



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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Photo courtesy of the Rocky River Regulators in Utica, MI



# WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

I am sitting in our garage at our home in Troy working on my laptop and enjoying an adult beverage and a Punch Champion Rare Corojo cigar. Supposedly it is spring but it is below freezing outside. To top it off, one of the trees in our backyard fell over during the storm last weekend and we had to get that removed today. Fortunately, my neighbor did not complain and appreciated the fact that I stopped by to apologize for the assault on his lawn by our Schubert Chokecherry. The blown over tree covered a big part of his backyard. No big deal it was sick anyway.

I hope that all of the Rangers have had a pleasant winter and have enjoyed what little spring we have had so far. We had a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wolverine Rangers on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of Range War. The topic probably appeared somewhat ominous to our Board members when we sent out the notice but I wanted to get a good turnout. The long and short of it is that Deuce and I have given our Two Years' Notice. No problems: Just a time for the changing of the guard.

I ran for election as Captain of the Wolverine Rangers about 14 years ago or so at the request of some of my shooting buddies. Historically the Captain of the Wolverine Rangers had always been Match Director for Range War. I was smart enough to know that there were others more qualified than me to be Match Director so I asked Deuce. As I have

said on many occasions, he is the best Match Director in SASS in my opinion. When we originally talked we said that we would give it a try for 3 years and then would let someone else take over. Needless to say, the 3 years turned into closer to 14 years. At some time the baton has to be passed and this is as good a time as any.

Part of our thinking was that we wanted to give plenty of notice so that we can all prepare for an orderly transition. This gives us time to write up some policies and procedures for whoever will take over in time for Range War in 2020. That way whoever takes over will not have to reinvent the wheel. None of it is very complicated but there are certain things that have to be done at specific times during the year. Frankly, I like the process utilized by Lainey Mae and Card Shark Charlie when they decided that they would turn over the reins for the Membership Director position to Horseman's Trouble and Horseman Tweed. Lainey Mae and Card Shark Charlie are working with Horseman's Trouble and Horseman Tweed in order to make for a smooth transition. Transitioning the positions of Captain and Match Director will be a topic of future Board meetings. The mission is always to do what is in the best interests of the Rangers. We will need to have some discussions about the best way to handle this so that whoever follows us is set up to succeed.

First let me say and I am pretty sure that I can speak for Deuce also, that it has been a great

honor and pleasure to be in charge for almost 14 years. Our friends in Cowboy Action Shooting are some of our best friends in the world. We also have many great people in positions of responsibility in the Rangers and I think that they all have done a great job. Both of us take pride in our work and we want to make sure that there will be a seamless transition.

Rest assured that neither Deuce nor I are destined for the rocking chair on the porch at any time soon. Deuce has Mason and Elsie Mae who are getting older and it is important when you have young children to be there for them. I would also like to thank KJ Stevens for all of her help and support over the years. Many of you do not know but KJ has been a big part of what Deuce did in designing stages and pretty much everything else that went into being Match Director. I would also like to thank The Lady for all of her help and support. She has been a godsend to me in general in my life and in particular in everything that she does for Range War. Our daughter Cosmopolitan Christine has also been a major part of making Range War work. She is solely responsible for all of the little things and big things that make registration and pretty much everything else

that we do work smoothly for Range War and for the Rangers. She has also been responsible for the Wolverine Ranger Calendar and countless other administrative things.

That is about all that I have for now. Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions or concerns about the next 2 years. I can be reached by email at [rgillary@gillarylalaw.com](mailto:rgillary@gillarylalaw.com) or on the phone at my office at 248-528-0440. If you call me and I am not available I will get back to you.

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.

Don't forget to give your kids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,



R. J. Law, Captain



# WOLVERINE RANGERS

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April 17, 2018

Dear Wolverine Rangers,

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SASS Michigan State Championship, also known as Wolverine Rangers Range War. In honor of this occasion, The Law Offices of Randall J. Gillary, P.C. will be giving away one **FREE** entry to Range War 2018. The offer is available to all current Wolverine Ranger members that have not previously shot Range War.

