



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

On August 12th we shot the rained out Wild Bunch match from April 2017. It looked like rain, even had a very short light mist but it stayed cloudy and cool until the last stage when the sun came out. The only thing hotter was the shooting action and the clang of steel.

Thirteen competitors made multiple magazine changes and shot 90 pistol rounds, 50 rifle rounds and 22 rounds of shotgun to complete the 5 stages. When the dust settled and the scores were posted; J.J. Longley was the over-all top finisher and the SASS Modern winner. Winning the SASS Traditional category was Leadfoot Luke and winning DSC's Open Wild Bunch category was Onyx; shooting with a very concealable Glock 9 mm.

Our next Wild Bunch match is scheduled for Sunday, October 8th. 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!



August 20th was our regular Cowboy Action match on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Thirty-four competitors showed up as they hone their skills for the Wolverine Rangers Range War that is just around the corner. When Camp-town posted the scores; Riverview Rattler was the top finisher followed by Apache Wolf and J.J. Longley. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley, Wildcat Maverick, Mr. Beerbelly Willie, Jack Holladay, Old Doc Potter, and Camptown.

Our next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Hope to see you on our range.
J.J. Longley



Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Our August match proved to be a bit of a challenge for many of our 28 shooters and we can't blame it on the weather, which was beautiful. We did not have any stages where there wasn't at least one procedural, and we only had one clean match.

While final tabulations were made of the scores, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Big Bad Jim with Hey Sugar's scrumptious desserts.

Spartan Johnny took first place honors, followed by Dodge City Dick, with Lefty Wheeler hot on Dick's heels in third. The clean match honors go to Soaring Red Hawk. Great job cowboys!

At each monthly match, we have a drawing at the safety meeting for a free match certificate. Outrider Outlaw held the winning ticket for the August drawing.



We had several cowboys and cowgirls join us for the match that we hadn't seen in quite a while. It was a pleasure to have you come out and shoot with us, and we hope you all had a great time and will join us at Butcher Butte again soon!

Remember that just because Range War is

upon us again, it doesn't mean that the shooting season is over! We still have two more matches on the schedule at Butcher Butte! Come on out and join us for our September and October matches. The September match is the Sunday after Range War (September 10) and the October match is on the 8th.

The folks at Butcher Butte could always use extra help with stage set up and tear down. If you live near Fenton and would like to help out and are able to, we'd love to have you. You do not need to be a member of Fenton Lakes Sportsmen's Club, you only need to show up with a willingness to help. The set up crew usually gathers around 1:00 pm on the Saturday before a match. There are jobs for those who can't lift heavy items. Jobs such as painting targets, placing the stands and lighter weight props, attaching ropes to the shotgun targets and assembling tables to name a few. Teardown is immediately following lunch after the match, so if you're not in a hurry to get home, help would be welcome then too. Even more "light weight" jobs are available, since all the spotter's sticks, trash buckets, ammo pans, rugs and lines need to be collected in addition to the lighter props and ropes, etc. No experience is needed, and if you ARE a member of Fenton Lakes, the time you spend with set up and tear down can be put toward volunteer hours!

Thank you to all of those who give of their time and efforts to help us put on the match each month. We couldn't do it without you, and you are definitely appreciated!

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Lillian*

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of Northwest Michigan held our August shoot on 8-26-17 on one of the coolest August mornings in everyone's memory. But the lead flying soon warmed things up. Tin Pan Sam's six stages were all different but very interesting. Most of our normal pards were here, some of our newer ones, and a visitor from Indiana, 'Savage Irons', all dressed to the nines in his best Classic Cowboy duds. It's great to host pards from other territories. We had more shooters than normal, and T.N.Tina's year lay off from Cowboy shooting (with good reason), didn't seem to have forgotten how to make all that steel ring!

The category winners were: Ladies Silver Senior. - T.N.Tina, B Western - Savage Irons, Elder Statesman - Thummpert John, Cowboy - Buckshot Block, Wrangler - Smoking Joe Suggs, Sr. - Atlanta Sharp, Grand Patron - One Son of a Gun, Senior - Bulldog Jim, Senior Duelist - Petoskey Pete, Cattle Baron - Trusty Rusty, 49er - Bar Gun Hunter, Ladies Senior - Buckeye Juice. Clean shooters were: One Son of a Gun, and Marlin Matt.

Our next shoot in September will be our 2 day shoot, with two separate scores for those who can only make it for one day. There will be lots of door prizes, and probably a giveaway gun for one lucky shooter. There is lots of room on and near the range for parking or camping. Y'all come and see us. Good Luck to those going to Range War.

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

It was a wonderful day for shooting! Except for the yellow jacket's attack at Naughty Nellie's stage. We had to make it a four stage shoot, cancelling the fifth stage. We have been assured the bees have been properly dealt with and we won't be seeing them again!

We were able to shoot at the unfinished saloon today, it's a mighty fine stage and when complete is going to be awesome!

We were all really glad to see Grampaw Willie back and shooting for the first time in a long while, hope he continues!

We had 31 shooters. Thanks to everyone who joined us!

Like to thank everyone who helped Sauk Trail Mike and me set up and helped today: Blackthorne Billy, D. K. Tracker, Diamond Jim, Grampaw Willie, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie and Tommy Two Fingers.

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch today. They made her some fabulous brats, Krista's homemade cowboy relish (jalapenos) and her not so hot relish, fresh fruit and chips! It was great!

Our next shoot will be September 17th, 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.



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

With our July match cancelled because of weather, the Johnson Creek Regulators were happy to see a strong turnout of 29 shooters for the August 26th match. In addition to regular participants, we enjoyed the company of new shooter, Tricky Ricky and several visitors from the land of scarlet and grey.

Panhead Pete laid out a course that was deserving as a warm-up for Range War. Only three Cowboys cleaned the match, Broke N West, Sarge and Gus McCall. Faygo Kid edged out the Sinola Kid by 1.17 seconds to take top honors. Longshot Lillian was third overall and the top lady competitor while JC Wade, with an impressive adjusted time of 182.14 was top Buckaroo and 9th overall.



Many competitors used this match as preparation for Range War. Proper preparation is always a key to a strong performance. During this match, many cowboys used new, recently repaired or borrowed equipment. What better way to test new equipment than at a club match rather than a State, Regional or National match.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many non-shooters who stepped up and helped make this match a success. The Johnson Creek Regulators next entertain on September 23. Hope to see our Buckeye friends back.

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” (Abraham Lincoln)

Straight Shots from Saginaw

August is purt near over as we write this article and it's been a fun time for our pards in Saginaw. Ethan Callahan traveled to Ohio for the Guns of August Regional event and came home with a First Place-Classic Cowboy win, a clean match and placed 16th overall, out of 187 shooters. Nice shooting, Ethan. This was the last Regional to be held in Ohio, with Minnesota now hosting the event, starting in 2018.

Along with our Wednesday night practices, we held our match shoot on August 26th where our scenarios were taken from the upcoming Michigan State Shoot. We had 35 shooters giving it their best shot with 16 shooting it clean. The weather was excellent for shooting the main match, with Bad River Marty overall winner and Red Beard Bandit overall in the Wild Bunch mini-match. The lunch was great, as was the laughter between pards. Many of our Saginaw pards are traveling to Range War and in the next newsletter, we'll let you know how everyone did.

There's a line in the cowboy movie, *Jubal*, where Ernest Borgnine confronts some slow-moving work hands. "You fellas move any slower, and you're gonna' be doing yesterday's work." Don't you get caught sittin' on that fence, missing out on the fun times. Get out there and live life....give it YOUR best shot!

Happy Trails,

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

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