



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Summer is here and the shooting season is in full swing. EOT has just wrapped up and our Free Membership shoot is right around the corner. Before you know it Range War will be upon us.

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 and be entered into the raffle. After lunch and the results, we will hold our annual membership meeting in the clubhouse. Make sure you stay for the meeting and raffle giveaways.

Our membership raffle prizes this year will include: a free entry to our 2021 SASS Regional in Minnesota, a free entry to Range War 2021, a one-of-a-kind custom set of Wolverine Rangers cornhole boards, a certificate for a free two-day shoot at Breckenridge, a free entry for the Hillman three-day shoot, and some new Rangers logo swag. 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.** Alexander's banquet facility is excited to have us back for Sunday dinner and awards.

We are excited to be open to all shooters again this year. We also plan to welcome our Canadian pards as the border should be open by then. Our website includes 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.

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

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. Also 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.



End of Trail 2021, the 40th anniversary, was held in Etna Green, IN at Paradise Pass from June 18th-26th. This was the first time in the history of SASS that this event was held east of the Mississippi. The Paradise Pass crew transformed their home range into a world class event. Misty Moonshine and Ruby Ruthless worked nonstop to make this event perfect, they really deserve some time off. There were plenty of vendors to fill your cowboy needs. Those vendors included our own Steady Eddie and JJ Hunter. Many pictures were posted to our Wolverine Rangers Facebook page, stop in and take a look.

EOT started with three days of the Wild Bunch Action Shooting World Championships. This was a challenging match with an array of small to large targets set near and far. The warmup day featured three stages and the WBAS speed side matches. The 12-stage main match was over two days, six stages per day. There were no clean matches in Wild Bunch. As it turned out these were the hottest days of the week with high humidity and temperatures in the 90's. There were seven Rangers that shot this match.

Here are the results of our Wolverine Rangers members:

Sinola Kid – 7th place overall and 6th place in Modern

Ethan Callahan – 9th place overall and 1st place (**World Champion**) in Traditional.

Bad Brass – 17th place overall and 3rd place in Senior Modern

Flat Water Johnny – 22nd overall and 6th place in Traditional

JC Wade – 25th place overall and 11th place in Modern

Rodent – 33rd place overall and 7th place in Senior Modern

Ramblin Ron – 47th place overall and 16th in Modern

JC Wade won the Men's Fastest Rifle in Wild Bunch and is a **World Champion**



I was selected for the Top Eight Top Gun Shoot Off, which was an amazing experience to be in front of the crowd Saturday Morning, prior to the EOT Cowboy Awards ceremony. I have watched these shoot offs before but have never been a finalist like this. Ethan Callahan was also selected as an alternate, but unfortunately all of the top eight were there. Although I shot pretty well, I ended up spraining my ankle during the shoot and ultimately lost to Don Jorge who was the overall shoot off champion.

After Wild Bunch was over the Cowboy Action began. Two days of warm up and side matches and followed by 12-stages over three days. The weather was hit and miss. It rained a little every day, and it rained a lot many days as well. The vendors area was in a mini lake by Friday and Saturday. We had 34 Rangers compete in the Cowboy Match.



Here are the results of the Wolverine Rangers members:

Our overall Top Shooter from the Rangers was our own Range War Match Director – Three Gun Cole. He was 11th place overall and 2nd place in 49er.

Doc Noper - 28th Place overall and 2nd place in Silver Senior

Sinola Kid – 59th place overall and 10th place in Wrangler

Ethan Callahan – 65th place overall and 2nd place Classic Cowboy

Doc Roy L. Pain – 68th place overall and 1st place **(World Champion)** in Senior Duelist

Leadfoot Luke – 92nd place overall and 5th place Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

JC Wade – 98th place overall and 2nd place Junior Boy/Young Gun

Riverview Rattler – 102nd place overall and 7th place Elder Statesman

Bad River Marty – 104th place overall and 1st place **(World Champion)** Elder Statesman Gunfighter.

Mustache Kid – 107th place overall and 6th place Senior

Black River Bill – 158th place overall and 7th place Senior Gunfighter

Johnny Rebel – 179th place overall and 25th place 49er

J.R. Hammer – 186th place overall and 9th place Cattle Baron

Sarge – 222nd place overall and 8th place Senior Gunfighter

J.J. Longley – 237th place overall and 10th place Elder Statesman

Celebrity James – 268th place overall and 5th place Junior Boy/Young Gun

Bad Brass – 283rd place overall and 13th place Classic Cowboy

Crazy Mingo – 288th place overall and 6th place Senior Frontier Cartridge

Coyote Claxton – 304th place overall and 11th place Cattle Baron

Wolverine Regulator – 309th place overall and 32nd place 49er

Steady Eddie – 311th place overall and 15th place B-Western

Gunner Gatlin – 315th place overall and 14th place Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

Todd All In – 321st place overall and 16th place B-Western

Sauk Trail Mike – 323rd place overall and 7th place Elder Statesman Duelist

Flat Water Johnny – 324th place overall and 15th place Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

T.N. Tina – 352nd place overall and 2nd Place Grand Dame

Broke N’ West – 359th place overall and 11th place Elder Statesman

Hey Sugar – 370th place overall and 6th place Ladies Senior

JBird Regulator – 372nd place overall and 2nd Place Buckaroo

Ramblin Ron – 374th place overall and 17th place Senior

Bulldog Jim – 432nd place overall and 22nd place Silver Senior

Old Doc Potter – 445th place overall and 18th place B-Western

Rogues Pierre – 473rd place overall and 23rd place Silver Senior

Buckeye Juice – did not shoot the last day, 505th place overall and 16th place Ladies Silver Senior



Hey Sugar and Bad River Marty were each selected by their posse's as **Spirit of the Game** award winners. This is an honor that shows these two exemplify the cowboy way and spirit.



