



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Well shooting season is here. I hope that you are able to get out and shoot with your pards.

Range War is coming up and I would ask that all of the Wolverine Rangers consider joining us at Range War this year over Labor Day weekend at the Blue Water Sportsman's Association in Kimball. We guarantee a good time. There will be a very important announcement coming up regarding Range War that we should be able to announce after End of Trail.

Our Annual Meeting/Free Shoot is coming up. It is scheduled for Sunday July 21st at the Detroit Sportsmens Congress in Utica. Please consider joining us for a day of shooting, lunch and our Annual

Meeting. All Wolverine Rangers shoot for free and get a free lunch. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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.

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—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 waited for the scores to be announced. Finishing first overall was J.J. Longley shooting in the SASS Modern category followed closely by Coyote Claxton. 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 7th. Hope to see you at the next match.

Well, May 19th was our second full-blown monthly cowboy action match of the year. Mother Nature was kind to us giving us a breezy day in the low 80s. 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 28 competitors. Finishing first overall was Riverview Rattler just edging out J.J. Longley for top honors. Shooting clean matches were Riverview Rattler, J.J. Longley, Big Bad Jim, The Apostle, Old Doc Potter, and Big Al.

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. Unfortunately we do not have a cook that day, so NO LUNCH will be served. We will reduce all shooting fees by \$3 on this day only because of no lunch.

If Silhouette shooting is your thing, come out and shoot silhouette targets on our 50 Yard range on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 9 AM. The targets are proportional to the distance and any center fire pistol caliber rifle or a .22 can be used. We have classes for everything. Cost is \$10 per shooter, no lunch.

Start planning now for the annual DSC Rocky River Regulators Chili Cook Off at our regular cowboy action match in October. The chili voted Best Overall would win a 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

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys first shoot for 2019 was held on April 27 on a very cool day. Our Range flag was at half staff for our Match Director Trusty Rusty who passed away during the winter. All cowboys and cowgirls removed our hats, bowed our heads, and each said our own prayer for Rusty, and also for his trusty sidekick Sharon. We had two new shooters, which is always a good thing. We were missing some off our regulars, guess it was to cold. When the smoke cleared, the following came out on top of their category:

Sil.Sr. - Faygo Kid, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, El. Stsmn - Mohawk Scout, [L.Sil.Sr.](#) - TN Tina, 49er - Bar Gun Hunter, Dulst - Petoskey Pete, Catl.Brn - Black Silver Rick, Wrglr - Rowdy Rusk, G.Patr - One Son of a Gun (being first in category doesn't necessarily mean I shot good). And another new shooter, Quack Shot Pam did OK for her first shoot. One clean shooter - Bar Gun Hunter.

After the shoot, we had lunch inside the Eagles Nest because of the cool weather. And we also held our annual meeting for Club officers. So, those elected or reelected were. President -One Son of a Gun, Vice President - Thummpner John,

The Eagleville Cowboys of N.W. Michigan held their May shoot under the threat of rain but someone was watching over us, and we didn't even get a drop. It was a nice day for shooting and most of our regulars showed up to let all within earshot know that the cowboys were havin' fun.

When the smoke cleared, the following came out on top of their categories:
Sil.Sr. - Faygo Kin, [L.Sil.Sr.](#) - T.N. Tina, CtlBrn - Thummpner John, E.Stsmn - Mohawk Scout, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, - Sr.Dlst - Petoskey Pete, Gr.Ptron - One Son of a Gun, [L.Sil.Sr.](#) - Eleanor Jewel, and Wgler - Rowdy Rusk. There was only one Clean Shooter, - One Son of a Gun.

NEW Match Director - TN. Tina, Secretary - Birdshot Betty, Treasurer - Rowdy Rusk, Scorekeeper - Trusty Sharon :-), Stage Writer - Tin Pan Sam. CU All next month. One Son of a Gun

And as long as I am here at the computer, here are the results of the Badwater Longhorns first shoot for 2019 on May 4th.

