



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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Location: Rocky River Regulators, Utica, Michigan
Photo courtesy of Leadfoot Luke



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

The Christmas season is now upon us. I hope that all of you had a Blessed Thanksgiving with your families and that you will have a happy and healthy Christmas and Holiday Season.

The Wolverine Rangers had its annual Board Meeting after Range War on Saturday November 4th at our farm in Columbiaville. Thanks to all of the Board members who were able to attend. One of the purposes of this Board meeting is to debrief Range War and to try to identify improvements for next year. Next year will be our 20th Anniversary of Range War. Thanks to all of the past Captains and other officers, Board members, and WR members over the years who have made the Wolverine Rangers a unique organization in SASS.

It was Sauk Valley Stubby's idea for this past Range War that we have a Swap Meet where shooters could set up tables to swap clothes, guns and other items. This was very well received by all of the shooters and will be continued and expanded for 2018. It has been getting more and more difficult to get vendors for the large SASS events in recent years and the Swap Meet filled that void quite well.

One of the issues that came up during the Board meeting was whether we should continue to print and mail copies of the Wolverine Rangers Shooting Calendar in 2019. We will have the calendar for this coming shooting season just like in the past. The Board

decided that it would be best to poll our members to find if the majority of our members would like for us to continue with the calendar or not. You should have already gotten a ballot to cast your vote on this. If not, please contact our Secretary, Cosmopolitan Christine either by phone at 248-528-0440 or by email at egillary@gillarylaw.com and let her know your preference.

Our next Board meeting will be on Saturday April 7th at Rockford. Our financial statements are available to all WR members. If you would like a copy please contact our Treasurer, Snareman at dickdennison@comcast.net.

Also, please don't forget to vote for officers and directors before the end of the year. Ballots will be mailed and emailed in early December.

That is about all that I have for now. Thanks to all of our veterans who have fought and sacrificed for all of the rest of us so that we can enjoy the freedom in the greatest country in the history of the world.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.

Best regards,

D.J. Law



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2017 Wolverine Rangers Election Ballot:

Vice President (First Lieutenant):

____ Incumbent: Bad River Marty
____ Other: _____

Treasurer:

____ Incumbent: Snareman
____ Other: _____

Members-at-Large: (Vote for up to 8)

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

Other:

Ballots are due by December 31, 2017 and you may only vote once. Please mail ballot to:
Wolverine Rangers; 201 West Big Beaver Road, Ste. 1020, Troy, MI 48084.
You can also vote online at www.wolverinerangers.org.

Thank you!

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Sunday, November 5th brought a bit of a chill to the range but also the threat of rain. Thirteen top gun hands came to the range to test their skills with a 5-stage Wild Bunch match.

The five stages were set up to be fast and furious and they did not disappoint the crowd of top competitors. When the scores were tabulated the overall winner in the SASS Modern class was Coyote Claxton narrowly edging out Camptown and J.J. Longley. Shooting in the other SASS recognized classes using “big” bullets; Attica Jack won the SASS Men’s Traditional division. Spud Hatfield won the “Open” division. Shooting the only clean match was Coyote Claxton.

Sunday November 19th, a cowboy match and a Thanksgiving turkey feast! But first the November Cowboy match. The weather did not cooperate. Winter arrived at Rocky River on Sunday. The day was damp, cold, and snowy. The chill was definitely in the air. All the cowboys and one cowgirl shot five stages, stayed warm by the camp fire and looked forward to

partaking in the Thanksgiving feast that was being prepared in the DSC range building.

As we gave thanks and ate the full turkey Thanksgiving dinner that Penny Ante prepared, we listened to the scores as Camptown read them off. Winning the match was Leadfoot Luke followed closely by J.J. Longley and Coyote Claxton. We also had the following clean shooters, Coyote Claxton, Big Al, Fraser Fox, and Andy Horshurodinon.

Our next match is Sunday, December 17th and then Rocky River is shut down until April 2018.

DSC will resume with the regular 5 stage monthly Cowboy match on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J.J. Longley



L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer



Well the Wranglers held their last cowboy summer match on November fifth. This year for our summer matches we introduced a special award which we called:

the Top Hand Award. This is to be an annual award. It was to be handed out at the end of all our summer matches. We set up a scoring system in which each shooter got one point for just showing up and shooting, got one point for being top shooter in their category, three points for a clean match, one point for each bonus target when available and two points for correct dress and gear.

