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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Golf Cart Rental for Range War 2018



We are renting our Golf Carts from Pifer, Inc. this year for Range War. The company that we had been using is no longer doing rentals. Golf Carts are \$180 for the weekend and must be reserved and paid for in advance of delivery. The carts will be delivered to the range on Thursday, August 30th in the afternoon.

To reserve a cart, please send a check in the amount of \$180 made payable to the Wolverine Rangers to 201 West Big Beaver Road, Ste. 1020, Troy, Michigan 48084. Please include your name, alias, email address and phone number.

You may also reserve a cart and pay online at the following link:

https://WolverineRangers.formstack.com/ forms/golfcartrental

Please contact Cosmopolitan Christine at (248) 528-0440 or <u>egillary@gillarylaw.com</u> if you have any questions.

2018 Clean Match Winners and Free Member Shoot Raffle Winners

The winners for this cycle were **Drover Dan** (13) and **Katie Callahan (3).** Congratulations on your fine shooting! The scoresheet listing the clean matches is available on our website. Winners from the random drawings were: \$200 winners – Outrider Outlaw and Bad Brass, and the free Range War entries – Ginger Sass and Flat Water Johnny. Congratulations to our winners!

Best regards,

D.J. Law

R.J. Law – Captain Wolverine Rangers

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Twenty-two hearty cowboys and one cowgirl defied the predicted heat and came out to shoot anyway. All twenty-three competitors were the winners as the range was "toasty" for the annual Father's Day Cowboy Action match. Our Cowboy match on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th was hot, fast, and furious.



The Michigan skies were clear and sunny and the air temperature was in the 90s. After all the shots were down range and most of them hit targets; J.J. Longley was declared the winner, followed closely by Camptown and Longshot Lillian. 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 J.J. Longley, Camptown, Wildcat Maverick, Broke N west, Rochester Kid, Old Doc Potter, John Weston, and The Lost Egg. Our next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, July 15th. 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.

Plan ahead and mark your calendar, our next Wild Bunch match is on Saturday, September 29th. Coyote Claxton, DSC Wild Bunch guru sets up a true Wild Bunch match NOT a Cowboy Action match with a 1911. Everyone 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!

See you on the range. J.J. Longley

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

13 was a lucky number at our June match at Butcher Butte. A single posse of 13 cowboys and cowgirls made quick work of the 5 stages written by Outrider Outlaw and Longshot Lillian. Outrider was also our posse marshal.

During the safety meeting and announcements, we welcomed Lost Egg back to the sport, and he drew the ticket for our monthly drawing for a free match. Broke N West held the winning ticket and received his certificate to use as payment for a future match.



Topping the score sheet at the end of the match were Longshot Lillian in first, Bad Brass placed second and Sinola Kid in third. There were no clean matches. Grubby Hardrock's wife, Darlene ordered, picked up and delivered our pizza lunch. Thank you for helping us out Darlene!



An extra special thank you goes out to Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay for allowing us to use their fun tube target as a bonus target. I think

everyone at the match enjoyed the little challenge of it.

Our next monthly match is on July 8. Come on out and pay us a visit, we'd love to have ya!

Pengshet

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

As Gene Autry would sing, "We're Back in the Saddle Again". And our May match certainly did that for us. After the last two Eagleville shoots being cancelled because of that four letter Michigan word that begins with 'S', both last October, and this April, we finally got to shoot. And considerably different, as it was hot, so we only shot 5 stages.

We were pleased to have some downstate cowpokes come up and shoot with us for their first time, it's always nice to get to meet and shoot with some other pards. When the smoke cleared, yes, there was lots of it, the following cowpersons came out on top of their categories:

DK Tracker - B Western, Marlin Matt - Gunfighter, Cowgirl Killer - Cowboy, Thummper John - Ctl. Brn, Bulldog Jim - Sr., Bar Gun Hunter - 49er, Trusty Rusty -Grand Patron, Petoskey Pete - Sr. Dlst, Mohawk Scout - Eldr. Stsmn, Rowdy Rusk -Wrangler, Lady Bandit - L. B Western, Tin Pan Sam - Sil. Sr., Scotty Two Shotty - Frt. Ctg. G. Ftr, Senora Vaquera -L. Frt. Ctg. Dlst, Nevada Slim - Duelest, Buckeye Juice -L. Sr.,. Clean shooters were, Oops, no one. Guess the 'lay off' shootin' didn't help much

Then, in June 'It was a hot time in the old town today', and that's putting it mildly, when we were done shooting, my car temp said '96 degrees'. We were a little down on shooters today, as everyone knew what the weather man had said. And today was a make-up for last Saturday when we were rained out. And this was only the last day of June.. But everyone that was able to, hung in there, and were totally drenched by the time we were done.

But when the smoke cleared, the following shooters came out on top of their category: L. Sil. Sr. - T. N. Tina, Sr. -Atlanta Sharp, Wrglr - Marlin Matt, Ctl. Brn. -Thummper John, E. Stsmn - Mohawk Scout, G.Ptron -One Son of a Gun, Sil. Sr. - Rowdy Rusk, Gr. Dame - Mercantile Annie.. There was one clean shooter, Altanta Sharp.

Our next shoot will be on July 28, y'all come and see how much fun we have up here.

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers out there! It was a scorcher today, when we left at around 1:30 pm our truck said it was 97 degrees! Thank goodness we had two small, fast posses!! We had 23 shooters today and a hot time!

