Wolverine Rangers members who are present. There will also be two free entries for Range War. Please try to attend. Also, please keep in mind that non-Wolverine Ranger members are allowed to attend the shoot but they will have to pay the normal shooter fees.

Signup is in full swing for Range War so please be sure to register. Our theme for Range War this year will be honoring our service men and women who have sacrificed to keep us free. Please plan on attending to help us say thanks to our service men and women.

We will also be continuing our Cowboy Campfire on Saturday night in the campgrounds. Please bring any musical instruments that you play and be prepared to play and/or to sing a song or two or three. Our only rule is that everything must be G-Rated due to the family nature of our event. Please feel free to contact me (email rgilllary@gilllarylaw.com) to let me know if you will be bringing a musical instrument or if you plan on singing or whatever, so that we can make sure to get you included. You can also just let me know during the event but I want to make sure that everyone who wants to gets an opportunity to participate. Please also be sure to attend even if you do not play an instrument and would just like to watch. We are hoping that this will be a fun event.

That is about it for now. Please be sure to celebrate our independence on July 4th to celebrate our freedom in the greatest country in the history of the world. Thanks also to all of our vets who have sacrificed to maintain our freedom and our rights including our right to bear arms and to play our sport.

Happy Independence Day!!

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers



★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Our Cowboy match on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th was hot, fast, and furious. The Michigan skies were clear and sunny and the air temp was in the low 90s. Thirty-seven cowboys and cowgirls came out to shoot and shoot they did. After all the shots were down range and most of them hit targets; J.J. Longley was declared the winner, followed closely by Moe Gunns and Colt McCloud.



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 Moe Gunns, Colt McCloud, Briscoe Callaghan, Attica Jack, Wildcat Maverick, Soaring Red Hawk, and DSC Cowboys Rifle Rick, Camp-town, Coyote Claxton, and The Sundown Kid. It was The Sundown Kid's first clean match!

Our next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, July 17th. This is our annual T-shirt match, so wear one of those Wolverine Rangers Range War T-shirts you have been collecting over the years and stay cool.



The heat continued on Sunday, June 25th for the 2nd of four DSC Wild Bunch matches this year.

Thirteen competitors came out and tested their skills against the dreaded Texas Star and a barn-yard full of pigs, turkeys, and ram targets. When the competition ended the top overall finisher was J.J. Longley who competed in the SASS Modern category. Finishing 2nd and 3rd in SASS Modern were DSC's Coyote Claxton and Camp-town. Finishing first in SASS Traditional was Attica Jack. J.J. Longley was the only clean match shooter.

Coyote Claxton, DSC Wild Bunch guru sets up a true Wild Bunch match NOT a Cowboy Action match with a 1911. Every one needs to come out and give this a try. If you don't have all the right guns; no problem, just bring any semi-auto that shoots lead bullets and your cowboy rifle and shotgun. Give it a try! Our next Wild Bunch match is our T-shirt match on Saturday, August 6th.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

June 12 was a gorgeous day to be out on the range, shooting and enjoying each others' company. Before the match began, Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay treated us to a little extra fun, shooting at their Texas Star target, as well as a tube target and a shotgun popper. Our "Brass Retrieval Engineers" (aka brass rats) Andrew and John (brothers) also got in on the action, trying their hand at the targets as well (John is pictured below). Andrew and John have helped us with brass twice now. They do a great job of quickly and thoroughly picking up the brass and are attentive and courteous. They are much appreciated, and we hope to see them at many future matches.

We had a couple guests come to watch the match and I think they were pretty impressed with just how friendly everyone was. One of them commented: "All of your western shooter friends were very welcoming to us. Very nice bunch!!!" After the match concluded, they were treated to getting to shoot some targets and joined us for lunch. Once the scores were tallied for our 30 shooters, we had 5 clean shooters: Cactus Kay, Mr. Beerbelly Willie, Andy Horshurodinon, Tuscosa and Grubby Hardrock. Taking first place honors was Doc Roy L. Pain.

When the crew was setting up for the match on Saturday, we discovered a little something we needed to work around. A killdeer nest with four eggs was (on the ground) right in the middle of the bay where we shoot stages 1 and 2 and pretty much on our usual firing line.



