



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

By the time this is posted we will have already celebrated Memorial Day. I hope you all enjoyed your weekend and took some time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women that allow us to have the way of life that we love. Without these sacrifices America would not be the place it is. While Memorial Day is a time to remember those men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice, please remember to thank all of our veterans for their service.

This year our annual Wolverine Rangers Free Membership shoot will be held at Saginaw on July 10th. All Wolverine Rangers members shoot for free. If you are not a member this is a great time to join as you will then shoot the match for free. Or just come on out and shoot with us for the normal entry fee. After lunch and the results, we will hold our annual membership meeting in the clubhouse. We will be giving away a free entry to our 2021 SASS Regional in Minnesota, a free entry to Range War 2021 and a few other fun giveaways we are working on. Hope to see everyone there.

Range War 2021 will be held at Bluewater Sportsman's Association in Kimball, MI on Sept. 3rd – 5th, 2021.

There are no restrictions this year for the number of entries, we will be fully open to all those that register. We have secured the Alexander's banquet facility again and will

have our indoor Sunday night banquet and awards as we have done in the past.

We have posted our Canadian invitation letter for those that are able to cross the border and shoot with us this year. We greatly missed our Canadian contingent last year and hope that they will return to shoot with us again. We are accepting registrations from the Canadian shooters with some special terms and conditions. Please reach out to Carolina Belle or Sinola Kid for more info.

All of the current information about the match is now updated on our website. <https://www.wolverinerangers.org/RW.html>

The updates include the informational flyer, golf cart rental information, hotel info and discounts, camping info, the schedule of events, cancellation policy and the Canadian Invitation letter, etc... More info will be posted in the coming months leading up to the match. Of course, the shooter and vendor registration forms are available on the website; as well as both mail in and online registration forms. As of writing this letter we have received 75 entries already, which is great for this early in the season. Three Gun Cole has been busy writing the stages. I am excited to see what he has planned for this year.

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One addition to the match for 2021 will be a practice stage that will be set up and used to raise funds for the SASS Scholarship Foundation. Every state level and above match should be raising funds for this great cause to support our young shooters and their next steps in life. Details on how this will be setup will be posted on the website this summer. Normally I write about the shoots we attended this past month, but to keep this a little shorter I will just touch base on some key points.

First, please remember to check our website for changes and updates to the match schedule. This is where the most current information is posted. When we have changes or cancellations you will see them there.

Second, Utica will be shut down for a month for range repairs. The cancelled shoots have been updated on the calendar.

Third, keep an eye out for the Cowboy Chronicle in July, there will be an article about Range War 2020 with some pictures from the shoot.



Lastly, Plymouth had Eric Seales a photo-journalist from the Detroit Free Press attend their Cowboy Fast Draw match and their May Cowboy Action shoot. He was especially interested in the cowboy gear and outfits. Thank you to Flat Water Johnny for giving him a chance to try out a stage with your booming black powder loads. The full-page article will be posted on www.freep.com on June 3rd and in the printed Sunday edition paper on June 6th. Be sure to take a look and see how well the article turns out and if you were one of the 43 shooters there you may get to see yourself in the paper.

I look forward to seeing you all this season,

Sinola Kid

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Sunday, May 16th was predicted to be sunny and 70+ degrees, but ended up being cloudy, a little mist in the air, and 60 degrees. However, it did not stop 28 cowboys and cowgirls from shooting 5 fun stages from previous Wolverine Rangers Range Wars with starting lines from Blazing Saddles. When the dust cleared Sinola Kid was top gun, followed closely by Rifle Rick and Leadfoot Luke. Shooting clean matches were Rifle Rick, Riverview Rattler, Beaver Creek Boy, Ramblin Ron, Jack Holladay, Two Guns Tim, 2-Bird Regulator, and Onyx. Congratulations to all for some fine shooting.



Next events at DSC:

Sunday, July 11, 2021, Service Rifle Match on the Cowboy range

Sunday, July 18, 2021, Cowboy Action Match. This is a relaxed dress match, so please wear your Wolverine Rangers Range War T-shirt.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley



DSC is undergoing some improvements to the berms that separate 3 shooting bays and the installation of a range drainage system, so all match shooting has been cancelled for the month of June 2021. All regular scheduled matches and events will resume as scheduled in July 2021.

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley had 25 shooters for our May 16th match, we had several visitors stop by again this month.

We had 3 new shooters this month, Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon and Curly Bill Nelson.

This match we had 3 Clean shooters, Cayuse Jack, Joe Quick and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations!

Our Clean Match Coasters were made by Ka Adik Krista.



I would like to thank Cayuse Jack for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboy always willing to help out when needed.

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch.

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 June 20, 2021. 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



Straight Shots from Saginaw

Wow! May sure shot by fast! Saginaw held its first match of the season on May 8th. The brisk spring air didn't hamper our attendance. We were happy to greet 36 shooters and 14 of them pards shot the match CLEAN!! Overall winner was Ethan Callahan, with Three Gun Cole, Doc Noper, Riverview Rattler, Sinola Kid, J.C. Wade, Shiloh Red, Red Beard Bandit, Mustache Kid, and Bad River Marty filling in the Top Ten Shooters. A big thanks to everyone who attended.



