

Wolverine Rangers

Epitaph



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Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Our first Wild Bunch match of the season was held on Sunday, May 1st with 15 hearty shooters attending. The day is best described as “moist”. The over night hours brought rain and the range infield looked and felt like a sponge. Even though the air humidity felt like 99% it did not rain on the match.

As always the stages were fast and furious with lots of magazine changes and close and far targets. Some of the targets included the ram, pig, turkey, and some “ducks that fly at night”. Coyote Claxton sets up a true Wild Bunch Match; not a Cowboy Action Match with a 1911 like so many other WB matches are. After shooting five fun and challenging Wild Bunch stages the match was won by Leadfoot Luke shooting in the SASS Traditional class. Winning the SASS Modern class was D.S.C.s J.J. Longley. J.J. was the only clean shooter at this match.

Saturday, June 25, 2016 is our next 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”.

What a difference one month makes in Michigan. Last month 75 degrees, today (May 15th) low 40s and snow flurries but 22

Cowboys and Cowgirls participated in 5 fast and furious but fun stages of Cowboy Action shooting.

When the outstanding lunch of homemade lasagna was served and the scores tallied Bad Brass was the overall winner followed closely by Clay Creek. Shooting clean matches were Bad Brass, Clay Creek, Big Bad Jim, Outrider Outlaw, and DSC's John Weston.

Our next Cowboy Action Match is on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 2016.

There is plenty of shooting action at DSC, come out and shoot with us.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

May 15, 2016, what a cold, crisp and snowy day for Cowboy shooting!!! We all had a good time and finished earlier than usual. We had 24 shooters and two brass rats. We had two new shooters to the Valley, Ashley Kid and Money Bags Mathias. Welcome and we hope to see you again soon.

We had four clean shooters today: Juste' Badshot, Lady Bandit, Mike E the Blaster and Three Gun Cole. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the Valley and helped Mike & me today: Blackthorne Billy, D. K. Tracker, Diamond Jim, Ka Adik Krista, Lady Bandit, Naughty Nellie, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat. A thank you to Cookie for the mac & cheese!

We are working on the problem with the scoring system not printing certificates. Hope to have it resolved soon and have your certificates for you at our next shoot.

Our next shoot will June 19th, 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



The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys May shoot was a little short of cowboys and cowgirls, as a heavy rain-storm during the night apparently kept some at home under a roof. But, surprise, absolutely no rain during the day, and a very good day for shooting.

We did have one new shooter, Whiskey Bob, and he had a little problem with his new equipment, not used to it yet. But we will see more of him and his wife. That's a good thing.

At the end of shooting, Rancher Roy was first, and high Elder Statesman, One Son of a Gun - Grand Patron, Bar Gun Hunter - 49er, Marlin Matt - Fr Ct GFtr, Cowgirl Killer - Cowboy, Trusty Rusty - Ctl Brn, Rowdy Rusk - Wrangler, Senora Vaquera - L.Frt. Ct. Duelest.

Shooting Clean was Rowdy Rusk and One Son of a Gun. Next shoot is on June 25th. Y'all Come.

It appears that we will be losing our Secretary / Territorial Governor, Laurie L'Amour, as she is moving south. Darn.. She has been a bright spot in our group of Cowboys & Cowgirls.

Until next time:
One Son of a Gun

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Is it our imagination or did the month of May just fly by? We've been having good turn-outs at our Wednesday night practices, having folks drop by to watch and try their hand at cowboy shooting.

Our next shoot is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th and we hope to see you there. We're also looking forward to seeing everyone July 9-10, at our 2-day event....2 separate days of shooting, with Sunday being the Wolverine Ranger's Free Shoot and Annual Meeting. You'll have more fun than should be allowed with free camping by the lake, fun scenarios, and a great time with your shooting pals.

Any questions can be directed to our e-mail mnbbell@yahoo.com or give Bad River Marty a call 989 585-3292.

Time does fly by fast. Until next time, remember to live life....give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

May 8, the weather was perfect as 29 cowboys and cowgirls came out to fling some lead and clang some steel. It was a great turnout, considering it was Mother's Day. At lunch, the ladies were treated to pretty potted flowers that were decorating the tables in celebration of Mother's Day.

