



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

What an interesting summer this has been. We started out cooped up and locked down, then we slowly began to get outside, now school is back, the summer is almost over and Range War is here. What a rollercoaster. I am still working from home mostly, with the occasional trip into the office. It has been increasingly tough to focus as we get closer to Range War.

August was a busy shooting month for us. We traveled and shot as many places as we could: Hastings, Lapeer (on a Monday night), Sandusky OH, Fenton, Breckenridge two-day, Plymouth, Port Huron and if the weather holds out Sandusky OH Wild Bunch shoot this weekend. It was a long month with nine full days of shooting. I even snuck in a sporting clays tournament as well.

We were excited to get back to shooting at Hastings. It has been a few years since we have shot there. There were 15 shooters, that attempted to shoot clean, but only Spilt Aces was successful. Slippery Pete and his crew had the stages looking good, with a little mix of stand and deliver to a full downrange motion stage. Everyone had a smile on their face.

Lapeer was rained out on Sunday. But instead of packing it in for next month they emailed their shooters list and let them know to come

out and shoot on Monday night. I think we had around 13 shooters brave the potential for rain. As it turned out we had to shut it down for rain after two stages. Which turned out pretty well as we broke for a wonderful dinner. Taco Salad and Hawaiian Fluff dessert, both served safely. When the rain broke 45 minutes later, we ventured out again and snuck in another two stages before dark.

Next we traveled to shoot with The Sandusky County Regulators in Gibsonburg, OH. Gibsonburg is just 30 minutes east of Toledo. Which for us is only a 75-minute drive, closer than most of our Michigan clubs to our house. If you have never been to Sandusky it's definitely worth the trip. They have a fully built permanent town, close parking and a great group of shooters. They had 51 shooters for their monthly in August. JC finished 5<sup>th</sup> and I topped the list finishing 1<sup>st</sup>. They have a great three day shoot each year. This year it is the weekend after Range War.

At Fenton we had another beautiful, yet really hot, day. 20 shooters endured the heat. Longshot Lillian and Outrider Outlaw put together some interesting stages, the lone clean match went to Flat Water Johnny. JC took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the first time ever. He was really excited to beat me that day.

Breckenridge had their two-day shoot. The Friday old-style afternoon/evening shoot and the Saturday normal cowboy shoot. Friday evening was fun and a real throwback to the

early days of shooting. We rode a stick pony, sang our lines and climbed on a rocking horse to shoot our pistols from. Lots of smiles were everywhere.

Saturday was tough as we decided to drive home Friday night and return early Saturday morning. Two and a half hours each way. Next year we will likely camp-out. There were 33 shooters and Doc Noper edged out DK Tracker for the top spot.

We intended to shoot at Utica, but we were rained out.

At Plymouth this month Slow Gin Ricky put together some fun and fast stages. Due to the heat he set three stages and we shot two of them twice with different scenarios. The lines were interactive with the shooters and TO and there was a bonus target, that many failed to hit. They have a large pistol target with a 2-3" hole cut out in the middle. Behind the hole they mounted a clay pigeon. If you shoot through the hole and hit the clay you get a 10 sec. bonus. We had a few new shooters and some that haven't been shooting for a few years. It was good to see the new faces and those we haven't seen for a while. 29 shooters enjoyed the day.

Finally, at Port Huron we had 10 shooters. We shot five of the 10 Range War scenarios. There was only one clean shooter – Laredo Van. The range has many improvements and is looking very good. It's ready for Range War.

So that just leaves Range War updates. An email blast will go out to all the registered shooters again this week. The biggest concerns we have heard are about the awards/ dinner and guests/spectators.

Since the banquet facility is limited to only TEN people in-side we have decided to have dinner outside at the range. We have two 20' x

40' tents with tables and chairs. This is double the tent space we normally have. We have secured a highly recommend catering company to provide safely catered dinners. All shooters and their paid for additional guests will be welcomed at the dinner and awards. We do ask that social distancing be followed, but we want the awards and dinner to be fun and as close to normal as we can do it. We also secured a DJ to bring a professional sound system to announce the awards with.

