





# WOLVERINE RANGERS

An Organization of Cowboy Action Shooters in the State of Michigan

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## CAPTAIN'S LETTER - Welcome to Range War

On behalf of the Wolverine Rangers and our 15 affiliated Cowboy Action Shooting Clubs, Match Director/ Range Master Deuce Stevens and I take pleasure in welcoming you to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual SASS Michigan State Championship of Cowboy Acting Shooting, known as the Wolverine Rangers Range War. Our goal is for you to have an enjoyable weekend competing in 10 stages and hanging out with your pard.

This year for Range War we will be honoring our servicemen and women who have served or are serving in the military as well as in local police and fire departments. Please see the listing in the Shooter's Handbook of our shooters who have served. I would also like to invite you to see the Traveling Wall from the AMVETS Post 29 from Mount Clemens, Michigan. This is an Honor War in memory and honor of Michigan Fallen Soldiers who fought in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF). The Traveling Wall will be at the Range on Saturday. Please pay your humble respects to those men and women who fought and died for Freedom. AMVETS Post 29 will also be collecting donations to help our veterans in need.

Each stage for Range War this year will feature an actor who served in the military. Some you may know about and some you may not. Stage One will feature Congressional Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy. Audie Murphy was the most highly decorated soldier in American history. Also included are James Arness; Mel Brooks; Lee Marvin; James Garner; Jimmy Stewart; Henry Fonda; Clark Gable; Paul Newman; and Ernest Borgnine. This is far cry from the Hollywood of today.

We will again having our Cowboy Campfire on Saturday night in the campground. This was a first for us last year and we hope that it will be bigger this year. We are asking everyone who can play a musical instrument to bring it along. We have no set rules other that everything must be G-Rated. As we always say, the best part about this sport is the people. Come to the campground on Saturday night and let's have some fun.

Thanks again for coming to Range War. Relax, have a good time and be safe.

Also, please remember to take the time to thank our servicemen and women for their service.

*R.J. Law*

R.J. Law, Captain – The Wolverine Rangers

# ★ Shooting News ★

## Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

August 6<sup>th</sup> was the third Wild Bunch match of the year at DSC. The shooting action was hot but the weather was hotter and muggy. Fourteen hot and soggy shooters competed for top honors and when the smoke cleared Coyote Claxton was the only clean shooter and the winner of the SASS Modern category. Winning the SASS Traditional class was Attica Jack. At this match we had a special class for pistol only shooting. Shooting both the pistol and rifle targets with their semi auto handgun and winning that category was a DSC pistol shooter and cowboy Strident Fusspot. The last Wild Bunch match of the year will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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!



Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> was a perfect day for shooting. Cooler and less humid and the targets were set up at Range War distance for a little practice. Add a little movement and

you have a recipe for a fun match. This was our last T-shirt and shorts match for the year. When



the scores were tallied Leadfoot Luke edged J.J. Longley for top honors. Shooting practice all summer has paid dividends as Bad Brass, Poco Loco, Cody Wales, Catlow, Big Bad Jim, No Name, Henry Moon Shine, JC Wade, Horse Keeper, and DSC shooters Camptown, Fraser Fox, Nine Finger Bob, Jack Holiday, and Terrebonne Bud all had clean matches. The next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come out and join the fun.

Fall is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about DSC's annual October Chili Cook-off match. Save the date of October 16<sup>th</sup> for the festivities. Dust off that family recipe and bring your entry and shoot in the October match. The food is great and the match is always action packed.

See you on the range.  
J.J. Longley

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

August 14 was a warm day in Fenton, but thankfully, no rain. We had 37 shooters come out and join us for our monthly match, including a few that we don't normally see at Fenton. Thanks to all those who came out and shot with us, we enjoyed the company of each and every one of you! We hope you had a great time and will come out to shoot with us again soon!

Prior to the match, Dakota Doc and Cactus Kay generously provided us with a little extra fun in the form of a man-on-man competition. Not just *any* man-on-man competition, but a duel of sorts with two Texas Star targets. Several of the shooters who were there for the

match enjoyed a little friendly rivalry. Thank you Doc and Kay for your extra efforts to make the match even more fun for so many! We greatly appreciate it!

Topping the list when the results of the match were read was Faygo Kid. We had 6 shooters complete the match clean.

Please come on out and join us for our next match on September 11. On this day, please remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

*L Longshot  
Lillian*

## Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

August 21 was a beautiful day for shooting, not too hot, not too cold, just right. We had 33 shooters today! Like to thank everyone who joined us, we had a great day!

We had five clean shooters today: D. K. Tracker, Diamond Jim, Drover Dan, Lainey Mae and Shotgun Sully. Congratulations!

Like to thank everyone who helped set up the Valley and helped Mike & I today: Blackthorne Billy, D. K. Tracker, Grampaw Willie, Ka Adik Krista, Naughty Nellie, Tommy Two Fingers and Triple Threat.