I'd like to thank everyone who helped Sauk Trail Mike and me set up the Valley in June and helped today: Ka Adik Krista, and Triple Threat. Also a special thank you to Tommy Two Fingers for making a WalMart run for printer ink and Blackthorne Billy, for replacing the wasp traps!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch today. They made pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw and mixed fresh fruit. Yum!

ATTENTION: Our next shoot will be July 22nd, since the Indiana State Shoot is being held on our regular 3rd Sunday of the month. 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. God willing, with no scoring or printing issues!!



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulator's June match started out looking like a repeat of May... a rain out. Superior forces decided to hold off the rain and we enjoyed a fine day. Nineteen Cowboys and girls, including new comer Morgan Lane braved the false reports of impending storms and soon found themselves immersed in actions such as The Second Battle of Adobe Wells, The Battle of the Plaza and as members of the Peace Commission in the Dodge City War. The stages recalled the career of Bat Masterson.

The first stage titled .Double Showdown gave participants an opportunity to play poker for a free match. Participants engaged a wall of playing cards (face down) with their first five pistol rounds. Those five cards comprised the participant's poker hand. Iron Jennie won the free match with a strong two pair. Not Aces & eights, but close with Jacks & sevens.

Outrider Outlaw and Three Deuce Tom were the only Cowpokes to earn clean matches on the challenging stages. Outrider Outlaw was the overall winner of the day with an adjusted time of 159.90. Outrider Outlaw's first-first. Snuffy Dave Edwards was second (First in Elder Statesman) just fifty-two hundredths of a second behind Outrider Outlaw. Longshot Lillian was first in Lady Forty-niner category and third overall. Our next match is July 28. Rainmaker Ray promises some challenging stages. The match coincides with our parent club's (Western Wayne County Conservation Association) 80th anniversary. After the match, between 5:00 and 5:30 pm we will have some steel set up on the 25 yard range for gunslingers who would like to give Cowboy a shot.... Fireworks planned for later in the evening.

With Independence Day just around the corner, I leave you with these thoughts from Ronald Regan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."



Straight Shots from Saginaw



It's that time again for Saginaw's 2-Days of Shooting July 14-15, 2018. Scores & awards will be done on a daily basis so shoot one day or both. A Mini Wild Bunch match is

also on the agenda for Saturday. On Sunday, we will have an all-shotgun stage in the main match, so plan ammo accordingly. Each day has 6 stages: 60 rifle, 60 pistol, lots of shot-gun.

Our cooks always provide us with mighty tasty grub. We have free camping by the lake for those wishing to stay both days. It is on a first come, first served basis when you arrive Friday. The lake entrance gate will be open that morning. We would ask you to e-mail us ahead of time if you plan to camp. <u>mnbbell@yahoo.com</u> Campers will see a sign by the lake entrance and that gate will be open Friday. E-mail us for any questions regarding the shoot. We're looking forward to a fun time and hope you can join us.

Our June shoot had 27 shooters dealing with a bit of a rainy mornin', but it wasn't a total downpour and it did stop. Sixteen of our pards shot it clean. Good times, good grub, and fellowship made it a purt-near perfect day.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we want to pause and appreciate the many freedoms America holds for us. We never want to lose these freedoms. We fly our flag proudly on the 4th. and every day. God bless America!!

Until our trails meet, remember to live life....give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty and Katie Callahan

L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Wolverine Rangers free match 2018

This year the Wolverine Rangers free match was hosted by the Lapeer County Wranglers. The shoot took place at Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club.



On Sunday morning the weather forecast did not look all that promising, but

after about an hour and a half delay mother nature was very kind and the storms blew away, till after we were finished shooting. We had thirty seven shooters. The standings were in order Leadfoot Luke, Riverview Rattler, Sinola Kid, Spartan Johnny, Bad River Marty, Card Shark Charlie, JJ. Longley, Black River Bill, Shiloh Red, Longshot Lillian, hOOt Hamilton, Snareman, Bad Brass, Avalache Andy, Catlow, Wildcat Maverick, Ginger Sass, Hey Sugar, Horseman Tweed, Andy Horsurodinon, Broke n West, Horseman's Trouble, Lainey Mae, Flat Water Johnny, Cactus Lawman, Trail Wench, No Name, Outrider Outlaw, Covote Claxton, Ramblin Ron, Dutch van Sickle, Crazy Mingo, Steeldust Jack, Four Finger Carl, Horse Keeper, J.D., Sassafrass Lori.

Clean matches were shot by Andy Horsurodinon, Ramblin Ron, Shiloh Red and Snareman.

Lunch was held up at the main club house we had pulled pork, baked beans, mac salad, coleslaw, cookies, ice tea and lemonade.

This year Wolverine Rangers gave two two hundred prizes one to Outrider Outlaw the other to Bad Brass, also two free state matches and they went to Ginger Sass and Flat Water Johnny.

Everyone that I talked to had a good time.

On Saturday the Wranglers held a wild bunch match and long range shoot. Standings for wild bunch were in order Spartan Johnny, Coyote Claxton, Big Foot Shooter, Moe Guns, Bad Brass, Scholfield Ranger, Flat Water Johnny, Broke n West, John Weston Stoneface Marshal, Rodent, Ramblin Ron, Andy Horshurodinon, Steeldust Jack. Clean matches were shot by Andy Horshurodinon and John Weston.

Long range match standings were long range single shot Spartan Johnny, long range lever rifle caliber Four Fnger Carl and long range rifle pistol caliber Ramblin Ron.

I would like to thank all the Lapeer Wranglers who worked to put on this match a big thank you if it wasn't for you this match would not have happened !!!!!!

Horse Whisperer George Metis

a/k/a George Boisineau

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