



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

April 21, 2019 SHOOT

Sure started out as a foggy, cold morning to be shooting. It warmed up real nice by lunch time! We had 24 shooters this Easter Sunday! We had two new shooters to the Valley, Empty Brass and Ozark Charlie. Welcome to the Valley, and we hope ya'all had fun!

Like to thank everyone who helped Sauk Trail Mike and I open up and set up the Valley: Blackthorne Billy, D K Tracker, Diamond Jim, Grampaw Willie, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie, Three Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat.

We had 5 Clean shooters today, Grampaw Willie, Johnny Rebel, Juste' Badshot, Lue Dee Kriss and Triple Threat!!

Congratulations!!!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch today. They brought ham bone soup, rolls, and cookies!! YUM!

Our next shoot will be May 19, 2019. 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.

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Spring in Saginaw has seen some challenging weather... warm days, cool days, rainy days and yup, snowy ones, too! But weather didn't stop us from starting our Wednesday night practices on April 17th. We even had some new shooters joining in. Of course, once they heard the lead hit that steel, they were grinning and as they rode off into the sunset, they promised they'd be back. We knew that!! Our first match for 2019 is Saturday, May 11th with the rest of our Saturday shoots as follows: June 8th, July 13th and August 24th. We're looking forward to seeing many of our pards, and hopefully, some new shooters will be joining in or coming to watch. There are two special days in May we want to remember... Mother's Day on May 12th. Great time to show some extra love to your favorite "girl" for all she's taught us over the years. We laugh at these, but oh, the memories they bring back.

For example...

"Money doesn't grow on trees you know...."

"Close that door! Were you born in a barn?"

"Because I said so."

"If so and so jumped off a bridge would you jump off a bridge?"

For those of you who still have your Mother, we hope you remember all the wonderful things she has done for us and yup, we're still her little pards. So, "Behave yourselves...you don't want your face to freeze that way." (I believed this would happen.)

On May 27th, we celebrate Memorial Day, a time to remember the lives and service given to protect the freedoms we have in this country. May we always recognize the fallen and give the current heroes their well-deserved "thank you's". God bless America!!

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

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The JCR crew is making a few changes for 2019. Slow Gin Rickey (formerly known as Panhead Pete) and William "Kid" Henry have taken over JCR's reins as Sheriff and Deputy for the season.

Next, the JCR gang will be offering a side match at each monthly match. The side match is included in the match fee. Winner of the side match wins a free match (limit one per competitor during the season).

Finally, in an effort to bring back experienced competitors, the JCR gang is going to run a "Limited Mobility" match in July. The Limited Mobility Match will be a challenge for all Cowboys, but will minimize movement. One or two stages will require all Cowboys to shoot from a seated position, but it will be an option on every stage. In addition, we will be making some changes to the range layout to minimize travel distances on the range.

On April 27th twenty shooters enjoyed a bright sunny spring day for the opener of the 2019 Cowboy season with the Johnson Creek Regu-

lators with stages designed by Slow Gin Ricky. We can only surmise that the forecast for a late spring snow storm kept the crowd down.

We led off with a bang with our first side match. The key to winning the side match was a combination of speed and accuracy with pistol and shotgun. Sarge won the side match with engaging a pistol and shotgun knock-down target in 4.74 seconds.

Wolverine Regulator left everyone else riding drag in the Main match with a fine corrected time of 146.66 seconds. Rev Miss A Lot was second with an adjusted time of 161.50. Mishomis and Dead Eye Deska scored the only clean matches of the day.

Our next match is Saturday May 18. Hope to see everyone there.

"You know, shootin' from ambush is a bad habit. You may not live long enough to out-grow it." Hopalong Cassidy.



Editor's Corner

Congratulations to Plymouth

Recently the following item appeared on the Wolverine Rangers web page. Pay particular attention to the announcement about their July match (bold print added).

PLYMOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT - Howdy from Plymouth. We are going to have our first match of the season on April 27th. We are going to feature a free side match at every match this year. They will be low round count, maybe 2 firearms at a time. For example, one pistol and one shotgun, best time wins, 5 seconds added for a miss, only 2 shotgun shells allowed to knock it down. The winner wins a free match. Although you can participate in every side match, you can only win once. We are working on an exploding bonus target. We hope to have it ready for April.

Our July match will be a "Limited Mobility" match. We want to accommodate cowboys and cowgirls who are wheelchair bound or have difficulty moving during a stage. Every stage will be shot from one position with 2-3 stages having everyone shoot from the seated position.

Hope y'all can make it!
Slow Gin Ricky fka Panhead Pete

I would like to congratulate the Johnson Creek Regulators at Plymouth for taking into consideration those of us who are physically challenged. Just because we aren't able to move quite as quickly as some of our fellow cowboy shooters doesn't mean that we can't compete and have fun.

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