



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Hello everyone,

Well, it is October, Range War is in the books, and the season is winding down. It was a fun, busy summer and the colder months are just ahead of us. Many clubs still have another match on the schedule in October, but after that there are only a few until next year.

This year's range war was fantastic, and successful. With all the last-minute additions and cancellations, we ended up with 125 total shooters.

Door prizes were plentiful and everyone received a prize. Carolina Belle did a great job securing these again this year. The process of randomly pulling a chip at registration to hand out the door prizes worked very well. Thank you to Hey Sugar for providing the chips.

The main match award buckles turned out very well. For those that were not state champions but earned the smaller place buckles, the thread size for the screws is M4x0.7.

Congratulations to our top shooters: Hey Sugar and Deuce Stevens.

And congratulations to our Michigan State Overall Champions: Hey Sugar and Three Gun Cole.

Please visit our website for the detailed scores sheets.

Posse pictures and the awards photos will be posted on the website soon. So, stop in and take a look at those as well.

The amount of work that goes into a shoot of this size is tremendous. This would not be able to be done without Carolina Belle and the registration helpers, the range crew set up team, and the tear down crew on Monday. We have such a wonderful team it makes everything very quick and smooth. (Although we all wish we had some younger help too)

Lastly we will be having a Wolverine Rangers Board meeting in the next couple of months to review the final numbers for the year, Range War and Bloody Porch. We will also review planning for next year's 25th Anniversary Range War. The date and place of the meeting has not been set yet.

I look forward to seeing you at the range and have a safe and happy holiday season

Sinola Kid





Range War



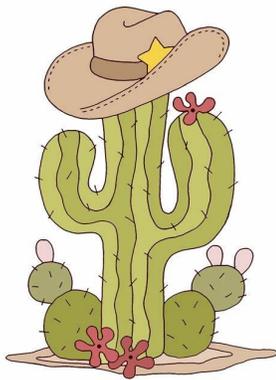


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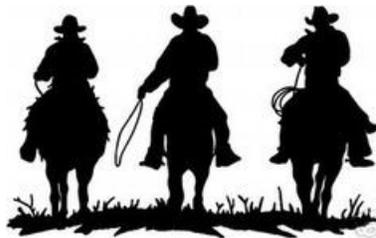


Range War



Our hard playing cowboy

Hope everyone had fun at Range War





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, September 18th twenty Cowboy Action competitors gathered for some fast and furious shooting at Rocky River. When the dust settled the top competitor was Sinola Kid, followed by Rifle Rick, and Hey Sugar. Shooting clean matches were Rifle Rick, Hey Sugar, Coyote Claxton, and Soaring Red Hawk.

This was our last cowboy Action match for the 2022 shooting season, and we would like to thank all the cowboys and cowgirls that attended our matches this year. We look forward to seeing you in April 2023 back at Rocky River.

However, other types of shooting sports are still going on at the cowboy range at DSC-Utica during October and November.

Sunday, October 9, 2022, Service Rifle match Bring your favorite service rifle and try your skill at hitting 40 targets at approximately 40 – 50 yards away. Start time 9:30 AM.

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 3-Gun Match Typical 3-gun match with modern firearms, shot on our cowboy range, no climbing, crawling, etc. just standing and shooting, like cowboy. Start time 9:30 AM.

Sunday, November 6, 2022, Silhouette Match Competition shot on our Cowboy 50-yard range. Bring any pistol caliber center fire rifle to the competition. Matches start at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, November 13, 2022, Service Rifle match Bring your favorite service rifle and try your skill at hitting 40 targets at approximately 40 – 50 yards away. Start time 9:30 AM.

Hope to see you on the range.
J.J. Longley





Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The Valley had 23 shooters brave the threat of rain for our September 18 match, we had several family members and visitors stop by again this month. We had a new shooter this month, Amy, she is the daughter of Truckee.

This match we had 4 Clean shooters, Johnny Rebel, Ms. Blazin and Money Bags Mathias, Congratulations!

Once again we had a contest going on to guess which movie our starting lines came from and Lighting Bill was our winner. Bill will receive a free match next month curtesy of Stubby and Ms. Blazin. Our Starting Lines this month was from "The Big Trail" starring John Wayne and Marguerite Churchill.

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee and Donuts, and our lunch was their spin on the John Wayne casserole.

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, Sauk Trail Mike, Triple Threat, Sauk Valley Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be October 16, 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.

Once again we will be doing something special for our last match of the season in October. We will be Shooting 6 Stages!!!!

Lunch will be served Free for every one... Yee-Haw, Free Vittles!

Ladies will Shoot for Free... Regular Match fee of \$15 for Men folk, Buckaroo's and Bucka-rette's always shoot Free.

Maybe a few more surprises, hope to see ya there!



Johnny Rebel

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Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our match on September 25th started on a somber note. Before the match, a short memorial was held for Carson City Slick (Fred Douglass). At the end of the memorial, twenty-seven shooters lined up for the shotgun salute. A light drizzle further dampened our spirits.

