

# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph

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Remember to vote on November 8  
It is our right as Americans

# ★ 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 don’t 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 J. J. Longley narrowly edging out Kentucky Drifter by 1.38 seconds. Shooting in the other SASS recognized classes using “big” bullets; Attica Jack won the SASS Men’s Traditional division. Spud Hatfield won the “Open” division. Shooting Clean matches were DSC’s J.J. Longley and Terrence Bud.

October 16<sup>th</sup> was a nasty fall day in Michigan. With the morning threatening rain, Mother Nature did not disappoint. The October Chili Cook Off match was cancelled because of rain. Eighteen competitors gave it a try and five shooters brought chili to be judged. Bringing chili were Onyx, Longshot Lillian, Outrider Outlaw, Footsore, and Andy Horseurodinon. The cowboys at Rocky River really appreciate the effort the competitors made to come out on such a rotten day, especially the folks that brought chili.

As a side note after we broke down the stages, Andy Horseurodinon’s chili was still in the Rocky River Town Hall so we all had a sample of his chili. All I can say is OMG it was hot and tasty. It brought tears to my eyes.



Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a cowboy match and a Thanksgiving turkey feast for lunch! Come ready to shoot and bring an appetite.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

October 9 was a little chilly, but it was such a pretty, sunny day and the cooler temperatures were not unexpected considering we're nicely into autumn now. 25 cowboy friends joined together for the final match of the year at Butcher Butte. We divided up into two small posses and hit the shooting bays, guns a-blastin'! This was our first October match for Fenton and we're so pleased by a good turnout. Thank you to everyone who came out to play with us!

Leadfoot Luke won our random drawing for a free match at the safety meeting. He'll have to keep that certificate in a safe place until spring.

We had a new shooter join us for his very first cowboy match. 16 year old Andrew, now known as "Spaghetti Western" has been a "Brass Retrieval Engineer (aka Brass Rat) for several matches, both here at Fenton as well as at some matches in Plymouth during the summer. One of the perks of being a BRE, is usually getting to shoot a stage afterward. Andrew loves guns, primarily shooting air soft. This was a whole different league for him though. Longshot Lillian and Outrider Outlaw asked Andrew's ('er...Spaghetti Western's) mom if it would be ok to ask him if he'd like to shoot in a whole match. Her enthusiastic answer was "YES!" The expression on his face when he was asked was priceless.

Andy Horshurodinon generously supplied leather, firearms, ammo and room in his gun cart, as well as his expert guidance. After shooting his first couple of stages, we

could see that Spaghetti Western had a good handle on what he was doing, and he was asked if he wanted to fly solo (just him and the timer



operator). He agreed he felt he was ready and took the leap. Mr. Western completed the match with FOUR clean stages, having only one miss and one procedural on stage four. He was asked if he knew what he did to get the procedural, and he knew exactly what it was, he had just lost his concentration for a moment. I will also



add that he hit the bonus target on stage 2 as well. I think that the smile on his face says it all! In chatting with his mom later in the day, she was elated that he had such a great experience and a fabulous time. Her words were: "He's GLOW-ING!". Many thanks to everyone who welcomed him, cheered him on and helped along the way.

THIS is what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about folks. Sharing, helping each other, and getting others involved.

A delicious lunch of chili and cornbread prepared by Big Bad Jim and luscious desserts prepared by Hey Sugar greeted us inside the club house after the match while we waited for the final results to be tabulated.

Riverview Rattler took home top honors, and we had 6 shooters make it through the match clean.

Due to the favorable turnout, it is looking fairly promising that we will see a regular match scheduled for October in 2017!

*Longshot Lillian*

## The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys and Cowgirls of Central Lake, Michigan had their final SASS shoot for 2016 on October 22nd under cool but decent weather. Our numbers were down a little for several reasons but we had a great time and great food with our two substitute cooks Buckeye Juice and Sharon, because Birdshot Betty has already flew the coop.. for warmer weather.

Our stage writer, Tin Pan Sam, has done a wonderful job keeping the stages interesting and procedure proof. Our match director, Trusty Rusty, and his sidekick Sharon have kept everything running smoothly all year as usual. And we could not have done without our statistician and awards chairman Thummpier John.

