



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,
Thanks to the Double Barrel Gang for their hospitality for the Annual Meeting / Free Shoot in Hastings on June 13th. Everyone had a great time and the weather held for the most part. Congratulations to the following Wolverine Rangers who won the raffle prizes which were awarded after lunch and during the Annual Meeting: Flint Leadround- \$400 in cash; Cayuse Jack – Free Range War Entry; and Black Mountain Ranger – Free Range War Entry. For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, feel free to contact our Treasurer Snareman (dickdennison@comcast.net) if you would like to have a copy of any of our financial statements and documents. Please treat our financial documents as confidential for Wolverine Ranger members only.

Range War will be here before you know it and if you are going to rent a motel room, please be sure to make your reservations asap. Some of hotels are already sold out. Please check our website at www.wolverinerangers.org for current motel room availability.

This year Tri-County EMS has agreed to park one of their EMS vehicles with EMS personnel at Range War on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during shooting hours. It will not be a dedicated unit and they may need to make runs during the weekend. They are not charging us for this. Thanks to Tri-County EMS for agreeing to do make one of their EMS units available for us in the case of an emergency.

We are looking for a new Clean Match Administrator. The duties of the Clean Match Administrator are as follows:

- Check the Wolverine Rangers' website weekly for clean matches making sure that all matches have been accounted for.
- Prepare a spreadsheet so that Laporte Lil can post results on the website.

Provide an award for the Men's and Women's winners, the cost to be reimbursed by the Rangers.

Please let either our Secretary Cosmopolitan Christine or me know if you are interested. We are a volunteer organization and we appreciate the help of our members. Please contact Laporte Lil if you have any questions regarding the details of the position.

Be sure to get your application in for Range War. We already have 121 shooters signed up and we are looking at a cap of 250 shooters for this year. We will be welcoming Misty Moonshine the COO for SASS, to Range War this year. We are hoping that she will be able to spread the good word about Range War. We believe that we have one of the best state matches in the country. We hope to see you all there.

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)

Our Cowboy match on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st. 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; Dodge City Dick was declared the winner followed closely by J.J. Longley and Onyx.

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 Dodge City Dick, Onyx, Outrider Outlaw, Sassy Sue, Big Al, Rouges Pierre, Rodent, Rambling Ron, and DSC Cowboys Coyote Claxton, John Weston, The Apostle, and Terrebonne Bud.

July 19th was a beautiful Michigan Sunday that was very HOT. The only thing hotter were the speeds that were generated by the thirty seven cowboy and/or cow-girl that came out to test their shooting skills.

After completing 5 fun HOT stages Faygo Kid walked away with top honors. D.S.C.'s J.J. Longley tried to wrestle top honors away from Faygo but his shooting skills and speed were too much to overcome. Shooting Clean matches were Big Al, Briscoe Callaghan, Catlow, Colt McCloud, Onyx, Poco Loco, Soaring Red Hawk, and DSC Cowboys J.J. Longley, Jack Holiday, and Rifle Rick.

Coming events at D.S.C... Sunday, August 16th, monthly Cowboy Match, Saturday, September 19th Silhouette Match followed by the regular Cowboy Match on Sunday, September 20th.

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

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley



Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The weather did not cooperate at Butcher Butte for the June monthly match. A few brave souls showed up hoping that it would turn. But it turned out to be a wet morning and the match was a wash. Many of the folks who hoped there would be a match helped with the tear down and it seemed to be done in record time. Unfortunately, it was so humid that the paint on the targets that was applied on Saturday was still wet on Sunday, which made tear down a rather messy task. Lunch which had already been prepared, was fortunately something that would freeze well and we enjoyed it at the July match instead.



It wasn't a total loss though. The weather broke for a short period and a few of us did a bit of practicing. This was, of course, after tearing pretty much everything down that had been set up for the match.

The July match worked out better than the June match. There were 30 people competing and Dodge City Dick walked away with top honors followed closely by Clay Creek. There were also 9 people with clean matches that day.

The August monthly match which will take place on August 9 should be a lot of fun. The stages will be a little different than is typical for Fenton as a couple of our members have been granted the honor of writing the stages for the match which were approved by Grubby Hardrock, Butcher Butte's match director. So come on out and join us!



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The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of Central Lake, NW Michigan shoot on July 25 was really hot and humid, mostly because of a downpour before the shoot which settled all the dust, but not a drop after the buzzer went off.

We had a few more cowboys and cowgirls than usual which is always a good thing. And Birdshot Betty's grub was well received as well.

When the dust settled, oops there was no dust.. the following came out on top of their respectful categories:
Elder Statesman - Rancher Roy, Duelest - Twisted Pine Pete, Catl Brn - One Son of a Gun, Frt Cart - Tin Pan Sam, 49er - Bulldog Jim, Frt Cart Dulst - Marlin Matt, Senior - Skid, Frt Cart Duelest - Scotty Two Shotty, L. Frt Cart Dlest - Senora Vaquera, L Gun Ftr -

Laurie L'Amour, L Wrangler - Kimber Starr, Sil Sr - No Name Justice, L 49er - Buckeye Juice, L Frt Cart - P.K. Brimstone, Buckaroo - Big "I".

What !, No clean shooters, probably because of that pesky horse rider way out there.

There were several regulars that were missing , but for good reasons, hope to see them back soon.