If you would like to be entered into the drawing for a FREE entry, please email me at [egillary@gillarylaw.com](mailto:egillary@gillarylaw.com) or call at (248) 528-0440 by Monday, May 14th. A name will be randomly selected on Friday, May 18th.

Range War is being held over Labor Day Weekend (August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the Blue Water Sportsman's Club located at 4866 Ravenswood Road, Kimball, MI 48074. Registration is available on our website at [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org). Shooters of all skill levels and categories are welcome. As a reminder, there must be at least 3 shooters in any non-official SASS category to be eligible for an award. All shooters registered before August 1<sup>st</sup> will receive a FREE Range War T-shirt or shooter towel!

Range War is a weekend packed full with fun activities and camaraderie. On Friday we have our Mini Matches (Wild Bunch, Cowboy, and Plainsman), Long Range and Speed Side Events, FREE pizza lunch, and Cowboy Swap Meet. Saturday is 5 Stages of the Main Match, Cowboy Trap, BBQ Dinner in the Clubhouse, and Cowboy Campfire and sing-a-long in the Campgrounds. Sunday we have Cowboy Church in the morning, 5 Stages of the Main Match, and our Awards Banquet at Alexander's in the evening.

Please visit our website for more information or to register online. This is one shoot you won't want to miss!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

*Cosmopolitan Christine,*  
Wolverine Rangers Secretary

## **From the Editor:**

There seems to be a perception among our Cowboy Action Shooters that one must be a “really good” shooter in order to go to a state championship match. Time and again when I ask someone that I know if they will be going to Range War this year I hear “oh, I’m not a good enough shooter to go to a championship match”. I’m not really sure why that perception is out there, other than perhaps the word: Championship. My experience has been that the only difference between a “big championship” match and a local club’s monthly match is the number of people competing and the number of stages that will be shot.

In this issue of the Epitaph we have reprinted an article from October, 2013 written by Longshot Lillian after she attended her first Range War. We also are including a reprint of an article from October, 2016 written by Jack Holladay after attending his first Range War. Both articles point out that one does NOT have to be a champion caliber (no pun intended) shooter to participate in a “championship match”. One just has to have a desire to have fun and hang out with a bunch of terrific folks who have a similar interest.

Both Longshot Lillian and Jack Holladay have found that they had so much fun attending their first “big” match that they have gone on to attend “big” matches in other states. If you get a chance to see either of them on the range at a local shoot, feel free to ask them questions about the necessary qualifications to attend Range War or any “big” Cowboy Action Shooting match.

Also in this issue is an article submitted by Sarge that deals with two very important aspects of our sport and that pertain to any shoot-

ing sport. You’ll find his article in the Johnson Creek Regulators section.

We are also going to include a new section titled; What’s the Call”. In this section a shooting scenario will be presented. It is your task to determine a) if a rule has been broken, b) what the infraction is and c) what is the appropriate penalty. The “What’s the Call” scenario and solution is selected from the Doily Gang’s Facebook page. Scenerios are being copied here with permission from Shamrock Sadie, Founder of the Doily Gang and administrator of the Facebook page.

Lastly, there has been some discussion about how expensive it is to get into our sport—the cost of the guns, the leather, etc. At the last Wolverine Rangers Board meeting it was decided that if local clubs would like to include folks who already own one or more .22s in their local matches that they could use them to “get their feet wet” in our sport. A committee was formed to determine some guidelines for including these folks. The guidelines are included in this issue. Again, the decision to allow folks to use .22s is up to the individual club. Those using .22s will not be included in the final match standings.

Outrider Outlaw

Editor



Here is your opportunity to hone your SASS Range Officer skills and knowledge. Periodically we will include a “What’s the Call” section in the Epitaph. In this section one or two shooting scenarios will be presented in which a possible infraction of the rules has been made by the shooter. It is your task to determine: a) If there was a rule broken, b) what the infraction is and c) what is the appropriate penalty. Answers to each scenario can be found elsewhere in the Epitaph.