Prior to the match, Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay treated the group to a "just for fun" shoot of their Texas Star target with revolvers.

Be sure to join us on June 12, for our next regular match. Prior to the match, Dakota Doc and Cactus

Kay plan to bring their Texas Star target for some more "just for fun" play, this time with rifles. There may also be another fun target to play with as well, so come on out a bit early and have some extra fun. The fun should begin at 9:00am and continue until the group is called to Posse Up.

Please note, that due to the Membership Shoot being held July 10 at Saginaw, Fenton will not host a July match. To replace this missed match, we have added a match to our regular season, and that will be held on October 9. Please mark your calendar and come join us!

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On May 21st the Johnson Creek Regulators entertained 29 shooters. Weather was perfect for a day at the range. Temperature in the low 70s with overcast that prevented the sun from baking us down in the hollow.

In addition to the match, the Swap and Sell was a success. Several new Cowboys picked up deals on needed equipment. More experienced cowpokes bartered goods no longer needed for stuff they are pretty sure they might need in the future.



While the Gary Van/Captain Garrison Blaze Memorial Buffalo target made it's first appearance of the season, clean matches were in short supply. Only Snuffy Dave Edwards, Long-shot Lillian and Broke N West cleaned all five stages. Doc Roy L Pain paced the herd with a fine adjusted time of 107.11 and JC Wade made a fine showing in the Buckaroo category.

In other news, Henry Moon Shine won the 50-50 raffle yet again. He graciously donated his winnings back to the Johnson Creek Regulators.

Meanwhile, Three Deuce Tom broke his rifle. Fortunately Sarge was able to lend him a man's rifle, which TDT promptly used to knock over the targets and stands.

The Johnson Creek Regulators will next entertain on June 25. All you history buffs will recollect that June 25 is an important day in western history. 140 years ago on that date, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and five of the 7th Cavalry's twelve companies were virtually wiped out by warriors from the Lakota Sioux, Dakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho. In remembrance of that battle, we encourage participants to dress in Military, Native American or Scout costume.

In addition, we will be running a Buffalo long range side match. Any period correct long range rifle will be acceptable. We will feature our "almost life size" buffalo target with a 16" steel target (sweet spot) at 150-180 yards. Three shots to cling the steel. Whoever rings the steel the most gets the 50-50 split. Bring your Buffalo Guns!! Only \$2 to test your skill!! Only period correct rifles and carbines!

Until we meet again, remember "Broke is what happens when a cowboy lets his yearnin's get ahead of his earnin's."



L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Great Lakes Match 19

Well our Great Lakes Match 19 is all history now. This past Memorial Day Weekend there was plenty of good times and memories for those who attended.

This year we had three one day matches, Saturday's cowboy match was five stages long. There were also side matches you could shoot after the main match, long range single shot rifle, long range lever rifle, long range pistol caliber rifle, long range pistol, pocket pistol, derringer, 22 pistol and 22 rifle.

Skimpy the ranch house cook prepared a mouth watering meal for all those who attended.



Main Match winners Doc Roy L Pain was top shooter for the day and 1st place senior. The rest of the cowboys and cowgirls in time standing order Moe Gunns, Leadfoot Luke, Clay Creek, Twisted Pine Pete, Mike Fink, JJ Longley, Big Bad Jim, Wildcat Maverick, Flat Water Johnny, Outrider Outlaw, Andy Horshurodinon, Cactus Lawman, Four Finger Carl, Beerbelly Willie, Hartabe Humbolt, Ramblin Ron, Steel Dust Jack, Dutch Van Sickle, Kimber Star also top woman, Horse Whisperer, Wolf Creek Tom, Horse Keeper, Smokin Smitty, Black Irish Brian, Quick Draw McKraw, Bowlegged Pete, Michigander, Bea Sweet, JD, Hawk Woman, Sassafrass Lori,

Clean match awards: Andy Horshurodinon, Big Bad Jim, Cactus Lawman, Doc Roy L Pain, Hartabe Humbolt, Horse Keeper, Ramblin Ron and Steel Dust Jack.