To brighten things up, Carson City Slick's daughter, Carson City Kit showed up to shoot in her first Cowboy match. Kit used Carson City Slick's guns in the match.

Three additional new shooters joined Kit in their first Cowboy match. One of them, Lucky Elray even took home a free match card for winning the speed rifle event. River Runner was winner of the 50-50 drawing.

Husband and wife shooters Leadfoot Luke and Hey Sugar battled for first and second overall. Luke was the clear winner finishing with a 15 second advantage over Sugar. Sarge and Slow Gin Ricky were the highest finishing JCR members, finishing 5th and 6th respectively. Josh 2-Gun was top Buckaroo. The seven clean matches recorded belonged to Deadeye Deska, Hey Sugar, Honest Abe, Leadfoot Luke, Rainmaker Ray, Slow Gin Ricky and Three Deuce Tom.



Our last match of the year will be our Halloween match on October 22. As usual, it should be pumpkin smashing good time. Might even be some other fruits and vegetables in jeopardy.

And of course, keep in mind our Annie Oakley Ladies match scheduled for June 24, 2023.

Sarge





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys,

The town of Brush Creek near Hillman, Michigan was real busy the months of July and August.

The month of July was very pleasant here in the north country. The monthly cowboy shoot was fun and a great warm up for the up coming Cowboy Rendezvous that was held the week-end of July 29, 30 & 31.

Speaking of the Rendezvous, it was a hustle and bustle to get the town of Brush Creek prepped for the up coming event. But, everything came together nicely and on Wednesday July 27 the wagons with the cowboys and cowgirls started arriving. By Friday, July 29 the Rendezvous was in full swing. The Cowgirls had the club house all decorated and several tables loaded with raffle items and hundreds of door prizes.

The Hotel was full, the Social Club and Short Twig Saloon was keeping everyone smiling and merry. The clock at the Court House still wasn't right and Tunstals' was doing business fast and furious, at the OK Corral the Black Smith was working overtime, and almost everyone visited Boot hill and the Church sending prayers to by gone friends and for pleasant days and years to come.

The Wranglers had 25 Cowgirls and Cowboys shoot Fridays warmup match that started around 3 o'clock in the afternoon. After all the shootin' Irons were put away everyone gathered in the clubhouse for a potluck dinner that had more food then there was counter space.





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Saturday morning dawned cool and sunny. There were 37 Cowboys and Cowgirls chomping at the bit to get to shootin'. So, Faygo Kid lead the group with the pledge to our Great Flag and added a few Rendezvous safety rules. We divided up into two posses and by 10 o'clock with smoke and lead flinging you could hear the targets ringing. When the main match of the day was finished we had 6 clean shooters (the rest rolled around in the dirt). Hey Sugar was Top Cowgirl for the day finishing 6th overall. It was a real shoot out between the father and son team of Sinola Kid and J C Wade for the overall top spot. When the smoke cleared it was dad, Sinola Kid winning out by 1.51 seconds and Leadfoot Luke only .40 seconds behind JC.

After a really nice lunch, we had 21 Cowgirls and Cowboys sign up to shoot it out for the honor of being the Overall Cowgirl and Cowboy. To win this honor you had to be really good at shooting speed pistol, an Angel at Heaven and Hell, a good bird shooter with a scattergun, and real handy with long guns.

Now, just for winning this shootin' event you got the Honor of being the overall cowgirl and cowboy, but those winners also got an extra card for the chance to win the pair of Ruger Wranglers that were being raffled off over the weekend.

When all the figuring and adding was done, the overall Cowgirl was T.N.Tina besting Eleanor Jewel by 5 points. The overall Cowboy finish was just a little tighter. With just 3 points separating the top 3. Faygo Kid had a total of 50 points for 3rd place, JC Wade finished 2nd with 51 points, and The Overall Cowboy was Wolverine Regulator finishing First with 51 points. Congrats to T.N. Tina and Wolverine Regulator.

I must mention that the Heaven and Hell competition seem to be the most fun. With its man on man type of competition. It was slow, out doing fast, son ousting father, and ladies out doing men. But, when it came down to the final it was Youth vs Youth (you know good eyes and reflexes) J-Bird vs JC. At the final shot...JC got to be an Angel and J-Bird joined the rest of us devils.....





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Sunday July 31 dawned exactly as Saturday had. There were 38 shooters today. We said our pledge and a few safety rules repeated. Divided into two posses and by 10 o'clock lead was flinging. After 5 fun, fast, & furious stages everyone was ready for a very good chicken dinner with more side dishes than anyone would want.

It was JC Wades' B-day, so we sang Happy B-Day to him and celebrated with cake and ice cream.

Now!! There were 10 clean shooters for today. (Hey Sugar and Crazy Mingo were the only ones to shoot clean both days..Congrats!!)

Top Cowgirl for the day was Hey Sugar!! again finishing 6th overall. Top Cowboy for the day was Leadfoot Luke besting JC Wade by just 2.25 seconds and JC besting Sinola Kid by just 1.86 seconds.