The Wolverine Rangers Epitaph would like to thank Shamrock Sadie, founder of the Doily Gang (<http://www.doilygang.com/>) for allowing us to use the “What’s the Call” information from the Doily Gang’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DoilyGang/>

### **What’s the Call #1:**

Scenario calls for 4 shotgun from the left table, then 10 rifle from the middle table, then 10 pistol from the right table. Shooter starts by shooting all 4 shotgun targets then places the shotgun down on prop and proceeds to the middle table to shoot the rifle. As shooter picks up the rifle, spotters and the TO yell "hull," letting the shooter know a hull was left in the shotgun. Shooter has levered the rifle, but puts it down (with hammer back and lever closed), then goes back to take the hull out of the shotgun. The shooter then returns to middle table, shoots the rifle then moves and shoots the pistol correctly.

How would you call it?

### **What’s the Call #2:**

Shooter has to engage 6 shotgun targets at the end of the scenario. Shooter knocks down 4 SG targets, then realizes there are no more SG shells on his SG belt. A spotter grabs 2 SG shells from their own belt and hands them to the shooter. The shooter grabs the spotter's 2 SG shells, then engages the remaining SG targets, knocking down all 6 SG targets.

How would you call it?

# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Generally the Town of Rocky River shuts down from January until April every year. The Cowboys just don't want to deal with the snow that accumulates and the maintenance problems that goes with its removal. However, the Rocky River Regulators get antsy by not shooting any lead down range for three months. To solve this problem the cowboys created our version of a "bare bones" match during the winter. We decided to shoot a 5-stage match off the concrete pad with the covered roof on our 50-yard range to test our shooting skills. The match was only offered to DSC Cowboy Action committee members on a trial basis. The results were very positive and we got to shoot in January and March, in February, Mother Nature won with an ice storm cancelling the match. The "bare bones" match will remain being offered to DSC Cowboy Action committee members first and then offered to regular DSC monthly match attendee to fill in the open spots. Everyone is asked to RSVP to the event since we can only accommodate 15 shooters under our covered roof. If you are interested in the "Bare Bones" matches for Winter 2019, please see J.J. Longley at one of DSC's monthly matches.

The shooting season at DSC Utica has arrived and Mother Nature delivered the knock out blow on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> with rain and nasty weather cancelling the match. Not to be bested by Mother Nature the Rocky River Regulators scheduled a "Bare Bones" match on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to commence the Cowboy Action season. We had 13 competitors RSVP for this match and did we shoot. J.J. Longley was the overall winner followed by Camptown, Attica Jack, and Longshot Lillian. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley,

Camptown, Broke N West, and The Apostle.

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 the Rocky River Regulators at DSC will be offering a regular Cowboy Action monthly match.

The DSC Wild Bunch season started on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This Wild Bunch match featured 15 shooters who came to shoot fast and furious using the new 7 shot magazine rule in Wild Bunch. When the scores were calculated Camptown was the overall and Modern SASS winner followed by Big Foot Shooter. Nine Finger Bob was the SASS Traditional winner followed by Foot Sore. No clean match shooters in this match but plenty of rounds down range.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 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 21 pistol, 10 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be "your cup of tea".

There is plenty of action scheduled at DSC.

Hope to see you on the range.

J.J. Longley

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Nine cowboys and cowgirls braved mid 30's temperatures and joined us for our first match of the season at Butcher Butte. I'm happy to report that everyone finished in the Top 10!

After a very brief and informal safety meeting and announcements, we had our monthly drawing for a free match. Everyone had an excellent chance of winning with only nine of us. Andy Horshurodinon was our lucky winning ticket holder. Andy will be able to use the certificate as payment for his entry at a future Butcher Butte match of his choosing.

Everyone breezed through the five easy stages prepared by Grubby Hardrock. It was a good warm-up for the shooting season to come, and although there were only 9 of us, everyone pitched in and everything ran very smoothly.

While final calculations of the scores were made, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of goulash, prepared by Hey Sugar, along with her ever-delicious special peach dessert.

