



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

I am writing this edition of my Captain's Letter on the Sunday before Memorial Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who have served our country in the armed forces. It is also time to remember and to be thankful for all of those who served but did not make it home. We should all be forever thankful for those who served and died for us so that we can live in Freedom in the greatest country in the history of the world. This is what Memorial Day is all about.



Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting / Free Shoot for all Wolverine Ranger members on Sunday June 3rd at the Lapeer County Sportsman's Club. As a reminder, all Wolverine Rangers shoot for free and there will be a raffle drawing for Wolverine Members in attendance. Registration starts at 8:30 am. The Club is located at 1213 N. Lake George Road, Attica, MI, 48412. The Lapeer County

Sportsman's Club Wranglers is one of the original Wolverine Ranger Cowboy Action Shooting Clubs. I shot my first match there when they were in Oxford in September of 1997. Thanks to Horse Whisperer and Hawk Woman and the Wranglers for running the Free Shoot.

Also, please be sure to sign up for Range War. This will be our 20th Anniversary and a good time is guaranteed for all.

That is about all that I have for now. Please take a minute and say a prayer for all of our service men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Also, be sure to give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Sunday, May 6th was our second Wild Bunch match of the year. Once again WB Match Director Coyote Claxton had multiple targets and great stages ready for the competitors. When the dust cleared 15 shooters ate a light lunch while the scores were announced. Finishing first overall was Camptown shooting SASS Modern category followed closely by Bad Brass. Winning the SASS Traditional category was Attica Jack with Nine Finger Bob close behind. There were no clean matches. DSC's third Wild Bunch match will be in the fall after the Cowboy Action season starts to wind down on Saturday, September 29th. Hope to see you at the next match.



Well, May 20th was our first full-blown monthly cowboy action match of the year. Mother Nature tried her best to cancel our second scheduled match of the season, with rain on Friday and Saturday. The range was soggy but all stages were up on the boardwalk so at least you had decent footing to compete for good times. Five stages were shot and a fine lunch was served as Camptown announced the scores of the 42 competitors. Finishing first overall was J.J. Longley just edging out Lead-foot Luke for top honors. Shooting clean

matches were Camptown, John Weston, Soaring Red Hawk, The Apostle, Two Gun Tim, and Wildcat Maverick.

Our next Cowboy Action Match is Sunday, June 17th. Since this is our Father's Day

shoot the targets will be big and close for all those cowboys celebrating the day on our range.

If you want to shoot your military rifle at 40 yards, plan to attend our Military Semi and Bolt action Match on Sunday, June 3rd at 9 AM on our Cowboy Range. \$10 match fee, no lunch.

Start planning now for the annual DSC Rocky River Regulators Chili Cook Off at our regular cowboy action match on October 21, 2018. The chili voted Best Overall will win a \$100 gift card to Cabela's.

As you can see, we have a lot of shooting events at DSC. Come out and join the fun.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The Butcher Butte Bunch hosted their second match of the year on May 13, Mother's Day. We had a single posse of 17, consisting of most of our regulars. Our snowbirds, Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay were back for the first time this season, and Jack Holladay joined us for the first time.

J.C. Wade drew the ticket for the free match at our safety meeting, and the winning ticket holder was Dakota Doc. Doc has a certificate for a free match to be used at a future match of his choice. Congratulations Doc!

Leadfoot Luke took first place honors with a blazing fast final time of 119.81. He was followed by J.J. Longley in second and Hey Sugar in third. Clean match honors went to Hawk Woman and Grubby Hardrock.

Hey Sugar provided us with another delicious lunch. Barbecue pulled pork, cole slaw and desserts. Thank you for the time and effort in preparing, setting up and cleaning up Sugar, we really appreciate it! Sugar also decorated the tables with pretty potted annuals that went home with the ladies. Nice touch for our Mothers Day match!

Butcher Butte's next match is on June 10. If you haven't been out to Butcher Butte for a while or haven't joined us at all yet, come on out and play cowboy with us! We'd love to have you!

*L Longshot
Lillian*

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

At last we were able to shoot! The April shoot was cancelled due to a lightning storm and we were afraid May was threatening to do the same. However, it only sprinkled on us when both posse's were shooting the last stage of the day. The scores were not available after the shoot due to a computer glitch. We had 32 shooters and a great time!

We would like to thank everyone who helped Sauk Trail Mike and me wake up the Valley in April and helped with the May match: Blackthorne Billy, D. K Tracker, Grampaw Willy, Ka Adik Krista, Mike E the Blaster, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat. Also a special thank you to Three Gun Cole for replacing the support in the new Saloon and to Johnny Rebel for the fancy new Red Dog Saloon signs. Come to Sturgis and check out the new Saloon!!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch. Krista made Cowboy beans, Sloppy Joes, cookies & chips. Yum!

Our next shoot will be June 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.



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: 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 carl_sundberg@sbcglobal.net

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators are taking a bit different approach this year. Match Director responsibilities will rotate among members on a monthly basis. Wolverine Regulator took on the responsibility for our April match and did an excellent job.

The focus of the first match was to knock off the rust after a long winter. And we experienced plenty of rust.

We were pleased to be able to introduce two new shooters to our sport. Wild Dan and Iron Jennie were welcomed to the range. They seemed to enjoy the day, as smiles were evident despite some equipment issues.

Top shooter representing Silver Seniors was JJ Longley finishing with a corrected time of 123.99. Leadfoot Luke finished second overall and first in Gunfighter with a 136.62. Hey Sugar was top Lady 49er and third overall with a respectable 147.20. Clean matches were turned in by Snuffy Dave Edwards and Slow Lightning.



Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our match on May 19 for safety reasons. The week long rains left our range with several inches of water over the entire range. Between footing conditions, pending

thunderstorms and treacherous mosquitos, it was determined in the interest of safety to cancel the match.

Our next match is scheduled for Saturday June 23rd. The theme for June is based on the life and times of Bartholemew William Barclay "Bat" Masterson. Participants will have an opportunity to win free entry to our July match.

Until next month "Keep your faith in God, but keep your powder dry." (Oliver Cromwell)

Straight Shots from Saginaw

We'd like to start our article with a "hat's off" to Lainey Mae and Card Shark Charlie for the mighty fine job they have done handling Wolverine Ranger memberships, etc. We appreciate all the time they have put into this job and wish them a very happy, healthy retirement.

It seemed like spring would never get here, and at our May 12th shoot, we had a few doubts as we started out with a cool, damp morning. But, the rain held off and our 26 shooters were blessed with the sky clearing and sunshine bouncing warm rays at us for the rest of the day.



We had 11 shooting the match clean and we had two brand new shooters who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Also, two of our match shooters were under 17 years old... Poncho J and 8 year old Speed Stevens. Al-

though Speed wasn't quite tall enough to see over the wagon ledge, he managed to stand and shoot. I guess that worked for him as that was

his fastest stage he has ever shot! His dad, Deuce Stevens, was National Overall Champion for 2017, and we're thinkin' this youngin' will be following in his dad's boots. After the match awards ceremony the Wild Bunch shooters shot 3 stages and brought the day to a fun end.

Our Saturday, June 9th match is coming up shortly. We hope many of you can come and shoot with us. And a reminder: Saginaw will be hosting a 2-day shooting event July 14-15th. Each day is a separate shoot so come one day or both. Nice, free camping by the lake is available, along with camping in the picnic area. Contact us with your questions. mnbell@yahoo.com You know... "You're never too old to play cowboy"....so come on out and have some FUN!!!

Until next time...may the Good Lord bless your ride along life's trail. Remember to live life; give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty





What's the call #1

Scenario: firearm order is rifle, pistol, shotgun. Shooter is to start with rifle in hands at a starting plate. Once rifle sequence is completed, then shooter is to move forward to make rifle safe on a table at the pistol shooting position, then shoot pistol, then shotgun.

ATB, shooter correctly engages the rifle sequence and as they move forward to the pistol position, closes the lever of the rifle and continues to move towards the pistol position. Shooter places rifle on table, then engages the pistol targets and then shotgun targets correctly per the scenario.

How would you call it?

What's the call #2

A shooter finishes shooting the shotgun and then moves on to the rifle. Shooter picks up the rifle, levers it, but stops before pulling the trigger. Thinking he is out of position, the shooter moves to the next window with the rifle lever still closed. Shooter then moves back to the first window and engages the rifle targets with 10 rounds.

How would you call it?

Answers elsewhere in this issue.

What's the Call scenarios and answers courtesy of Shamrock Sadie and The Doily Gang



WOLVERINE RANGERS RANGE WAR 2018

RANGE OFFICER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

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| WHEN | ROI Thursday, August 30 th & ROII Friday, August 31 st Wolverine Rangers Range War 2018 |
| WHERE | Blue Water Sportsman's Association 4866 Ravenswood, Kimball, MI 48074 |
| TIME | Thursday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Friday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| COST | ROI – FREE for Wolverine Rangers and \$10 for non-members ROII - \$25 everyone; payment is due at the time of class Refresher classes are \$5 each if you want a new pin |
| CONTACT | Cheyenne Culpepper (440) 452-0129 or gunfighter1952@msn.com |

Please bring printed copies of the handbook and ROI or ROII booklets. The books can be found on the SASS website - <https://www.sassnet.com/Shooters-Handbook-001A.php>.

Please also feel free to bring any drinks or snacks that you may want during the training.

Please contact me with any questions and to sign up for the ROI or ROII class. You must be a current SASS Member to take ROI and a current SASS member for at least 6 months to take ROII.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in class.

Cheyenne Culpepper
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What's the Call? answers

What's the call #1

Stage disqualification

Shooter's Handbook , v22.3, p. 22 (Stage Disqualification Penalty)

- Changing location with a long gun with the action closed and the hammer cocked.

Explanation; The lever is open after correctly engaging the rifle sequence. When you open the lever, it cocks the hammer. When the shooter moved forward, the shooter closed the lever. When it was closed, the hammer remained cocked. As soon as the shooter moved the 2nd foot (changing locations) they earned the SDQ.

So why does this rule exist for the long gun? Because if the shooter had another round in the firearm and the action closes, then the round is now in the chamber under the hammer. The shooter could fall and pull the trigger making the firearm discharge, possibly in an unsafe direction.

What's the Call #2:

Stage disqualification:

Shooter's Handbook v22.3, p. 11 (Participant Conduct - Safety)

Movement is not allowed with a loaded round under the hammer of any firearm. Movement is defined by the basketball "traveling" rule. Whenever a shooter has a loaded round under the hammer of a firearm in hand, at least one foot must remain in place on the ground. The first violation will result in a Stage Disqualification penalty. The second violation will result in a Match Disqualification penalty assessment. It is also not allowed to leave the loading table with a cocked, loaded firearm. Note: Shuffling the feet to maintain balance or adjust the shooting stance is allowed as long as the shooter does not actually change location.

☆ 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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