



WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

We were supposed to have a Board of Directors meeting for the Rangers on Saturday November 21st at our farm in Columbiaville but we got snowed out. We cancelled the meeting the day before and it is a good thing we did. We had about a foot of snow at our farm. I know that most of our Board members probably could have made it but driving for 2 plus hours in bad conditions was not a good idea. We are in the process of trying to reschedule.



Please keep our pards Bad River Marty and Wall Man in your prayers. Both are battling medical problems.

We will be having elections in December for the positions of Vice President/First Lieutenant, Treasurer and Members at Large. Ballots will be sent out in early December. Please send in your votes before the end of the month.

I will be heading to Vegas for the SASS Convention and Territorial Governor's Summit. We will let everyone know the results of the votes on the Agenda Items. The agenda may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Not much else to report. The Lady and I would like to wish all of your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year full of good health and happiness. 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

R.J. Law – Captain
Wolverine Rangers



★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Fall in Michigan has brought a bit of a chill to the range but also clear blue sunny skies. On October 11th eighteen top gun hands came to the range to test their skills with a 5 stage Wild Bunch match.

The first stage was a challenge as the shooters were faced with the “Ducks fly at night” scenario of multiple magazine changes and the “flying V” of shotgun targets. It did not take long for the morning sun to warm up the range and the competition to get hot and furious. When the scores were tabulated the overall winner in the SASS Modern class was Coyote Claxton. Coyote edged out Camptown by 4 seconds. Shooting in the other SASS recognized classes using “big” bullets; Leadfoot Luke won the SASS Men’s Traditional division. Hey Sugar was the SASS Women’s Modern winner and Dodge City Dick won the “Open” division. Shooting Clean matches were DSC’s Coyote Claxton and Dodge City Dick.

October 18th was a crisp and cool fall day in Michigan. With the morning very cool and later in the day clear and sunny skies, thirty-one cowboys and cowgirls tested their cowboy action skills against 5 furious stages. The shooting was almost as hot as some of the chili that was judged later in the afternoon. Finishing first overall was Dodge City Dick, followed closely by J.J. Longley, and Bad Brass. Shooting clean matches were Rowdy Ryan, Big Bad Jim, and DSC’s Camptown, Rifle Rick, Nine Finger Bob, and Coyote Claxton. Way to go!

After the match the cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed a lunch of various chilis that were judged in our annual chili cook off contest. The judges indicated that this was the best chili that they ever tasted at our annual event. The DSC cowboys want to salute everyone that brought chili and helped make this a special event.

When the chili powder settled, the 2015 DSC Chili Cook Off winners were (pictured left to right below):

Best overall Chili: Kim (DSC Clubhouse cook)
No Bean Chili: Andy Horsurodinon
Hottest Chili: Broke N’ West
Bean Chili: Onyx

This is always a great lunch on an October afternoon after a fun shooting event. We look forward to doing this again next year.

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Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica) - Continued

Sunday November 15th, a cowboy match and a Thanksgiving turkey feast! But first the November Cowboy match. The weather did cooperate; it was 60 degrees in November. It doesn't get any better than that! All the cowboys and cowgirls shot five stages, stayed warm by the camp fire and the bright sun and looked forward to partaking in the Thanksgiving feast that was being prepared in the DSC range building. As we gave thanks and ate the full turkey Thanksgiving dinner that Penny Ante prepared, we listened to the scores as Camptown read them off. Winning the match was Riverview Rattler followed closely by J.J. Longley, and Hey Sugar. We also had the following clean shooters, Riverview Rattler, Hey Sugar, Big Bad Jim, and Rodent. Also shooting clean were DSC cowboys Camptown and J.J. Longley.

Our next match is Sunday, December 20th and then Rocky River is shut down until March 2016. DSC will resume with the regular 5 stage monthly Cowboy match on Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J.J. Longley



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our final match of 2015 was October 24th. Mother Nature challenged us. The threat of rain limited the turnout to 26 shooters. It may or may not have been divine intervention, but we were able to get the match in with nary a drop of rain.

The morning started out with our own version of the Paul Bunyan Trophy match up between Wolverine Regulator and Spartan Johnny. Spartan Johnny won the toss and deferred to the second half. Wolverine Regulator put up a valiant effort, but alas, equipment failure cost him and Spartan Johnny earned the respect of all Spartan fans in attendance.



Clean matches were turned in by Sarge and Mishomis, but Snuffy Dave Edwards took the day. Rounding out the top five were Spartan Johnny, Dodge City Dick, Longshot Lillian and Rev. C.S. Miss Alot.

On November 11, the Johnson Creek Regulators met for kinship and elections. The candidates were provided the opportunity for lengthy orations. Libations were temporarily suspended and ballots were cast. The polls were closed. The votes were counted. The votes were close, but after several recounts Panhead Pete was elected Sheriff, Sarge was elected Deputy and Henry Moon Shine was elected Territorial Governor.

Special thanks to Rainmaker Ray and Honest Abe for their leadership in 2015. 2015 was a great year, and we are all looking forward to a successful 2016.



Effective immediately the following cowboys will run our program:

Sheriff - Panhead Pete (Rick Celia) panheadgunslingers@yahoo.com

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Territorial Governor - Henry Moonshine (Jim Nangle) jnangle@wowway.com

From Johnson Creek Regulators, we wish you all Happy Holidays. Until we meet again.



Editor's Corner

New contact email address for Senior Web Lady

Please note that the Senior Web Lady has changed email addresses. Her new address is:

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After December 1, the old email address: laportelil@speednetllc.com will no longer work.



Change to the Epitaph publishing schedule

I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know about the change to the publication schedule of the Epitaph that will begin after this issue.

I've been noticing that much of the information published in articles in the Epitaph tends to be fairly outdated since the Epitaph has been published every other month throughout the year. The winter "off season" issues are also on the lean side.

In an effort to bring you more current information about events and past matches, the Epitaph will now be published on a monthly basis during the "shooting season".

The next issue of the Epitaph will be published on or around May 1, 2016. That issue will cover events occurring in March and April.

I anticipate issues being published in May, June, July, August, September, October, November and possibly December. This brings you at least one more edition of the Epitaph during the year.

This means a bit more work for me, and for those who submit articles for publication, but the information will be more current and the articles will be written while the information is still fresh in our minds. I hope that everyone sees this as a welcome change and update to *our* Epitaph.

Please remember that this is not a newsletter just for those in charge of clubs. It is an open forum for articles of interest from ALL of our membership. If you have an idea for a story or would like to write a story for publication, please feel free to submit something. This is, after all, *OUR* newsletter!

My best to you in the coming year. Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Outrider Outlaw,

Editor
Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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- Volunteer to help with Range War
- Vendor Registration and Information

WOLVERINE RANGERS' SECRETARY

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