We had a few side event winners as well, unfortunately SASS has not posted these yet. So, this is what I can remember. I am sorry if I missed anyone here.

JC Wade earned quite a few overall speed events as **World Champion** in these events

- Junior Boy – Speed Shotgun Double Barrel
- Junior Boy – Speed Rifle
- Junior Boy – Speed Pistol Traditional
- Junior Boy – Speed Pistol Duelist
- Junior Boy – Speed Pistol Gunfighter



Finally, there are the Clean Shooters. There were 136 of 505 clean, 14 of which were Wolverine Rangers. Black River Bill, Broke N' West, Crazy Mingo, Doc Noper, Doc Roy L. Pain, Flat Water Johnny, Gunner Gatlin, J.J. Longley, J.R. Hammer, Johnny Rebel, Old Doc Potter, Sinola Kid, Steady Eddie, and Three Gun Cole

Congratulations to all of our Wolverine Rangers shooters and champions! Hopefully EOT will be in the east again sometime in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all at the membership meeting and Range War 2021

Sinola Kid

★ Shooting News ★

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The Butcher Butte Bunch had a small showing for the June match. Only 9 participants but everyone willingly pitched in and the posse ran like a well oiled machine. Even the person who was recording scores (and not actually shooting the match) pitched in with spotting and brass retrieval. Before the match began one participant joked that everybody should get “first place in category”. Someone else said “if not, we just adjust the categories”. As it turns out, everybody present was shooting in a different category, so everybody did get first in category. No adjustments necessary.

We ran five fun and challenging stages. Grubby Hardrock did a great job in creating a good match. It was somewhat disheartening to see what someone did to one of the targets though. Apparently, someone came to the range after the targets had been set-up and the range was officially closed for the remainder of the day. That person felt it necessary to move the tables that had been set-up for staging guns and actually shot one of the targets that had been put in place.

Well, if it wasn't bad enough that they did this, the ammo they were using was apparently armor piercing as there were holes created in the steel target. They also shot up one of the target stands. I think I am safe in saying that if the perpetrator can be identified he/she will have membership at the club rescinded. There is no excuse for this kind of wanton destruction of property.

After the match and the smoke had cleared Chuck The Stampede came out as top shooter. He was followed by Wolverine Regulator. As everybody was working hard, nobody was clean, but Chuck The Stampede and Grubby Hardrock came through with no misses.

Our next match is Sunday, July 11. Registration opens at 8:30 and safety meeting at 9:30 with bang and clang starting shortly thereafter. Cost is \$14.00 for Wolverine Ranger members and Fenton Lakes Sportmans Club members; \$20.00 for non-members and just \$5.00 for juniors (age 18 and under). Come out and join us.



Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley had 56 shooters for our June 20th match and great weather to shoot in.

We had 17 new shooters this month, many old friends showed up to enjoy our Father's Day Shoot.

This match we had 8 Clean shooters, Dead wood Blackie, Fox Creek Stitcher, Loco Leadslinger, Ranger Mike, Ray'l Gun, Sauk Valley Stubby, Snareman, Stone Creek Drifter.

I would like to thank Mustache kid, Three Gun Cole and Cayuse Jack for helping me out with posse duties great Cowboy's always willing to help out when needed.

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch, we all ate good!

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 July 18, 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

June sure has gone by quickly. At our Saginaw shoot on June 12th we had 31 shooters with 14 clean. We are now looking forward to hosting the Wolverine Ranger's Membership/Free Shoot on July 10th. We plan on having fast, fun stages. When the match is over, we'll head up to the main building, which has beautiful rest-rooms, air conditioning, and, of course, our cook's great lunch will be waiting for us. After our meal, our Captain, Sinola Kid, will take us through the Ranger's meeting.



If you plan on attending the free shoot/meeting, please contact us a.s.a.p. so we can get a close head-count. Our e-mail is mnbell@yahoo.com or leave us a message 989 585-3292. Our cooks will appreciate it!!

We want to mention End of Trail 2021. Deuce Stevens & Lassiter, EOT Match Directors and many, many folks worked months in making Etna Green, Indiana, a great place to hold this world championship. And working with pandemic rules and regulations that continued changing over the months was no easy job. We take our hats off to sincerely honor their very successful event!!! Well done!! We had quite a few Saginaw Cowboys attend EOT this year, and many brought home awards. A postponed hip replacement surgery

and a leg brace all worked together for Bad River Marty to win World Champ Elder Statesman Gunfighter, along with a Spirit of the Game award, and Regulator badge. Ethan Callahan won the Wild Bunch Traditional World Championship, along with 2nd Place Classic Cowboy awards. More Saginaw EOT buckle winners are: Black River Bill, 7th Senior Gunfighter; Riverview Rattler, 7th Elder Statesman; and Celebrity James, 5th Junior Boys. There were many other Michigan



shooters who won awards in their category. Congratulations to them, as well as ALL Michigan shooters who shot and finished the match. Well done!!

So, June 2021 is tucked away and July is promising lots of fun and action. We hope to see many of you on July 10th. And remember to live life. Give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns
- Vendor Registration and Information

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- Volunteer to help with Range War

WOLVERINE RANGER 'S SECRETARY

- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

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- Club Match Scores
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- Classified and Merchant Ads

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