As far as spectators and guests we would prefer, per the clubs' request, that we keep the opening ceremonies to shooters only. Once we break for the range your spouse, and guests will be welcomed at your posse. Please continue to socially distance but safely in the small posse groups we will have. There won't be more than 20 people in any bay, so enjoy yourself and have fun.

Lastly our volunteer staff has spent countless hours working on this years' Range War. Constantly changing gears and following new regulations and doing everything possible to create a shoot as close to what you have come to know and love as possible

Please take that into account when you think about what you see and feel on the range. And if you are unhappy or feel maybe we could have done something better lets us know, we are all ears. If you feel we did a good job or if we surprised you in a good way please tell everyone you know. J

See you later this week at the range

Best regards,



# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The DSC Cowboy Action match scheduled for August 16, 2020 was rained out. Thunder and lightning in the area caused the cancellation.

The next shooting events at DSC are:

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 Cowboy Action Match** Need to pre-register, limit on participants. contact [lupij@wowway.com](mailto:lupij@wowway.com)

**Sunday, September 27, 2020 Silhouette Match** Need to pre-register, limit on participants. contact [terrebonnebud@comcast.net](mailto:terrebonnebud@comcast.net)

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 3-Gun Match** Need to pre-register, limit on participants. contact [terrebonnebud@comcast.net](mailto:terrebonnebud@comcast.net)

**Sunday, October 11, 2020 Military Service Rifle** Need to pre-register, limit on participants. contact [terrebonnebud@comcast.net](mailto:terrebonnebud@comcast.net)

**Sunday, October 25, 2020 Wild Bunch Match** Need to pre-register, limit on participants. contact [daniel.s.hill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daniel.s.hill@sbcglobal.net)



See you on the range.  
J. Lupi

## The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys August shoot welcomed more shooters than usual which meant more fun for all. We got drizzled on a little bit, but that did not stop anybody from continuing to shoot. It was nice to see some new faces, and new couples. It was also nice to see so many lady shooters.

The following came out on top of their category when the smoke settled:

ES- Faygo Kid, SS- Bull Dog Jim, LSS- T.N.Tina, CB- Red Ryder, 49er - Smoking Joe Suggs, SD- Petoskey Pete, CTBN- Black Silver Rick, D- Nevada Slim, FCGF- Marlin Matt, CB#2-

Ray Gun Van Dyke, S- Lawless Laverne, LFCD- Mama Vaquera, W- Rowdy Rusk, LSS2- Buck-eye Juice, GP- One Son of a Gun, GD- Quack Shot Pam, LFC- P.K. Brimstone, LW- Deadwood Daisy. There were NO clean shooters :- ( Our #4 Shooter, Red Ryder is 13 years old, and this was his second match. Look out Matt Black..

.. Next month, September, is the 'Eagles Revenge' two day shoot. More information to follow.

CU then,  
One Son of a Gun

## Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley had 21 shooters come out this warm Sunday, 3 new shooters to the Valley, Dublin Raider, Dublin Lass, and Not Jo Mama. Welcome, we enjoyed shooting with you and hope you had a good time!

This match we had 3 Clean shooters, Joe Quick, Lue Dee Kriss and Sauk Valley Stubby, Congratulations!

Our Hidden Valley Hotel has been fixed up and it looks great, thanks to Sauk Trail Mike, Triple Threat, Stubby, Tommy, Krista and Ya Big Tree.



I would like to thank Three Gun Cole for helping me out with side Match's and posse duties today, great Cowboy always willing to help, and Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with our lunch.

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Mike, Triple Threat, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be September 20, 2020. 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.

Johnny Rebel



## Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

It's August...and summer is almost over, Range War is just around the corner...can't believe it's that time already. Where has the time gone?

We hosted our annual two day shoot this month, and it was great! The weather was hot, but no rain! We had 16 shooters for our Friday old school shoot. Several cowboys and cowgirls showed up and camped with us...it all got started on Wednesday. We shared meals and shot guns and had a few adult beverages too! Chica served breakfast for our guests on Thursday and Friday mornings... Yum!

