



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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**Last Seen at Range War**



# WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



## ★ Captain's Corner ★

**Hello everyone,**

It's amazing that I even have time to shoot this time of year. With all the Range War and Bloody Porch preparations, and of course my job that pays the bills, it has been extremely busy. On top of that Carolina Belle and I celebrated our 20th Wedding Anniversary with a much-needed week long vacation to the Upper Peninsula. This was a great way to get away from the daily grind as there are so few places you can use your phone or email up there.

### **Shootout at Bloody Porch:**

The shoot turned out quite well with 19 participants, from three states. The stages Ethan Callahan wrote ended up being a bit more challenging than expected but that was largely due to the heat and the long day. Saginaw Field and Stream Club and their set-up crew did a great job preparing the range in the weeks leading up to the shoot. Financially it looks like we met our expectations, but all of that will be reviewed and detailed for our October board of directors meeting.

We will take a little time to reflect and see how we may want to proceed with planning for next year. The three most common suggestions were: to hold it in a cooler month, make it a two-day 10 stage match, and pick a month with five weekends so that we don't interfere with our monthly club matches. September 2023 may be our best bet to hold the event next year as it checks off each of these three main suggestions.

It is impossible to thank everyone that helped, as I am sure to miss someone. The behind-the-scenes hard work by Carolina Belle goes mostly unseen, but this shoot and Range War would not happen without her. JJ Designs made the Shirts and Towels, which were a big hit. The best part of the day was the air conditioning in the clubhouse and the dinner, Sally Kushion and the team did a fantastic job. If you haven't heard, MLive did a very nice article about the shoot. There is a link on our website to the article, it has a video and many photos to see as well.





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### Range War:

We are less than a month away from Range War. Applications are still trickling in. We expect that we will end up with about the same number of shooters as last year. With gas prices what they are, inflation, component prices and availability we can feel good that so many shooters chose to join us again. We are also welcoming back some of our Canadian shooters and quite a few new shooters to our match. It will be nice to see everyone again and meet some new people, let's make everyone feel welcome.

Now let's answer some questions.

By the time this goes to print the website will be updated with the updated Schedule of Events, Category & Who's Coming Lists as of August 1st, Side Match List and Times, Round Count for the Main Match and all Mini Matches, Updated Bluewater Range Map, etc. More information will be posted each week as we finalize the details.

Camping will be slightly different this year as well as the driveway leading to the range. The updated map shows this change. All campers will need to check in at the clubhouse and receive a keycard to get through the main gate. This gate, which used to be the main entrance to the range, will be closed throughout the weekend. The keycard will get you in and out with your camper as needed. Each participant that has reserved camping will be contacted in a couple of weeks with more finalized details.

The new entrance to the range is from the clubhouse parking lot. The road used to be a two track through the grass and is now an improved road and the main access for all shooters and guests. This road will be open at all times. All shooting events have been handled this way at Bluewater this year, and it has been very successful for them. Let's all try to make this change as seamless as possible.

We have sold out of golf carts. But we were able to put three more on hold if needed. If you need a golf cart, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like more info please give me a call, email, or text.





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### Range War:

Door prizes are shaping up very nicely again this year, Carolina Belle is doing a great job procuring the prizes. I am amazed at how many vendors are willing to support us. A full list of donors will be posted in the clubhouse as well as in your shooter packets. Please make sure to support those vendors that support our shooters.

Raffle prizes are looking fantastic too. We have so many wonderful items. Just to name a few: Custom Stock Covers by Michigan Rattler, two Doc Noper Shotgun Belts, an 8lb jug of Titegroup, Thousands of Federal Large and Small Pistol Primers, 2500+ pieces of New 38 Special Starline Brass, lots of other powders, primers and too many other items to list.

Vendors on site this year, as of August 1st : Michigan Rattler, Ed's Custom Leather, Hit More Steel and JJ Designs.

Then there is the question everyone wants to know the answer to. What are the awards this year? Well, we found a way to procure buckles for all main match awards. The Michigan State Champions buckles have a Michigan State theme to them but will continue to be the same size and quality as last years improved buckles.

All other places will be "buckles" as well. They are slightly smaller but of the same type of design. They will have two posts on the back with Chicago screws so they can be added to any belt or leather item. This will give the category winners a chance to wear and display more than one buckle at a time. After seeing examples of these in my travels to other state shoots this year, I thought it was an interesting idea and something we could try.

SASS provides the Men's and Ladies Michigan State Champions buckles every year, so no changes here. New for this year though, I worked with Molly's Custom Silver to design a custom silver buckle for the Overall Top Man and Top Lady. These will be won by the top male and female shooters, regardless of which state or country they are from.





