



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

As mentioned in my Captain's Letter from last month's Epitaph, we had a Board of Directors Meeting for the Wolverine Rangers on Saturday October 12th. I advised the membership of the Wolverine Rangers back in May of 2018 that Deuce and I were giving our 2 year's notice that we would be ending our runs as Captain and Match Director. During our Board Meeting on October 12th Deuce and I submitted our resignations effective January 1, 2020. The Board of Directors appointed Sinola Kid as Captain and Three Gun Cole as Match Director both effective January 1, 2020. There will be a further changing of the guard with Leadfoot Luke taking over for Snareman as Treasurer and Sinola Kid's wife, Amber, taking over as Secretary. Both Leadfoot Luke and Amber were appointed as Treasurer and Secretary respectively to fill out the remaining terms of Snareman and Cosmopolitan Christine. All of the appointments made by the Board of Directors will be effective until the next election for each of the officers. This December there will be an election for First Lieutenant and Treasurer. In 2020 we will elect Captain and Secretary.

I was elected as Captain in December of 2006 succeeding No Cattle. I served for a total of 13 years. It has been a great experience for me. It was an honor and a privilege to serve. Most of our responsibilities related to trying to do the best job we could to make Range War a success. This work paid off in 2019

when the Wolverine Rangers and Range War received the SASS Woolly Award for the 2018 Best Match of the Year. We are all very proud of that.

I can speak for all of the officers who have resigned in that we will all be working with our successors to try to ensure that there is a smooth transition. We will all still be involved. It will be nice for all of us to be able to shoot Range War without the responsibilities that we have all had over the past 13 years for Deuce and me and a slightly lesser period for the other officers. When Deuce and I took over we said that we would do this for a period of about 3 years. The 3 years turned into 13. We both are comfortable in knowing that Range War will be able to continue on with our new team going forward.

I would like to give a last thanks for our team. Deuce has done a great job and as I have said often, he is the best match director in SASS in my opinion. Three Gun Cole has some big shoes to fill but Deuce and I are confident that Three Gun Cole will rise to the challenge. Snareman has also done a great job as Treasurer and has kept our finances in order. We regularly provide financial statements to our Board and make them available to our membership on request. We are confident that Leadfoot Luke will continue the good work of Snareman. Feel free to contact either Snareman or Leadfoot Luke if you would like a copy of our current financial statement.

As I am sure that you all know, our Secretary Cosmopolitan Christine, is the daughter of The Lady and me. She has been the power behind the throne. Cosmopolitan Christine is the one who makes sure that all of the administrative work is done for Range War. She has also been in charge of the Shooting Calendar and has done a great job. I don't know what we would have done without her. Amber has big shoes to fill.

I expect for all of us to be around and we will hopefully have the chance to shoot more. The Lady and I have been spending a fair amount of time with our grandchildren on the week-ends and that has meant we have been shooting less. We figure that we have a limited window of opportunity to have any influence on our grandkids and we want to take advantage of that while they are young. They are a great joy in our lives.

Although I have been a practicing attorney for 40 years, one of the things that I have liked about Cowboy Action Shooting is that there are not many lawyers in this sport. I deal with lawyers every day in my business and prefer spending my leisure time with my shooting friends. The friends that I have met in Cowboy Action Shooting are some of my best friends in the world.

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,

D. J. Law

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

On Sunday, October 20th the DSC Rocky River Regulators were hosts to two hotly contested competitions. First was the monthly cowboy action match that had 31 Cowboys and Cowgirls competing for top honors. When the dust cleared and the last target was hit J.J. Longley finished first overall followed closely by Bad Brass, and Longshot Lillian. Shooting clean matches were Attica Jack, Cody Wales, Foot Sore, J.J. Longley, Onyx, and Stoneface Marshal.

