



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Our Annual Meeting/Free Shoot took place on Sunday July 22nd at the Detroit Sportsman's Congress in Utica. A good time was had by all. Thanks to JJ Longley and the Rocky River Regulators for putting on a great shoot. Thanks also to the ladies who prepared the excellent lunch.

During my Captain's Report I reminded our members that Deuce Stevens and I gave our 2-year notice during a Board of Directors meeting in March of 2018. Our original plan was to serve for about 3 years. The 3 years turned into closer to 13. During the meeting in March I mentioned to the board members that I would be interested in talking to anyone who may like to take over as Captain. Sinola Kid was the only one who expressed an interest. I have been working with Sinola Kid over the last few months and am keeping him in the loop on what my duties are at Range War. I like the fact that Sinola Kid's son, JC Wade, is a cowboy action shooter. We need more young people in this sport. JC Wade is the third generation of cowboy action shooters in the Slusher family starting with Three Deuces McKee. Deuce will be turning over the reins as Range War Match Director to Straight Arrow Hombre. I cannot think of a better choice to succeed Deuce.

Sinola Kid has been in charge of the Clean Match Awards and the winners were announced at the Annual Meeting. The Men's winner was Riverview Rattler with 15 clean matches. The Ladies' winner was Ruby Red Jo. Congratulations to both for the great shooting.

Congratulations to the raffle winners!!

\$200 – Cactus Lawman and Ginger Sass

Free Range War Entry – Big Al and Eleanor Jewel

Snareman, our Treasurer, passed out copies of our financial statements to our members who attended the meeting. Any member of the Wolverine Rangers is entitled to see our financial statement. Please email me (rgillary@gillarylaw.com) if you would like a copy. Our co-membership directors Horseman Tweed and Horseman's Trouble gave the Membership Report. As of July 18th, we have 198 members. Thanks to all of our members for supporting the Wolverine Rangers.

Range War is coming up in less than 30 days 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. I hope to see 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)



On Sunday, July 21st the Wolverine Ranger's Membership Shoot was hosted by DSC-Utica. The weather was hot, muggy, and a few light sprinkles but 46 competitors ignored the weather conditions and participated in a competitive match. When the smoke cleared the top three finishers were Riverview Rattler, Lefty Wheeler, and Sinola Kid. Shooting clean matches were Broke N West, Card Shark Charlie, Faygo Kid, Hey Sugar, Crazy Legs Kay, Old Doc Potter, Onyx, Poco Loco, Riverview Rattler, Sinola Kid, Spartan Johnny, and Wildcat Maverick. Congratulations on some fine shooting.

After lunch was served R.J. Law conducted our annual Wolverine Rangers General Membership meeting. The upcoming WR Range War was discussed and two free entries to the State match along with two \$200 cash prizes were given away to four lucky competitors who were in attendance. It pays to be a Wolverine Ranger member.

Our next Cowboy Action Match is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th. This is a Cowboy T-shirt match, so dust off one of those old WR Range War tee shirts and come shoot with us.

Saturday, September 7th is our next Wild Bunch match of the season. We will shoot 5 Wild Bunch stages so all are invited 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, 7 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be "your cup of tea".



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 \$125 gift certificate and a \$75 gift certificate to Cabela's for the overall best two chilies at our October 20th Cowboy match. So start planning and dust off the recipe and bring a small sample of it to the October Chili Cook Off match.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulator's July match has come and gone. In keeping with the premise of our Limited Mobility Match, our theme for the day was to keep it close to home. Inspiration was drawn from such heinous Michigan malcontents as Sile Doty, James Carr and Reimund Holzhey.



Twenty-seven shooters were drawn to the ranch. We enjoyed seeing old friends we had not seen in a while, including Attica Jack, Onyx, Poco Loco. River Boat Gambler and Black Irish Brian made their first forays to the ranch. And finally, we welcomed new shooter J-Bird Regulator.



The match consisted of five stages, all fired from stationary positions, with seated positions being mandatory for two stages and optional for the remaining three. Although all the stages were stationary, they proved to be competitive with only Sarge and Honest Abe turning in clean matches.

Our side match for the day was a derringer/ pocket pistol match. Attica Jack won the side match, earning a free main match. The main match saw Sarge top the list of shooters earning his first, first overall. Sinola Kid and Rev. CS Missalot battled for second with the Kid edging the Rev.



The Limited Mobility match was a success. Cowboys polled gave it a positive review. It gave Cowboys who had not shot in some time an opportunity shoot. Several lessons were learned that will be useful during a future limited mobility matches.

Our next match is scheduled for Saturday August 24, 2019. This will be an optional Shorts and T-Shirt Match.

“No operation extends with any certainty beyond the first encounter with the main body of the enemy.”Helmuth Von Moltke

Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

Rain seems to be always threatening at our Sucker Creek shoots...

We had 10 shooters show up for our July shoot, but we really had some nice shooting weather. Only 1 clean shooter...Cardshark Charlie managed to shoot the match clean. Thanks to all who came to shoot. I know that weather was a factor for some as storms around the state had produced many black outs.

Well, our next shoot will be our annual pig roast on Saturday, August 17th you don't want to miss this, and for all that can show up the day before, we will again be having an old school shoot.

Last year we had a lot of campers show up (camping is free) and again we will have a potluck meal, we will provide burgers and hot dogs, just bring a dish to pass.

I have some fun stages planned for Friday, we plan to start around 3 - 4:00 pm.

So, come on out to the Creek... guaranteed to put a smile on your face and a laff in your belly!

Riverview Rattler & Chica

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

July 21, 2019 SHOOT

NO RAIN TODAY, YAY! We had 23 shooters today, two new shooters Spitfire and Mike. Welcome, we hope you had a great time!

Like to thank everyone who helped me and Mike set up for the shoot today: Ka Adik Krista, Tommy Two Fingers, and Triple Threat.

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch today. They brought Shepard's pie, and fresh fruit!! AWESOME!!!

We had 3 Clean shooters today Mustache Kid, Rover and Triple Threat . Congratulations!!!

Our next shoot will be August 18, 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.

Stubby, Mike & Ms. Blazin



The Shooter's Stance

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WEB LADY



In the last Epitaph I put out a request for a new webmaster. That call has been answered. It is my pleasure to announce that The Lost Egg (Jeff Jaje) has taken over the position as of Sunday, July 28.

He is employed in the software industry with lots of experience and therefore a perfect fit. Watch for new and innovative ideas he will be bringing to the website. It is definitely a positive change.

All match scores, cancellations and updates to matches, general announcements and anything that you have forwarded in the past to the Senior

WebLady@wolverinerangers.org or laportelil32@gmail.com should now be forwarded to webdude@wolverinerangers.org

There is one early request from our new webmaster. With Range War approaching, we would be very appreciative of anyone that would consider taking some pictures and/or videos and sharing them for the web page. This would have several benefits:

People like to share pictures of themselves, and may then share our webpage.

They can be used to promote Range War 2020.

They can be used to promote Wolverine Rangers as a whole.

For marketing, content is king. Pictures and videos are content.

It's been my pleasure serving as Senior Web Lady for the Wolverine Rangers for the past 18 years. I'm not going away, I'll still be here to shoot an occasional monthly match but will be focusing my newly found free time on some of my other interests.

Shoot straight and true!

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☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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- 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

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- 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
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