

Wolverine Rangers Epitaph





WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

The Board of Directors meeting which was supposed to take place on November 21st was rescheduled to March 5th at Rockford. We had about a foot of snow that necessitated the rescheduling. We had a good and productive meeting on March 5th after a nice morning of Cowboy Action Shooting. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to see a copy of our Minutes.

We had elections in December and a copy of the results are included in this Epitaph. We have 4 officers and alternate each year with the election of 2 of them. Bad River Marty was re-elected as First Lieutenant and Snareman was re-elected as Treasurer. We also elected our At Large members. Please thank them all when you get a chance. All board positions are volunteer positions.

Our Annual Meeting / Free Shoot is scheduled for Sunday July 10th at Saginaw. We will have two \$200 cash prizes randomly drawn for Wolverine Ranger members who are present. There will also be two free entries for 2016 Range War. Please mark this on your calendar for a free day of shooting and comradery. This is your opportunity to find out what is going on with the Rangers and to ask any questions that you might have.

Shooting season is now upon us and we have the opportunity to exercise our Second Amendment rights in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Please have fun and be safe.

Please also be sure to sign up for Range War this year. Our theme for Range War this year will be to honor our service men and women who have sacrificed to keep us safe and free in the greatest country in the history of the world. Look for more info on this.

Not much else to report. The Lady and I would like to wish all of your families a happy and healthy shooting season.

Please say a prayer for our service men and women who are defending our freedoms. Remember freedom is not free.



Best regards,

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers



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2015 Wolverine Rangers Election Results:

Vice President (First Lieutenant):

Bad River Marty

Treasurer:

Snareman

Members-at-Large:

Cactus Kay

Catlow

Chili Pepper Pete

Dakota Doc

Doc Noper

hOOt Hamilton

Leadfoot Luke

Steady Eddie

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The town of Rocky River has finally started to show some life. The snow is melted and now we see our town boardwalks and are looking forward to the 2016 Cowboy Action shooting season.

Our first monthly Cowboy Action match was closely approaching and we were ready to let some lead fly. On Sunday, March 20, 2016, the day was crisp and cold but the sun was bright and warmed us just a little. Twenty-three hearty cowboys came out to dust the cobwebs out of their shooting irons. When the shooting was done and the scores were calculated Leadfoot Luke was declared the overall winner. Not only did he dazzle us with his firearm accuracy and speed, but also his footwear was just as dazzling and comfy.



DSC's J.J. Longley and Dar B Shurshot followed Leadfoot Luke closely in the final standing. Shooting clean matches were two Cowboys from D.S.C.: Fraser Fox and Nine Finger Bob.

The April match was perfection! April 17, 2016 was the type of spring day we all wait for after a long winter. The day was clear, sunny, and 75 degrees. It doesn't get any better than this to hold a Cowboy Action match. That thought was concurred by 50 cowboys and cowgirls that proceeded to our range for a day of Cowboy action competition.

When the competitors had fired their last shot and Camptown had compiled the scores; Faygo Kid was awarded top honors. Faygo was closely followed by Dodge City Dick and Moe Gunns, rounding out the top three shooters. Shooting clean matches were Moe Gunns, Briscoe Callaghan, Longshot Lillian, Outrider Outlaw, Mr. Beerbelly Willie, Andy Horshurodinon, Henry Moon Shine, Soaring Red Hawk, and DSC Cowboys J.J. Longley, Nine Finger Bob, and Jack Holladay.



Coming Events at DSC...

Sunday, May 1, 2016 Wild Bunch Match, registration at 8:30 AM

Sunday, May 22, 2016 May Cowboy Action Match, registration at 8:30 AM

There are plenty of shooting opportunity at D.S.C. during the month of May, come out and join us.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley



The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys of NW Michigan are at it again, after a winter layoff because we cannot find our brass on the range when the snow gets two or more feet high on the range.

It was a very special day of shooting as the Mayor/Sheriff of Eagleville turned eighty (80) years young on this day, and many pards showed up to help celebrate as well as Ten (10) of his family members showed up to shoot Cowboy Action with him, many for the first time. Yee-Hahh.!!

When the smoke cleared, the following shooters came out on top of their categories:
Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Classic C.B. - Twisted Pine Pete, Frontier Ct. G.Ftr - Marlin Matt, Grand Patron - One Son of a Gun, 49er - Bar Gun Hunter, Silver Sr. - Tin Pan Sam, Wrangler - Rowdy Rusk, Ladies Ft.

