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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Well July has come and gone and before we know it Range War will be here. I am excited as it is only five weeks away. It has been a busy month, we had some fun matches, preparing for Range War and we had our annual "Free" membership shoot.

Over the last month JC and I have attended matches at Port Huron, Saginaw, Fenton, Breckenridge, Plymouth, Lapeer and Paradise Pass in Indiana. All of which have their own unique flair and spirit of the game. If all goes well, we plan on shooting at Hastings and Hillman in August. While I may not be able to make it to each club in this shortened shooting season it has been a goal of mine to do so.

It was great to get back to shooting at Fenton. We had a good turnout. Scores were completed and ready on the range as we finished the last stage. Which was nice because the last two stages had plenty of shade.



At Plymouth this past weekend they had a nice turn out of 22 shooters. It was a hot and humid day. Stages were well written and fun to shoot. Safety was a top priority. We split into two posses of 11 and had two separate loading tables as each stage. Once at the unloading table, you would wait for the next shooter to clear them before leaving. It was quick and worked well for the small posse size. No food was provided, but cold bottled water was plentiful. Teardown was quick as more than a dozen stayed to help and make short work of it.



Also, this past weekend was the shoot at Port Huron. It had been a while since I had shot there. Range War 2019 actually. Each time I am here it reminds me of what a first-class range this is. We should all be thankful that we are able to use Bluewater for our Range War.

We had a total of 18 shooters and ran a well-spaced large posse. Targets were good sized and proved to be a bit elusive. Funny how a diamond shape can give you just enough of a change in shape to assist you in missing them. I looked at it as good practice for range war, from the background to the targets we use on the stages.



Wildcat Maverick set up a good mix of sequences and fun was had by all.

There were two loading tables, one person per table, and sanitizer available for use. All TO's wore masks while timing. Afterward we discussed and it was unanimous that we all felt this worked well. Teardown was quick as we had a lot of help to make it easy.

We had a great time at all the shoots this month. I look forward to more matches in August at more clubs I haven't been to before or at least not in a long time.

The Annual Membership Shoot and Meeting was held at Breckenridge on July 18th. We had a good turnout, with many of our clubs represented. There were 38 shooters and 42 members present for the meeting.



The following items were presented at the meeting:
Meeting Minutes for the February Board of Directors meeting.
Meeting Minutes for the May Executive Board of Directors meeting.
Treasurer's report and financials
Membership report and directory
Clean Match data and reports

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like copies of any of these items please contact myself or Carolina Belle and they can be mailed, emailed, or handed to you at the next shoot we see you at.

We covered a lot of planning items for Range War. Entries, side matches, main match, wild bunch, BAMM side match, new scoring sheets and instructions for the side matches and new costume checklists for B-Western and Classic Cowboy.

Clean match awards for the year went to Hey Sugar and Card Shark Charlie. Congratulations to you both. Each were awarded with a 32 oz. stainless steel water bottle with the 2020 logo that was personalized for them.



Our prize drawing was a little different this year.

We felt that this being a “strange year” that we would try to find something a little special to give out. First, we had an entry for “Gunsmoke” the mid-west SASS regional. This lucky winner was TN Tina.

Next was an entry for this year’s Range War, this went to Bad River Marty. Then we had some new 2020 logoed Wolverine Rangers stainless steel wine glasses, Koozies and 10 bandannas. The Lost Egg won the wine glasses, and The Koozies went to Eleanor Jewel and Riverview Rattler. Unfortunately, I did not write down the ten winners of the bandannas as I was handing them out.



All of the logoed items were made by JJ Hunter. She is a vendor set up on our website and she will be a vendor again at Range War. She can make any custom items like these that you are looking for. We will even have some special 2020 WRRW logoed items for sale at registration this year.

The last item from the meeting was a big one. We currently have 10 life members of the Wolverine Rangers. All of which were either founding members or those who put their heart and soul into building the organization we have today. It was with great pleasure that I was able to present Bad River Marty with a certificate and make him the 11th life member of the Wolverine Rangers.

I have always looked up to Marty from the early days more than 20 years ago, until now for all of the hard work, dedication and perseverance through all that life has thrown his way. When it comes to cowboy action shooting in the state of Michigan there are very few that have been ambassadors of the sport for so long.

Bad River Marty is a true Cowboy in every way.



