



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

What a long winter this year. It seemed like the weather didn't want to break for our April matches. But here we are in May and back in full swing.

This year's Free Membership Shoot is a bit earlier than usual. It will be held at Lapeer County Sportsman's Club on Sunday June 5th. We will meet in the clubhouse for lunch, awards, and the Wolverine Rangers Annual Membership meeting. We will review plans for Range War and this year's Michigan State Wild Bunch Action Shooting Championship "Shootout at Bloody Porch". There will be giveaways like previous years: one entry to Gunsmoke, one entry to Range War, one entry to Shootout at Bloody Porch, Starline Brass, etc. So, join us for a fun day of shooting, see what's happening with the Wolverine Rangers and possibly end up with a nice prize.

Shootout at Bloody Porch:

This year we will have a Michigan State Wild Bunch Championship. The shoot is named after the famed shootout in which Pike Bishop and his bunch massacre General Mapache's troops, and die with their guns blazing. We will hold this year's shoot at Saginaw Field and Stream Club on Saturday, July 23rd. This will be an eight stage one day match. We will shoot four stages, break for a light lunch, and then shoot the last four stages. Awards presentation and dinner to follow in the clubhouse.

The eight-stage format is the way most of our surrounding states hold their WBAS championships. This year our Match Director will be Ethan Callahan, with myself as the Range Master. While eight stages is a lot of shooting in one day, we plan to have some fun scenarios, and if you've ever shot at Saginaw you know the targets will be big and close. All SASS approved categories shall be recognized.

Applications are posted on our website. More information will be posted soon. We have set up the page to be a similar layout to the Range War page. Look for the "Wild Bunch" tab on the home page.



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Range War preparation:

This year will be our 24th annual Range War. As always this will be held at Bluewater Sportsman's Club. The Canadian border is open, and we welcome all of our neighbors to the north to join us again this year. I am sure Three Gun Cole has some fun and fast stages with plenty of options planned for us this year.

Applications have been coming in steadily, on par with what we would expect at this time of year. Broke N West has been hard at work designing and building new scoring easel stands for the side match events. They look great, I am sure everyone will love them. We will be having our Sunday Banquet at Alexander's again this year. Applications are posted on our website and copies were included in your membership packets. More information will be posted as we finalize each detail. Although it's only the beginning of May we are hard at work to make this year's match the best one yet.

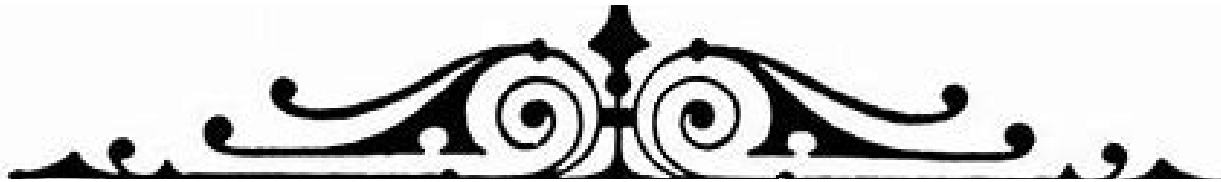
Lastly, JC Wade and I traveled down to Ponderosa Pines for the Kentucky State Championship a couple of weeks ago. We were excited to see Three Gun Cole and Crazy Mingo there as well. The "Shootout in the Hills", as it is called, was a blast. Side match day had a bunch of options you don't see everywhere. Congratulations to Three Gun Cole for being the Top Overall shooter. He ran away with the victory. Both the Men's and Ladies overall Kentucky State Champions were Junior shooters. Which says a lot about the future of this sport and our growing young talent. JC and I both won our categories and finished in the top ten. I highly recommend this shoot, especially if you are looking for some warmer weather and a place to shoot in April, when the snow is still on the ground at home.

I look forward to seeing you all this spring and at the Free Membership Shoot,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid
Captain Wolverine Rangers





Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Palm Sunday at Butcher Butte turned out to be a beautiful day. The day started out with temperatures in the upper 20s but it warmed up quickly. The sky was sunny and robin's egg blue.

Eleven competitors came out for the 2022 inaugural match at Fenton and from the comments that were heard they all had a good time.

We decided to make this first match a combination of tried and true sweeps and a couple new sweeps that made a person have to think about it. We shot six stages. One of them was an all shotgun stage. It seemed to be pretty well received by all who were there.