The old school shoot was a hoot! Lots of laughter and good natured ribbing going on! It's become a shoot to look forward to... stuff that you don't see at a regular match anymore...just plain crazy and silly describes

it best. Check out the pics on our Sucker Creek web site. [www.suckercreek.org](http://www.suckercreek.org)

Saturday we held our regular monthly shoot... 33 shooters took part and we had a great time shooting 5 fast and friendly stages...we followed with a nice meal and a great time was had by all.

Clean Shooters for the old school shoot: Eleanor Jewel & Shiloh Red

Clean Shooters for Sat match: Andy Horshurodinon, Avalanche Andy, DK Tracker, Faygo, Hey Sugar, Todd All In, & Two Rig A Tony

Plan to be with us next year...you won't regret it!

Riverview Rattler & Chica

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On August 22, 1864, the first Geneva's Convention was signed establishing rules for armed conflict. On typical hot and humid August 22, 2020 there was plenty of armed conflict to go around Johnson Creek with 29 cowboys and cowgirls showing up to try out our new 9 plate target rack.

The theme for the match evolved out of the ongoing joke in movie *Big Jake*, in which wherever Jake (John Wayne) ends up, someone is always telling him "I thought you was dead." Jake sternly rebukes each with a hardy "Not hardly." Slow Gin Ricky, the stage writer for the match had a bit of fun, making variants of the reply a starting line for each stage.

In addition to the new plate rack, we've been working on simplifying range setup and take down. Previously we placed the layout in a horseshoe rather than using the entire 200-yard range. This month, we simplified further by using three setups, but running two stages off the first and third setup. These changes had a tremendously positive impact on set up and tear down time. It appears the steel targets are taking less abuse too.

As I said we had an excellent turn out of 29 shooters. We saw many people who we have not seen in a while, like Single Barrel Bob,

River Boat Gambler, Mickey Lobe, Footsore, Montana Wind, Ira Bigelow and the Canoli Kid. We also welcomed new cowpoke Not Dead Ed, Sarah Oakley and Broken Joe. Sinola Kid outdistanced JC Wade by 15 seconds to take top overall honors. Sarge finished third with Wolverine Regulator about two seconds behind in fourth place. JBird Regulator was top overall Buckaroo. Clean matches were accomplished by Three Deuce Tom, Deadeye Deska and Single Barrel Bob.

We are looking forward to Range War where we hope to renew some old acquaintances and make new ones. Our September match is scheduled for Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye on the Wolverine Rangers web site for any updates.

*"You ain't dead yet, so you ain't done."*  
Karen White, *The Beach Trees*.



## The Shooter's Stance

### Live Free Or Die

In this country we vote people into office. After we vote them into office, our responsibility does not end there but it is up to us to make sure they continue to do their job and uphold their oath of office.

I have talked and wrote to my government representatives and found out that only about 5% of voters ever contact them and that is on a hot item. This is not being a responsible voting citizen. I ask you how many times have you written to your representatives state or federal? If you haven't, you can blame yourself for what is going on today!

I remember September 29, 1959 Sixty one years ago when Nikita Khrushchev beat on the table with his shoe saying, "Your children's children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but, we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands. Your democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

At that time the word communism was feared throughout our nation. Socialism leads to Communism!

There are eight levels of control to create a socialist state:

Healthcare- control healthcare you control the people.

Poverty- Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them.

Debt- Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to

increase taxes, and this will increase more poverty.

Gun Control- Remove the ability to defend themselves from the government. That way you are able to create a police state.

Welfare- Take control of every aspect ( food, housing, income) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government.

Education- Take control of what the people read, listens to and take control of what children learn in school.

Religion- Remove the belief in God from the government and schools because the people need to believe in, Only the government knows what is best for the people.

Class Warfare- Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. Eliminate the middle class. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the rich with the support of the poor.

Think about what you have just read!!!  
Does anything ring a bell?

