



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Here we are in October already. The shooting season and summer just flew by. Range War 2020 is in the books and the weather is starting to get colder. Soon the holiday season will be upon us.

Well let's start off with Range War. While there were many challenges, I think we found a way to make it the best shoot we could this year. Other than a few suggestions and some constructive criticism we mainly had very positive feedback. We will review the feedback with the board of directors at the next board meeting in late October/early November.

The buckles should be in soon and I will work to get them out to everyone who was a Michigan State Champion as soon as possible. We will take a tough look at other buckle vendors for next year.

The week of Range War went by so much faster than I had expected. Time just flew by; it was a whirlwind. There were so many that helped out this year. Our set up crew was fantastic as always. They put in so much hard work; it wouldn't be possible to have this shoot the way we do without them. I would list them all here, but I would be afraid to miss someone, and I don't want to do that again.

There are a more than a few things that went unsaid during the awards ceremony this year. This was a huge mistake on my part. I missed thanking everyone that helped all week and actually all summer long.

First and foremost is my amazing wife, Carolina Belle. She had to put up with me all summer while I worried about all the details behind the shoot and the constant COVID-19 restrictions, changes and challenges. Not to mention this was our first year trying to prepare for Range War.

She is the person responsible for all of the registration packet giveaways, door prizes and raffle prizes. I can't

possibly explain how much work she put into this all summer. Calling so many companies, cataloging all the prizes as they came in and storing them in stacks so large, we could hardly use our living room for a month.

She handled all the registration confirmations and spent all week in the clubhouse doing everything that was needed to pull off the behind the scenes needs of the shoot. It was also her idea to supply the snacks all weekend long for all of the shooters. Many thought this was an improvement over the free pizza Friday lunch. Since range war she has sent custom thank you cards out to all the vendors and donors that supported us this year.

I would also like to point out that our sons JC Wade and Kid Danger were very helpful as well. I don't think they will want to carry anymore boxes our cases of water for us again for a while.

Next would be another missed thank you to Hey Sugar and Leadfoot Luke. Hey Sugar and Luke helped in so many ways this year I can't begin to name them all. From registration packets to Hey Sugar helping set up and running registration Thursday. Luke was a sounding board so many times this year. I would call him just to bounce ideas off of all spring and summer. We couldn't have pulled this off without their help. I consider both Leadfoot Luke and Hey Sugar true friends.

Next to thank would be Bad Brass. He took the reins of side match director this year. Everything went very smooth. I think the new side matches were a hit.

Another special thank you to Camptown who handled all the scoring again this year. He is truly pro at this. I didn't need to worry about anything scoring related. He was quick, efficient and had answers to every question we had. We are lucky to have him volunteer for this each year.

The next thank you goes to Three Gun Cole. He had some new ideas, fun stages and some things we had never done before. It felt like the match we all love to shoot each year. It felt like Range War.

Thank you also to Longshot Lillian for the action photos and awards photos taken throughout the weekend. She puts a ton of time and effort into these. They should be posted on the website soon for you to enjoy.

One more big thank you goes out to The Lost Egg. He is behind the scenes constantly making changes and updates to our website. He always posts what we need as soon as he gets the info from us.

Lastly, I need to thank Deuce Stevens, RJ Law and Cosmopolitan Christine. They ran our organization for the last 13 years. Range War has been built to the event that it is due to their hard work and sacrifice over the years. RJ and Christine spent quite a bit of time answering questions and explaining their prior experiences to us.

I hope that all who attended could see that we still enjoyed Range War, as we expected it to be, with a few tweaks and changes that we thought would help lessen the impact of the COVID-19 challenges we faced.

I look forward to working with all of our volunteers and members again this winter, spring and summer to return next year with a bigger and better Range War 2021.

We have three months left this year until 2021. There are a few more items on the horizon. We will be having a board meeting to review our Range War 2020 financials, comment cards and plans for next year.

We plan to send out a Wolverine Rangers membership survey to all Wolverine Rangers members. We would like to know what you think about the organization and where we may be able to make some improvements.

Lastly this December we will have our yearly Board of Directors elections. Carolina Belle will post more info about nominations and the ballot process after the board meeting.

I hope to see you all on the range again this fall. It looks like we will even have a few fun Halloween themed shoots to choose from at Plymouth and Saginaw this month.

Best regards,



★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The 2020 Wolverine Ranger's Range War is in the books and Three Gun Cole set the match to be fast and furious and it lived up to its billing. Congratulations to all the Michigan State Category Champions and a special salute to our Michigan State Champions Hey Sugar and Three Gun Cole.

