



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

August 18th was our regular Cowboy Action match on the 3rd Sunday of the month. All I can say is that it was HOT and MUGGY but 32 competitors showed up to compete as they hone their skills for the Wolverine Rangers Range War that is just around the corner. When Camptown posted the scores; Leadfoot Luke took top honors followed by J.J. Longley and Sinola Kid. Shooting clean matches were Leadfoot Luke, J.J. Longley, J.C. Wade, Hey Sugar, Poco Loco, and Foot Sore.



Our next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, September 16, 2018.

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".

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 5th 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 positive turn out at our first match so we are limiting the shoot to 36 competitors. If you are interested in shooting this event, please contact Camptown at jt@doudna.net to pre-register. You MUST be pre-registered to shoot this event. Pay when you show up. We DO NOT take any walk up competitors on the day of the match.

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

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

August 18, 2019 SHOOT

YES, RAIN TODAY, AND THUNDER, YAY! We had 23 shooters today, J. R. Hammer joined us today, hasn't been to the Valley since 2016. Welcome back!!!

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

We had 2 Clean shooters today, Joe Quick and Triple Threat. Congratulations!!!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch

today. They brought grilled (on site) hot dogs, homemade baked beans and fresh fruit!! AWESOME!!!

Our next shoot will be September 15, 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. October will be our final match after 11 years, hoping someone will want to take over the Valley!

Stubby, Mike & Ms. Blazin



Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

This month's shoot was our 2nd annual combo... old school & Pig roast camping extravaganza.

We had some great weather for a change! A bunch of shooters showed up on Thursday, and we had a great time, sharing stories & food & all sorts of fun stuff.

We started out with a pancake breakfast on Friday morning and spent several hours decorating the pavilion to celebrate Hoot & Helena's 50th wedding anniversary. We were all ready when they showed up Friday around noon...boy were they surprised!

Come 3:00 pm we started our old school shoot with 17 shooters. We had to flip a coin to see which direction we had to shoot the shotgun knockdowns; we shot the Texas star, and had to climb on a horse to shoot our pistols. Lots of crazy stuff like having to dig through empty shotgun shells to find your shells. Getting a ticket on the train and having to take it up by

the engine, ring the bell and punch the ticket before shooting the stage. Lots of laughs... hope to do it again next year!

We ended the evening with burgers and hot-dogs, and everyone brought a dish to pass...it was another great cowboy meal!

Saturday was another beautiful day to shoot cowboy...we had a nice group of 32 shooters here to enjoy the shoot and partake in a great pig roast, again prepared by Gold Tooth Dave & Randy, Many thanks to them for the great meal! We had 9 clean shooters and Doc Noper was our overall champ for the day.

Next stop is Range War...hope to see everyone there.

Chica and I, and Cardshark Charlie and Lainey Mae will be heading to Sparta, Illinois for their State shoot, and from there we will head to Minnesota for our Regional shoot. Going to be a busy month!

Straight Shots from Saginaw

Our last match of the season was on August 24th and this was when we shot some of the scenarios that are used in the upcoming Michigan State Shoot. We had 34 shooters with 15 shooting it clean. There were 4 Wild Bunch shooters with Bad Brass the overall winner. Way to go, pards!!

Many of our Saginaw gang will be shooting Range War held over Labor Day weekend at Port Huron. Thanks to all those who help put this shoot on. They always do a great job. There is a lot of shooting and a lot of visiting with old, as well as new pards.

Next Epitaph we'll be here to tell you how we shot and have some pictures of our gang in action. They've practiced hard at our Wednesday night practices this season and I'm certain they sure will be giving it their best shot in the upcoming events, as will all the shooters participating.

Don't you get caught letting time speed by without having yourself some fun. Get out there and live life....give it YOUR best shot!

Happy Trails from Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Usually, we start our report with a brief historical event that occurred on this date from western U.S. history. We thought we might change the focus a bit this month. Sure, we'll share the results of the match, but we want to take a moment to mention some of the names you might not hear very often. We thought we'd mention some of the people who make sure our matches run smoothly.

The August match really started back in January after the club elections. Slow Gin Ricky was elected president and William "Kid" Henry, his Deputy. With input from the club, a schedule for writing match stages was announced. Those writing stages this year include Slow Gin Ricky, Wolverine Regulator, Carson City Slick, William "Kid" Henry, Wild Doggie, Sarge, and Three Deuce Tom.

