



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

I hope that everyone survived the winter and that you are all in good health. I would report that The Lady recently had knee replacement surgery on her right knee. As I write this she is 3 days' post-surgery and she seems to be doing well. Not unexpectedly, the biggest problem will be in trying to keep her from trying to do too much too fast. Her doctor knows her pretty well and has already warned her about that. Hopefully she will be up and around and able to shoot this season.

Congratulations to Deuce Stevens the SASS National Champion of Cowboy Action Shooting/Winter Range. There were 749 competitors who shot the match and Deuce came in first place. Quite an accomplishment and another feather in Deuce's hat. Other Michigan shooters that competed in Winter Range included Cactus Lawman, Chica, Chili Pepper Pete, Crazy Mingo, Doc Noper, Riverview Rattler, Straight Arrow Hombre, T.N. Tina; and Two Rig A Tony. I apologize if I missed anyone. I was going to include places

for everyone but then I remembered Fireball's saying: ("There is the winner and then there is first loser, second loser, etc.") so I didn't.

I have included a copy of the Election Results for the Wolverine Rangers Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Longshot Lillian as a new At-Large member of the Board. I will be back in touch with the Board members about scheduling a Board meeting soon.

Not much else to report for now. I hope to see all of you at the Range this spring and summer.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers



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2016 Wolverine Rangers Election Results:

President (Captain):

R.J. Law

Secretary:

Cosmopolitan Christine

Members-at-Large:

Catlow
Chili Pepper Pete
Dakota Doc
Doc Noper
hOOt Hamilton
Leadfoot Luke
Longshot Lillian
Steady Eddie

Thank you to all who voted!

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The town of Rocky River has finally started to show some life. The snow is melted and now we see our town boardwalks and are looking forward to the 2017 Cowboy Action shooting season.

Our first monthly Cowboy Action match was closely approaching and we were ready to let some lead fly. On Sunday, March 19, 2017, the day was crisp and cold but the sun was bright and warmed us nicely throughout the match. Nineteen hearty cowboys came out to dust the cobwebs out of their shooting irons. When the shooting was done and the scores were calculated Straight Arrow Hombre was the clear-cut overall winner. Straight Arrow's speed on all three firearms was amazing to watch. DSC's J.J. Longley and Bad Brass followed Straight Arrow Hombre in the final standing. Shooting clean matches were two Cowboys from D.S.C.: John Weston and Nine Finger Bob. Ramblin Ron also shot clean.

The April Match was perfection! April 23, 2017 was the type of spring day we all wait for after a long winter. The day was clear, sunny, and 70 degrees.

It doesn't get any better than this to hold a Cowboy Action match. That thought was concurred by 40 cowboys and cowgirls that proceeded to our range for a day of Cowboy action competition. When the competitors had fired their last shot and J.J. Longley had compiled the scores; Leadfoot Luke was awarded top honors. Spartan Johnny and Colt McCloud were the second and third finishers, rounding out the top three shooters at this event.

Coming Events at DSC...

Sunday, May 21, 2017 May Cowboy Action Match, registration at 8:30 AM

Come join us for some shooting fun!
See you on the range.

J.J. Longley



Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The April 9 match was the first of the season at Butcher Butte, welcoming back many of our old shooting friends as well as some new faces! We started off the day with a few technical difficulties with registration and printing of the posse lists, but those in charge rallied and we went to pencil and paper for the posse list and all was great from then on.

Our special use bay, where we usually shoot stage 5, and sometimes stage 4 was a bit on the swampy side, so we doubled up in other locations. Spectacular early spring weather, combined with some easy, fun stages made

the match enjoyable and everything moved along quickly. Hey Sugar was able to get our scores entered so we had results while we had our lunch.

Riverview Rattler took top honors, while we had 7 of the 37 attendees shooting a clean match.

Please come on out and join us for our next monthly match, May 14 (Mother's Day).

The logo features the name 'L Longshot Lillian' in a purple, cursive script font. The 'L' at the beginning is significantly larger and more ornate than the other letters, which are smaller and more uniform in style.

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

Yea-Hahh: The Eagleville Cowboys and Cowgirls are "back in the saddle again" slinging lead and blowing smoke down range, after a winter off.

It was good to see our pards again, except for one whole family who we heard were all down with the flu, we missed them. And one of our shooters who had to take last year off, was back with us, that was good. And we did have several new shooters, and also several spectators who we hope that we may have 'hooked'.

Everything at the range came thru the winter OK, just needed a little minor maintenance and we were 'back at it'.

Birdshot Betty's grub was great as usual. The following shooters came out

on top of their respective categories: Ladies Silver Sr. - T.N.Tina, Grand Patron - One Son of a Gun, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Senior - Bulldog Jim, Wrangler - Lone Wolf Henry, Silver Sr. - Mohawk Scout, 49er - Bar Gun Hunter, Classic Cowgirl - Blondie, Ladies Sr. - Buckeye Juice, Gunfighter - Scotty Two Shotty.