We moved a shooting bench over the top of where her nest was to protect it from being stepped on and moved the firing line closer to the berm. She was not a happy momma during the match, and who could blame her? I checked after we were all done shooting and she was back on her nest, so hopefully all is well for her now.

If you haven't been to Fenton for a while, please note that our match fee has increased to \$18. When you register however, you will be given a numbered ticket. We have a drawing at the safety meeting for free match certificates!

Remember that due to the Rangers free match in Saginaw on July 10, our regularly scheduled monthly match has been cancelled. We have added a match in October to make up for this missed match.

Shoot straight and stay safe!

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Lillian*



The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of Northwest Michigan June Shoot was held on June 25th under excellent weather to start, then it got warmed up, to say the least.

One of our newer shooters got overheated and had to drop out near the end to sit in the shade, dern.. The possibility of our regular grub cookie not making it back home from a trip caused our regular score keeper to do double duty today, and the grub was still good, thanx. A couple of our regular lady shooters have had to take care of other business, so we missed them today. Our two newbies got lots of help from the old timers.

When Thummpet John tallied up the times, the following topped their category: Elder Statesman - Thummpet John, Frt.Cart.GFtr - Marlin Matt, Catl Brn - Trusty Rusty, Gr.Patron - One Son of a Gun, Sr. Duelest - Petoskey Pete, Frt.Cart. - Tin Pan Sam, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, L.Frt.Ct.Duelest - Senora Vaquera, Sil.Sr. - Mohawk Scout, L.Frt.Cart. P.K. Brimstone, L.Sr. - Buckeye Juice, Cowboy - Whiskey Bob. What?! No clean shooters? Too much heat I guess.

Until next month.

One Son of a Gun.

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

June 19, 2016
Father's Day

What a switch up of weather this month. It was warm and a bit steamy this Father's Day. However, we had 30 shooters in the Valley today. Two of which were Buckaroos, they both did a great job shooting!

We had three clean shooters today: Lue Dee Kriss, Mike E the Blaster and Rambler Ted. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the Valley and helped Mike & me today: Blackthorne Billy, Diamond Jim, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie, and Triple Threat.

As a special treat for Father's Day we collaborated on a special lunch for all the shooters. Thanks to D. K. Tracker for grilling the brats, also Lady Bandit provided a homemade especially yummy strawberry shortcake dessert, Ka Adik Krista brought her fabulous homemade baked beans, Ms. Blazin provided a homemade potato salad and Cookie, who wasn't able to be there, sent the brats, buns and condiments. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Our next shoot will be July 17, 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.

Sauk Valley Stubby & Ms. Blazin



Straight Shots from Saginaw

Saginaw Field & Stream Cowboys Invite You to...

A Weekend of Shooting

At Saginaw

Sat/Sun...July 9-10, 2016



Shoot one day or both.



Free camping at the lake.

(12 sites with 20 amp service 110 volt electrical; other primitive sites available.
Contact Marty if interested.)



Registration begins 8:30 a.m. each day

Safety Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Shooting follows. Lunch is provided each day. Scores/awards daily.

Saturday's Match:

\$15 per Wolverine Ranger, \$18 NON-Ranger 16 & under SHOOT FREE

Mini Wild Bunch Match after Saturday's main match - \$5.00

Sunday: Wolverine Ranger's *Free* Shoot & Meeting

Wolverine Ranger's shoot FREE Sunday: *Non-Rangers* may shoot for \$18 but will NOT be eligible for W.R. prize drawings, etc.....16 & under are FREE

Cowboy Church will be Sunday mornin', 9 a.m. at the pistol range, under the pavilion, with Cree Vicar Dave preachin' the Gospel. Of course, you're all invited.



We will hold the W.R. lunch and meeting at the main club house after Sunday's shoot. It's the newer green building near the entrance of the club.

Contact Bad River Marty if camping or with any questions.

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Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The village appeared to be quiet. The weather was hot, the plains dry. A smoldering tinder box. Little did the onlookers realize the carnage to follow. No, this wasn't the battle of the Little Big Horn River on June 25, 1876. Rather, it was the Battle of Johnson Creek on June 25, 2016. On the 140th anniversary of the battle, the Johnson Creek Regulators held their fourth match of the year. 36 contestants braved the heat. We also welcomed Hacksaw Tom to his first match.