D.S.C. had six cowboys compete at Range War and we had a blast. J.J. Longley was 3rd in Senior, Camptown was 4th in Senior, Shelby Kid was 5th in Senior, Coyote Claxton was 4th in Cattle Baron, and Bad Brass was 3rd in Classic Cowboy, and Rifle Rick was 7th in 49er. In addition, Coyote Claxton was 2nd in Wild Bunch Modern and Bad Brass was 3rd in the same category. Camptown was DSC's only clean shooter at the State match.

September in Michigan was supposed to be cooler and on match day at DSC it did not disappoint. Cool to start but with a warm, sunny finish. Fun, fast stages is the way to describe the shooting action as twenty-one cowboys and a lone cowgirl competed for top honors at this match. Finishing first overall was J.J. Longley as he edged out Leadfoot Luke, Camptown, and Hey Sugar. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley, Camptown, Hey Sugar, Jack Holladay, John Weston, and Onyx.

Sunday, October 11th we are having a Service Rifle match on our DSC Cowboy range. Competitors will shoot approximately 40 targets at around 40 yards for accuracy. If you are interested, please pre-register by emailing Chris Wasiak, dragonfinder@gmail.com to pre-register for the match

Sunday, October 18th is the date for our monthly DSC Cowboy Match in October. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions the match will be held (pre-registration is necessary, email lupij@wowway.com for a confirmation) but our annual Chili Cook Off contest will be cancelled.

Sunday, October 25th is a scheduled Wild Bunch match at DSC. Five stages, many mag changes, and lots of shotgun rounds. If you are interested, please pre-register with Dan Hill, Daniel.s.hill@sbcglobal.net to secure a spot.

Sunday, November 8th, we are having our final Service Rifle match on our DSC Cowboy range for the year. Competitors will shoot approximately 40 targets at around 40 yards for accuracy. If you are interested, please pre-register by emailing Jim Estes, terrebonnebud@comcast.net to pre-register for the match

Sunday, November 15th is the date for our monthly Cowboy Match in November. However, pre-registration is necessary, email lupij@wowway.com for a confirmation. Sorry, no Thanksgiving turkey lunch this year.

There still is plenty of shooting at DSC this fall, so come out and have some fun.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of NW Michigan annual 2 day shoot called the 'Eagles Revenge' for 2020 is now history. On Saturday, the rain tried to dampen the shooters spirits but it didn't work, the shooting never stopped. The turnout was great, and we saw some pards that we hadn't seen in awhile. Good fun..

When the smoke (lots of it) cleared, the following came out on top of their class:

ES-Faygo Kid, SS- Card Shark Charlie, WR-Suggs Jr, 49er-Horseman Tweed, LSS-T.N.Tina, GP-HOOT Hamilton, L49er-Lainey Mae, GF-Andy Horshurodinon, GD-Eleanor Jewel, FC-Crazy Mingo, Jr-Big I, SD-Petoskey Pete, LSS-Chica, D-Nevada Slim, CB-Red Ryder, CTBN-Black Silver Rick, LFC-D-Mama Vaquera, S-Lawless Laverne, LFC-P.K. Brimstone.

Clean Shooters were: Big I, (a Jr), Bar Gun Hunter and Mercantile Anne..

On Sunday, no sunshine but no rain either, good shooting weather.

ES-Faygo Kid, SS- Card shark Charlie, LSS-T.N.Tina, Wr-Suggs Jr, L49r-Horsemans Trouble, SD-Wildcat Maverick, 49er-Smoking Joe Suggs,

CB-Red Ryder, FC-Crazy Mingo, GF-Andy Horshurodinon, GD-Eleanor Jewel, JR-Big I, CTBN-Black Silver Rick, LS-Lainey Mae, GP-Hoot Hamilton, SR-Lawless Laverne.

Clean shooter was: Riverview Rattler, he was the only one.

The big challenge this year was between Faygo Kid and Riverview Rattler, on Saturday, Faygo won by 5 seconds (because Riverview had one miss), and Sunday Faygo won by (1/2 second) with only one miss. They each had one miss total..Awesome Shooting!

Birdshot Betty's grub both days had NO complaints, and the Cowboy with the Lucky playing card was Bar Gun Hunter, who went home with a really nice Turkey Federation 12 Ga. Camo Shotgun!

We have one more shoot in Oct. before the snow flies, so Y'all come see us in Eagleville. Every day is a good day for Cowboy Shooting.

One Son of a Gun.

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley had 25 shooters Sunday and the weather was perfect for Cowboy Shooting, 3 new shooters to the Valley, Sarge, Marti Draw, and Bristol Buck. Welcome, we enjoyed shooting with you and hope to see you back again.

This match we had 4 Clean shooters, Dog Bite, Ka Adik Krista, Ray'l Gun and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations!