We wake up all the birds and wildlife in the woods surrounding Eagleville every 4th Saturday of the month, and have more fun than should be allowed, y'all come see us..

Keep yer powder dry until next month.

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

April 23rd was a wonderful day for shooting! A bit chilly in the morning but it warmed up so that Triple Threat and Ms. Blazin took their coats off.

We had 42 shooters, so we had to make 3 posse's! Many thanks to J. D. Spencer and Spoon River Sam for running the 3rd posse. Thanks to everyone who joined us!!

This year we have gone to custom poker chips as awards and they seemed to be received well. They take a lot less time than printing and handing out certificates.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped wake up the Valley and helped Sauk Trail Mike & me today: Black-

thorne Billy, D. K. Tracker, Diamond Jim, Grampaw Willie, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat!

Thank you also, to our new cook, Ka Adik Krista for providing a great lunch for us. We had Sloppy Joes, her home made baked beans, chips and cookies.

Our next shoot will be May 21st, 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.



Huron River Raiders - Commerce

The Huron River Raiders at Multi-Lakes are looking for new guests that want to learn how to shoot the “Guns of the Old West”. You can use our guns and a limited supply of our ammo. (Member range fee \$5, non- member \$10).

Our goal is two fold: to introduce the fastest growing gun sport to Men, Women, Kids and Western enthusiasts and give instruction.

During 2017 we plan on having practice sessions on: 5/27 6/17, 7/29 and 9/16.

All sessions held from 10:00 –12:00. You can shoot .22, 45 Colt & 38 Spl. pistols and lever action rifles, & 12/20/410 shotguns. All are replicas of 1873-1907. You will be taught by professionals!

Cool Hand Carl (Marshal). Call: (248) 318-3463 & leave a message.
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Multi-Lakes Conservation Club 3860 Newton Rd. Commerce Twsp.

Also looking for those who wish to help out.

Editor’s Note:

On April 8, 2017 the folks at Multi Lakes Conservation Club hosted an event called Women On Target. This is an NRA sanctioned event. It gives women who are interested in the shooting sports the opportunity to learn about and try their hands at archery, skeet, trap, pistol, modern rifle, black powder rifle, and Cowboy Action. This is done in a round robin style so all participants had the opportunity to try each of these sports

Longshot Lillian and I had the honor of assisting Wolverine Rangers member Cool Hand Carl and Multi-Lakes members Dakota Iron and Dickie Do-Right in helping 6 groups of approximately 8 ladies each as they shot a single action revolver, lever action rifle and sxs shotgun.

Longshot Lillian concentrated on helping the ladies overcome their fears of shooting a shotgun while Cool Hand Carl worked with them on shooting the rifle and I showed them how to use a single action pistol.

This event happens three times each year at Multi-lakes. The April event is done as a Round Robin. Dates in August & October include a section called “Refuse to be a Victim”. The August and October dates require a selection of events as the Refuse to be a Victim session runs for a couple hours. The cost for the entire program is \$50 which includes all equipment, ammo, ear and eye protection, targets, breakfast snacks & lunch

Information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.multilakes.com/EventsWomenTarget.htm>

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On April 29 1862, New Orleans fell to Union troops. On April 29, 2017, 24 brave cowboys braved threats of inclement weather to open the season with the Johnson Creek Regulators. The usual suspects were joined by two new shooters, Gus McCall with his brace of cap and ball revolvers and Tricky Ricky.

With overcast skies, there was a threat of rain all day with temperatures hovering in the low 50s. But alas, Rev. CS Miss A Lot promised all would stay dry. And good to his word, we concluded the match and clean up with not a drip being encountered.

Rainmaker Ray made an appearance. Ray had quite a fall and winter spending quite a bit of time in sick bay. All were happy to see Ray up and around.

Five shooters, Henry Moon Shine, Broke N West, Sarge, newcomer Gus McCall and Slow Lightning cleaned all five stages. Snuffy Dave Edwards led the way with an adjusted time of 148.98. Longshot Lillian was the top lady shooter and second overall with a time of 162.52. Rev. CS Miss A Lot was third at 168.78.

A bit of discussion took place regarding the wording of some of the stages. The concern had to do with the use of the word “sweep” in conjunction with the

phrase “round count.” The consensus seemed to be that to use “sweep” with “round count” was improper. The usage was confusing to some cowboys.

This writer attempted to research SASS definitions of each term. Neither term appears in any of the SASS glossaries. The SASS forum does contain some discussions related to the term “sweep.” Those refer the reader to external web sites that define a variety of different sweeps such as Abilene Sweep, Lawrence Welk Sweep, etc. There is no mention of “round count” in any of the SASS documentation.