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Lastly with us all getting older and the fact that there is no shortage of work to be done during set-up days at Range War, we are trying to streamline the work a bit better this year. I will be reaching out to our set-up crew and some others to better plan what needs to be done, as well as ask each person what they would like to do or are able to help with. If you are able to assist on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday anytime, please let me know. We are looking for additional help with everything from hanging signs, prop assembly, setting up steel, to painting targets, and many other less labor-intensive tasks.

Remember *"Teamwork makes the dream work."*

I look forward to seeing you all at Range War, it's going to be a short fast month,

*Sinda Kid*





## Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Wild Bunch competitors met at DSC's Cowboy range to test their skills handling 1911 mag changes, rifle strings, and multiple shotgun targets. The match had plenty to offer with over 100+ pistol shots and numerous rifle and shotgun targets that presented a challenge. When the dust settled there were no clean matches that were recorded. The top three finishers in the Men's Modern category were Bad Brass, Shelby Kid, and J.J. Longley. Winning the Men's Traditional category was Leadfoot Luke and winning the Women's Modern category was Hey Sugar.

On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the predicted morning rain did not materialize, however fast and furious cowboy action shooting did. When the competition finished and Camptown calculated the final scores Wolverine Regulator was the top Cowboy, followed by Shelby Kid and J.J. Longley. Shooting clean matches were Camptown, J-Bird Regulator, Foot Sore, and Old Doc Potter.

Plenty of shooting still being offered at DSC in August...

Sunday, August 14, 2022, Wild Bunch match

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Cowboy Action match.

Come out for a tune up prior to the Wolverine Ranger's Range War over Labor Day weekend.

Hope to see you on the range.

J.J. Longley





## Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The rain held off long enough for us to get our July match finished, and we had several visitors show up to watch the action.

Congratulations to our 4 Clean shooters this month, Joe Quick, Snareman, Triple Threat, and Two Rig A Tony. Our Clean Match Coaster's are made by Ka Adik Krista.

I would like to thank all that helped out with posse duties. We have a great bunch of Cowboy and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed.

The Valley wished a big Happy Birthday to Michigan Slim.

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 August 21, 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  
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## Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

The July Shoot at Sucker Creek was another great day of shooting with all our cowboy/girl friends with great weather and fun competition followed by a great meal... thanks to Chica and Lisa!!

25 Shooters shot our fast... friendly stages

Top honors go to Sinola Kid who shot the match in a blistering time of 88.19 seconds. He also shot the match clean along with Hey Sugar, Split Aces, Two Gun Troll, Cactus Lawman, Laredo Van, Bad River Marty, and Broken West.

Our next shoot...August 17 thru 21...for anyone who wants to camp out on the range with us. We'll have our annual old school shoot on Friday with lots of new challenges, and fun stuff that you won't want to miss!

There will be a potluck following the match...we will provide the meat.

As in the past...we will provide breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings for our campers. Hope you can join us this year!

Saturday will be our regular match followed by a pig roast...you won't want to miss this!

So come on out to the Creek in August for some great shooting and fun times.

Hope to see you then!

Riverview & Chica







## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Lots of stuff going on at Plymouth in July. Let's start with our annual Limited Mobility Match. 17 shooters showed up this for the match. All five stages were stand (or sit) and deliver stages.

One of the 17 shooters was a new SASS and Wolverine Ranger member River Runner, shooting in her first ever match. In addition to River Runner, three potential new shooters showed up to observe Cowboy Action. We expect to see them at an upcoming practice session.

The day started with a Speed Shotgun side match. There was excitement as Old Doc Potter and J Bird Regulator tied with identical times and round counts. In the end, experience shined through with Old Doc Potter earning the free match in a shoot off.

Honest Abe was the winner of the 50-50 drawing, generously donating the winnings back to the club.

Wolverine Regulator was overall match winner turning in an outstanding time of 126.64, edging his son J Bird Regulator. Sarge finished third.



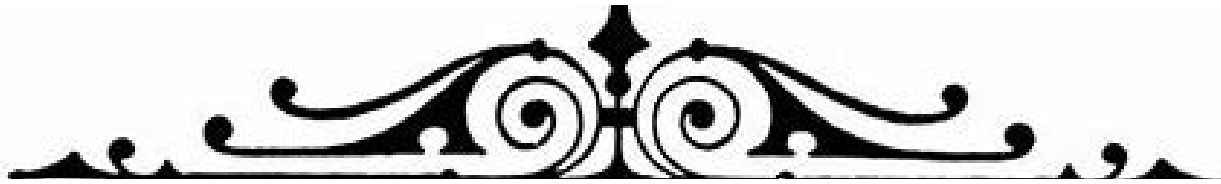
Now for some really BIG NEWS! The Johnson Creek Regulators in conjunction with the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, the Wolverine Rangers and SASS will be holding an Annie Oakley-Ladies Only Match in June of 2023. There will be camping available on-site beginning June 23. On the 24th there will be seminars followed by a 5-stage match and awards banquet. Our regular club match will be held on the 25th. In addition to experienced lady shooters, this will be an ideal introductory experience for new lady shooters.