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin

It not too late, think of yourself like the minutemen who were not only ready to take up arms, but who regarded the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to sacrifice for that freedom.

Here is Congressional Record --- Appendix, pp. A34-A35 Current Communist Goals.



Extension of Hon. A.S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963.

Mr. Herlong. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Patricia Nordman of Deland, Florida, is an ardent and articulate opponent of communism, and until recently published the De Land Courier, which she dedicated to the purpose of alerting the public to the dangers of communism in America.

At Mrs. Nordman's request, I include in the Record, under unanimous consent, the following, "Current Communist Goals", which she identifies as an expert from "The Naked Communist," by Cleon Skousen:

Current Communist Goals

U.S. acceptance of coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war.

U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.

Develop the illusion that total disarmament (by) the United States would be a demonstration of moral strength.

Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.

Extensions of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites.

Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.

Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.

Set up East and West Germany as separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the German question by free elections under supervision of the U.N.

Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the United States has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress.

Allow all Soviet satellites individual

representation in the U.N.

Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be setup as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces. (Some Communist leaders believe the world can be taken over as easily by the U.N. as by Moscow.) Sometimes these two centers compete with each other as they are now doing in the Congo."

Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.

Do away with all loyalty oaths.

Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office.

Capture one or both of the political parties of the United States.

Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken the basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.

Get control of the schools. Use them as transmissions belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the Curriculum. Get control of the associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

Gain control of all student newspapers. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.

Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, and policy making positions.

Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless,

awkward and meaningless forms”.  
Control art critics and directors of art museums. “Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art.  
Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them “censorship” and a violation of free speech and free press.  
Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.  
Present Homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural and healthy.  
Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with “social” religion. Discredit the bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a “religious crutch”.  
Eliminate prayer and any phrase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principal of “separation of church and state”. (Remember these goals were published to expose them in 1958) Coincidence?  
Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old fashioned, out of step with the modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.  
Discredit the American Founding Fathers’ Present them as aristocrats who had no concern for the “common man”.  
Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the “big picture”. Give more emphasis to Russia history since the Communist took over.

Support any socialist movement to give

centralized control over any part of the culture--- education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics etc.

Eliminate all laws or procedures, which interfere with the operation of the Communist apparatus.  
Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.  
Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.  
Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.  
Infiltrate and gain control of big business.  
Transfer some powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorder which no one but psychiatrists can understand (or treat).  
Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.  
Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.  
Emphasize the need to raise children away from negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices. Mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.  
Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special interest groups should rise up and use (“united force”) to solve economic, political social problems.  
Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self- government.

Internationalize the Panama Canal.  
Repeal the Connally reservation so the United States cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction (over domestic problems. Give the World Court Jurisdiction) over nations and individuals alike.

Again, really think! This was written in 1963. What has some of our Senators and Representatives that have been

in their positions since the 1970's have done to us and our country? Have they upheld their oath of office? I leave it up to you investigate and see for yourself how these life time politicians have corrupted and abused their office and our government.

George Boisineau  
Aka Horse Whisperer George Metis

## Editor's Corner

### **Sinola—Thank You—Submitted by Longshot Lillian**

Being new to an important job can be pretty daunting and probably stressful for most people. Dealing with a whole new realm of tasks and being the top person responsible for those tasks is one thing, but add to that the challenges of trying to feel your way through this new role in the midst of this time of Covid is another thing completely.

Such as it must be for our own Sinola Kid (Will) and Carolina Belle (Amber). Both are brand new to their roles of Captain and Secretary. Not only do they have the learning curve to deal with, but also the ever-changing mandates of the governor that change seemingly

daily. These mandates completely changed the game plan for Range War this year and led to a lot of extra work and brainstorming. I cannot imagine the amount of frustration all of this has caused them.

We are very lucky to have these two spearheading our organization. I spoke to Will not long ago after a match. I thanked him for all of his efforts on our behalf and asked him to pass along my thanks to his lovely wife for me as well.

I think we all owe them both a great big THANK YOU, for the time and effort they have put into Range War this year.

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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

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

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