



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ From the Editor ★

Hello everyone,

Another shooting season has ended for most of our clubs. I'd like to thank all who manage and assist in putting on these matches. Without you, the rest of us wouldn't have a place to go "play" on the weekends. Thank you for all your hard work. Don't forget to check the calendar for Hillman and Lapeer, they're running their "Winter" shoots!

Congratulations to all our Michigan and Wolverine Ranger shooters who took the trail to Land Run in Oklahoma for the 2022 SASS National Championships!

Bad River Marty

Camptown

Chica

Chili Pepper Pete

Chiricahua Mama

Crabby Hayes

Crazy Mingo

Doc Noper

Doc Roy L. Pain

Ethan Callahan

Hey Sugar

JJ Longley

Kentucky Drifter

Leadfoot Luke

Mustache Kid

Nevada Gambler

Pinky Buscadero

Riverview Rattler

Sandy Cheeks

Shelby Kid

Shiloh Red

Soaring Red Hawk

Three Gun Cole

Two Gun Troll

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Spring! Until then, have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year..... Well, you get it. 🥰

Hey Sugar





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On October 22, the Johnson Creek Regulator's finished our 2022 season with a.....Punkin smashin good time. Our annual Halloween Match. The match, designed by William Kid Henry included lots of vegetables for destruction. Thirty Cowboys and Cowgirls showed up for the final match, including new shooter Tex Fer Short.

We had the opportunity to show off a new three position storefront. When completed, it will be painted to match the Carson City Train Station and will honor Carson City Slick, who passed away this year.

Wolverine Regulator started the day winning the side match and a free match for next year. Sarge was the overall match winner with a time of 125.67. JJ Longley finished six seconds behind and Wolverine Regulator was third. J Bird Regulator was the top Junior shooter and Diamond Dottie was the top Lady shooter.

Clean Match pins were earned by Broke N West, Horse Whisperer George Metis, JJ Longley, Morgan Lane, Old Doc Potter, Ramblin' Ron, Sarge and Single Barrel Bob.

On November 9, we held our annual club awards. Wolverine Regulator earned his second consecutive Club Championship.

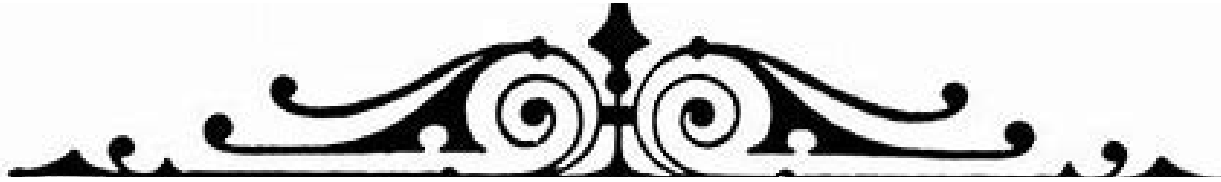
The JCR crew is proud of the new shooters introduced to Cowboy Action Shooting and the upgrades made to our set-ups this year. Improvements included new (larger) targets, safety netting and the three-position storefront. We are already making plans for additional improvements for next year. We are expecting to have additional targets and another three-position storefront completed in time for the start of next season.

Our 2023 season will start in March with our annual practice. The practice session is free and a great opportunity to introduce new shooters to the sport.

Planning is going well for our inaugural Annie Oakley Ladies Match in June. Applications can be obtained through the Wolverine Rangers web site, or contact Sarge for more information.

***“Never approach a bull from the front,
a horse from the rear or a fool from
any direction.” Unknown***





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys,

I hope everyone is doing good. Eleanor and I are doing Great and ready to do some INDOOR Cowboy shooting at the Hillman Sportsman Club this winter. We'll start registration around 9:30. Safety meeting at 10:00 and shooting starts right after.

We'll shoot pistols, rifle, and shotgun (NO live shotgun ammo in the building please). You can still use your rifle, pistols, pocket pistol or a derringer instead of a shotgun. Dummy loads in shotgun are still OK. (22 cal. everything or anything are ok also). Must be cowboy guns!! LOL !! We'll shoot 5 stages. The cost is still \$15 and lunch will be provided.

So, come join the Brush Creek Wranglers for a shooting fun filled day. We'll shoot the first Saturday of the month.

Mark those calendars and come keep the cobwebs out of your barrels!!!

Any questions email me @ faygo.kid@yahoo.com

Take Care,

Faygo Kid





Butcher Butte Bunch-Fenton

The Butcher Butte Bunch entertained two new cowboy shooters at their last match for the year.. Neither had ever shot a cowboy match before. They were asked to put their reactions to the experience on paper for submission to the Epitaph. Here are their comments:

I tried to avoid it, but it was destined to catch me. My first Cowboy Action experience.

My first rifle, given to me by Grandpa, was a Winchester 94 30/30. I remember watching Chuck Connors on the Rifleman with that 94 sitting on my lap while on screen, he ran his faster than I could ever imagine. It was so COOL! The lever action, trim lines, dark walnut, blue steel and TV wow-factor made that rifle second to none in my teenage opinion. That rifle was, is, and will always be my favorite firearm. It is because of this love of my lever gun that I have avoided Cowboy Action Shooting like the plague! I just KNEW if I ever tried it, I would fall in love with it, then have to figure out how to fund and sneak four guns, a costume, a hat, and some snazzy leather past my wife when she wasn't looking (which wasn't going to be easy, or end well for that matter).

