



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Well another Range War is in the can and it went very well. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make Range War another success. Our sport runs on volunteers and I think that we have the best volunteers in SASS. A special thanks to Match Director Deuce Stevens and his wife K.J. Stevens. Although Deuce is totally responsible for designing the stages and shooting scenarios, K.J. is his partner in pretty much all of that. They make a great team. In my opinion, Deuce is the best Match Director in SASS and he is the primary reason that Range War is a success each year.

A special thanks also to my daughter Cosmopolitan Christine who handles all of the administrative work for the Rangers and for Range War. She is the one who keeps the wheels running smoothly.

Our mission for Range War each year is to put primary emphasis on our shooters/customers. We know that we are in the entertainment business and we try to keep our shooters/customers happy. We take very seriously the feedback from our shooters' Comment Cards each year and we regularly make changes based on those comments and suggestions. That will be one of the key topics for our next Board of Directors meeting this fall. A Summary of the Comments is included with this Captain's Letter. If anyone would like to see the details of the comment cards and the shooters' suggestions for next year, please send me an email at rgillary@gillarylaw.com and I will email them to you.

We had 231 registered shooters this year and this number compares very favorably with other SASS State Championships in the region including the Guns of August, our SASS Regional Championship.

Congratulations to Red River Ray from North Carolina our Overall Winner and to Deuce Stevens the Michigan State Men's Champion and to his wife K.J. Stevens, the Women's Overall Champion and the Women's Michigan State Champion. Congratulations also to all of the Category Winners and to the Michigan State Champion in each category.

Please refer to the Wolverine Rangers website for all of the winners and their pictures at www.wolverinerangers.org. We have the reputation for having one of the best State Championships in SASS and we will always try to maintain that.

Our shooting season in Michigan is starting to wind down and I would like to thank all of our shooters and our affiliated clubs for making Michigan one of the best places in the U.S. for Cowboy Action Shooting.

I would also like to thank all of the Wolverine Ranger members for helping to make the Wolverine Rangers the best organization in SASS. Your support is very important for us. If you ever have any questions about anything related to the Rangers, please feel free to contact me at any time. Our financial reports are available to all Wolverine Ranger members upon request.

Well that is about all that I have to say for now. Please be sure to give your kids and grandkids a hug and a kiss and tell them that you love them every day.

Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

Range War Comment Card Results

Rating Scale - 5=best; 1= worst

<u>Rating</u>	Overall Experi- ence	Side Matches	Registra- tion	Stage Scenar- ios	Vendors	Vendor	Satur- day Din- ner	Sat. En- ertain- ment	Banquet
5	68	36	81	73	27	24	22	28	57
4	15	10	3	13	33	19	11	6	11
3	0	4	1	1	14	12	0	1	5
2	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
Total Re- sponses	83	51	86	87	82	56	34	36	73

	Large	Small	Total
Hand- book Version	58	18	76

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Sunday, August 3rd was sunny, hot, and humid; perfect weather for a Wild Bunch match at D.S.C. The competitors shot 5 Wild Bunch stages written by Coyote Claxton, Coyote takes extra time to provide close and far targets, pistol and rifle target options, and lots of run and gun magazine change scenarios. Simply said these are some of the best Wild Bunch stages anywhere. You need to come out and try this type of shooting. I guarantee you will leave with a smile on your face.

Anyway back to the match...when the dust cleared and the scores were tallied the top finisher in the SASS Men's Modern category was D.S.C.'s J.J. Longley. The top SASS Men's Traditional category was Attica Jack. The top SASS Women's Modern category was Hey Sugar and D.S.C.'s Fraser Fox won the D.S.C. Open category.

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 a D.S.C. 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 20 pistol, 10 rifle, and 6 shotgun. So if you want plenty of shooting and action, this might just be "your cup of tea".

Our next Wild Bunch match is Sunday, October 12, 2014.



On Sunday, August 17th Rocky River was buslin' with shooters looking to warm up for Range War. Fifty cowboys and cowgirls shot 5 furious stages and hit most of

the targets. When the scores were tallied Lefty Wheeler was the top gunslinger for the day. J.J. Longley was the top finisher from D.S.C. Shooting clean matches were J.J., Onyx, Catlow, Briscoe Callaghan, D.S.C.'s Camp-town and Rochester Kid, and Broke N' West.