The second hotly contested contest was in the Cowboy range building where eleven competitors brought their best chili recipes trying to win the two Cabela gift cards that were at stake. Three independent judges sampled all the chili and after stating that this was the best chili they have sampled here at Rocky River the following awards were handed out...

Best of Show \$125 Cabela's Gift card
Ramblin' Ron

Best Runner Up \$75 Cabela's Gift card
Footsore

Hottest Chili Broke N West

Best Fowl Chili Outrider Outlaw

Best Bean Chili Longshot Lillian

Best No Bean Chili Coffin Nail Bob

Our next match is Sunday, November 17th. So if you are not hunting come on down to Rocky River in sunny Utica, Michigan and have some fun at a cowboy action match.

See you on the range.
JJ Longley



Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

Well, guess what? We had NO rain this morning! To finish out the 2019 shooting season we had 29 shooters today. Some of which we haven't seen in a while and were very happy to see them. We had one new shooter today, Blonde Bandit, he is a Buckaroo! Welcome Bandit, we hope to see lots more of you!

Like to thank everyone who helped Mike and I set up for the shoot today: Naughty Nellie, Johnny Rebel, Three Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers, and Triple Threat.

We had 8 Clean shooters today, Johnny Rebel, Juste' Badshot, Kaya, Lue Dee Kriss, Michigan Slim, Sauk Valley Stubby, Spoon River Sam and Three Gun Cole! Congratulations!!!

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving wonderful lunch today. They brought, homemade lasagna, a tossed salad, garlic toast, and an incredible cake with Stubby's and Ms. Blazin's pictures and the Hidden Valley Logo too. We thank you all so much!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has attended, helped out, donated, and supported the Valley with us for the last 11 years! We appreciated every one of you. However, we will not miss you, because we will be regulars at the Valley.

The next shoot will be April 19, 2020, with Johnny Rebel as the Match Director with his Posse. 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.

God Bless, each & every one of you,

Stubby & Ms. Blazin





In Appreciation of 11 Years as Match Director at

Hidden Valley Cowboys

Sauk Valley Stubby & Ms. Blazin

2008-2019

Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

Well the Sucker Creek range has been put up for the Winter.

We had a great (although wet) shooting season here at the Creek this year...

Thanks to all our loyal shooters who came to join us again this year

We had our last shoot of the season this October... 18 shooters came out to some really nice weather, and a great Chili meal prepared by Chica.

Cardshark Charlie came away with top gun honors...

Six shot the match clean...

Andy Horshurodinon

Card Shark Charlie

Red Beard Bandit

Riverview Rattler

Shiloh Red

West Virginia Slim

Hope you all have a great Holiday Season, and survive the winter weather...

See you all in the Spring!

Riverview & Chica



Straight Shots from Saginaw

It sure has been an interesting fall...seems like as the days got shorter, our to-do list didn't and we continued to fill our calendar pages. We usually end our Wednesday night practices the end of September, but this October lured our pards into another month of fun practices.

The Saginaw cowboys had our annual pot luck and planning meeting in late October. We'll be having a late fall clean-up to rake leaves and do some maintenance jobs on the range. Our shoot dates for 2020 matches were scheduled: Saturday May 9, June 13, July 11, and Aug. 29, 2020. We'd like to thank those who were able to come shoot with us in 2019. It's always fun seeing everyone and we're looking forward to doing it again next year.

The month of November awaits us...a time change, Election Day, Veteran's Day, hunting season, Thanksgiving, and well, your calendar probably looks as busy as ours. We hope every day is filled with many blessings for each of you and may we all have a grateful attitude for even the smallest of things. God bless America and each one of us. We hope to see you on the trail. Until then, remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

After cancellation of our September match (due to parking lot paving), we eagerly looked forward to Three Deuce Tom's version of Halloween. TDT annually puts together a pumpkin smashing good time. In addition to pumpkins, there were a few cabbages and tomatoes thrown in for good measure.