Kudos on clean matches go to Andy Horshurodinon and Broke N West, while first place overall honors go to J.J. Longley.

Our next match is on Mother's Day, May 13. Hopefully by then, we will have some spring-time weather to enjoy while out on the range!

*Longshot  
Lillian*

## 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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## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulator's survived a long arduous winter. We managed a practice session in March and by the time you read this, our season will be underway with our first match Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll follow that up with our second match on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share a couple of recent experiences. As some of you know, when I'm not patrolling the range in Plymouth, I patrol the real streets. Recently I was dispatched to our local ER to investigate an accidental shooting. Arriving, I encountered four eager new 3 gun shooters. One, not so much. Their story is a lesson for all of us.

They set up a new steel range and took turns working out their fancy new 9mm pistols. The first shooter finished his turn engaging the AR500 steel targets at 10 yards with no issues. Shooter #2 started his turn when he heard his friend yell STOP! Shooter #2 turned to find his friend bleeding profusely from his arm. The treating doc located a piece of copper jacket embedded sufficiently deep to require surgical removal. If it had hit him in the chest, it would have caused significant damage.

When I examined their range, I learned they were shooting 115 gr. Jacketed 9mm ball ammunition at new commercial AR500 silhouettes and plates. The ricochet came off a silhouette target. Targets were solidly mounted and 90 degrees to the ground rather than angled downward. Set next to each other, they allowed splatter in the 20 degree splatter zone to deflect off the neighboring target. With just a little research they could have set up a nice safe range.

Several excellent resources exist for setting up steel targets. One example can be found here: <https://steelchallenge.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/steel-target-resource-guide.pdf>

On a personal note, during my annual physical, I asked the doc to run a lead level screen. After shooting indoors for years, I expected it to be

somewhat elevated. I was not prepared for the panicked call I received from the doctor's office a couple of days later. Normal is considered to be 5 µg/dL. My level was 37 µg/dL. Of course their first question was if I was routinely eating paint chips for breakfast.

During the ensuing office visit, I was encouraged to learn my doc did considerable research. I followed up with some research of my own. Common causes of high lead levels in children are generally associated with lead paint or as in Flint, drinking water. Much of the airborne lead encountered by shooters is related to the lead styphnate used in primers. In poorly ventilated indoor ranges, this material is inhaled and becomes absorbed by the body. Lead also finds its way onto our skin, clothing, food and beverages. If not protected or washed off, it makes its way into our bodies.

I've taken the following precautions:

- Wear a particulate mask when shooting indoors or practicing
- Wash exposed skin as soon as I'm done shooting
- No food/drink without washing, and not close to the shooting area
- No open food/beverage container
- All clothing is stripped off as soon as practical and goes directly into the laundry
- Convert to liquid tumbling of brass
- Wear Nitrile gloves when cleaning guns or handling brass.

An excellent article can be found here on the subject: <http://www.prvcatlazycarrow.com/Controlling%20Blood-Lead.pdf>

The Johnson Creek Regulators hope everyone has a wonderful, safe season.

Sarge

## **Impressions of Range War from a first-time competitor**

### **Reprinted from the October, 2013 issue**

This year was my first time competing at Range War. While I've gone to watch and photograph a few friends the last couple years, I never felt I was good enough to attend the big state championship match. After talking to several people, and realizing that it's not just an event for the "top shooters", that it is for everyone, I finally made the leap and sent in my application and entry fee.

Not knowing exactly what to expect, naturally I was nervous. I think I was nervous two weeks before the match. I would be camping out by myself as well, so there was a lot of preparation before I even left home.

I thought I would share my experiences about Range War, from the perspective of someone who had never gone before, for those of you who may be thinking "yeah, I'd like to go, but I'm not good enough".

