



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pards,

If the summer wasn't busy enough schools are back in session and JC got a job. I shot at Utica without him for the first time in a long time. But he wanted a job, and he is loving it so far.

The Hillman 3-day shoot was a blast. We all enjoyed every aspect of it. Faygo Kid and his team up there planned for everything. Not a single "T" went uncrossed. Riverview Rattler took top honors on both the warmup and main matches. Hey Sugar, was the top all-around cowgirl and I was the top all-around cowboy in the fun speed side events. The side matches were a mix of fun, speed, and skill. Even the rain did not deter us. I look forward to next year's match already. I hope to see many more of you there.



We also had some fun at Hastings this month. Slippery Pete and Cayuse Jack really know how to keep the stages fun and with just enough challenge. Only Riverview Rattler found a way to stay clean that day.

Plymouth had their limited mobility match



last month. Due to the impending threat of rain the stages were all set so we could shoot from under cover. All stages were set up as sit or stand and deliver. I managed to keep JC at

bay and edged him out by a couple of seconds for first place.

The Breckenridge two-day shoot was a blast. It was hot, like a blast furnace, but everyone enjoyed it. Friday afternoon was the old school style shoot. There was one stage where you had to load your rifle on the clock, and it also had a pistol reload. To top it off you started handcuffed in the jail. Saturday was a normal match with two full posse's. Andy Horshurodinon ended up with the raffle prize worth \$50 in Range War raffle tickets.



Range War preparations have consumed quite a bit of time this month for Carolina Belle and me. She has done an outstanding job again this year working with our vendors and sponsors. Every shooter will receive a door prize this year. The shooters packets will be full of goodies. The raffle prizes are bigger and more plentiful. We have had a tremendous amount of support from our vendors and sponsors. There is a list in the shooter's handbook as of its printing and a complete list will be posted at the registration and will be on our website as well. Please support these companies as they are extremely supportive of our shoot.

We will have approximately 135 shooters this year. Unfortunately, the border did not open, and we are not able to welcome our Canadian friends this year either. We are all saddened by this but hopeful that next year will be different.

The RO class at Range War will be an ROII class, held on Thursday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. Lassiter and Sarge will lead this class. Sarge is heading up the registration and planning for the class. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Sarge or myself. We are working on setting up an ROI class later this fall.

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.

Lastly, without any political opinion here, there seems to be a surge of Covid-19 outbreaks. If you read the SASS wire more and more cowboys and gals have been getting sick. I am sure you all know someone personally it has affected. Whether the symptoms are mild, severe or end with the worst possible outcome. I just want to remind everyone that we all have different personal and political beliefs. Being together in this sport is one of the best parts about it. Please remember that no matter what you believe, respect each other, their beliefs, and their personal precautions. If you aren't feeling well, please stay home.

I look forward to seeing you all at Range War and this fall.

*Sinola Kid*

# ★ Shooting News ★

## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

The final Cowboy Action Shooting match for 2021 at FLSC was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The day started out rather dismally as it had been raining early in the morning with accompanying lightning and thunder. Since we don't shoot when there is lightning, there was a good chance that the match would be cancelled.

The match was to begin at 9:30 and there were only 5 people signed up. This was because of 2 things: the weather and the current ammo shortage with a major match coming up soon. There was some question whether we wanted to call it a match or just use it as a practice as 5 is the bare minimum to have a match—a shooter, a timer operator and three spotters.

But, it was decided to call it a match.

The match stages were set-up in only 2 bays for ease of set-up and tear down. Two were set up on the 25 yard range and three on the special use range. Each stage was written so they would all be different from the others but still using the same targets.

In the end we all had fun at the match even though the humidity was terrible and the mosquitoes were worse. On the positive side, there was one participant who had never been to FLSC before and his participation in the match led him to put in an application for membership.

## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

On August 29, 1830 Tom Thumb, a steam locomotive built by Peter Cooper raced a horse. Both carrying passengers.

The horse won the duel when a belt slipped causing the locomotive to lose power. Heat and sparks from the locomotive caused several of the passenger's clothes to catch fire, though there were no serious injuries.