Unfortunately, it looked like we should have changed the name of the place to Butcher Butte shootin' gallery and mud wrestling arena. There was quite a bit of mud in the shooting bays and on the path from one bay to another. As a convenience to all concerned we shot all six stages in only two bays. That way travel from stage to stage was minimized.

We did have one casualty during the match. One of the knockdown shotgun targets took a lethal hit and broke into two parts. It will be undergoing restorative surgery soon and should be back to work in May.

We have expanded the list of shooting categories to include City Slicker and Prospector. A description of these two categories can be found on the Wolverine Ranger's web site. You can also find information about the new categories as well as photos from the matches on the Butcher Butte Bunch Facebook page.

A special thanks to Old Doc Potter for sticking around after the match to help with tear down. He is not a member at Fenton but his help was very much appreciated.

The May match at Butcher Butte will be on Sunday, May 8th . Registration from 8:45 to 9:30 and then the fun begins. C'mon out and have some fun. No promises, but there is a chance that there may be something a little different at that match too.





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, April 24th was a great day for a Cowboy Action match. The skies were clear, the sun was up, and the temperature reached into the 80s. Twenty-six competitors came out to Rocky River and dusted off their firearms from a long cold winter. When the shooting stopped, and the dust cleared Riverview Rattler was declared the top finisher followed closely by Bad Brass and Nevada Gambler. Shooting clean matches were Riverview Rattler, Broke N West, Coyote Claxton, Soaring Red Hawk, The Apostle, and Old Doc Potter.

There is lots of shooting opportunities at DSC this summer, so watch the Wolverine Rangers website and updates in the Epitaph.

Next Cowboy Action match is Sunday, May 15, 2022. We will have 5 fast stages with very hittable targets. Come out and try for the elusive Clean Match.

On Sunday, May 22, 2022, we will be holding our first 3-gun match of the season. This match is very similar to Cowboy Action shooting except we use modern firearms. No kneeling, no stooping, no prone position shooting, no dragging heavy weights, just fast shooting. Come out and try something different and have a good time.

Hope to see you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter! I would like to thank all the shooters who came out and shoot with us today on our season opener.

This match we had 3 Clean shooters, Sauk Valley Stubby, Lighting Bill and Johnny Rebel, Congratulations!

We all wished a Happy Birthday to Ms Blazin!

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch (home made beef stew and fruit cups).

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 May 15, 2022. 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

Springtime and wet weather are here...we had to delay our first shoot a week because of soggy ground and a large tree down on our Mine stage, but all worked well for the 29 shooters that showed up the following Saturday. We had some laughs and enjoyed shooting some fast and friendly stages.

We only had one clean shooter...our 2022 EOT World champion Cactus Lawman. I guess the rest of us were still in our winter doldrums.

Next shoot I want to see more clean shooters...maybe I'll have to move targets closer? Bad River Marty was our top shooter...he's like the Energizer Bunny...always ready to go! Hope to see more shooters out for our next shoot. The weather is getting warmer and we'll have some great stages planned.

I also want to mention our Camp and Shoot we are planning for our August shoot. You won't want to miss this one...come on out and camp with us "No Charge". We start camping on Wednesday...but you can come anytime that week. We will have fun and games, and our Old School Shoot will be held Friday afternoon...followed by a potluck...Chica and I will provide the meat. We usually fix a hot breakfast on the range Thursday and Friday for all who can make it. Saturday will be our regular shoot followed by a pig roast.

So be sure to put us on your calendar for the 3rd Friday and Saturday, August 19th & 20th...and if you can...hitch up your wagons and come camp with us. Questions...call 989-400-1057 That's all for now...hope to see you all soon.

Riverview & Chica





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulator's greeted friends old and new for our first match of the 2022. Twenty-nine shooters showed up on what threatened to be a rainy day, but turned out to be a perfect day for Cowboy Action Shooting. Not Dead Ed designed a fine course of fire with a story line based on the life of Bass Reeves.

Single Barrel Bob was the big early winner. Bob won the pistol side match entitling him to a free match. He was also the winner of the 50-50 drawing. Bob graciously donated his winnings back to the club.

We introduced our new targets and shotgun knockdowns. The new knockdowns eliminated a tremendous amount of splatter. Based on the nine clean shooters, it appears the new targets were a success as well.