Cart. Duelest - Senora Vaquera, El. Stsman - Rancher Roy, Ladies Gn Ftr. - Laurie L'Amour, Buckaroo - Big I, Classic Cowgirl - Lead Slinger, Ladies 49er - Jail Bird Cindy, Ladies Frt. Cart. - P.K. Brimstone, Ladies Wrangler - Kimber Star. And shot the match clean were, Cowgirl Killer, Rowdy Rusk, and Big I (eye),(buckaroo) age 9, he has come a long way in three years since he started shooting, thanx to granddad Tin Pan Sam.

We shoot on the 4th Saturday of every month from April til October, only \$15 to shoot, and we always have great grub with Birdshot Betty as the 'cookie'!. Y'allll come see us, Ya Heah,

One Son of a Gun
TG retired

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

April 17, 2016

What a beautiful day for Cowboy shooting!!! We had 34 shooters and lots of fun. The first shoot for our new shooter, a buckaroo, H W Shooter. This young one only had three misses all day but it doesn't hurt if your Grandpa is Sauk Trail Mike. Welcome H W Shooter!!!!

We had two clean shooters today: Gus Grizzle & Howdy Partner. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped wake up the Valley and helped Mike & me today: Blackthorne Billy, Black Hills Talon, D. K. Tracker, Diamond Jim, Joe Quick, Ka Adik Krista, Mike E the Blaster, Naughty Nellie, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat. A

special thank you to Cookie for the great lunch!

Our next shoot will May 15th, 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.

Sauk Valley Stubby & Ms. Blazin



Straight Shots from Saginaw

Saginaw started our weekly Wednesday night practices on April 20th and the gang had a lot of fun, as well as educating some onlookers. As most of you know, once the gun gets in the hand and you hear the lead hit that steel, you're hooked. Hopefully, these folks will feel the same way and continue with this fun sport.

Most of you are probably aware that Saginaw will be hosting the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot/Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 10th. This is in conjunction with our 2-Day event... 2 separate days of shooting with each day scored separately. We'll also be having a Wild Bunch Mini Match after Saturday's main match.

This is a great time to spend the weekend shooting at a super-low bargain...2 days for the price of one! And there is even free camping...we have about 14 new campsites located on the other side of the lake, with 3-prong, 110, 20 amp electrical hookups.

Also, any non-Wolverine Ranger members can shoot at the regular price but will be unable to be in the drawing. Maybe they should consider this as another good reason to join?? Let's pass the word along to them.

Our first match for 2016 is April 30th and results on that will be in the next Epitaph issue. Our next match will then be on June 11th.

On a personal note, we appreciate all the prayers and concerns shown while Marty deals with his cancer. He started a different treatment in December and with that, there are good days, and a few we like to just forget about. With a strong faith and great pards, every day is a "Thank You, Lord!" day.

God bless ya'll and remember to live life. Give it your best shot.

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

April's match at Butcher's Butte was over before it ever started. Cancelled due to the predicted 3 inches of snow. The weather report was right. We got that snow right about the time we would have been shooting.



Be sure to join us for our May match, which happens to be on Mother's Day.

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

In March, we realized unusually warm weather. Unfortunately, our March 19 opening match wasn't remotely warm. Although the sky was bright and clear, our high temperature only reached a frigid 30 degrees. 18 brave Cowpoke braved the temperatures, including new shooter Dead Eye Deska (who put up a clean match his first time out).

The weather didn't seem to affect Rev. CS Miss A Lot. The good Rev. finished first overall, explaining he enjoyed personal bests on several stages, recording three sub 18 second rounds. Outrider Outlaw also earned a clean match.

In contrast to the March match, the weather for the April 23 match was exquisite. A friendly Goldfinch was there to help 28 of us with the Pledge of Allegiance. He flitted around and lighted on a few shooters as if to say hello, have a wonderful day. We had the privilege to welcome another new shooter, Kepi, to the JCR ranks.



Snuffy Dave Edwards led the way, as well as shooting the only clean match. Although a

few shooters thought the bright sunlight might have been the cause of a couple of misses, we all thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Our next match is scheduled for May 21. In addition to the match, we will host a Swap and Sell. Have extra stuff that you want to share or clear out. Bring it along and set it out to sell.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment to bring to your attention HB 5109. HB 5109 was introduced by Rep. Jim Tedder (R) on December 3, 2015. The purpose of HB 5109 is "to exempt from property taxes conservation clubs that allow their facilities to be used for charitable purposes at least 55 days a year." HB was referred to the House Tax Policy Committee on December 3, 2015. It appears to be stuck in committee. Please write your state legislators and urge them to approve this measure. On the next page is a sample letter for your consideration.