I arrived Friday afternoon. Check in at the clubhouse was quick and easy. Once you have your shooter's packet, you just find a place to squat, and pitch your tent (or park your RV or camper). If camping out is not your thing, there are also hotels in the area, not far from the club. I chose a spot that was easy to access with my car, and close to the ever-important Port-a-Potty. I had already pitched the tent on my own at home, so I knew I could do it by myself. It was breezy, so it was a little more of a challenge, but I got it up in short order. After I had the tent up and was moving into it, a lady from a nearby camper stopped by and said that she was going to come over and ask if I needed help, but saw that I had it under control. How NICE!

That evening, we got a nice little thunderstorm, with a lot of lightning. Close lightning. I had at least three people come by and tell me if I needed shelter more than my tent could provide, that I could just give a knock on their camper/RV and I had it. I had a plan that if it got too bad, I would shelter inside my car until it passed. Still, I was grateful that people were so caring, concerned and willing to share their space. I spent probably about an hour in the car, and returned to my tent for the night. There was a live band playing (prior to the thunderstorm), but they were done by about 9:00pm, and most of the campground was fairly quiet, as generators were shut down gradually one by one.

The first day of shooting, I was nervous of course. The shooter's meeting first thing in the morning, was much like those at any local club match. We said the pledge, and we also paid tribute with the Canadian and U.S. national anthems. We also learned of the very recent passing of a fellow cowboy shooter, and had a moment of silence in his memory. Very touching. After the basic rules were laid out, we all went to our assigned starting stages and the fun began.

One of my nervous points was that I wouldn't know anyone I was shooting with. On the application, you are able to request to be on a posse with someone. I requested to be on a posse with a couple that I respect and knew would be a calming influence on me and I was assigned to their posse. Much to my delight, about 80% of the posse were people that I knew. I felt right at home!

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The stages are a little more elaborate than those we shoot at my local clubs. A little more difficulty involved, at least as far as remembering the sequence for the shots. I can say honestly it was a welcome challenge. They were a lot of fun. There was a lot of physical movement on some of the stages, and I don't think there were two shot sequences that were even close to similar. A lot of time and thought was obviously put into them. There are cooler's with water at every stage, and there are strategically placed Port-a-Potties throughout the shooting area.

After our posse was done shooting, I went back to my campsite, where everything was as I left it. I packed my gear away (locked in my car), and went off to get some lunch. There is a vender on site, or there are many restaurants, both fast food and family style within about 3-4 miles of the club, and they are easy to find and get to. There is also a Meijer store for last minute toiletries that are forgotten and for ice. After lunch, there was plenty of time for socializing and/or chilling out and reading.

There are indoor restrooms in the clubhouse that are available around the clock. I can only speak for the ladies' room. There are a couple stalls, and a sink, as well as a laundry tub with a sprayer. Outside the clubhouse, there was a temporary shower stall, made of steel pipe and tarps, with a hookup to warm water, set up on a concrete slab. The way it is constructed, one needn't worry about the walls blowing open, or someone pulling the curtain away and exposing you.

The second day of shooting, there was no shooter's meeting. You just arrived at your posse's assigned starting stage at 8:30 ready to shoot. More really fun and challenging stages awaited me for the second day. Once each posse was done shooting their final stage, we

did a shotgun salute to our fallen fellow shooter. Everyone that wanted to, grabbed a shotgun shell, loaded it and on the posse leader's mark, we fired all at once into the berm. You could hear the salute everywhere as each posse finished. It was touching. After shooting, it was back to the campsite to change and stow the gear away, get some lunch, and back to visit the venders. Unfortunately, there were very few venders this year, compared to the last couple years I had gone to watch. Hopefully, that will change in the future.

The awards banquet on Sunday evening was very nice. The food was buffet style, and was very good. Everyone was decked out in their finest cowboy duds. It was fun just to see so many people in great old west or Victorian attire in once place. The banquet didn't go very late, so no worries about driving home late at night. Camping an extra night at the club is also not a problem.

So, now that I have competed in Range War...the question is, would I do it again? Most definitely! I'm already looking forward to next year! It was tiring, but it was great fun, and there were so many great, friendly people to meet and become friends with. I had everything I really needed between my car, my tent and the shower and indoor restroom facilities.