This is year on November 12th at MD's Sports Tavern and Grill in Davison Michigan, we held our summer shoot dinner. Awards were handed out for the Top Hand male Andy Horshurodinon and female Longshot Lillian, best dressed male Spartan Johnny and female Linda Kissaw and Last But Not Least award Sassafras Lori.

Every year we give out a club award: Wrangler of the year belt buckle. This buckle is given out to a person who goes that one step above and beyond to help out, and this year Top Wrangler went to Cactus Lawman.

Photos of all the award winners are on the following page.

Invitations were sent out to everyone who had shot at our matches. Those who attended said that they had fun, food was good, the drinks tasted great and the company was---well what else could you ask for.

After dinner we helped celebrate Wolf Creek Tom's retirement with cake and coffee.

I would like to thank Spartan Johnny and Trail Wench for helping out with setting up the dinner and all of you who came out this year and shot at our matches.

During this holiday season may you all have a great time, be safe and may the sun always shine on you and yours.

Horse Whisperer George Metis
Aka George Boisineau

Huron River Raiders - Commerce

The Huron River Raiders of Multi Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce, Michigan invite anyone who is interested in learning about Cowboy Action Shooting to a hands on information session. The cost is \$5.00 which covers use of the range. Guns and ammo will be provided. It is suggested that participants provide their own eye and hearing protection, but those items will be available at the information session.

The 2018 dates for these sessions are: June 9; July 28 and September 15. The sessions are held from 10:00 am to noon. It is not necessary for interested parties to arrive promptly at 10 nor do they have to stay for the full 2 hours.

For more information contact
Cool Hand Carl at
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Top Hand Longshot Lillian accepting her award



Top Hand Andy Horshurodinon accepting his award



Best dressed woman Linda Kissaw



Best Dressed Man Spartan Johnny



Last but not Least award to Sassafras Lori



Top Wrangler Cactus Lawman



Welcome to retirement Wolf Creek Tom

The Shooter's Stance

What do you do now?

If you are a Wolverine Ranger, your outdoor match shooting is just about over. There is one more match at DSC on Dec. 17th, weather permitting. Unless you are fortunate enough to go to a warmer climate, you are done for 2017.

What do you do now? Now would be a good time to completely take apart your pistols, rifle, and shotgun. I only clean my guns once a year, if they need it or not. When the season is over that is when I clean mine.

With the revolvers, I remove the grips and the cylinders. Using Hoppes and a bronze brush, I chuck the brush into my drill press, and clean the leading out of the cylinders. Next I work on the forcing cones, and the frame. When I am sure the parts look clean, I spray everything with CRC brake cleaner. (Do not use on any plastic parts, they will melt.") I use my air compressor to blow off any excess Hoppes/CRC. I use a magnifying glass to inspect the parts. If you missed some fouling, it will really stand out now. When clean, lube/oil it up and reassemble. I use Mobil 26 grease and Mobil 1 20/50.

With my 1897, I don't take it apart, I just clean it with Hoppes and spray with CRC and inspect, if all clean, lube it, and I am done. One of the most neglected parts of any rifle or shotgun, is the magazine tube. For some reason the magazine tube springs tend to rust up fairly

quickly. Remove the magazine tube plug, clean the tube and spring, lube up and reassemble.

Now it is time to clean my Marlin 1894. I completely take it apart, including the wood. Marlins have a problem with the lifter bar, getting a groove in it and messing up the timing. Now is the time to inspect it. If it has a groove, have it repaired. I have been shooting my Marlin for 18 years, and it always showed a shiny line on the lifter. Last year upon inspection a deep groove showed up, even though the rifle performed flawlessly, I had it repaired. I sent it to Gunner Gatlin for the repair. Any competent gunsmith can repair the lifter. Make sure you disassemble the bolt on the Marlin rifle and remove the extractor and the firing pin. The bolt, firing pin and the extractor will be really dirty.

Once the gun is clean, lube and put it back together. You should not have any extra parts laying around.

Now all I have to do is to wait until the 2018 season starts.

Merry Christmas
Attica Jack

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

CAPTAIN

- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

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

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

EPITAPH EDITOR

- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
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CHIEF RO INSTRUCTORS, MIDEAST REGION

- Scheduling SASS RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan



☆ CONTACT INFORMATION ☆

*Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information
Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary*

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