Thanks to Cookie for providing a great lunch today of Subway sandwiches, potato salad and cookies. 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 September 18th, 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



Huron River Raiders - Commerce

# Wanted: Cowboys & Cowgirls

The Huron River Raiders at Multi-Lakes are looking for new guests that want to learn how to Shoot the “Guns of the Old West”. You can use our guns and a limited supply of our ammo. (Range fee \$5, non-mem \$10)

Our goal is twofold: to introduce the fastest growing gun sport to Men, Women, Kids and Western enthusiasts and to give instruction.



During 2016 we plan on having practice sessions on:  
5/21, 6/18, 7/30, & 9/17.

All sessions held from 10:00 –12:00. You can shoot .22, 45 Colt & 38 Spl. pistols and lever action rifles, & 12/20/410 shotguns. All are replicas of 1873-1907. You will be taught by professionals!

Cool Hand Carl (Marshal). Call: (248)318-3463 & leave a message. 1873cowboy45@sbcglobal.net

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth



On August 27<sup>th</sup> the Johnson Creek Regulators entertained twenty-three shooters. Among them Circuit Rider attended his first Cowboy match.

The day started with the Wild Bill side match. Rex Tanner took the match, ringing the gong at sixty yards more frequently than his competition..

This month's main match borrowed heavily from the 1970 Warner Brothers movie "Chisum", starring John Wayne. The real John Chisum, born August 15, 1824 in Harde-man County Tennessee, moved to the Republic of Texas in 1837. Chisum was a business associate of Alexander McSween, and influential figure in the Lincoln County War. Chisum died in Eureka Springs, Arkansas on De-

ember 23, 1884 at the age of 60. Unmarried, he left his estate valued at \$500,000 to his brothers Pitzer and James.

In true John Wayne fashion, Doc Roy L Pain muscled his way to take overall honors with an impressive adjusted time of 125.39. Snuffy Dave Edwards and Sarge turned in clean matches. Top Wrangler Lady Longshot Lillian finished with an impressive adjusted time of 144.32.

Our next match is scheduled for September 24. The theme for the September match will be mining in the old west. Time and weather permitting we are planning a couple of fun additions. We will be introducing our Texas Star. We are also going to try to run a fun team match after the regular match is over. Teams and positions to be selected by draw. So bring some extra ammunition and plan to have fun. There won't be any extra cost to the additions.

Our quote of the month comes from John Wayne. "A man deserves a second chance, but keep an eye on him."



## L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

### Lone Ranger Parade 2016

Well this is the fourth year for the Lone Ranger Parade in Oxford, Michigan and the third year for the L.C.S.C. Wranglers participating in the festivities.



This year besides walking in the parade we also set up a booth to introduce people to our club, Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club, the Wranglers, Wolverine Rangers and to the different shooting sports.

It was a beautiful day with a slight breeze. We had lots of people interested in what we had to say but the one thing I noticed was that it was women that had the greatest interest. In the four hours we spent there, we handed out over fifteen hundred wooden nickels and brochures.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the parade and at the booth for making this club event a success.

George Boisineau

A.K.A.

Horse Whisperer George Metis



# The Shooter's Stance

## Gunfighters

One question I've heard lots of times, is "When did the gunfighter era come to be?" Well I've heard tell that the gunfighter era came with the invention of the cap and ball revolver. A man could draw and shoot faster and more accurately. The time of the duel with a single shot pistol was all but over, draw and shoot, that was the way now! I think Ben Thompson and Wes Hardin brought in the draw and shoot era I recon.

I think that Butler Hickok ( Wild Bill ) and Jesse James were among the first gun-slingers to carry navy colt six-shooters. Wild Bill was presented two ivory handle cap and ball equalizers by the Vice President of the United States, at the time he was called Senator Wilson.

The gunfighter was a product of the civil war. The gunfighter from his hat to his waistband of death was a fellow with cool nerve and that cold blue stare they had to have in order to survive. A funny thing is that most of the gunfighters had blue eyes and a lot were related, the James to the Youngers, the Youngers to the Daltons, Cole Younger was the uncle to Tombstone killer, John Ringo and Wes Hardin had relatives all over Texas.

In remote parts of states and territories where law and order did not exist, the gun was the only means of salvation. Most people who lived and died by the gun were a breed apart. Some men like Bill Tilghman and Bat Masterson were honest law abiding peace officers. Unlike Bill Hickok and Wyatt Earp who were less dedicated, took up the star when circumstances dictated and resorting quickly to the gun to keep the peace. But ones like Jesse James and Billy the Kid who bypassed the law and used the gun to a brutal end, it provided wealth and power and instilled fear into honest citizens.

Anyway it's all history now. Every man has a place in the history of America. The gunfighter has been no exception. He stands both in sin and morality, standing shoulder to shoulder in stone, bronze and canvas. Boys and even grown men are dazzled by their deeds and exploits.

Ghost Rider



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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

### MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

### WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

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- Scheduling SASS RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan



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