



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard:

We are proud that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for Range War. This is also a good time to reflect on our past. Thanks to all of my predecessors for making it possible to be where we are today. Dakota Doc was our first Captain serving for the first few years and later followed by Chili Pepper Pete and No Cattle. All three did a great job and I am pleased to be in their company. Thanks also to all of the other officers and board members of the Rangers over the years. There is a lot of work that takes place behind the scenes and I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for all who have worked to make the Rangers and Range War a success. Range War is truly a cooperative effort requiring many hands to make it work. We are the only large match that I am aware of that has no permanent stages. We need to set up prior to the match and then take everything down on Labor Day. It has truly been a labor of love for me.

Our theme for Range War this year is *Open Range*, the great 2003 western with Kevin Costner and Robert Duvall. This is one of my favorite Westerns with great acting done by two of our favorite actors. Each stage will have a shooting line and photo from the movie.

We are pleased to be able to have the Traveling Wall from Amvets Post 29 in Mount Clemens back this year. This is an Honor Wall in memory and in honor of Michigan

Fallen Soldiers who fought in Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF); and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The Traveling Wall will be at the Range on Saturday.

We will again be having our Cowboy Campfire on Saturday night in the Northwest corner of the campground. We are asking everyone who can play a musical instrument to bring it along. We have no set rules other that everything must be G-Rated. As we always say, the best part about this sport is the people.

Please consider signing up for Range War if you have not already done so. We expect it to be a great match.

Also, please remember to take the time to thank our service men and women for their service and to tell your kids and grandkids that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain  
Wolverine Rangers

# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

August 19<sup>th</sup> was our regular Cowboy Action match on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Twenty-one competitors showed up to compete as they hone their skills for the Wolverine Rangers Range War that is just around the corner. When Camp-town posted the scores; J.J. Longley was the top finisher followed by Rifle Rick and Camp-town. Shooting clean matches were Rifle Rick, Camp-town, Coyote Claxton, Attica Jack, Broke N' West, Ramblin Ron, and John Weston. Our next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Want to try something different... Cowboy Action with modern firearms! The Rocky River Regulators are putting on a 4 stage 3-Gun match on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> on our range. Firearms used in this match are a semi automatic pistol, AR style rifle, and a pump or semi auto shotgun. Yes there are multiple targets per stage. We had a very posi-

tive turn out at our first match (sold out) so we are limiting the shoot to 36 competitors. If you are interested in shooting please send me your email so that I can send you the pre-registration information. You MUST be pre-registered to shoot this event. We DO NOT take any walk up competitors on the day of the match. My email is [lu-pij@wowway.com](mailto:lu-pij@wowway.com).

I know it has been way too "hot" to think about your best chili recipe but once again the DSC Rocky River Regulators are going to award a \$100 gift certificate to Cabela's for the overall best chili at our October 21<sup>st</sup> Cowboy match. So start planning and dust off the recipe and bring a small sample of it to the October Chili Cook Off match.

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

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On August 25, 1857 the California Gold Rush town of Columbia burned down due to a fire started by a cook. That fire would not have occurred at Johnson Creek on August 25, 2018. Intermittent squalls dampened the countryside. Will Henry and Wild Doggie had put together an interesting match using John Wayne as an inspiration. Rattlesnake Slim had even trekked in from Phoenix, Arizona for the match.

Cue in the music to the tune of Jim Dandy to the Rescue, but insert Three Deuce Tom instead. TDT quickly came up with a plan to allow us to rebuild the range using the cover at the 200 yard line to set up three of the five stages. The squalls withdrew and we were able to finish the final two stages.

Wolverine Regulator, shooting in Wrangler category topped a list of seventeen competitors with an adjusted time of 132.21. Elder Statesman Snuffy Dave Smith was second and Longshot Lillian was third. There were no clean matches.

In addition to Three Deuce Tom, we'd like to shout out a special thanks to Longshot Lillian who stepped up to help out when our regular score keeping crew was unable to make the match. Our next match is scheduled for Saturday September 22.

What's the secret of success? Right decisions. How do you make right decisions? Experience. How do you get experience? Wrong decisions." – **John Wayne**

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The August 12<sup>th</sup> match at Butcher Butte was attended by 18 cowboys and cowgirls, including a couple of new faces to our range! Thank you to everyone who joined us, we enjoyed hosting you!