On Sunday, September 21, 2014 the Rocky River Regulators dodged a bullet, weather wise that is! The rain filled sky parted as registration opened and the sun came out to the delight of thirty-one competitors. There was some soggy ground, a slight breeze, and a touch of chill in the air - but not enough to dampen anyone's enthusiasm or slow down the Cowboy Action competitors.

When the scores were tallied D.S.C.'s J.J. Longley edged Dodge City Dick for top honors. Shooting clean matches were Moe Gunns, Onyx, Andy Horshurodion, and D.S.C. shooters Dar B. Shureshot, Rochester Kid, and John Weston.

The next Cowboy Match is our annual Chili Cook Off match on Sunday, October 19, 2014. Bring a sample of your best Chili and test your cooking skills against some of the best Chili cookers in the area. Make sure you bring your firearms because the shooting and competition will be as HOT as the Chili.

There is still plenty of shooting action at DSC before the snow flies, so come on out and join the action.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

What happened to Rusty's?

Those of you who are regular visitors to the little cow-town of Butcher Butte, may have noticed that Rusty's Cantina was closed at the September match. The state health department hasn't closed them down, no-siree! Rusty's is closed for remodeling!

A trusted source gave a statement on Rusty's behalf: "We decided to close for the winter a bit earlier this year, in order to complete our remodeling before it's time to re-open again in the spring. We hope to delight our loyal customers with a new look and hopefully some new furnishings, but always the great service you expect at Rusty's."

Please be sure to stop by and visit Rusty's in the spring. We're always glad to have ya!



Shoot for Rio II

On Saturday, September 27, Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club (Home of the Butcher Butte Bunch) hosted a fundraiser benefitting the US Olympic shooting team. The fundraiser, Shoot for Rio II, was a big success, raising an estimated \$10,000! Some of the activities included: man-on-man duel competitions, clays, raffles, wine tasting, dinner and dancing. There were shooting demonstrations by the US Olympians, as well as Cowboy Action shooting by Butcher Butte's own Hey Sugar and Leadfoot Luke. Unfortunately, due to the fire at the Chicago air traffic control tower, some of the Olympians were delayed and didn't arrive until later in the day.

Pictured below (left to right): Hey Sugar, Sydney Carson and Leadfoot Luke. Sydney is a gold medalist team member of the 2014 junior World USA Shooting team, which competed in Granada, Spain in September.



Straight Shots from Saginaw

October is here already and all we can say is “Time flies!” We should add it really flies when you’re having FUN! This summer, we did just that here in Saginaw.

Our shoot on August 23rd had 40 shooters, with 18 shooting it clean. The Wild Bunch Mini-match had 12 guys and gals shootin’ it up. All the scenarios were based on the upcoming State Shoot and everyone had a lot of fun. Our winners can be found [here](#).

A big thank you to everyone who came out to shoot. And special thanks to our Saginaw pards who set-up and tear-down, cook, score and all the other stuff that gets done before a match. They are really appreciated!!

Our Wednesday night practices concluded the last Wednesday of September and we would like to thank all our pards who came on practice nights throughout the season. We had a lot of fun and will be starting back up next April.

While we’re talking about fun shooting, the Michigan State Shoot this year was great. Deuce did another fine job as Match Director and we’d like to thank Cosmopolitan Christine for her design & organizational skills in managing the business/office end of this shoot. There were a lot of fine pards working in many different ways to make this shoot happen and EVERYONE that took part in one way or another can be congratulated for a job well done. Also, congratulations are in order for Deuce and K.J.’s win as 2014 State Shoot champions and a big Yee Haw for ALL category and special event winners, and those who didn’t win but just had a fun time.

Although the days are growing shorter, there is still a lot of fun to be had this fall. Shooting, taking a color tour, football games, taking your kids Trick-Or-Treating and even voting on November 4th. Whatever you do, enjoy yourself and live life! Give it your best shot! God bless you all.

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Howdy From Plymouth.

I hope everybody’s doing well out there and maybe you’ll join us for our October 25th match. We will have five stages including our “Bulls eye Bonus Target” courtesy of Pokey Packrat on stage one. It is a 16” round plate with a 3-4” hole in the center. We place a clay pigeon behind it and you score a bonus if you break the clay! Dodge City Dick, was the ONLY shooter to break the clay at our August match! Come on out for some fun shootin’.

We have had a decent season so far but still seeing a decline in the number of folks shooting.

Happy Trails,
Panhead Pete

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys annual two day shoot, the "Eagles Revenge" was held in September on two absolutely perfect days of shooting for cowboys and cowgirls. Some one was watching over us, as the next day it turned cold and rainy.