If you've been thinking about attending Range War, but have been thinking you're not good enough, you wouldn't know anyone, you're too new to the sport or have some other excuse, mark your calendar now for Range War 2014, Labor Day weekend. You'll be sure to run into people you know and you'll be just about guaranteed a great time! Look me up, I plan to be there!

Longshot Lillian  
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## Stepping Away From a Comfort Zone: My First Range War Experience

### Reprinted from the October 2016 issue

I'm Jack Holladay, member of Rocky River Regulators of DSC in Utica, MI. I have been with the Cowboy Action Shooting Club nearly 4 years now, participating in almost all of the 10 or so Cowboy matches per year. I've made myself comfortable in matches, helping with setup, becoming familiar with match shooters and committee members, and the procedures of a match at my "home range"

Rocky River Regulators member J.J. Longley has, not so subtly over the past years, mentioned I should participate in a State Match. Easy for him to say; With more years of participation under his belt, and being an excellent shot, he plays this game very well. I was not yet comfortable or confident with the idea of shooting at a State Match. Well, with the purchase of a 5th Wheel Trailer last fall, and continued success at home matches, stars started to align themselves. I decided this year would be a good opportunity to attempt a State Match, fully immersing myself in the event. I had made up my mind, and told J.J. I would go. I have no regrets about that decision.

I arrived on the grounds Thursday afternoon with my trailer in tow. I was pleased to find an open layout for parking, so I lined up with a couple from Iowa that were attending their second State Match. Camping on the grounds provided the opportunity to meet other shooters, see setups, and familiarize myself with the lay of the land. I also had more time to review the stages and shooting scenarios that were provided online the week prior.

Friday morning kicked off a Mini Match, consisting of 3 posses working over 4 stages, some similar to what would be presented on Saturday. While scores were calculated, they were not combined with Saturday and Sunday results. This was a relaxed practice to familiarize ourselves with the procedures and stages. With the mini match wrapping up mid afternoon, I had enough time to clean my guns at my trailer, get cleaned up myself, and enjoy

dinner at the camp, alongside fellow Regulators J.J. Longley, Coyote Claxton and Camptown,

Saturday morning's main match was under way. We started the morning with opening ceremonies and a humbling presentation for those Michigan Veterans killed in action. Then the competition was on. Event Marshalls guided 10 posses through 5 stages of the match. The Marshalls were experienced, knowledgeable, and pleasant to chat with. I was also able to walk around, taking some pictures and observing other shooters. It truly felt like a match at DSC, just a bit bigger, and with a lot more people. We wrapped up mid afternoon, again allowing time to get my guns cleaned up at my trailer. Dinner was hosted at the Clubhouse on the grounds. The Cowboy Campfire followed, which was quite enjoyable. Live music and singing provided entertainment for the evening.

Sunday morning kicked off the second half of the main match, with another 5 stages. Again, the Marshalls expert guidance made for a smooth match. The evening was brought to a close with a banquet at Alexander's in Marysville. While at the dinner, a fellow shooter asked if I had shot a clean match. I explained that I was concentrating so much on avoiding major catastrophes that I wasn't entirely sure my match was clean. As it turns out, not only did I shoot a clean match, I took Michigan State Champion for Frontier Cartridge.

Traveling home Monday morning, I had a State Match under my belt, and 3 new plaques to place on my shelf. Beyond the awards though, success in stepping outside of my comfort zone was possible due to the well choreographed event. Expertise made the event go off without a hitch, and comradery made it feel like home. I am happy to mark the 2017 Wolverine Rangers Range War on my calendar.

Happy Cowboy  
Jack Holladay

## Straight Shots from Saginaw

With spring coming a bit late, our weekly Wednesday night practices were delayed a week. We started on April 25<sup>th</sup> and had good weather and a nice turnout. Our first match is planned for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with a Wild Bunch Mini-Match after the awards ceremony. We're looking forward to seeing our shooting pards and hope you can come shoot with us.