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Side match results: 22 Rifle-Horse Whisperer, 22 Pistol-Andy Horshurodinon, Pocket Pistol-Four Finger Karl, Derringer-Andy Horshurodinon, Long range pistol caliber rifle-Steel Dust Jack, Lever big bore lone range-Four Finger Karl, Lady long range single shotbig bore Sasafrass Lori, Long range single shot-Flint Stone Dave, Long range pistol-Flint Stone Dave.

Sunday's match standings are as follows: Top shooter and top senior Doc Roy L Pain, Clay Creek, JJ Longley, Moe Gunns, Leadfoot Luke, Big Bad Jim, Wildcat Maverick, Outrider Outlaw, Twisted Pine Pete, Andy Horshurodinon, Mike Fink, Flat Water Johnny, Hartabe Humble, Cactus Lawman, Horse Keeper, Four Finger Carl, Dutch Van Sickle, Michigander, Kimber Star and top woman, Steel Dust Jack, Horse Whisperer, Quick Draw McKraw, Flint Stone Dave, Black Irish Brian, Wolf Creek Tom, Hawk Woman, Sassafrass Lori, Buggy Man and Bea Sweet.

Clean Match awards: Andy Horshurodinon, Cactus Lawman, Clay Creek, Four Finger Carl, Hartabe Humbolt, JJ Longley, Moe Gunns and Wolf Creek Tom.

Monday's Wild Bunch Match standings: Top shooter Moe Gunns, Attica Jack, Flat Water Johnny, Bad Brass, Andy Horshurodinon, Ramblin Ron, Steel Dust Jack, Four Finger Carl and Black Irish Brian.



Clean Match Shooter and also for the whole weekend Andy Horshurodinon (pictured below).



We have an award for Top Man and Woman shooters: In order to receive this award you have to shoot both Saturday and Sunday Cowboy Matches. The winners of the top belt buckle awards this year are Kimber Star and Doc Roy L Pain!!! Congratulations!!

At This time the Wranglers and I would like to thank all of you for being our guests and we hope to see you all back next year.

Respectfully,
Horse Whisperer George Metis
AKA George Boisineau

The Shooter's Stance

Gunfighters

One question I've heard lots of times, is "When did the gunfighter era come to be?" Well I've heard tell that the gunfighter era came with the invention of the cap and ball revolver. A man could draw and shoot faster and more accurately. The time of the duel with a single shot pistol was all but over, draw and shoot, that was the way now! I think Ben Thompson and Wes Hardin brought in the draw and shoot era I recon.

I think that Butler Hickok (Wild Bill) and Jesse James were among the first gunslingers to carry navy colt six-shooters. Wild Bill was presented two ivory handle cap and ball equalizers by the Vice President of the United States, at the time he was called Senator Wilson.

The gunfighter was a product of the civil war. The gunfighter from his hat to his waistband of death was a fellow with cool nerve and that cold blue stare they had to have in order to survive. A funny thing is that most of the gunfighters had blue eyes and a lot were related, the James to the Youngers, the Youngers to the Daltons, Cole Younger was the

uncle to Tombstone killer, John Ringo and Wes Hardin had relatives all over Texas.

In remote parts of states and territories where law and order did not exist, the gun was the only means of salvation. Most people who lived and died by the gun were a breed apart. Some men like Bill Tilghman and Bat Masterson were honest law abiding peace officers. Unlike Bill Hickok and Wyatt Earp who were less dedicated, took up the star when circumstances dictated and resorting quickly to the gun to keep the peace. But ones like Jesse James and Billy the Kid who by-passed the law and used the gun to a brutal end, it provided wealth and power and instilled fear into honest citizens.

Anyway it's all history now. Every man has a place in the history of America. The gunfighter has been no exception. He stands both in sin and morality, standing shoulder to shoulder in stone, bronze and canvas. Boys and even grown men are dazzled by their deeds and exploits.

Ghost Rider

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