On August 28, 2021 18 brave souls ventured to Johnson Creek to take on five stages written by Wild Dogie. Heat was a problem as it was in 1830. Though no clothing caught fire, the 93-degree temperatures and 75 percent humidity and lack of a breeze made the match much more challenging.

The day started with a speed/accuracy pistol side match. Slow Gin Ricky won the free match with a fast accurate time of 6.73 seconds. The 50-50 drawing was won by William Kid Henry, who promptly donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you WKH.

Many of the shooters suffered from "brain fade" due to the heat with only Slow Gin Ricky turning in a clean match.

Sarge took top honors with a time of 128.48. JC Wade was second. Wolverine Regulator finished third, just a second and a half behind JC. J Bird Regulator was top Buckaroo.

After the match, lunch was served by Chef Carson City Slick. Scoring was handled by Deadwood Denise and Honest Abe.

Our next club meeting is 6:30 pm, September 8 at the WWCCA Club house. Our next match is September 25. Carson City Slick has prepared 5 great stages. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Range War.

*"Good weather all week, but come the weekend, and the weather stinks.*

*When the weather is too hot, they complain; too cold, they complain; and when it's just right, they're watching TV."* — Rita Rudner

## Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

It's August...and summer is almost over, Range War is just around the corner...can't believe it's that time already. Where has the time gone?

We hosted our annual two day shoot this month, and it was great! The weather was hot, but no rain! We had 15 shooters for our Friday old school shoot. Several cowboys and cowgirls showed up and camped with us...it all got started on Wednesday. We shared meals and shot guns and had a few adult beverages too!

Breakfast was served for our guests on Thursday...pancakes and sausage, then eggs and biscuits and sausage gravy on Friday morning...it was hard to move the rest of the day... I was so full!

The old school shoot started with shooting horseback and running to get shotgun shells from a bag hanging on the hitching post. Then hands handcuffed through the jail window ...loading your pistol and your rifle on the clock.

Next stage you were holding hands with Sheila the Saloon Gal ...carrying shotgun shells in a basket.

Shooting from the back of a wagon at the tombstone rack was a hoot! At the train we

started by shooting a balloon with a BB pistol, and shooting the rest of the stage with a snake tied to your hand. Lots of laughter and good natured ribbing going on! It's become a shoot to look forward to...stuff that you don't see at a regular match anymore...just plain crazy and silly describes it best. Check out the pics on our Sucker Creek web site.

[www.suckercreek.org](http://www.suckercreek.org)

Saturday we held our regular monthly shoot... 33 shooters took part and we had a great time shooting 5 fast and friendly stages...we followed with a nice meal and a great time was had by all.

Clean Shooters for the old school shoot: Eleanor Jewel & Crazy Mingo & Leadfoot Luke. Top Shooter was Sinola Kid followed by JC Wade.

Clean Shooters for Sat match: Andy Horshurodinon, Broken West, Cactus Lawman, Cardshark Charlie, Doc Noper, Faygo, Riverview, Todd All In, Sinola Kid & Wild Cat Maverick. Top Shooter was Riverview followed by Doc Noper.

Plan to be with us next year...you won't regret it!

Riverview Rattler & Chica



## Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

It's been a busy summer here in Brush Creek. You see they discovered a little Gold here. So, the whole town got a face lift. They even built a new Livery and got a new Blacksmith to come to town. Then a Reverend came and they built him a new church. All this lead the town to hosting a Cowboy Rendezvous.

On July 29,30,31, and August 1 we had 24 Cowgirls and Cowboys come from the North, East, South, and West to join in on 3 days of shooting and fun.

Friday brought sunny and cool weather to Brush Creek. Around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Faygo Kid rounded up a posse and got the shooting started. (Had to get everyone use to shooting something besides targets up close and personal). After the dust settled we all went indoors and had a Great potluck dinner. Luke and Sugar even whipped up some Ice Cream.