I would like to thank Cayuse Jack and Tommy Two Fingers for helping me out with posse duties and also Tommy for side Match's today, great Cowboy's always willing to help out when needed.

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with our lunch, (they have something special for us next month).

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot. Thank you, Mike,

Triple Threat, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our last shoot of the season will be on October 18, 2020. Registration opens at 8:15 AM, side Match's start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.

I have special plans for our last shoot of the season and will be posting details soon on our Facebook page ***Hidden Valley Cowboys***, something to thank all of the Cowboys and Cowgirls that came out to support the Valley on my first season as match director.

Johnny Rebel



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Battle of the Raisin River and the River Raisin Massacre took place between January 18 through January 23, 1813 during the War of 1812. You might ask what this might have to do with a Cowboy match taking place on September 29, 2020 in Plymouth, Michigan. If you were in attendance at the match you would know that it was one of the tidbits of history Carson City Slick entertained us with, during this well thought out match.

Twenty-nine Cowboys and Cowgirls were challenged on a beautiful September day. The JCR crew sponsored swap meet was well attended. Many items changed hands or were traded.

In addition to new shooter, Lefty, we were pleased to be-



come reacquainted with Rifle Rick, Old Doc Potter, The Lost Egg and the Shelby Kid. Several other potential new shooters showed up to watch.

Rifle Rick lead the way with an impressive 147.09, with Wolverine Regulator showing up about 2 ½ seconds behind. The three Ss, Sinola Kid, Sarge and Slow Gin Ricky rounded out the top five. JC Wade, debuting as a Gun-fighter finished a respectable 7th.

Old Doc Potter and Honest Abe turned in the only two clean matches of the day. DeadEye Deska's clean match streak came to a sudden end on the first stage of the day.

Don't miss our Halloween Match on October 24th. Three Deuce Tom has promised us a ghoulish good time, with lots of pumpkins in attendance. Halloween costumes are welcome.

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” –*T.S. Eliot*

Straight Shots from Saginaw

We think there was a lot of speculation on just what Range War 2020 was going to be like. All we can say it was another great weekend and we all had a “Yee Haw” good time!

We’d like to send out special thanks to our new Captain, Sinola Kid and Secretary, Carolina Belle for their excellent job in overseeing their first State Shoot. The circumstances they worked with, which were constantly changing and challenging, were ones no one had ever anticipated before. We’re sure there had to have been some sleepless nights and frustrating days that they endured.

And how about our new Match Director: Three Gun Cole? He gave us some mighty awesome stages. They were fun, uncomplicated, and straight-forward with excellent target placement.

The pards from Saginaw, and we’re sure all others will join in as we tip our hats off in appreciation to all the workers who were involved, from beginning-to-end, who made the 2020 State Shoot a success.

Also, congratulations to Hey Sugar and Three Gun Cole on being our 2020 Michigan State Champions!! Well shot, Champs!! And many congratulations to all the category and special events winners. We pray every shooter is blessed with many more years of shooting fun and “yee haw” moments.

On Saturday, October 31, Saginaw will be having a Halloween shoot (regular times, etc.) Wear a costume (or cowboy duds) and plan on a day of big targets and fun stages down on our “home on the range”. We’ll have some “goblin” good food and you might even just find some surprises waitin’ for you, too. One never knows what spooky stuff can happen. But, hey, we all know cowboys “ain’t afraid of no ghosts!”

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

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty &Katie Callahan



Editor's Corner

Range War 2020 Photos

The Range War 2020 photos have been submitted to the Wolverine Rangers web master and should be available soon.

It has taken a monumental effort on the part of our photographer-Longshot Lillian– to take the photographs and also compete in Range War.

I suspect that most of you don't know how much is involved in getting those photos completed and sent to the web master.

This year, Longshot Lillian took over 3000 (yes, that is three thousand) action photos of many of the competitors. She has to look at each photo and delete those that are just not up to her standards.

Once she has determined which photos are usable, she once again looks at each photo and makes adjustments. Adjustments such as removing the TO's hand from the picture, ad-

justing colors when they just don't look right, cropping the image when there are too many superfluous items in the picture that subtract from its main object.

As if that wasn't enough, she then goes through each picture again deciding which photo of each shooter conveys the best image of the action with the intent of reducing the number of photos to be submitted to 5 or so of each shooter.

In my opinion (and yes, I am biased) I think we owe Longshot Lillian a great big THANK YOU for her efforts and photographic skills.

We also owe a thank you to Wildcat Rose for providing transportation to Lillian and for doing scribing duties so that as many shooters as possible could have their photo taken. Without her help, it just wouldn't be possible for Longshot Lillian to compete and also take pictures of as many shooters as she does.

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