Before the match, we received great news about Slow Gin Ricky and Honest Abe. Both were recently placed on Injured Reserved. We are looking forward to seeing both back in action in 2020.

Twenty-four shooters and eight vendors showed up to partake in the match and Swap and Sell. Anything from leather to clothing to firearms could be had for reasonable prices.

The match started with all twenty four competitors engaging the salad making contest, before moving on to their respective Posses. Wild Doggie put together interesting if not unusual combinations of sweeps that kept competitors on the tips of their cowboy boots. As with just about every match this year we saw quite a few pards that we hadn't seen in some time. The Lost Egg, JJ Longley, Ricochet Ryan, Gentleman Jones, Micky Lobe and Riverboat Gambler were all welcomed back to Johnson Creek.

After the pumpkin guts and early onset sauerkraut cleared, only Snuffy Dave Edwards and The Lost Egg emerged with clean matches. Wolverine Regulator took 49er and was first overall with a fine adjusted time of 128.68. JJ Longley and Sinola Kid battled for second with JJ edging Sinola by a shade under 2 seconds.

Wolverine Regulator was a proud Papa with his son J Bird Regulator topping the Buckaroo category. JC Wade was 6th overall and Top Junior Cowboy with an overall time of 157.50.

The Johnson Creek Regulators would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their support and help this year. We would particularly like to thank Slow Gin Ricky and William "Kid" Henry for their hard work as Sheriff and Deputy..

"Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend - or a meaningful day." Dalai Lama



Editor's Corner

Shooting in other places

First I would like to apologize for this month's Epitaph being a wee bit late. I had the opportunity to compete in another state's championship match and I took advantage of that opportunity.

On November 1st and 2nd I was in North Carolina competing in the "Uprise at Swearing Creek" in Salisbury, NC. There were nearly 150 people competing in the match.

It never ceases to amaze me as to how nice all the people in CAS are. I have competed in matches in a few other states as has my wife Longshot Lillian. We are always welcomed as if we were long lost friends. The motto "come for the shooting. Stay for the people" is evident at all these matches.

The North Carolina match was a little different from those I have attended elsewhere. For starters, it took place on a Friday and Saturday instead of the Saturday and Sunday I am more familiar with. It was a 10 stage match with 6 stages being shot on Friday and 4 on Saturday.

We were separated into posses as usual, but the way we actually shot there match was a little different. There were a limited number of shooting bays at the club so 2 posses were assigned in each bay to compete more or less simultaneously. While the first posse shot, the second posse did all the work (loading table, unloading table, spotting, brass retrieval, TO). When the first posse was done shooting the stage the roles were reversed with the second posse shooting and the first doing all the work. It seemed to work out well.

After the first day of shooting there was a barbecue supper served under "the big tent". Once supper was done, we were treated to the premier showing of a movie featuring several of the cowboys and cowgirls that were competing in the match. I have to confess that I didn't stay for the movie because even though it was North Carolina

it was just too cold for my old bones to be out in the weather. I actually had to scrape my windshield on Saturday morning before driving to the range.

The post match banquet took place in a historical museum and courthouse. The food was superb, consisting of roast prime rib, chicken breast, green beans, redskin potatoes and desserts that just wouldn't stop.

Awards were presented at the end of the banquet, as would be expected. There were also several nice raffle items that were given away that had been donated by vendors. Also, at check in each registered competitor was given a nice bag containing all sorts of goodies that had also been donated. For example, my bag contained a nice coffee mug,, a bottle opener, a shooter's towel and several note pads as well as a pen. It also contained the shooter's handbook which was well done.

So what is my point in writing all this? If you haven't taken the opportunity to shoot at clubs other than your own, you are doing yourself a disservice. It doesn't have to be a distant club or a state championship match. Just going to another club's monthly match will give you the opportunity to see what others are doing and to meet people who have similar interests to yours.

Will I go to this match again? Perhaps. It is a LONG way to drive. But well worth the effort.

Outrider Outlaw

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