Saturday morning we started the day with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Buckeye Juice had us divided up into two posses and we headed to the range. Riverview Rattler and Card Shark Charlie took their posse to the Livery and T-N-Tina and Faygo took their posse to the Jail.

Mother Nature tried to throw a little rain at us, but it just help settle the dust.

The day's shoot was titled Spaghetti Western movies, so guess what Eleanor Jewel along with the local ladies had us eating for lunch? You guessed it, Spaghetti with salad, Italian bread, and lots of cake and cookies. When Juice had the scores all tallied up, it looked like Fridays warmup helped a few Cowboys out.

Riverview Rattler edged out J.C. Wade for the overall top spot and Hey Sugar was the top overall Cowgirl.

After gaining a couple pounds, we had 16 brave Cowgirls and Cowboys head back out to the range, to see who could be the top All Around

Cowgirl and Cowboy. The sequence was to be, plate rack of 6 targets to see who could be fastest with them six shooters, then a game of Heaven and Hell. (Ole Mother Nature tried to discourage us, but them tough cowboys just kept a shootin'). Next came a game of bird shooting with them scatter guns, lastly came 10 shots with your trusty long gun. With targets at 25,50,75, and 100 yards.

Back to the plate rack. J.C.Wade edged out Faygo for first. At Heaven or Hell, Sinola Kid showed the youngster JC how it was done. Sinola had the fastest time on the birds, but Sugar showed us all how it was done by hitting 5 out of 5.

Long Range had a lot of shooters tied on hits and scores. After the scores were all added up, Hey Sugar was the All Around Cowgirl and Sinola Kid won the All Around Cowboy.

Sunday started out almost identical to Saturday. The shooting was fast by some and Messy by others. Thanks to everyone that came through for lunch.(that's another story).

After lunch, Buckeye Juice had the scores completed and once again Hey Sugar and Riverview Rattler were top overall Cowgirl and Cowboy.

The Brush Creek Gang had put together lots of door prizes to be given away and several real nice items to be raffled off. Now, Riverview and Sugar might have showed everyone how to shoot, but Leadfoot Luke showed us all how to be LUCKY!!!

All the Cowgirls and Cowboys seemed to have a good time, so everyone mark your calendars for July 29,30,31 of 2022 for The Cowboy Rendezvous at Brush Creek. It'll be better then ever.

Till next time....Take Care

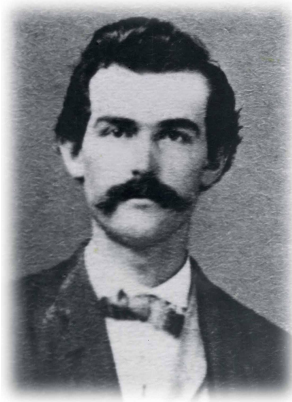
Faygo Kid, Eleanor Jewel, and The Brush Creek Gang

## The Shooter's Stance

### Thoughts on an iconic cowboy movie phrase?

In the movie Tombstone, Val Kilmer's character Doc Holliday says to Johnny Ringo "I'm your Huckleberry."

There are some who believe that there are multiple meanings to this phrase and whether the phrase was uttered incorrectly or not.



Some believe that the line was actually "I'm your Huckle Bearer." Where in the meaning of "Huckle" in the south in the 1800's was the name of the handle on a casket.

So, the thinking is that Doc Holliday would likely have said "I'm your Huckle Bearer",

or in today's language it could be said as "I'll be your pall bearer."

But another take is that a slang term then in the south was that a "Huckleberry" was the "right person for the job." So, when Johnny Ringo is looking to start a fight, Doc Holliday may have said "I'm your Huckleberry" as he was ready to challenge Johnny Ringo.

While the movie Tombstone is a classic and a ton of fun to watch, there are no script copies that are known to have anything other than "I'm your Huckleberry" printed in them. In fact, Val Kilmer even titled his autobiography "I'm your Huckleberry."

So, what is the truth behind what the real-life Doc Holliday said? We will likely never know. But it's fun to think about, and maybe Hollywood created an iconic cowboy phrase, that may or may not be what was originally said.

By, Sinola Kid



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