

Wolverine Rangers

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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

If you were not able to attend the Annual Meeting / Free Shoot at Saginaw on July 10th then you missed a good shoot and a good time. We had our Annual Meeting in the Saginaw Field & Stream Main Clubhouse and it is a very nice facility and the ladies did a great job with the food. Thanks to the Saginaw Cowboys and the ladies who did the cooking for doing a great job with the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and Annual Meeting.

Consistent with our past practice over the course of the last several years, we had a raffle for Wolverine Ranger members who were present for the meeting. The winners were:

D.K. Tracker - \$200 cash
Red Beard - \$200
Hawk Woman - Free Range War entry
Wildcat Maverick - Free Range War entry
Goodshots Gettem - Doc Noper Shotgun Belt

Sinola Kid took over the handling of the Clean Match Award as well as keeping track of the shooters who shot clean over the last year. The winners were:

Men - Split Aces -
Women - Lainey Mae

Congratulations to Split Aces and Lainey Mae for winning the Clean Match awards. The Rangers had a total of 175 shooters shooting 597 clean matches. Thanks to Sinola Kid for administering this program.

There will be 2 shooting clinics at Range War this year. Shamrock Sadie on behalf of the Doiley Gang, will be putting on a Women's Only Shooting clinic. This is a great opportunity for our women shooters to have some good instruction from a great shooter without interference from the men.

Additionally, EMF Firearms will be putting on a beginners Shooting Clinic for junior and female shooters. This will be an excellent shooting clinic for our women and junior shooters who are interested in learning to shoot cowboy guns. Please take advantage of this opportunity to introduce more women and junior shooters to our sport. Please check the Schedule of Events for Range War for the date, time and location for these 2 clinics when our Shooter's Handbook is published on the Ranger's website.

I hope to see you all at Range War.

Best regards,

R.J. Law - Captain
Wolverine Rangers



Discover Cowboy Action Shooting



EMF, Early Modern Firearm Co. Inc. are proud to announce their new program, EMF New Shooter Academy for junior and female shooters. This free hands-on introductory clinic is designed to give potential new shooters a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere to become familiar with EMF firearms and learn about Cowboy Action Shooting.

Upon completion of each class, students will receive a certificate of achievement along with a new shooter starter package as well as deep discounted pricing on EMF entry level firearms suitable for the family budget. Come out and discover Cowboy Action Shooting and have the best time of your life.

Friday, September 2nd at 4:00 pm
Location: Blue Water Sportsman's Club
4866 Ravenswood Road, Smith's Creek

Call Cheryl: 717.575.4144 for more details.

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Sunday July 17th was our annual Cowboy T-shirt match. Usually it is really warm on the range at Rocky River in July, so a T-shirt can make it cooler to compete for top honors. Besides you have to have somewhere to where you're Wolverine Rangers Range War T-shirt and promote the state competition. Fifty cowboys and cowgirls came to the range wearing all kinds of T-shirts and some short pants; and they shot fast and accurate. When the shooting was completed and Camptown posted the scores: Faygo Kid was awarded top honors followed closely by Apache Wolf and DSC's J.J. Longley. I did mention that these 50 competitors shot accurately: so



shooting clean matches were Kentucky Drifter, Colt McCloud, Onyx, Longshot Lillian, Attica Jack, Catlow, Mr. Beerbelly Willie, Broke N' West, Rodent, Soaring Red Hawk, and DSC cowboys Nine Finger Bob, Rochester Kid, and Jack Holiday.

Our next monthly cowboy match will be August 21st. Great time to tune up for Range War.

DSC has a Wild Bunch match scheduled for Saturday, August 6th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the shooting starts at 9:30 AM.

Coyote Claxton, DSC Wild Bunch guru sets up a true Wild Bunch match NOT a Cowboy Action match with a 1911. Every one needs to come out and give this a try. If you don't have all the right guns; no problem, just bring any semi-auto that shoots lead bullets and your cowboy rifle and shotgun. Give it a try!

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys July shoot was by unanimous consent HOT, and much more humidity than usual, but everyone got through it because it was shortened from the usual 6 stages to 5 stages as everybody was slowing down, and chugging water. Birdshot Bettys watermelon for dessert really hit the spot.

We had a couple of spectators that stayed for quite a while, and I think we may have 'set the hook'. We'll see. They probably will be back.

Our young Buckaroo is getting better every year, is usually shooting clean, and had only one miss today. A really fine young man. (Big I).

When the smoke cleared (Several Black Powder shooters), our Match Director Trusty Rusty beat the field, and the following topped their category.
Cattle Baron - Trusty Rusty, Elder Statesman -

Thummpier John, 49er - Bar-Gun Hunter, Senior. - Bulldog Jim, Grand Patron - One Son of a Gun, Senior Duelist - Petoskey Pete, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Frontier Cartridge Gun Fighter- Marlin Matt, Frontier Cartridge- Tin Pan Sam, Wrangler - Rowdy Rusk, Lady Frontier Cartridge Duelist - Senora Vaquera, Lady Gun Fighter - Laurie L'Amour, Lady 49er - Buckeye Juice, Lady Frontier Cartridge - P.K. Brimstone, Buckaroo - Big I

Clean Shooters were 'all in the family' One Son of a Gun, Bar Gun Hunter & Cowgirl Killer, 3 generations.. A real joy to shoot together.

Y'all come up to the 'woods' and have fun with us, fourth Saturday of the month.