The match was written by Outrider Outlaw and myself, and featured a brand new bonus target. The target is our "homage" to Cowboy Mounted Shooting. It features a stand with inflated balloons on PVC sticks. In Cowboy Mounted Shooting, they shoot at balloon targets while riding a pattern on their horse, shooting the balloons in the prescribed pattern. They are shooting at the balloons with .45 Colt rounds filled with black powder. They have no projectile. If you've not had the chance to watch an event like this, you might want to put it on your "to do" list. It's a lot of fun to watch the horsemanship skills combined with shooting skills. For this match, the bonus target for each shooter was a partially inflated balloon set further away than the rifle targets, attempted with a rifle shot.

Topping the list when the calculations were completed was Riverview Rattler, followed by Sinola Kid and Leadfoot Luke. Andy Horshurodinon claims the honors for the only clean match. Before the match, Tuscosa was the lucky winner of a certificate for a free match.

Hey Sugar once again graciously prepared our delicious lunch of smoked sausage, potato salad and her wonderful peach dessert. Newly minted ROII, J.C. Wade took the timer for the first time toward the end of the match and did a fantastic job!

The next match at Fenton is on September 9. Good luck to everyone going to Range War!

*L Longshot  
Lillian*



## The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys August shoot was Wet! It poured buckets the morning of the shoot, and also poured a short time after we were done, BUT, we did not get a drop on us for all six stages. Someone was looking out for us.

Those of us who braved the possibility of gettin' rained on, had a heck of a good time, and we missed those who didn't make it. CU next month for our two day shoot called the Eagles Revenge.

We even had two spectators who wanted to

shoot after we were done, so they did, and we may have 'hooked them'. So today's shoot had the following winning their categories:

Silver Sr. - Faygo Kid, Gr. Patron- One Son of a Gun, L. Silver Sr. - Eleanor Jewel, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, Sr. Dlst - Petoskey Pete, Wrangler- Rowdy Rusk, Sr. Dlst - Monty Morancy, L. Sil. Sr. - Buckeye Juice, and one clean shooter, One Son of a Gun.

Y'all come see us next month for our two day shoot. CU down the trail. One Son of a Gun

## Straight Shots from Saginaw

It's been a crazy summer for shooting in Saginaw. Our weather has been so fickle, threatening to rain on almost every match. But cowboys are a determined bunch, they show up, and every match turns into a fun day. Rain turns to sunshine and even our misses don't seem to matter quite so much. Ha ha!

Our August 25<sup>th</sup> match had 28 shooters who were in that category of positive-thinking, determined pards and the rain did stop at the first stage and temps were great for shooting.

Twelve shooters shot it clean. Riverview Rattler was overall winner and Ethan Callahan in the Wild Bunch. The scenarios were taken from the upcoming state shoot, modified slightly to work on our range. Everyone seemed to like the stages and many have already signed up for the state shoot.

We have put in our request for some mighty fine shooting weather. Combine this, along with good stages and friends, old and new, we're certain this year's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Range War will be exceptionally great! The gang from Saginaw wishes all the shooters good luck, be safe and have FUN! And of course, remember to give it your best shot.

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

## Special note regarding vandalism at Sucker Creek

Sometime after our last match on July 21st, our range was vandalized and the Assay Office and storage trailer were broken into and much of the contents were destroyed. We found out about it July 31 when Wrecker Joe



range cleaning things up and repairing what they could. Rattler has painted over all the graffiti (matching colors were not available). The Assay Office was cleaned and Kid Alfred removed the broken windows so we can buy some replacements. Since most of our signs were destroyed, we'll have to take them home to be rebuilt.

Our funds are pretty limited right now since most of our matches have been rained out but hopefully we can recover some of the funds at our remaining matches before the end of the year.

(property owner) called us after he noticed the damage when he was putting a salt block out near his deer blind and decided to check the range. Several of our stages were also vandalized and spray painted with vulgar graffiti. The Sheriff was called and a police report was made. They followed up with a phone call to Kid Alfred. Wolverine Wrangler took about 60 photos to document the damage.



Kid Al Fred, Riverview Rattler and Wolverine Wrangler spent most of August 1 out at the



## Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

Well the rain tried to spoil our shooting fun, but we held out till the end, and finally about 6 PM the skies cleared enough for us to begin our Old School Shoot. By 9 PM we had finished 4 stages and I never laughed so much! We had to untie ourselves and shoot from horseback, grab keys...toss them in the jail cell and fish them out to unlock the cell door to get to our shotgun, fish shotgun shells out of a basket filled with a bunch of empty shotgun shells...just to make it harder, and then carry the basket with us to each position. We shot the Texas star, and the tombstone rack... not your regular shoot, but we all had a great time!



Chica & Faygo Kid shot the match clean...great job!

10 RVs showed up to camp out at our range, and we had 16 shooters participate in our Friday afternoon shoot. We all shared a great meal of burgers and brats

(Thanks to Chica) and everyone brought a dish to pass... mighty fine eating!