Finally, let’s talk about the 2020 Range War. This shoot is on as scheduled. We are receiving applications via the website and mail almost every day now. Even more so as the free T-Shirt deadline is approaching here August 1st.

I will keep the details to a separate article here in the Epitaph. We will also be posting these on the website and our Facebook.

Carolina Belle has been sending out confirmations for each application we have received. You should see a confirmation email within a week of her receiving your application from here on out.

If you haven’t received your confirmation email, or by US Mail, please reach out to her. Especially if you sent your application in by mail, our mail service has been really delayed, with packages and mail taking weeks instead of days to arrive. (speechpath96@comcast.net)

One more note about our Canadian friends. I hope that we are closer to a time when the border will open. Unfortunately, that has not happened yet. If you are from Canada and are hoping the border opens so that you can attend, we will take applications up until the morning of

the shoot on Saturday.

We will do our best to provide you with a T-Shirt or Towel, no matter when you are able to apply. Hopefully the border will open, if not our fellow Canadian shooters will be greatly missed this year.

Please visit our website often for information and updates, www.wolverinerangers.org

We will be posting info and updates to our Facebook page, please visit & like our page
[@wolverinerangerscowboyactionshooting](https://www.facebook.com/wolverinerangerscowboyactionshooting)

One last thing on a personal note. It is amazing how time flies, J.C. Wade gets his driver's license this week, watch out.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sinola Kid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sinola Kid – Captain
Wolverine Rangers

Updated Range War Information – 7-28-2020

There have been a number of questions that have come up with regards to the plans and procedures for Range War 2020. Please see the outline of information in this document for the latest info. Note, some restrictions are out of our control and are being updated regularly. We are following these to the best of our ability.

Please remember that COVID-19 is affecting how things are done in every aspect of our day to day lives. While the information below is what we have planned under the current State of Michigan Executive Orders, these orders are subject to change and have been changing weekly if not more often. That being said there are restrictions in place now that may not be in place in September. There may also be more restrictions that are added that could change how we move forward. As these restrictions change, we will continue to monitor and address them as necessary up until the start of the event.

Currently Executive Order 2020-110 states that St. Clair county falls within Region 1. Region 1 is declared to be in Stage 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. During stage 4, Region 1 is limited to outdoor gatherings and events of up to 100 people, and states that those not of the same household maintain 6 ft social distancing from one another. For more information or to read the entire order you can visit www.michigan.gov.

Other regions, 6 thru 8, have been opened to outdoor events of 250 people, per Executive Order 2020-115. But this has not been the case for region 1 as of today. We have plans, back up plans, and more back up plans in the works. Some of which will be laid out in this information sheet.

Under the current restrictions we would be required to keep the number of shooters to a maximum of 100. Other additional restrictions may be necessary.

At this time, we are keeping a log of all shooters that are registering in numerical order based on the date the application was received. Those that register after number 100 will be notified that under the current State of Michigan restrictions that they have been placed on the waiting list.

We hope that in the coming weeks Michigan will open Region 1 with a 250-person maximum like Regions 6-8 were allowed to open up to back in June. Unfortunately, as a business we have no control over this and are forced to comply with the current government restrictions.

We intend to post weekly updates to our website from now until the start of Range War.

Registration, Clubhouse and getting to the range

Please note that there is construction on Range Rd. and Dove Rd. According to

the state it should be complete by Range War. If not completed, there are clearly marked detour routes that only take an extra minute or two.

This year the clubhouse will be closed. Exceptions will be for required staff and registration volunteers only.

Registration will be outside of the clubhouse. We will have a pop-up canopy set up with tables. This will keep you in the shade during registration.

All registration volunteers will be wearing masks while interacting with participants.

We will require masks to be worn by all participants during the registration process. Disposable masks will be available if you need one.

Only one person at a time will be allowed at the registration table(s). Please do not congregate around the registration area.

Please inform us of any category changes as you register.

Sanitizer and cleaning wipes will be available at the registration area.

Please practice 6 ft social distancing if any lines form. We intend to place markers on the sidewalk/ground.

All Participants and Guests will be required to sign a waiver form to be allowed on the range, at dinner(s), or at the awards ceremony. This will include all non-shooting family members, visitors, vendors, etc.

General range info

In years past we have had a single 20' x 40' tent at the entrance to the range. This was primarily used for shade and a place to sit during lunches, socializing and cowboy church on Sunday.