Most of you are aware of a couple of our pards here in Saginaw who are dealing with health issues. Duelin' Dylan (Dylan Steele) is recovering well from a nasty accident he had with a planer at work a couple weeks ago. As I write this article, he will be heading in for skin grafts on his hand and arm. Dylan started out shooting in Saginaw at a young age and many of us feel he is one of our own. All of his Saginaw pards are sending him our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Along with the prostate cancer from 2013, Bad River Marty was diagnosed with colorectal cancer this past December. He just finished

5 weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, with the goal of shrinking the tumor as much as possible. Depending on scope results to be done in mid-June, he will possibly be heading for surgery to remove the tumor. Dylan and Marty appreciate all the prayers from their cowboy pards and I'm sure they'd like us to keep them coming.

Don't forget Mother's Day is May 13<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day is May 28<sup>th</sup>. On these days, let's give thanks where it is due.....to that wonderful woman who still thinks you are the best youngin' around; and to our military heroes, past and present, who deserve our heartfelt thanks. It was, and is, their many sacrifices that preserve America's freedoms today.

God bless ya'll..... and remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

### What's the Call? answers

**What's the Call #1:** Shooter does not incur a penalty for the shotgun as the shooter removed the hull before shooting the rifle. However, the shooter levered the rifle and put it down with the hammer back and lever closed, then let go of the rifle to go to the shotgun.

***Stage Disqualification*** - RO1 v22.2 Handbook, p.27

- A live round left in the chamber of a long gun.

***Stage Disqualification*** - RO1 v22.2 Handbook, p.46

- Discarding a long gun containing a live round in the chamber (once it leaves the shooter's hands).

**What's the Call #2: Procedural and 2 Misses** - Shooter Handbook v22.3 p. 27 (Ammunition Conventions) • Illegally acquired ammunition is any ammunition not carried to the line and/or staged by the shooter in an approved manner. Shooter Handbook v22.3 p. 21 (5-Second Penalties) • Each target hit with illegally acquired ammunition. Shooter Handbook v22.3 p. 21 (10-Second Penalties) • Use of illegally acquired ammunition.

## Editor's Corner

### SASS Range Officer Courses

**Course Goals:** To develop SASS Range Operations Safety Officers who possess the knowledge, skills and attitude essential to insure safety and consistency at all SASS Cowboy Action Shooting matches.

SASS RO I and RO II classes will be held **Saturday, July 21, 2018** in the main clubhouse building at Fenton Lakes Sportsmans club (1140 Butcher Rd. Fenton, MI). The classes will be taught by Cheyenne Culpepper.

The RO I class will begin at 9:00 am and the RO II class will begin at 2:30 pm. You must be a current SASS member in order to take these classes. There is no charge for Wolverine Rangers members to attend. Enrollees

who are not Wolverine Rangers members will be charged \$5.00 for the RO I class and \$15.00 for the RO II class.

SASS recommends that those who have previously earned RO credentials retake the classes every 3 years. You may take both classes on that day.

Please visit <http://www.outrideroutlaw.com/ROregistration.htm> to enroll online. Please be sure to fill out the form completely. The fee for non-Rangers to take the class(es) will be collected at the door. In order to give the instructor an approximate headcount and to keep the classes from being cancelled for low enrollment please register by July 7.

### Guidelines for allowing the use of .22 caliber guns at local matches

There will be only one category for those shooting a .22 caliber. There will be no subcategories such as age or shooting style.

Hand guns must be single action.

Rifles must be lever action or pump and must have an exposed hammer.

Shotguns may be .410 to 10 gauge.

All guns used must conform to SASS standards and ammunition velocity must also conform to SASS standards.

Guns may be "mixed and matched". For example a participant may choose to use a .38 caliber hand gun in conjunction with a .22 caliber rifle and/or a .410 shotgun, etc.

Shotguns may be side by side, single shot, lever action, or bolt action. No semi-auto shotgun may be used. Again, they may be .410 to 10 gauge. Model 870 shotguns are okay to use.

Those people using .22s in a match are not eligible to be declared "match winner".

## ☆ 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
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

### 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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### SASS RO-I & RO-II CLASSES—

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