It has been a great year shooting, and shooting da bull, with all our pard. When the smoke cleared, the following came out on top of their categorie:

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We hope y'all have a wonderful winter, wherever you might roam, and remember to 'take family vacations, whether you can afford them or not. The memories will be priceless.

Til 2017, stay safe.

One Son of a Gun

## Straight Shots from Saginaw



The month of October has faded, like the leaves on the trees. That means we'll be exchanging our six-shooters for rakes and leaf blowers and bedding the range down for winter.

At our annual pot luck and planning meeting it was voted to hold our 2-day shooting event again. We had many positive comments on the shoot and camping. Field & Stream's lake-front campsites, with electricity, made it extra nice for shooters staying the weekend. After checking the Field & Stream master calendar and having to work around other big events at the club that month, our two-day is scheduled for July 8-9, 2017. Other dates are May 13, June 10, and Aug. 26.

We want to thank those who were able to come and shoot with us this year in Saginaw, at our local matches and our Wednesday night practices, which ended the last of September. We enjoyed shooting with each of you and hope to be able to do it again next year.

We're not sure who said this; some attribute it to President Teddy Roosevelt. "A vote is like a rifle: its usefulness depends upon the character of the user." We encourage everyone to vote Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

And on November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day, let's all give thanks for family, friends, and all that we hold dear. God bless America.

We hope to see you on the trail. Until we do, remember to live life.....give it your best shot!!!



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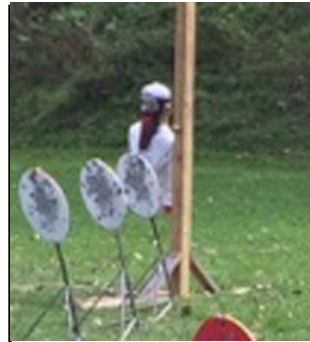
## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our October match began with much anxiety. One of our own, Rainmaker Ray (Ray Hanka) was hospitalized. Shakey Pudding (his wife Debbie) informed us that he went in for a medical procedure; however, due to the severity of a heart blockage, they were unable to perform the procedure. As I write this, Ray has been scheduled for open heart surgery on October 27th. Please keep Ray in your thoughts and prayers.

Our last match of the year had several firsts. Of course, seeing as how this is October, and only a week away from Halloween, we had to include our annual Punkin Bashin (this year with a mixture of red pop to simulate oozing blood as if from a bad scab), but I digress. Back to our firsts.

Our first first. We had a different winner in the 50-50 drawing. Bird Dog Jesse was the big winner (of course Henry Moonshine claimed he was refused tickets when he inquired). Jesse graciously donated the proceeds back to the Johnson Creek Regulators.

Our second first made its first appearance on the first stage. The Halloween match being an appropriate first appearance for our Texas Star. It was a nightmare.



Our last first (yes, you can have a last first) was the appearance of Osama Bin Laden on stage three. Osama was the final rifle target in that stage.

After much carnage, Spartan Johnny out dueled 34 other shooters with an impressive adjusted time of 114.38. Henry Moon

Shine, Mishomis and Broke N West recorded clean matches. New shooters making their first appearance were Evan's Mom and Wacko Kid.

We like to take a minute to thank Shakey Pudding and Deadwood Denise for the extra effort they put in all year handling sign up, scoring, food, etc. Thank you ladies.

Finally, this edition of the Epitaph will come out just before a most important election. We won't take up the space here to extol the virtues of one candidate or the other. We do urge you to exercise your right and vote.

## Editor's Corner

### Sunset Trail—contributed by Deuce Stevens via the SASS Forum

Today (September 24) South Paul (Paul Wolcott) collapsed after shooting a clean stage. CPR and a defibulator were used by cowboys on the range until the first responders arrived. They were unable to bring him back. South Paul's CAS career was only a few years long but he loved every second of it. I know that for many and myself included there is a big hole in the game without him. I will miss our phone conversations, his energy for life, his convictions, weekends at his cabin in the northwoods shooting the breeze around the campfire and his awesome sense of humor. He leaves his wife, three children and three grandchildren that dearly loved their Grandpa. Please say prayer for them. Rest in peace my friend, until we meet again.

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