



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pardos,

Here we are at the beginning of July. Matches are opening up! We haven't been able to shoot as many matches as we would like but the ones we have been to this year have been great. It has been a joy to see everyone. The comradery of our sport is what makes it so special. Even with the social distancing just seeing our cowboy family has been amazing.

In June I attended matches at Lapeer, Saginaw, Breckenridge and Sturgis. All of these matches were well run, used safety protocols and were set up for safe distancing. Some wore masks, others did not. I wore a mask when I was within 6 feet of anyone; at registration, running the timer, picking brass, at the load table until staging my guns and at unload table. Sanitizer and bottled water were provided throughout.



Lapeer was especially fun as it was our first match post shutdown. I was impressed by their thoughtfulness on how lunch was provided. They chose pre-packaged lunch food, lunchables (meat, cheese and cracker trays) and some Hormel protein packs (nuts, cheese, raisins, etc.) along with chips, cookies, and bottled water. Everyone distanced as needed and it was a lot of fun.

Saginaw followed closely to the SASS guidelines. They put in a second loading table at each stage and asked that only one person be at each table. This was a nice addition. Lunch was prepared safely and was cooked and brownbag packed for pickup. All condi-

ments were individually packaged, and everyone seemed to enjoy this. As usual the targets were Big and Close, and it was a race to finish at each stage. It was fun really letting the guns fly.



At Breckenridge we couldn't have asked for better weather. It was clear, sunny, and warm. Masks were worn by those that preferred to wear them. I noticed about 1/3 of the shooters had worn them at some time throughout the day. Stages were well written with some movement and nice mix of target size, distance and variety. No lunch was served but this was emailed, posted on the web and Facebook pages ahead of time to let everyone know. Bottled water was provided. Hand washing stations were available as well as sanitizer at multiple locations.



At Sturgis the day was very humid and warm, but the shade in the valley was very helpful. It was nice to see

those from the southwest of Michigan as well as many friends from Indiana that drove up for the day. The stages were fun, and we even had a nice shotgun only stage with downrange movement. Sanitizer was provided at each stage and distancing recommendations were followed. No lunch was provided, but bottled water and pre-packaged snacks were provided.



All in all, each shoot was a great time and I look forward to matches this month at more clubs.

If you haven't read it yet, SASS has published a bulletin that outlines their minimum recommended guidelines titled "Best Practices for Conducting Matches in a COVID-19 Environment". This bulletin is posted on our website and on the SASS Wire. Please read it. I continue to urge all of our clubs to adhere to these current SASS guidelines. I know that the upcoming 2020 Wolverine Rangers Range War will follow these guidelines and we will review changes and implement any updates as they are posted.

Please keep your fellow shooters in mind. If you feel sick, have been sick in the last 2-3 weeks, or been in contact with someone that has COVID-19, please do not attend the match.

I am looking forward to our annual Wolverine Rangers Free Membership Shoot this month at Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club in Breckenridge on July 18<sup>th</sup>. This shoot is our yearly membership meeting for the Wolverine Rangers. We will provide a membership report, budget and financial report, award the 2020 Clean Match Award winners, review the plans for Range War 2020 and have a prize drawing (must be present to win). Details on lunch will be posted soon. I hope to see many of you at this shoot. It will be a rain or shine event.

Finally, I would like to update you on the 2020 Range War. This shoot is on as scheduled. We are receiving applications via the website and mail almost every day now. I have been in contact with almost all of our nor-

mal contract vendors (Tent, Port-a-potties, EMS, Brass Rats, Badges and Awards, Anthem singer, etc.) We have all of these items booked and in process.

Carolina Belle started sending out confirmations for each application we have received. You should see a confirmation email within a week of her receiving your application from here on out. If you haven't received your confirmation email, please reach out to her. ([speechpath96@comcast.net](mailto:speechpath96@comcast.net))

At this time, we don't know what restrictions we will have in place come Labor Day. We are preparing for the shoot with this in mind.