Our nine clean shooters were Honest Abe, JJ Longley, Old Doc Potter, Riverview Rattler, Rogues Pierre, Slow Gin Ricky, Soaring Red Hawk, Three Deuce Tom and Wolverine Regulator. Wolverine Regulator was top Shooter with a clean time of 113.98. Riverview Rattler was second with a clean time of 127.27. Rounding our top ten were JJ Longley, Sarge, Slow Gin Ricky, J Bird Regulator, Nevada Gambler, Rev. Miss A Lot, Soaring Red Hawk and Three Deuce Tom.

Our next club meeting is Wednesday May 11. We are now holding practice sessions before our meetings. Practice sessions begin at 4:30 and end at 5:45 on the 50 Yard Range. Our meeting starts promptly at 6:30 pm.

The May match is scheduled for Saturday May 28.

Gate opens at 8:30. Side match starts at 9:30
(Winner earns a free match- limit one per year).

Safety Meeting at 10:00 am.

"I just might take a liking to being law. It's kind of fun." (Bass Reeves)





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy from the Great White North,

Believe it or not, it's snowing as I write this (4-16-22). We had a whole 4 shooters at our April 9th Indoor Cowboy shoot. Between malfunctioning and dropped guns (someone didn't touch their cowboy guns all winter). Faygo Kid managed to do none of the above and finished on top of the list when all was said and done. Eleanor had made lots of chili and cake, so we all ate quite well.

We're starting to get busy here making some new shotgun targets and plans for our Cowboy Rendezvous Shoot on July 29,30 and 31. We're going to be giving away a couple of guns and lots of nice door prizes again this year. Sarge will be doing a RO 1 or RO 2 class on Thursday July 28th. Make sure to look for the flier/pdf form on the Wolverine Ranger's website.

Hopefully we'll be shooting outdoors for the May shoot.

That's all for now from the still cold Tip of the Mitten.

Take Care and be Safe,

Faygo Kid





L.C.S.C. Wranglers - Lapeer

Howdy folks,

It's time for everyone to forget about winter, get your guns out of moth balls, oil them up and get ready for summer shoots.

Last Sunday, May 1, 2022 was the Lapeer County Wranglers second monthly match. The day started out a little cloudy and cool but it didn't take long for the weather to warm up. Everyone who attended had a great time. Top shooter was Spartan Johnny and we had one clean match and that was Old Doc Potter. For lunch Trail Wench cooked up homemade taco boats, chocolate chip cookies, chips and soda. After the cowboy match we shot a wild bunch match.

Next month's match is on June 5, 2022 it will also be the Wolverine Rangers free match. Hope to see you all there.

Until then, Happy Trails!

Horse Whisperer George Metis
aka George Boisineau





The Shooter's Stance



Transitions

They say the only constant in life is change. Things are constantly changing and evolving. At Butcher Butte things have changed or evolved depending on your point of view.

Grubby Hardrock has hung up his spurs as Match Director but is still planning to shoot as much as possible. Longshot Lillian and Outrider Outlaw have stepped up and are hoping to be able to fill Grubby's shoes.

It would be inappropriate if we didn't pay some homage to Grubby and all the effort he put into getting the ball rolling at Butcher Butte. In 2004 he became aware of Cowboy Action Shooting and thought it looked like fun. As he was a member at the Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club he went to the Board of Directors seeking permission and support for getting Cowboy started there. After several months of deliberation it was decided that they could do some testing on steel targets. A few targets were borrowed and some of the Board members gave it a try shooting at steel. It was decided that it would be okay to allow practicing at the range under very controlled conditions.

But, one can only use borrowed targets for so long. Another member at the club was aware of a construction project that would have some scrap wall pilings that could be bought inexpensively.

After a couple years and a couple small matches Grubby started campaigning at other clubs to let folks there know that Fenton was growing a CAS program.

The growth of CAS at Fenton is pretty much entirely at Grubby's feet and he has done a wonderful job. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am sending a heartfelt thank you to Grubby for his hard work and dedication in getting CAS established at Butcher Butte in Fenton.





Sugar's Corner



Wyoming Cowboy Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 2 cups (12 ounces) chocolate chips

Directions

Place coconut and pecans on a 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 6 to 8 minutes or until toasted, stirring every 2 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Add to creamed mixture; beat well. Stir in the oats, chocolate chips, toasted coconut and pecans.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls (size 40 scoop) onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° about 10-12 minutes or until browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Take care not to overbake: You want them to be crunchy on the outside and a bit chewy on the inside.

Adapted from: [Wyoming Cowboy Cookies Recipe: How to Make It \(tasteofhome.com\)](http://tasteofhome.com)

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

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- Volunteer to help with Range War

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