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

Today we dodged a bullet with the weather, thought we were going to get a down pour and it barely sprinkled. We had a whopping 43 shooters today! Some of our regulars, some we haven't seen in a while and some of our Pardos from Bristol. Like to thank everyone who joined us, we had a great day!

We had eight clean shooters today: Cayuse Jack, Drover Dan, Juste' Badshot, Lue Dee Kriss, Mike E the Blaster, Pine Creek Jack, Sauk Valley Stubby and Tommy Two Fingers. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the Valley and helped Mike & me today: Blackthorne Billy, Diamond Jim, Grampaw Willie, Horserider Blue, Ka Adik Krista, Mike E the Blaster, Naughty Nellie, and Triple Threat. Thanks to Cookie for providing a great lunch of pulled pork sandwiches.

Sadly, Cookie has decided that she will not be doing our lunches next year, she will finish up this year. We will all miss her greatly. The Valley pays for the lunch ingredients, we need someone to prepare, deliver and serve it. If anyone has any ideas about providing lunches next year, please let me know.

Our next shoot will be August 21st, 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



Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Our August match promises to offer a good time. Before the match, we have it on good authority that Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay will be once again, giving us a little more bang for our buck with some pre-match fun! This time it is expected to be with TWO Texas Star targets. We're not sure exactly what we'll be doing with the targets, but surprises are always fun, right? The pre-match activity will begin around 9:00am so be sure to bring a little extra ammo with you so you can join in on the fun!

The match stages are also a little different from Fenton's usual, this time being written by Outrider Outlaw and myself. We had a fun time writing these stages and we hope that everyone will have a good time shooting them.

Remember, we also have a drawing for a free match at our safety meeting. Come on out, come early and enjoy a fun day at Butcher Butte!

Shoot straight and stay safe!

*Lengshot
Lillian*

Straight Shots from Saginaw

There is a quote by David Allen, the author of *Getting Things Done*, which says... “I am rather like a mosquito in a nudist camp; I know what I want to do, but I don’t know where to begin.”

I think we all have felt that way, at one time or another. You can overwhelm yourself if you think too much. Best thing is just pick something and do it. It will all work out. Sort of like Larry, the Cable Guy’s advice...just “getter done!” And that’s what Saginaw did with the July 9-10th, 2-day shooting event...and what fun we had!!

We’d like to give a big THANK YOU to all who helped put on the event, who donated prizes, and to everyone who came to Saginaw to participate. We greeted about 10 camping rigs from as far away as Canada and Ohio. There were 40 shooters Saturday, 18 shooting it clean. The Wild Bunch had 6 tough pards shooting after the main match. Sunday found 73 attending the Wolverine Ranger free shoot, with 27 shooting it clean. Yee Haw! With BIG targets, fun scenarios, great posse leaders, and a new wagon prop to challenge everyone’s shooting skills, it was a lot of fun. Beautiful weather made it pert-near perfect on our shady cowboy town in the woods.

After Sunday’s match everyone headed to the main club house where our favorite cooks fed the troops some mighty fine tasting grub. We had our awards ceremony, followed by prize drawings, and a brief business meeting with discussion on the upcoming SASS Michigan State Shoot (Range War), happening in Port Huron over Labor Day weekend.

Speaking of Range War, our Saturday, August 27th shoot here in Saginaw, will feature scenarios for that upcoming event. We’re looking forward to a day of fun shooting and good fellowship with our pards. Don’t be like that indecisive mosquito; just come on out and getter’ done.

Until next time, live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Twenty-two shooters visited the Johnson Creek Regulators on a hot July day. Temperatures hovered in the high 90s causing numerous mental and equipment failures. We would like to thank all participants for the active roles they took in keeping the posses moving. The weather was miserable, but posse members looked after each other to make sure no one overheated.

The day started with a poker game side match. While seated at a card table, shooters engaged five targets Duelist Style, while holding a poker hand. Mr. Beer Belly Willy outclassed eleven other shooters cleanly hitting all five targets in 6.70 seconds.

Crossfire Trail starring Tom Selleck was Panhead Pete's inspiration for the main match. Tom Selleck has nothing on Snuffy Dave Edwards. Snuffy Dave scored three bonuses in his route of the field, with an adjusted time of 115.04. Clean matches were turned in by Dodge City Dick, Mr. Beer Belly Willy and Henry Moonshine.

It isn't unusual to have someone taking photos during our matches, but this time around we had someone taking videos. The photos and videos can be found [here](#).

During the match, a discussion arose regarding the function of spotters. Specifically as to whether or not there should be discussion between the spotters as to what they saw and what the resulting ruling should be. According to the ROII handbook "(T)he shooter is the ONLY person who may question a call made by any of the Range Officers on the line. "... "The Chief Range Officer shall politely discuss any discrepancies or questions with regard to safety, penalties, or rules with the shooter. In an effort to resolve any discrepancies, The Chief Range Officer should ONLY include other assigned Posse Officials in these discussions." In other words, call them as you see them. If the shooter questions the call, it is the Chief Range Officer's job to step in and resolve the situation. It is important to remember that benefit of the doubt always goes to the shooter.

Our next match is August 27. Inspiration is from the John Wayne movie Chisum. John Chisum was born August 15, 1824. Make sure to bring some extra pistol ammunition for our Wild Bill side match. You may want to dust off your 1851 Navy and make a little smoke.

Until we meet again, remember, you gotta do your own ropin, no matter how good your Daddy was.

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

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