We will have bottled water near each stage entrance, and sanitizer available at each, tent, registration and anywhere else considered high traffic. We have booked more port-a-potties than normal, each one will have sanitizer inside and will be deep cleaned and sanitized Saturday and Sunday mornings. We are reviewing other options and plans as well.

The border is not currently open to/from Canada. It is expected to open July 21<sup>st</sup>. We are accepting applications from Canadian residents. We will be offering full refunds up to the date of the shoot for those coming from Canada if the border restrictions do not open or are closed at the time of the shoot. For more info about registrations for Canadian shooter please contact Carolina Belle.

I urge everyone to sign up sooner rather than later this year. It would sure help our planning process a lot. It will also help if we run into a scenario where we have to limit the total number of attendees, by our Governors decree... Having your application in sooner would help to secure your entry. While we don't expect to have a cut off number, it may not be up to us.

Please visit our website often for information and updates, [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org)

We will also be posting info and updates to our Facebook page, please visit and like our page [@wolverinerangerscowboyactionshooting](https://www.facebook.com/wolverinerangerscowboyactionshooting)

Best regards.

Sinola Kid-Captain  
Wolverine Rangers

# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The first day of summer did not disappoint. It was hot, sunny, and humid but 13 competitors showed up and dusted off their cowboy skills at our first match of 2020. This match was dubbed “bare bones” and only open to DSC committee members and a few invited guests. This match was designed to test the DSC and SASS Covid-19 protocol while shooting a match. I am very pleased to say that everyone maintained a 6’ distance, wore a mask to register and to RO/timer. It was different, but doable. Just one observation, 6’ separation, even outdoors, takes considerable space. I am sure, future Cowboy Action matches at DSC will have a limit on competitors as long as 6’ distancing is in effect. We may institute an email RSVP system to reserve a spot in any match on our range. More to come on that procedure, please check the Wolverine Rangers web site frequently for updated information.

The match definitely showed that none of us have been shooting much this year, but it was fun “to get back at it”. There were no clean matches, even though the stage scenarios were easy to navigate and the targets very hittable. When the dust cleared J.J. Longley took top honors, followed by Rifle Rick and Bad Brass.

Starting in July, DSC-Utica will be open to the public and we will be following our published schedule assuming all is well in Michigan and we don’t return to strict Governor EOs. DSC has a strict Covid- 19 policy that every range must adhere to be open. We at DSC will publish our procedure prior to the July Cowboy match on the Wolverine Rangers web site. Please check frequently so that you know what is happening at DSC.

**Coming Events at DSC...** watch for registration updates at [www.wolverinerangers.org](http://www.wolverinerangers.org) or contact [lupij@wowway.com](mailto:lupij@wowway.com) for updated information.

**Sunday, July 12, 2020 Military Service Rifle Match**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020 Monthly Cowboy Action Match**

Until then, stay safe.  
See you on the range.  
J.J. Longley

## Straight Shots from Saginaw

We hope that all our pards are getting through the pandemic with good health and keeping up a strong, positive attitude. The challenges have been many, but in the words of Winston Churchill, “Sure I am of this, that you have only to **endure** to **conquer**.” Although unrelated to the Covid virus, we want to mention that we continue with our prayers for Baldy Bill and Hondo Dan as they face their own serious health issues, as is No Buk Chuck, our shooting pard now living in Florida.

Saginaw had their first match of the season on June 13<sup>th</sup> and had 32 shooters participating with 15 clean shooters. They were informed on SASS and Saginaw Field & Stream Club’s guidelines. Lots of sanitizers were placed throughout the range, and we had a couple hand-washing stations available. We practiced distancing throughout the match and at our loading & unloading tables. Basically, common sense was left up to everyone.

We also followed safe food practices and did have a lunch that was “packed” outside our building. We had scoring for the match, but due to some guidelines, no awards were handed out.

Our next scheduled match is Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be following the same safety protocol due to the restrictions still set. We thank each of you that ventured out last month to shoot with us and hope to see many more join us for “more fun than should be allowed”.