Slow Gin Ricky created the August stages. On Friday before the match, the crew shows up to "set up" the range. Of course, many of the club's active members show up. But then, we are blessed when folks like Honest Abe who shows up to run the tractor. And non-club member John (sorry don't know your last name) who drives the Mustang Cobra, who shows up to help.

Match Day is always interesting. Deadwood Denise has been a stalwart for us in the scoring room. Birdog Jesse takes money at the door and Honest Abe shows up again to run scoresheets. And of course, family members of the shooters show up and help out. Kelly Douglass scored and Brandon Ulrich took on the challenge of Brass Rat. This weekend, Chiricahua Mama showed up and was a great help on the range.

And of course where would we be without our cooks. This year, Sarge and Wolverine Regulator have shared the duties.

After all that work, we had the opportunity to share our range with 22 shooters. Although there were no new shooters this week, we did have the opportunity to remake acquaintances with several shooters we have not seen in a while. Making appearances were Soaring Red Hawk, Rogues Pierre, Nevada Gambler, and River Boat Gambler.

Shooting started with a shotgun side match. Four rounds timed on four targets spaced at 7, 12, 15 and 25 yards with the winner walking away with a free match. Poco Loco edged out Rogues Pierre and J Bird Regulator with an impressive clean time of 8.69 seconds.

Chiricahua Mama won the 50-50 drawing, which she graciously donated back to the club. Thank you.

Shooters found the main match to be challenging. Wolverine Regulator and Rev. Miss A Lot battled neck and neck, until some rifle problems jumped up and got the best of the Rev. Wolverine Regulator finished first overall with an aggregate time of 112.66. Rev. had nothing to be ashamed of, as he turned in the only clean match of the day (yes, that is correct, the Rev. shot clean). Attica Jack, Sarge and Slow Gin Ricky rounded out the top five.

By the time you read this, Range War will be over. We hope all of you who participated had a great time.

Our next match is scheduled September 28, 2019. In addition to the match, we will be running a Swap & Sell. No charge to bring your stuff to sell. Deals should abound.

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." Walter Winchell

Editor's Corner

What's the Call

Recently there was a lengthy discussion on the Facebook page titled What's The Call that has to do with SASS regulations and their interpretation. The particular discussion that I have in mind started as:

Shooter is in Classic Cowboy category. Finishes stage, upon returning his long guns to the cart removes hat and hangs it on the cart. Helps with posse duties and only puts hat on when going to the line.

WTC?

There was actually a very lengthy discussion regarding this —72 comments to be precise. Most of the comments were serious with a few of them being rather whimsical.

The definitive answer is actually contained in The Shooter's Handbook page 8. **“Hats must be worn for the entire match.”**

Now certainly this can be relaxed due to weather conditions for a local monthly match and possibly even for the major matches, but that decision should be left to the Match Director. I'm thinking it is probably not relaxed at matches such as End of Trail which takes place in late June in New Mexico.

Why am I bringing this up? At Range War this year I was on a posse with someone who was shooting Classic Cowboy. I noticed that this person had removed his hat, hung it on his gun cart and was sitting down away from the rest of the posse. Now the temperature on that day was rather cool, so the requirement wouldn't have been relaxed. I called this infraction to the attention of the posse marshal. He in turn discussed it with two of his assis-

tants and they all agreed that because he had left the vicinity of the firing line it wasn't necessary for him to be wearing his hat. He offered to take this up with the Match Director and I just didn't feel that it was worth going to all that trouble. In retrospect, I should have taken him up on that offer so that the participant could be made aware of the infraction.

In past Range War competitions those people shooting in categories that have specific clothing and/or gun requirements have been taken aside prior to the match to make sure they met the requirements. This hasn't happened in the past couple years.

So, what is the point of this entire diatribe? The rules in our game are pretty specific. I was disheartened that apparently our posse marshal and his assistants either weren't aware of the rule or didn't care. By “bending this rule” the message is being sent that some rules don't have to be followed. And in doing so, they are not helping the shooter to better understand our game. If this is done at the local level and the shooter goes to a major match and is called for the infraction... Well, I'll leave that thought to your discretion.

And what is the proper call? It is a procedural because the shooter is shooting out of category. One “P” adds 10 seconds onto the time. A second “P” gives a stage disqualification and a third “P”: gives a match disqualification. (page 23 and 24 of the Shooter's Handbook).

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