As this is our first ladies only match, we would love to hear from the ladies what you might like to see in the seminars. Please feel free to contact Sarge with your ideas.

Keep an eye open for an informational brochure and entry form on the Wolverine Ranger web site.

Our next match will be August 27th. With Range War the following week, this would be an ideal opportunity to hone your skills with stages very similar to what you might see at Range War.

*"Any woman who does not thoroughly enjoy tramping across the country on a clear frosty morning with a good gun and a pair of dogs does not know how to enjoy life."* Annie Oakley



## Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

On Saturday, July 23rd Longshot Lillian, Grubby Hardrock and Outrider Outlaw hosted an event that they called Cowboy 101. The purpose of the event was to give folks who have an interest in CAS the opportunity to learn more about it and to have the opportunity to shoot some cowboy guns.

There were 6 cowboy and cowgirl wannabes who came out to learn a bit about the game. Under strict supervision they were each given the opportunity to shoot a cowboy stage.



At their option they could be timed or not.



It appeared that everyone enjoyed the experience and possibly a couple will become involved.



Cops vs. Cowboys



In last month's Epitaph I issued a spoiler alert advising you to be on the lookout in this month's issue. On Saturday, September 24 the Butcher Butte Bunch will be conducting a Cops vs Cowboys competition. Law enforcement officers from several surrounding communities have been invited to see if they are up to the challenge of competing against the cowboys. The competition will be limited to 40 participants from each group. The cost to play is \$25.00. The proceeds from the event will be donated to charity with the amount being divided equally between the two groups. If you would like to donate something but are not able to attend or to compete mail your check payable to Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club and mail it to the club to the attention of the VP/Finance, 1140 Butcher Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Indicate on the memo line of your check that it is for Cops vs Cowboys and which group you would prefer to receive those funds.

The match will consist of four stages. Two of the stages are to be designed by the cops and two by cowboys.

Registration for the event is open beginning on August 1 and ending on September 1 or until 40 competitors from each group is reached, whichever happens first. You may register to compete in the event at [www.fentonlakes.com/cvc](http://www.fentonlakes.com/cvc).



## The Shooters Stance



If you were at the Hillman's 3 day Shoot and didn't try the bread pudding that Lost Egg made, you made a huge mistake. Last month Lost Egg shared with us a favorite YouTube cooking channel called [Cowboy Kent Rollins](#). After trying this bread pudding, I definitely will be checking out [Cowboy Kent Rollins'](#) channel. Thank you Lost Egg for this wonderful recipe!

### Bread Pudding with Whiskey Cream Sauce

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 55 minutes

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 stick butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg, or more to taste
- 10 regular-sized hamburger buns ( gives it a fresher, lighter taste )

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly butter an 8-x-11-inch baking pan or 10-inch cast iron skillet with a rack in the middle.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the milk, sugar, and eggs until smooth. Slowly whisk in the butter, vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
3. Tear a bun into approximately 1" pieces and add to the wet mixture. Repeat, using half of the buns.
4. Mash the buns with a spoon into the wet mixture until moistened. Tear the remaining buns and add to the mixture. Mash until combined, but don't mash them so much that the mixture turns to mush. The bread should be completely moistened with some bun pieces still retaining most of their shape. Scrape the mixture into the baking pan.
5. Bake for about 45 minutes, or until the pudding is sponge-like and springs back when touched in the middle. Feel free to make a judgment call on the baking time. You don't want it to bake completely through like a cake; remember it's bread pudding. You can err on the side of not cooking the pudding quite as long, because it will set up a little more after it cools.
6. Drizzle or drench with **Whiskey Cream Sauce**. Serve warm or at room temperature. (cont.)



## The Shooters Stance



### Whiskey Cream Sauce

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 6 minutes

Makes about 3 cups

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar

1 stick of butter, melted

2 cups of heavy cream

1/4 to 1/2 cup whiskey

Combine all the ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil for 1 minute. Serve warm over the bread pudding. Enjoy!!!

*Adapted from:*

[Bread Pudding with Whiskey Cream Sauce - Kent Rollins](#)



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### CAPTAIN

- 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

### 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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