Until next time, remember to live life.....give it your best shot!!

Bad River Marty and Katie Callahan

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

John McIntire, known to many of us as Chris Hale on Wagon train and Clay Grainger on The Virginian was born on June 27, 1907. Although the Johnson Creek Regulator's missed celebrating McIntire's birthday 113 years later, we did celebrate finally being able to hold our first match of the year.

Although the match was limited to Western Wayne County Conservation Association members, we did have sixteen Cowboys and Cowgirls in attendance. Special precautions were taken. These precautions included social distancing, self sign-in, minimizing TOs, adding a second loading table, eliminating spotter sticks, hand sanitizer, eliminating lunch and wearing of face masks inside the range building (masks were not required outside).



The match was also advertised as a mail in match. Although several individuals expressed interest in the concept, no scores were received.

With his first overall match win with a solid time of 175.25, Slow Gin Ricky celebrated his first match win. Sarge was runner up, about 3 seconds behind. Iron Jennie was top lady shooter finishing third. Other notables in-

cluded Three Deuce Tom as the top Silver Senior, Wolverine Regulator top 49er, Rainmaker Ray top B-Western, Carson City Slick top Elder Statesman and J Bird Regulator was top Buckaroo. Iron Jennie and Deadeye Deska both had clean matches.



JCR welcomed Boston to his first match. The JCR gang pitched in to help Boston get equipped for the match. Boston thoroughly enjoyed himself and said he was going to be back.

We expect to be back on schedule for our July 25<sup>th</sup> match and be able to welcome non-WWCCA members as guest. Covid 19 safety measures will remain in effect. Lunch will not be served. Because of the elimination of lunch, entry fees have been reduced to \$15.00 for the match (correct change is appreciated). Stay tuned to the Wolverine Rangers web site for further information.

“The difference between an amateur and a professional: a professional figures out a way to cut down the odds before he makes his move.” (John McIntire as Ben Hickman in Rough Night in Jericho)

## The Shooter's Stance

### What Is the Price of Freedom?

You can change public opinion in twelve years. How, you may ask? Through public education and public opinion! Now think about this as you read!

What do your children or grandchildren learn in school these days? How about the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence?

Some schools don't even teach U.S. history and if they do it is rewritten. They teach that the Second Amendment was written so people could defend themselves against the Indians and other dribble. But some still teach the truth: The Second Amendment is to prevent government tyranny. In plain words it is there to protect us from a government that forgot about what the First Amendment means.

We have gone from a proud patriotism to a borderline socialism in just a few short decades. Why even the Pledge of Allegiance is under siege by a socialist world government. It is intolerable that we let this happen. Yes, we have allowed this to happen through our own apathy. We have been working, making a living, paying taxes and government fees but we don't make time to care about the country's future and for future generations. That we do not make time to call or write our congressmen or senators to tell them how we feel and keep tabs on them and that they are doing the job they were elected to do! Right now our government officials have us right where they want us: too busy to complain!!! It is a trend that must stop! It must change right now!!!

We should devote time to teaching our children and grandchildren to know the U.S. and our own State Constitutions, the inalienable rights of all people and preserve those rights for generations to come.

The Second Amendment is there to protect us from a tyrannical government. It is totally unacceptable that law abiding citizens have fewer rights to defend themselves than criminals have to assault. Gun control laws are backward ideas, since they only affect those who obey the law. Think about it! What does the criminal have to fear? Not much, they will be the only ones armed!

There are fifty six signatures on the Declaration of Independence; those people were willing to lose everything for Liberty and Freedom for this country. At the beginning I asked, what the price of freedom is. It is total Vigilance!!! Make it your duty, one of your daily tasks, Make it count!

George Boisineau  
AKA Horse Whisperer George Metis

## ☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

### CAPTAIN

- 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

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

### WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

### CHIEF RO INSTRUCTORS, MIDEAST REGION

- Scheduling SASS RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan



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