A special congrats to Saginaw's Ethan Callahan on his Wild Bunch Overall wins this spring at the Kentucky and Ohio State Shoots. Good job!! And congrats to all our Michigan pards who took home awards at these events. Check them out on the web.

Our June 12th shoot is fast approaching and we hope many of you will be able to attend. Those big targets are just waiting for you, but I heard those skunk targets are trying to wheedle their way in. We'll see about that. We have a little surprise for them...and you, too! Whatever, we're definitely going to have some fun shooting coming up.

Also, vendor Dutch Henry is planning to be at the June 12th match. Dutch carries clothing and other cowboy goodies.

We are hoping to see some final work done at the club. The construction the past year and a half has been challenging. We are "patiently" waiting for the underground electricity to be installed sometime in June. But not to worry, our Wolverine Ranger Membership Shoot July 10th will be a good one, and we'll enjoy the meal and meeting in the air-conditioned, large clubhouse located at the front of the club.

We hope to see you all during this shooting season. Until next time, remember to live life....give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On May 22nd, 1868, the Great Train Robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang absconded with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds. In today's dollar that would be equivalent to \$1.8 Million!! Quite a haul!

On May 22nd 2021, 43 shooters gathered in Plymouth Michigan to relive those days of the Old West, albeit the looney Blazing Saddles version! Not Dead Ed wrote the stages and acted as match director. Many compliments to Ed, for writing great stages with the Blazing Saddles movie as the theme.

The festivities began with a Swap meet during sign in which throughout the day! Many goods were traded and sold.

Our monthly **free** side match was a 5 target double tap with rifle! Three Deuce Tom was fastest and most accurate and won a free match!

The gathered said the pledge of allegiance and after a brief invocation by Slow Gin Ricky, the 50-50 was drawn. The prize of \$54.00 was won by Acadia Belmont.

Rain was falling gently during signup and gradually tapered off leaving the shooters only slightly dampened. It did not dampen their spirit though as they Blazed through the stages! Sinola Kid came out on top with a sub 100 second final score of 99.22 seconds edging out Leadfoot Luke at an astonishing 106.70 seconds. Hey Sugar was right on their tails with a final of 121.45! Next was JC Wade followed by Wolverine Regulator to round out the top five! Seven shooters managed to come through unscathed with clean matches! Clean shooters were Leadfoot

Luke, Hey Sugar, Old Doc Potter, Honest Abe, Andy Horsurodinon, Mishomis and The Lost Egg!

We also had the honor of hosting acclaimed Free Press Reporter Eric Seals. Eric covers the unique, quirky and unusual for the Lifestyle section of the Free Press. He was very impressed with our sport. He setup an old-time photo shoot with a sepia toned backdrop and took photos of many shooters. Flat Water Johnny graciously loaded his gear to give Eric a taste of old west shooting. Eric thoroughly enjoyed shooting the authentic black powder loads! His article is scheduled for the June 6th Sunday Free Press. Online it will be available June 3rd or 4th.

Our June match will feature the Movie Tombstone! Hope you can make it! "You're a daisy if you do!"

Our July match happens to fall on the National Day of the Cowboy. This is also our limited mobility match. If you have friends or know shooters who cannot shoot SASS because of the movement, this is a match for them! All stages will be shot from a seated or standing position. Whether wheelchair bound or just have difficulty moving this match will accommodate all shooters.

We are going to begin serving lunches again, and we plan to have several Cowboy themed activities. Cowboy Fast Draw will be there, a practice roping steer and lariat for folks to try and some other surprises! Should be fun for the whole family!

Happy Trails!

Slow Gin Ricky

Editor's Corner

**A little something garnered from the internet.
If it is on the internet, it must be true—right?**

Cowboys Had Terrible Hygiene

Although actors appear clean and well-shaven in Western films, the reality was much dirtier. According to *True West Magazine*, most cowboys were not able to bathe for weeks at a time. This left them susceptible to multiple illnesses and parasites.

Clean water was difficult to come by, as was soap. Settlers made soap from animal fats, and it often irritated the skin. Dentists did not exist; people had to turn to barbers to get their teeth extracted. Native Americans were far cleaner than the average cowboy.

Bank Robberies Were Very, Very Rare

Bank robberies are one of the most popular plot devices for Western movies. But how many bank robberies actually happened in the Wild West? According to Larry Schweikart at the Foundation for Economic Freedom, not many. Only eight bank robberies occurred between 1859 and 1900.

Banks in the 1800s were heavily secured, says the Wild World of History. Banks usually adjoined other buildings, and large iron balls sat on top of safes. The shape of the ball caused an explosive effect when people shot at it. Those who tried to rob banks had a difficult time.

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