- o This year we will have two 20' x 40' tents in this area.
 - ✦ This will give us enough tables and chairs for up to 200 people.
 - ✦ We will also be able to spread out if limited to 100 people.
- Tables and chairs will be spaced out as much as possible

Hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and sprays will be available for use in the tent areas.

Additional Port-Johns will be available. These will be cleaned and sanitized professionally each day, Saturday and Sunday.

We will not have a RO training class this year.

- o Please be respectful and considerate of your fellow shooters.
 - ✦ Hugs and handshakes should be avoided.
 - ✦ Give each other space in the shooting bays and around the range.
- Even if you are not concerned about the virus, we have plenty of shooters and staff that are.

If you don't feel well, please consider staying home.

Camping Area

The camping area will look a bit different this year as Bluewater has added more shooting bays. There will be plenty of space to camp.

We will have someone directing parking in the campground.

Expect that we will be spread out a bit more than normal.

The road to the campground has changed. Please ask when you arrive or follow the posted signs to the campground. Basically, you will follow the same road as usual, but drive all the way up to where we have the large tents set up and then drive back to the camping area

Shooter parking at the range

The parking area will be in the same location as years past.

Same as with the camping area the road to get to the parking has changed. It will be marked, and we will have a sign/map up at the registration table.

Shower

The shower will be up and open for use outside of the clubhouse.

We will have sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and sprays available for use throughout the weekend.

It will not be cleaned by our volunteers but please clean up after yourself and use the provided cleaning products.

Side Matches

The full side match list will be posted on the website soon.

Cowboy AM

Cowboy PM

Wild Bunch – Ethan Callahan will be heading this up this year.
Plainsman.

- o New side matches that are planned for this year
- ✦ BMM mini match – Blastin Brad will be running this match.
- ✦ Wild Bunch Speed Events
- Speed Pistol
- Speed Stoked 97 or Model 12
- Pocket Pistol & Derringer will be back

We may even have a fun side match stage using the Texas Star and some other surprises.

- o Please contact Bad Brass if you are able to help out with the side matches.
New score sheets, stage instructions and information will be printed at each side match stage.

Opening Ceremony and Safety Briefing

This will be held near the large tents at the entrance to the range.

Please practice 6 ft social distancing during this time. We will keep the meeting brief and get you moving to start the shoot.

Our National Anthem(s) will be once again be a live performance. Provided we meet current regulations.

Saturday Night Dinner

As the clubhouse will be closed, we plan to have the dinner in the large tents.

Dinners are planned to be a catered style individually boxed dinner. Not a buffet line.

Bottled water will be provided at the tents.

- o This dinner will be subject to change by any restrictions that have been placed on us by the State of Michigan.
- ✦ Please note the disclaimer on the first page of this document.
- ✦ Contingency plans are in the works.
- Potential refund if this dinner does not happen.

Boxed dinners could be picked up and taken back to your hotel, camper, tent, etc.

Cowboy Church

Will be led by Duke Dakota
Located under the large tents.
Social distancing will be required

Sunday Night Banquet and Awards

This is a very challenging part of the event to plan for this year.

Currently the banquet facility that we use is under state mandated restrictions.

They are only allowed 10 people in the building at any given time.

We have been in discussions with them to provide individually boxed meals to be delivered to the tents. These would be the same quality food we know from Alexanders, but they would be packed individually.

The awards would be presented before and after dinner under the tents.

The awards presentation will follow SASS Covid-19 guidelines.

All popup canopies from the stages will be moved to the tent area after the match on Sunday to allow us to spread out more and be comfortable. Tables and chairs will be provided under these canopies.

Additional port-johns will be stationed near the tents to keep everyone comfortable during the awards and dinner.

We are working on getting hand washing stations to be near the tents as well.

Bottled water will be provided.

- o State restriction on gathering size – contingency plans
- ✦ We may be forced to limit the awards to shooters only.
- ✦ Dinners may have to be picked up and taken elsewhere to be enjoyed.
- ✦ If this is restricted to shooters only, we would potentially refund all paid for guest banquet tickets, or possibly give the option to take the same boxed dinner that would be provided to the shooters.
- ✦ As the shoot is still five weeks away, there are so many scenarios that we cannot guarantee at this time what the options will be.

Please follow the weekly updates on the website as more information is available.