[L.Sil.Sr.](#) - TN Tina, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, E.Stsmn - Mohawk Scout, S.Dlst - Petoskey Pete, Gr.Patron - One Son of a Gun, Wrangler - Dangerous Ken, Dlst - Nevada Slim, Catl.Brn - Black River Rick, [L.Sil.Sr.](#) - Buckeye Juice. Clean shooters were: Bulldog Jim, Mohawk Scout, and Rowdy Rusk.

Next shoot is on June 1st, C Y'all there..One Son of a Gun

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones to ride side-saddle .

[Editor's Note: the above article was received too late to include in the May, 2019 issue]

We have a couple of fairly new shooters with us which is always good.

Y'all come on up and see us on the 4th saturday.

Until next month,

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

May 19, 2019 SHOOT

We had some light showers a couple of times today, but that didn't keep 16 shooters away! With only one posse things moved pretty fast today.

Like to thank everyone who helped Sauk Trail Mike and I set up the Valley: Grampaw Willie, Naughty Nellie, and Triple Threat.

We had 5 Clean shooters today, Joe Quick, Johnny Rebel, Juste' Badshot, Mustache Kid and Sauk Valley Stubby. Congratulations!!!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch today. They brought Sloppy Joes, chips and cookies!! VERY GOOD!

Our next shoot will be June 16, 2019, Father's Day. 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

Saginaw cowboys are enjoying ourselves a lot already this shoot season. Our first cowboy shoot was May 11th. We had 29 shooters and 12 shot the match clean. Katie does have to confess, she did have a miss but in all honesty, it WAS her fault. The target did not get up and run when she drew on it.

After our main match, our Wild Bunch shooters shot their 3 stage mini-match with their 1911's and brought the day to a close. Our June 8th match will be here shortly and hopefully, you can come and shoot with us.

Just a reminder...Father's Day is June 16th and cowboy shooting is a great family sport. This year we have a father-son team, Todd All In and his son, Caleb James, learning the sport and doing quite well at it, too! It's always good to see new shooters join in and have so much fun. This father and son team are a great example! I've included a picture of Caleb, giving it his best shot!

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



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On May 18, 1863 Major General Ulysses S. Grant and his Army of the Tennessee crossed the Mississippi River and forced the Confederate Army of Mississippi into a defensive posture at Vicksburg (The Siege of Vicksburg). The siege ended with the Confederate supplies depleted on July 4th.

156 years later, 21 Cowboys and girls laid siege to the Johnson Creek Regulator's (JCR) compound near Plymouth. Among the competitors was Franny Carnage, new to our sport. We also welcomed Stringcheese Kid, Samurai Hunter and Tanquary Kid.



Wolverine Regulator designed five stages that resulted in a competitive fun match. The stages paid homage to several of the long time cowpokes from JCR including Slow Gin Rickey, Three Deuce Tom and Rainmaker Ray.

The stages worked well on the new range layout. The new layout leads to easier setup and take down. It also consolidates the stages so that competitors don't have to travel so far from one stage to the next.

The side match was a pistol speed match requiring 5 shots on steel at 12 yards. Young Gun Samurai Hunter was the leader throughout much of the side match, but his dad, Stringcheese Kid was the eventual winner.

DeadEye Deska turned in the only clean main match, his second in a row. But Snuffy Dave Edwards clearly outclassed the rest of the field with a time of 140.17. Wolverine Regulator and Sarge competed for second place

with Wolverine Regulator edging Sarge by 1.28 seconds.

We would love to have you visit us on June 22, 2019. Check out the new range layout. Remember, lunch is included in your match fee and the winner of the side match wins a free match (limit 1 per year).

Remember, our July 27th match will be a limited mobility match. All stages will be shot from a stationary position. Two of the stages will require the competitor to be seated. Competitors will have the option of firing the remaining stages seated.

"Behold my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love." Sitting Bull



Editor's Corner

Reprinted from May, 2019 issue

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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