And remember, always drink upstream from the herd.

Dear Representative _____,

I urge you to vote YES on House Bill 5109. As a member of Western Wayne County Conservation Association, (WWCCA), I can attest to the positive impact our club has on the community and in conserving 88 acres of wooded property from ongoing and often reckless development. I will list a few of the activities we host for the public.

WWCCA opens its doors to the public every October for 4 weeks. This provides the opportunity for hunters to ensure their rifles and shotguns are properly sighted in to achieve accurate, humane shots in the field.

We host several police agencies who use our ranges for qualifications and a multitude of other training.

Our volunteer members instruct our children in the proper and safe use of archery equipment and firearms. These future hunters and shooters will become the stewards of our natural resources and many will go on to positions in the military and law enforcement with valuable skills already learned.

Our primitive camping area hosts several "Rendezvous" events for reenactors of the "Fur Trade" era in early America. This camping area is also enjoyed and used by several Boy Scout troops in the area.

We host the Detroit Zoo Security Team every month for training.

These are just a few of the activities and events we at WWCCA host for the benefit of the public. Our club far exceeds 55 days of public use and availability. We also maintain the Johnson Creek waterway which bisects our property. We keep the creek clear of fallen trees and choking undergrowth providing a habitat for deer, turkey, fox, rabbit, egrets and a variety of other wildlife.

We are a volunteer club with a very small paid staff. Property taxes on the club would be a large burden on our finances and threaten to eventually close our club as many have in the state. Michigan is a wonderful, recreationally minded State. Promoting conservation and passing on the great Michigan traditions of hunting, shooting and conservation are an integral part of our identity and our economy. Please say YES to HB 5109 so we can continue to be good stewards of our natural resources and assist in training young and old alike in the safe and proper use of archery equipment and firearms.

Thank you for your consideration,

Name
Street
City, State Zipcode

L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club

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January 4, 2016

Howdy Cowboys & Cowgirls,

You are all cordially invited to join us for our 19th Great Lakes Annual Match, to be held May 28, 29 and 30, 2016 at the Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club property. We will be featuring three (3) one day matches with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards each day and an overall Top Shooters Buckle Award (Man and Woman) if you shoot both Saturday and Sunday Cowboy Matches. Lunch will be served after each day of shooting.

All the necessary information and documents can be found on the Wolverine Rangers website. This year if we receive your application by May 1, 2016 you will receive a badge with your cowboy alias on the badge if ordered. Also, please make copies and pass them out to other Cowboys and Cowgirls.

Looking forward to see ya all there.

Best Regards.
Horse Whisperer
a/k/a George Boisineau

The Shooter's Stance

Forcing Cone Cleaning Aid

As I only clean my Ruger 44 mag. Vaqueros about twice a year, whether they need it or not, sometimes cleaning the forcing cone can be a problem. I had a local gunsmith widen the cones as I was going to only shoot lead bullets, but he left machine marks on the forcing cones, which seems to attract leading, making the removal of the leading difficult and time consuming. I made this little device from a piece of scrap $\frac{1}{4}$ " hexagon bar stock, square stock would work as well. I cut off a piece about 4" inches long and drilled and tapped a 8X32 hole that will accept a standard 45 cal. Cleaning brush, now I can really work on getting the leading out of the forcing cone by using this aid.

Attica Jack



I got this painted rock from my daughter. I thought it was pretty cool, didn't know how to post on the SASS site...so I posted it here.

Attica Jack



Editor's Corner

Publication Change

You may have noticed that there hasn't been an issue of the Wolverine Rangers Epitaph published for the past several months. There are a couple reasons for this:

During the cold months most clubs don't have Cowboy matches so there is very little to report.

During the warm weather months when clubs are hosting monthly matches, often times what is reported is very stale news. By that I mean, for example, that a club's April match results and information wouldn't be reported until the next issue—June. Likewise, June's articles wouldn't be published until August.

So, as an experiment, this year's issues of the Epitaph will be published on a monthly basis beginning with the May issue and continuing each month through November and possibly a December issue as well.

This will result in one (and possibly two) more issues being published each year than was done previously. This will result in a little more work for those wonderful people who are reporting club news and for me in editing and publishing those articles. I think that the results will be well worth the extra effort. The articles will be fresh rather than in some cases nearly two months old.

I'd be interested in hearing what you think of the new schedule. Send your comments to me via e-mail at: outrideroutlaw@yahoo.com. Use Epitaph Changes as your subject line.

Keep your powder dry and shoot straight.

Outrider Outlaw
Editor

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- 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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