The term ‘round count’ would seem to be more of warning to the cowboy that the sweep contains an inconsistent number of rounds on each target. For example the 2017 Sweep requires the cowboy to fire two rounds on target 1, bypass or zero rounds on target 2, one round on target 3 and seven rounds on target 4. The stage description might warn that there is a round count or inconsistent number of rounds fired on each target in the sweep.

Until next month, remember “The Old West is not a certain place in a certain time, it’s a state of mind. It’s whatever you want it to be.” (Tom Mix)

Our next match is Saturday, May 20.

The Shooter's Stance

Article Title

Over the winter, Wolverine Rangers member Attica Jack found that just punching holes in paper became a bit boring. So, he constructed a dueling tree. Below is a letter I received from him as well as a rough drawing (on the next page) of his construction plans. Perhaps some of our clubs might want to construct a tree to use as a pre-or post match side match....Editor:

After our long boring Michigan winter, I got tired of just punching holes in paper targets. I started checking sites on the internet, and decided I was going to build a dueling tree.. I shot it about two weeks ago, and it was a lot of fun, and I had some interesting results after shooting about 175 rounds on it. The first gun I shot at it was my 44 mag. Vaquero with cowboy loaded ammo, it swung the targets around without any problems, I was about 10 yds. away. The second gun was my 1911, no problem there, the targets swung around with authority. Third gun a Kahr MK9mm, no problem there with regular 9mm's, + Ps really did the job. Now onto my S&W 38 special air weight with a 1 7/8 bbl. The first ammo was some gun show bought 120gr. FMJ, I had about 80% target swing and set, I switched to some 138gr., 100% results. Now the interesting part, my carry ammo is Ruger ARX, 77gr. frangible bullet with a listed velocity of 1116 FPS, probably out of my snubby, I would guess about 1050 FPS. I shot 10 rounds of ARX ammo at the targets, I expected the bullet to just go ding, and the bullet would turn into dust. I don't know what happened to the bullet, but the targets swung around like they were hit with the 9MM + P. My last gun was a CW Kahr 380, dismal results, about 50%, even when I put pads under the stand to change the target post angle...50% at the best. I made the target stand with a 18 degree leaning towards you tilt. All deflected rounds landed in front of the target and about 6 foot to the left and right, and I had no blow back. I built this dueling tree for \$140 including paint. I think going to the range is going to a lot more fun now. Attica Jack

Weight 60 lbs
 12 Bay 6 NESCO targets
 Cost \$90 total \$140

- 1 Piece of $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 66$ " Angle Iron
- 2 Pieces of $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 30$ " Angle Iron
- 1 Piece 3" channel iron 24"
- 1 Piece $\frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times 8$ " mounting plate
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in bolts, nuts, lock washers
 & thickest flat washers

Pre-drill, channel & plate

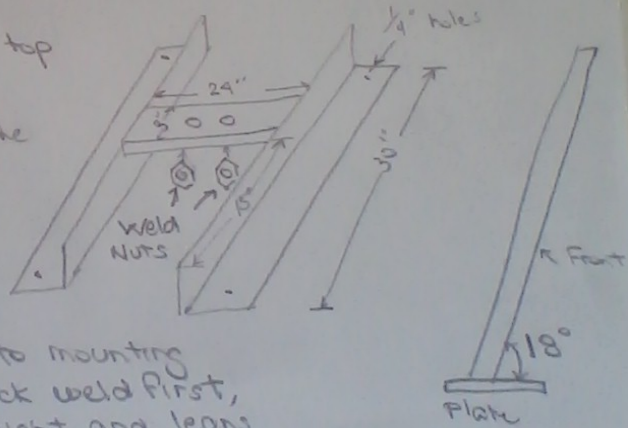
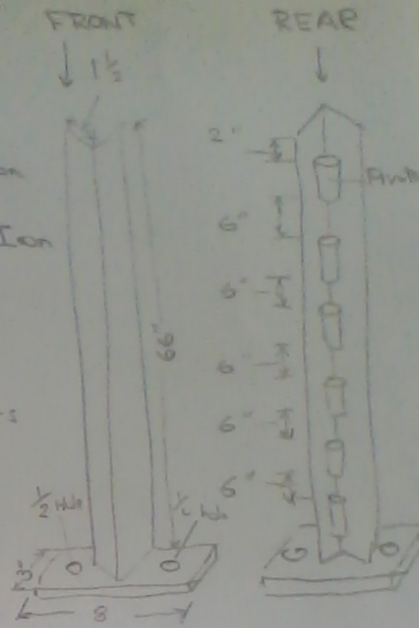
Weld 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " nuts underside
 of 3" channel iron

Weld channel iron to top
 of stand legs

Weld target prisms to the
 main stand, starting 2"
 from top, then 6" apart.

Bolt mounting plate
 onto stand legs.

Weld target stand onto mounting
 plate. **IMPORTANT** - Tack weld first,
 making sure stand is straight and leans
 forward (towards the shooter 18°) Finish all welds



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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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