Main Match

- o All stages will have the following:
 - ✦ Two loading tables
 - ✦ Hand sanitizer providedInstead of water jugs and cups, coolers with ice cold water bottles will be available.
- o Per SASS Covid-19 guidelines:
 - ✦ All Timer Operators will be required/suggested to wear masks/facial coverings while operating the timer.
 - ✦ Disinfectant spray or wipes will be provided at each stage for cleaning the timer at handoff to the next TO.
 - ✦ It is recommended that no more than two scorekeepers are to be used per posse. Cleaning products will be provided for handoff to the next scorekeeper.Social distancing should be followed.

If you cannot keep the 6 ft distance between you and non-household members then we recommend you wear a mask. If you don't want to wear one keep your distance and respect the boundaries of those that do choose to wear them

Posse sizes will be kept to smaller sizes this year to promote safe distances.

If you are at the line and your TO isn't wearing a mask, ask them to put it on or ask to change TO's. This will be explained to all posse marshals.

Stages will be similar as years past for distance, size and variety of sweeps. There will be a variety of movements but no marathons.

There will be options for gun order and left-handed & right-handed movements.

The star target will not be used in the main match

For those that had concern over stage ten and the morning dew causing slipping issues we have a solution for that this year. We should not see any issues with slipping.

Costume checklists will be provided and filled out each morning for those shooting either Classic Cowboy/Cowgirl or B-Western/Ladies B-Western. These will be in the posse score book and will need to be filled out by the posse marshal each day.

- o We have a group of scouts that have volunteered to be brass rats.

- ✦ Assuming we are able to use them, we will require that they wear masks and gloves.

They will not be able to be used if we are limited to 100 shooters.

Golf Carts

We are working to acquire a limited number of rental carts again this year.

If you would like your name added to the list, please contact Sinola Kid or Carolina Belle.

Unfortunately, price will not be determined until we have a final number of carts needed. This will be decided by August 7th.

Each person on the list will be contacted to review price and method of payment

Payment will be required to hold the cart for delivery.

Additional Questions or Concerns

- o Please direct all questions or concerns you have to:

- ✦ Sinola Kid

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- Carolina Belle

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★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

The July DSC's winner was the weather. It was HOT, threatening skies, and humid but 20 competitors showed up and dusted of their cowboy skills at our first open to the public Cowboy Action match of 2020. This match was designed to test the public's reaction to DSC and SASS Covid-19 protocol while shooting a match. I am very pleased to say that everyone maintained a 6' distance, wore a mask to register and to RO/timer, only 2 at the loading table, etc. It was different, but doable. We have instituted an email RSVP system to reserve one of 30 spots in any monthly Cowboy match on our range. Please check the Wolverine Rangers web site frequently for updated information.

The match was HOT and so was the shooting. Finishing before the rains came and taking top honors was Dough Slinger, followed by Hey Sugar, and J.J. Longley. Shooting clean matches were Hey Sugar, Bad Brass, Camp-town, and Broke N West.

We at DSC will re-publish our registration procedure prior to the August Cowboy match on the Wolverine Rangers web site and at DSCweb.org. Please check frequently so that you know what is happening at DSC.

Coming Events at DSC...watch for registration updates at www.wolverinerangers.org or contact lupij@wowway.com for updated information.

Sunday, August 16, 2020 Monthly Cowboy Action Match -this is our annual wear your Wolverine Ranger's T-shirt match. Hope you can make it and please register in advance.

Until then, stay safe.
See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys July Shoot was not only warm, it WAS HOT, so we only shot 5 stages before we melted. Birdshot brought on some good grub, and some nice cold watermelon. Our newest brass picker, Linda, did a fine job, and she is a pleasure. The following shooters topped their category: ES - Faygo Kid (!), SS - Bulldog Jim, SrD - Petoskey Pete, 49er - Bar Gun Hunter, Wgr - Rowdy Rusk, GDm - Eleanor Jewel, CTBN - Black Silver Ric, Dlst - Marlin Matt, LFCd - Mama Vaquera - CB - Ray Guns Van Dyke, D2 - Nevada Slim, LFC - P.K. Brimstone. Clean Shooters were Gun gun Hunter and Rowdy Rusk.