And that's the view from my saddle,

One Son of a Gun



News from Laporte Lil

END OF TRAIL RESULTS - Congratulations to Deuce Stevens the 2015 Cowboy World Champion and 2nd Overall at End of Trail, Dakota Doc 10th Cattle Baron, Two Rig a Tony 6th Elder Statesman, Crazy Mingo 10th Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Leadfoot Luke 8th Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter, Cactus Kay 4th Grand Dame, Apache Wolf 4th Gunfighter, Chirichaua Mama 4th Ladies Duelist and Hey Sugar 7th Ladies Wrangler.

WILD BUNCH RANGE OFFICER CERTIFICATION TRAINING - Again this year at Range War, the WB RO Certification Training will be offered on Thursday, September 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please read the following and be sure to PRE-REGISTER for the course. A link to this information is also on the Range War page under "Education".

MEMBERSHIP SHOOT AND ANNUAL MEETING - There were 56 shooters in attendance at the annual Membership Shoot in Hastings on Saturday, June 13. The random drawing for the annual \$400 cash prize giveaway went to Flint Leadround (this was his first match!) The two random drawing Range War free entry certificates went to Cayuse Jack and Black Mountain Ranger. The 2015 Clean Match winners were Split Aces with 28 clean matches and a tie for the women between Hey Sugar and Ruby Red Jo with 16 clean matches each. Congratulations to all of our winners!

SUNSET TRAIL - Dodge City Duke (Tom Fydryk) passed away Tuesday, June 9. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, June 15, 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Kaul Funeral Home, 35201 Garfield, Clinton, MI, 586-792-5000. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home. Our condolences to Dodge City Duke's family and friends. You can read a full obituary here. Please share a memory with the family by signing the online guest book.

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Whew! This summer is flyin' as fast as some of our bullets are! Range War is just around the corner and promises another fun weekend.

Saginaw's shoot on Saturday, August 29th, will feature many of the State Shoot scenarios and is a great time to become familiar with them. We're sure Deuce will have another set of great stages for us.

Our two-day shooting event in July was a lot of fun and we had a lot of happy shooters (and campers, too!). Dutch Henry set up his mercantile store and gave everyone a chance to shop. Weather was great and laughter was plentiful.

Have a great August, folks. Remember to live life.....and give it your best shot.



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators in Plymouth Michigan held their July match on the 25th. We were happy to see a great turnout and for once a partly sunny day. The top ten finishers were (1 to 10): Apache Wolf, Clay Creek, Dodge City Dick, JJ Longley, Onyx, Snuffy Dave Edwards, Attica Jack, Rev C. S. Missalot, Poco Loco and Longshot Lillian.

The stages were written by Shakey Puddin and it was her first attempt at five stages. Everyone was complementing her on how they enjoyed what she had done and looking forward to the next match to see what she comes up with next. The author of this article will be hearing about it for months!

Another real surprise for all of the JCR gang was Apache Wolf. Last time we saw him he was less than

4' tall. Not only does he tower over his dad now but most of us ol'guys too. So on his return trip to Plymouth we were pleased to see him. Quite the gentleman and he took first place too!!

Our next CAS match is August 22nd. We've had a donation of a gas grill so at the August shoot look for us to be grilling something. Don't get too excited and don't be thinking a half a cow. Then again, we've had a lot of critters wandering the ranch.

Thanks for the support from the Wolverine Rangers.

Till Then – Happy Trails

Rainmaker Ray

Hidden Valley Cowboys—Sturgis

July 19, 2015

Hidden Valley must be blessed, no rain again, 4th shoot in a row that it was predicted. We had 34 shooters today, 32 of them were a little bother by the heat and humidity but Triple Threat and Ms. Blazin were smiling!

We had two clean shooters today: J. R. Hammer and Joe Quick. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the July shoot and helped Mike & I today: Diamond Jim, D. K. Tracker, Horserider Blue, Johnny Rebel, Ka Adik Krista, Lady Bandit, Naughty Nellie, Short Term Emory, Strongbox Phil, Tommy Two Fingers, Triple Threat and Ya Big Tree. A special THANK YOU Lady Bandit for providing all the shooters with monogrammed Hidden Valley Buckle Shoot 2015 brass bags, very classy! Also to Cookie (Nancy) for baking the pies, setting, serving and cleaning up for lunch, and bringing my favorite pretzel sticks! Another thank you to Ka Adik Krista for bringing the most outstanding Baked Beans!

I would like to make an apology to Badshot for giving him a Minor Safety on Stage 5 when it clearly states in ROBSC, Level 1, page 13, Stage Conventions, and item 6. This should have been a no call. In reviewing the match stats removing this penalty would have moved Badshot from 9th to 8th overall, it would have no other ramifications. Stubby
The next shoot in the Valley will be our August 16, 2015. Hope to see you there!

Sauk Valley Stubby & Ms. Blazin

Hidden Valley Cowboys
Is pleased to present our 2nd Annual Buckle Shoot
WINNERS!

GOLD

J. C. Wade
Short Term Emory
Johnny Rebel
Joe Quick
Triple Threat
J. R. Hammer
Lady Bandit
Calico Belle
Three Gun Cole
Kaya
Sauk Trail Mike
Howdy Partner

SILVER

D. K. Tracker
Juste' Badshot
Sauk Valley Stubby
Spoon River Sam

BRONZE

Outrider Outlaw



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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

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- Volunteer to help with Range War
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