Each day was a complete shoot in itself, but 99% of the shooters shot both days. At the end of the first day, the following topped their category: Riverview Rattler - Senior, Poco Loco - Sil. Sr., T.N. Tina - L. Sr., One Son of a Gun - Catl. Brn, Andy Horshurodinon - Sr. Gun Ftr, Tin Pan Sam - Frt. Cart., Bar Gun Hunter - Wrangler, Marlin Matt - Frt. Cart. Duelist, Senora Vaquera - L. Frt. Cart. Duelist, Bulldog Jim - 49er, Scotty Two Shotty - Frt. Cart. GF, Mercantile Annie - L. Sil. Sr., P.K. Brimstone - L. Frt. Cart, Laurie L'Amour - L. Duelist, Buckeye Juice - L. 49er, Big I - Buckaroo.

Everyone totally massacred the two toilets, one at about 25 yards with pistols, the next one at about 50 yards with rifles, they were turned into powder. The last person standing, with rifle, pistols, and shotgun was Riverview Rattler.

On Sunday, the second day, we started an hour earlier, so folks could get home earlier. We had the same great weather, and also the same great cookin' by Birdshot Betty, with help from some of the other 'cowgirls'. We eat good.

When the dust settled, it was Riverview Rattler - Sr, again on top, Poco Loco - Sil. Sr, One Son of a Gun - Catl. Brn, Andy Horshurodinon- Sr. G.F., T.N. Tina - L. Sr., Rancher Roy - Eldr. Stsman, Bar Gun Hunter - Wrangler, Tin Pan Sam - Frt. Cart., Bulldog Jim - 49er, Senora Vaquera - L. Frt. Cart. Duelist, Scotty Two Shotty - Frt. Cart. G.F, Marlin Matt - Frt. Cart. Duelist, P.K. Brimstone - L. Frt. Cart, Mercantile Annie - L. Sil. Sr., Laurie L'Amour - L. Duelist, Buckeye Juice - L. 49er, Big I- Buckaroo.

The toilets were shot too, er, powder, and the last shooter standing was something to behold. Big I (8 yr. old buckaroo), and Riverview Rattler, were the last two standing....and I guess something happened to Riverview Rattler's concentration, because when the last shotgun target went down, it was Big I the winner!!! Our "Spirit of the Game" award for our annual shoot definitely goes Riverview Rattler, a real Cowboy!!!

Y'all come see us for our last 2014 shoot, on Oct. 25th, after that, it's hard to find our brass....

One Son of a Gun, TG

L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Who Was That Masked Man?

A fiery horse, a cloud of dust and a hardy hi-o-silver, it's the Lone Ranger rides again.

Well on August 2, 2014 in down town Oxford Michigan the Lone Ranger and Tonto did ride again, right into the hearts of both the young and old at the Oxford Lone Ranger parade.

That Saturday morning when we were getting ready to walk in the parade it reminded me of how my neighborhood buddies and I would get together to watch the Lone Ranger on TV.

As I walked around the staging area looking at all the floats and people doing their last minute preps, there they were mounted on a white charger and a paint horse bigger than life itself was the Lone Ranger and Tonto. Wow!

I was so impressed with their costumes, the horses and talking with them and the next thing I heard was, "Get in line we're starting". Well it wasn't until after the parade was over I realized I didn't get a picture of them.



The Lapeer County Wranglers and guests about twenty-five in all, walked and rode down Main Street Oxford shaking hands, talking, getting our pictures taken, answering questions and handing out both Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club and Wolverine Ranger brochures.



After the parade everyone was invited over to Pistol Packing Rod's house for an old style cook out and some great refreshments MMMMMM good! All in all I think everyone had a good time.

I would like to give a big thank you Rod and his wife Sheryl for inviting us over to their house for the cook-out. Thankkkkkk Youuuuu !!!!!

From the Wrangler Corral,
Horse Whisperer George Metis

★ Epitaph Survey ★

Late last year, a survey was posted for Wolverine Rangers. Various questions were asked. The results of one of the questions will be posted here with each issue.

Survey Question:

How long have you participated in Cowboy Action Shooting?

Of the responses received, the breakdown in number of years participating in CAS is as follows:

Less than 1 year - 0

1-3 years - 3

3-5 years - 0

5-10 years - 7

10-15 years - 8

15-20 years - 2

20+ years - 1

☆ 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

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