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

July 19, 2020 Cowboy Match

The Valley had 30 shooters come out this Sunday, 9 new shooters to the Valley, Snuffy John, Digger, MoBetta, Big Iron Bohannon, Little Iron Lucille, Coyote Cam, Jasper Stone, Wild I, and Tin Tin. Welcome, we enjoyed shooting with you and hope you had a good time!

It was a pleasure to see so many of my Cowboy/Cowgirl friends travel so far north to shoot with us. Thank you and hope to see you at the Valley again.

One of our new Valley shooters was Wild I, he is one of the Cimarron Young Guns recipients for 2020. What a fantastic young man, looking forward to seeing him represent the future of our sport.

We had a Buckaroo shooter Tin Tin, he did a great job and is a pleasure to shoot with.

This match we had 2 Clean shooters, Coyote Cam and Sauk Valley Stubby, Congratulations!

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Mike, Triple Threat, Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be August 16, 2020. 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.

Johnny Rebel
574-349-3764



Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

We had a nice turn out for the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot...

38 shooters showed up to send some lead down range, we had 9 clean, and top gun went to our new Range War Match Director, 3 Gun Cole, and coming in close at 2nd place was our favorite out of state cowboy, Dough Slinger.

T N Tina came down from Central Lake to join us... her first time here, we talked her into joining the rangers which put her in the drawing for prizes... she won a free match at Gun Smoke our regional this year, congrats to T N Tina!

We enjoyed lunch, then followed with our annual meeting of Wolverine Rangers. All plans are in the works for Range War this next Labor Day weekend. Hope you can all make it...it's always great spending time and competing with our cowboy family!



Next month is our annual Friday and Saturday Shoot, August 14 & 15... Friday afternoon will be our Old School Shoot...where anything goes...always a lot of fun! Saturday with will be our regular match, come join us for both shoots...We'll have free camping for those who want to stay or come early if you want... several of us will be there Wednesday.

Riverview & Chica

Straight Shots from Saginaw

It seems like every year the summer goes by faster and faster, and that means we just have to enjoy each day to the fullest and make lots of great memories when the opportunity arises.

During the Pandemic, we are facing many challenges that can be quite stressing. But it's also in these times that we find solutions and ways to do our favorite things, even if they are done just a bit differently. Cowboy shooting is one great stress reliever and our pards all over the state are practicing ways to keep us safe while still enjoying a great sport.

On Saturday, August 29th, Saginaw will hold its last match of the season. Our BIG targets are perfect stress relievers. It's also a great time to warm-up and familiarize yourself with scenarios from the upcoming State Shoot. We hope many will be attending Range War, Sept. 4-6th. It's a perfect place to add more great shooting memories. Hope to see you there!

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

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On July 25, 1866 Ulysses S. Grant was promoted to General of the Army of the United States. He was the first officer to hold that rank.

154 years later, the JCR crew welcomed guests back to the range. 22 Johnson Creek Regulators and guests participated on a hot humid day. Guests included Rodent, Old Doc Potter, Rev Miss A Lot, Broke N West, Sinola Kid, JC Wade, and Papa Shot. Special protocols were introduced including doubling loading tables, allowing only two shooters to load, minimizing Timing Operators and making hand sanitizer available at all stations.



On a slow course, Sinola Kid surpassed all comers, out distancing his son, JC Wade by 19 seconds with an adjusted time of 135.94 seconds. JC Wade finished second, Sarge third and Slow Gin Ricky fourth. Only four seconds separated second through

fourth places. Broke N West, DeadEyeDeska, Old Doc Potter, Rodent and Slow Gin Ricky all shot clean matches.

Thanks going out to Rainmaker Ray for designing the interesting stages. And of course, Deadwood Denise for her work in the scoring booth.

Our next match will be Saturday August 22. As we are expecting typical hot and humid Michigan August weather, short sleeves or t-shirts will be allowed. For safety reasons, we discourage the wearing of shorts.

Slow Gin Ricky is designing the stages for August. He has promised some surprises. But he told me I can reveal one of the surprises. He is planning to make extensive use our new three tier plate rack, capable of holding up to nine plates.

I'm back in the saddle again, Out where a friend is a friend, Where the longhorn cattle feed on the lowly jimsonweed, Back in the saddle again, Ridin' the range once more, Totin' my old .44, Where you sleep out every night, And the only law is right, Back in the saddle again. (Gene Autry)

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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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

CHIEF RO INSTRUCTORS, MIDEAST REGION

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



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