Saturday turned out to be a great day for shooting, and 36 cowboys and cowgirls showed up to shoot and enjoy our annual pig roast, (Thanks to Gold Tooth Dave, and Randy!)

We had 13 clean shooters, and top gun went to Bad River Marty.

A special thank you to several cowboys who gave donations to our club to help with the cost of rebuilding and painting, etc. at our range after the vandals made a real mess of the place. All is back to normal and the range looks great again!

Also, a special thank you to Hoot and Shiloh Red who came to the range the prior Saturday and spent the day helping me paint and clean up the range, I know they were dragging by the end of the day.

This is what makes our sport/game so great... the cowboy way! The great friendships made, and willingness to help each other at the drop of a hat!

The weekend was so much fun, I hope to do it again next year!

Hope to see you all at Range War!

Remember: Smooth is Fast

Riverview Rattler & Chica



From the Editor—Please keep in mind that any of the Wolverine Rangers Officers and Non-Officers can be reached via e-mail. The appropriate e-mail addresses can be found on the last full page of every issue. Also keep in mind that submissions for the Epitaph by any Wolverine Ranger member are welcomed and encouraged. While it may not be possible to include all of the submissions, those with the most general interest will be included.

## L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Hi-Yo, Silver, Away The Lone Ranger Rides Again

1941, the deep-voiced performer Brace Beemer, who was the shows announcer for several years, took over the role until the end. Tonto, the Lone



This was the sixth year for the Lone Ranger to ride down main street in Oxford Michigan and the fifth year for the Lapeer County Wranglers to be there promoting our club and the sport of cowboy shooting. The Lone Ranger parade was established six years ago. Rod Charles and his crew have worked hard to make this a great success and every year it gets better.

The Lone Ranger was a radio and television show created by George W. Trendle and writer Fran Striker. The first Lone Ranger episode premiered on radio January 30, 1933 on WXYZ radio Detroit, Michigan.

On radio the Lone Ranger was played by several actors, John L. Barrett 1933, George Stenius from January 31 to May 9, 1933, James Jewell (Jack Deeds) and then by Earle Graser from May 16, 1933 until April 7, 1941. On April 8, Graser was killed in an auto accident. Finally on April 18,

Ranger's sidekick was played by John Todd through the entire run. There were a total of 2,956 episodes of the Lone Ranger.

Brace Beemer lived in Oxford, Michigan on a 300 acre ranch on Drahn Road.

This year the wranglers who attended the parade, George & Sandy Boisineau, Rod & Sheryl Wentworth, Chuck, Linda & Kathy Kissaw, Carl & Lori Roper, Nate Hall & Alisa, Mike Day and John Rose.

After the parade the wranglers had a bar-b-que at Chuck and Linda Kissaw's place. A great time was had by all.

Horse Whisperer George Metis

George Boisineau

a/k/a





Scenario calls for 10 rifle, 10 pistol, and 4+ shotgun.

Shooting order is Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol. Engage shotgun targets until down. Stand and deliver stage.

Shotgun targets are located on the left side of the bay, static rifle targets are located in the middle of the bay, and static pistol targets on the right side of the bay.

ATB, shooter picks up the shotgun and loads 2 shotgun shells in the SxS and instead of hitting the shotgun knockdown targets that are positioned on the left side of the bay, the shooter hits the pistol targets which are located on the right side of the bay. Shooter then reloads SxS and finishes shooting the shotgun targets, knocking down all of shotgun targets. Shooter then shoots the rifle and pistol targets correctly.

### **What's the call?**

#### **NO CALL**

- Shooter's Handbook v22.3, p. 13 (Stage Conventions)
  - All knockdown targets may be reengaged until down.
  - Shooter's Handbook v22.3, p. 21 (Penalty Overview; 5-Second Penalties)
- Misses are 5-Second penalties. Revolver, rifle, and shotgun targets must be engaged with the appropriate type of firearm. A MISS is defined as the failure to hit the appropriate target type using the appropriate type of firearm and includes:
- Each missed target.
  - Each unfired round.
  - Inadvertently left rounds in a revolver are misses, unless there is an unfired round under the hammer, in which case it is a Stage DQ.
  - Each target hit with an incorrect firearm – either intentionally or by mistake.
  - Each target hit with illegally acquired ammunition.

Further Explanation: SASS Convention for knockdowns is that all knockdown targets may be reengaged until down. So if the shooter misses the target, then they can makeup knockdowns until they run out of SG shells. Also remember that a MISS is defined as the failure to hit the appropriate target type using the appropriate type of firearm. Imagine that the Non-Shotgun targets do not exist. It's initially a miss, until the SG targets are made up.

## ☆ 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



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