In commemoration of the historic date the day started with a long rifle Buffalo side match. Twelve shooters put much smoke in the air in an effort to ring the plate on the elusive beast. Moe Guns rang the plate three times to take the pot.



Panhead Pete designed another great match with five solid stages. Shooters appreciated it so much, five different shooters shot clean matches. Those with clean matches included Soaring Red Hawk, Mishomis, Beer Belly Willie, Sarge and Panhead Pete himself. The official match results are posted on the Wolverine Rangers website with a few corrections.

Top shooter for the day was Snuffy Dave Edwards with an impressive adjusted time of 144.45. Snuffy Dave reminded us that 17 Canadians were unfortunate to be at the Little Big Horn, including William Winer Cooke, a respected soldier and close friend of Lieutenant Colonel Custer.

Our next match is scheduled for July 23. We will start with a side named "The Poker Game." Any SASS legal revolver will be appropriate. \$2 side match entry fee. The pot will be split between the winner and the club.

Finally, in commemoration of the match, we'll end with a quote from Crazy Horse "A very great vision is needed, and the man who has it must follow it as the eagle seeks the deepest blue in the sky."

Sarge



L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Well folks, it's almost time for the Lone Ranger Parade, August 6, 2016 in Oxford, Michigan. This is the Wranglers third year walking in the parade. If anyone is interested in being in the parade with us please contact me at 810-938-4412. Besides walking in the parade you are welcome to stay and participate in the festivities around town.

Our next shoot is our Red, White and True Blue match to be held on July 3, 2016. Hope to see you there.

We again wish to thank everyone who came to our G.L.M. 19 shoot over the Memorial Weekend this year. We enjoyed having you at our club.

Horse Whisperer George Metis
a/k/a George Boisineau

The Shooter's Stance

Teddy's Cat Fight

In Meeker Colorado, January 11, 1901, then Vice President Theodore Roosevelt while hunting with two companions, found himself in hand to paw combat with a very pissed off mountain lion.

The dog pack surged ahead, bawling and baying at the top of their range toward something that the four mounted men could not see.

The hunt's guide, a local rancher, reined up along beside the keenest of the three hunters, "Well Mr. Roosevelt, it wouldn't surprise me if that is a hole of a denned she cat."

"Then I'm for it!" And Teddy jumped off his horse and slipped his rifle from its scabbard.

A bevy of the dogs backsides was all the men could see, though they heard plenty of commotion from the entrance of the lion's den. "There's always another entrance" the guide yelled out cradling his rifle and looking for the second entrance.

Within seconds the cougar emerged some thirty yards on the far side of the knoll into which she had denned, up a steep rock embankment and into the woods.

The men mounted their horses and dug in hard with their heels and with the dogs in pursuit. "After them boys! This is no time for dawdlers!" And with Teddy in the lead racing their steeds into the woods. The cougar was treed within a few hundred yards hardly the height of a man off the ground.

Hunters dismounted as their horses slid to a stop. With all the commotion of men, horses and dogs the cougar leapt from its perch and in a flash she was gone again.

The chase was on again men and dogs in hot pursuit. Within about four hundred yards the she cat treed again. When the dogs caught up the cougar with ears laid back hissing and growling the cat jumped into the middle of the dogs.

The men advanced on the rolling mass of bodies, Teddy leading the group. The great cat backing off the dogs saw Teddy and leaped at him catching him off guard. Picking up his rifle to block her attack, he jammed the butt into the cougar's mouth as she bit down on the stock with such force that she cracked the stock. Teddy quickly pulled his knife and plunged ten inches of steel into the big cat heart.

The cat backed off stared at Teddy with those yellowish eyes and slumped to the ground with the rifle stock still clutched in its jaws. Teddy had to pry the cat's jaw apart to release the gun stock.

Teddy Roosevelt was a lifelong hunter and outdoorsmen who pursued game worldwide. But his favorite hunting grounds was in the west.

Ghost Rider

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

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

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

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