In comes Outrider Outlaw. For quite a while, he encouraged me to come out and give it a try, regardless of my resistance and feigned impartiality. After a while, I believe he figured me out, prompting him to get crafty with me.... He formally invited me AND my wife to come out and give it a try, which in the spirit of supporting him, the Club, and the game, we did. Yes, you heard me right, he brought in my wife. Cheers for ingenuity, you sly, crafty dog. On top of it all, he volunteered all of his, and his wife's guns, holsters and ammo to enable us to "give it a shot" (see what I did there?).

On a crisp fall day in October, we showed up at Butcher Butte to have our go at it. As it were, I've recently decided the western look suits me and had purchased boots and a hat, so I blended in with the crowd, albeit in blue jeans, not the appropriate "britches". It really wasn't a concern at all, however, as everyone there was encouraging and accommodating.

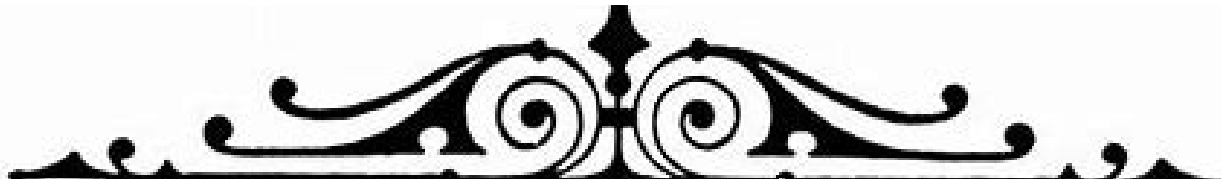
Stage 1. Rifle, shotgun, pistols. 24 rounds total. If I do my math right, those 24 shots are going to cost me about \$150 a piece, because that is all it took to get me hooked. It was such a blast! The cycling of the Winchester '73 instantly took me back to those Rifleman days. The clang of steel was so much more rewarding than a hole in a sheet of paper. All in all it was a fantastic time, and we both loved it! I didn't even make it home before I was researching single action revolvers, a '73 and a double barrel coach gun.

I will close out with a thank you to Outrider Outlaw, Longshot Lillian and Grubby Hardrock for the encouragement, the use of their equipment and the overall wonderful experience. In summary, we had a great time, they got us both hooked, and my worst fears mentioned above have been DOUBLED! Therefore, I think it is fair to expect their participation in any upcoming bake sales necessary to fund this new adventure.... for two of us.

Rip Rocker (Brian Swanson)

FLSC BoD





Butcher Butte Bunch-Fenton

A Newbie's First Time Shooting Cowboy Action – It was a blast!

When my husband told me that our friends, Jim and Mya Twesten, invited us to join them at the last Cowboy Action Shooting event of the season at the Club, I was a little hesitant. Since I had not shot in a Cowboy Action event before, I was a little nervous to try it but decided to give it a whirl. My husband warned me that once I try it, I would be hooked. Oh boy, was he right!

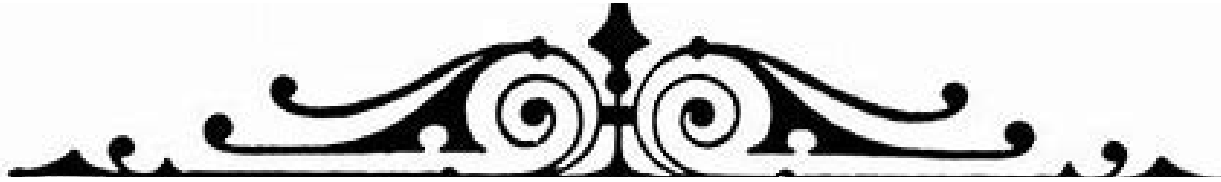
Since I am not a very accurate shot and don't have a ton of fun shooting PPC style targets, I really enjoyed shooting the steel targets. It didn't matter where on the target I shot, it only mattered that I hit the target. Now that is my kind of shooting! The ping of the bullet hitting the target was music to my ears.

The day started with deciding what my cowgirl name was going to be. Everyone who shoots Cowboy Action has an alias and that is the name you're called for the entire event. That's a big decision so it took a minute to come up with my name. After some pondering, I decided on Bourbon Betty.

The event had five stages that required each cowboy and cowgirl to shoot steel targets with two single action revolvers, a lever action rifle, and a shotgun while being timed. Everyone was so nice, helpful, and patient while coaching me throughout the day. Thank you to Jim, Mya, and all my Cowboy Action friends for making me feel comfortable which eased my anxiety as a first time Cowboy Action shooter. It was a great experience with an awesome group. I highly recommend giving it a try!

Written by Bourbon Betty
(Lori Swanson)





Butcher Butte Bunch-Fenton



Rip Rocker (Brian Swanson)

Bourbon Betty (Lori Swanson)





John Wayne Trivia



1. For which of his many beloved roles did Duke win his only Academy Award?
 - A. Ethan Edwards
 - B. Sgt. Stryker
 - C. Rooster Cogburn
 - D. Sean Thornton
2. What is the name of the final film in which Duke appeared?
 - A. The Shootist
 - B. The Gunman
 - C. The Gunslinger
 - D. El Dorado



Where Am I?



Congratulations to Bad Brass!

He correctly identified these horns hanging up at Lapeer County Sportsman's Club.

He claims, "He's ran into these a couple of times!"



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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns
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- Volunteer to help with Range War

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