On to the important things. Like I mentioned, the Brush Creek Wranglers had bullets, primers, knife, and several other items to raffle off, plus a pair of Ruger Wranglers. A special Buntline 22 pistol to give away to one lucky shooter, and 100's of door prizes. (just to let you know we had 38 shooters and did 3 1/2 rounds of drawings to give everything away)

Sarge was the lucky winner of the shooters pistol and T.N. Tina was the Lucky winner of the two Ruger Wranglers.

A Very Big Thank You again to Everyone that donated to our prize table. I can't Thank You enough.

Thank You again to all of you for coming and making it a Great Rendezvous!!!!!!!

All I can say is Save the dates...July 28, 29 & 30 of next year, 2023, and we'll do it all again!!!





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

August 13 was another fine day at Brush Creek for Mohawks' Revenge!

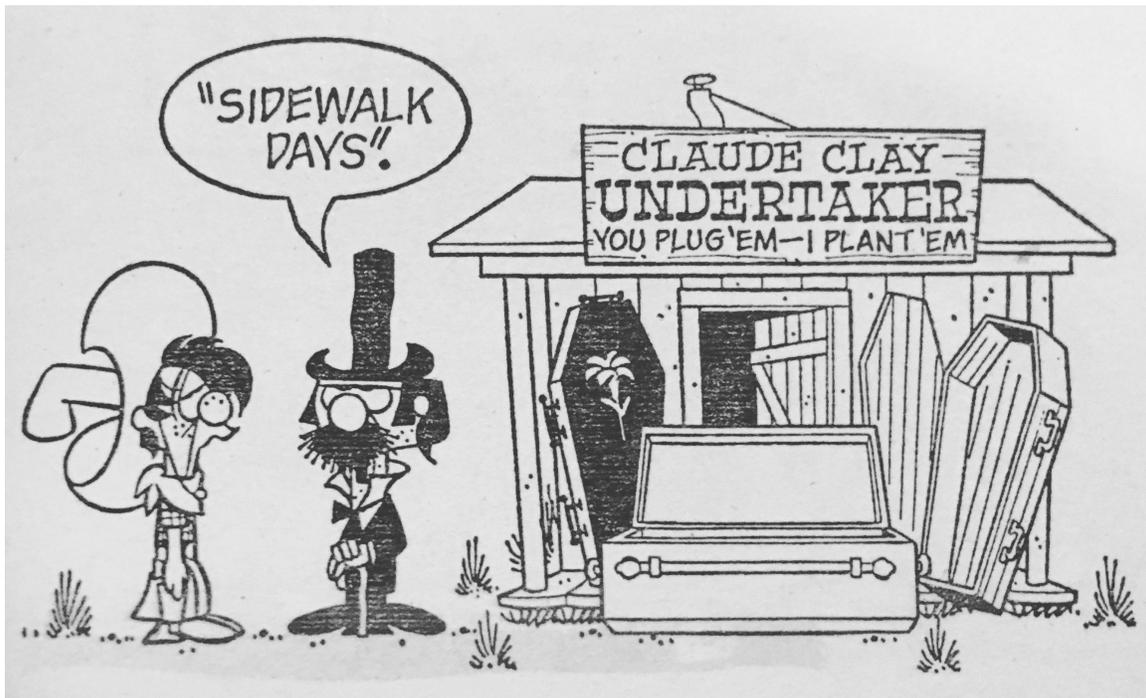
This shoot was really Old School Cowboy shooting. If you look at the results posted on the Rangers web site you will see what I'm writing about. We shot up the Hotel, dug up the Hotel, dug shot shells out of a wooden box (with extra shells added), had to shoot the kidnapers without shootin' the kids, shoot two Texas stars, and had to shoot the hangmans' noose rope to free Tuco!

When everything was said (some bad) and done. There were NO clean shooters. Brushwood Bruce was top overall and Eleanor Jewel top cowgirl. After all the shootin' Irons were put away, we had a really nice lunch prepared by Mohawks' wife Linda.

There will be no shoots at Brush Creek in September or October. We'll be shooting indoors starting first Saturday in November.

Take Care and Hope Everyone had a Great time at Range War,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





Wranglers-Lapeer

Howdy you all,

Well today at Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club down in Wranglerville we held our October monthly shoot. The day started out a little cool but the sun came out and it soon warmed up. We had our regular five stage cowboy shoot, ate a great lunch prepared by Hawk Woman a/k/a Sandy Boisineau and then shot a wild bunch match.

Everyone who attended enjoyed the stages that Horse Keeper had wrote, only a couple of shooters wanted to hang him.

The match final overall results main match in order Leadfoot Luke, Riverview Rattler, Hey Sugar, Sinola Kid, Flat Water Johnny, Shelby Kid, Dutch Van Sickle, Crazy Mingo, Ramblin Ron, Old Doc Potter, Pistol Packin Rod, Horse Whisperer, Tom Foolery, Butch Haircut and Buffalo Finn.

Wild Bunch final match results Ramblin Ron, Crazy Mingo, Tom Foolery and Flat Water Johnny.

Thank you all who attended because you are the ones that make our shoots a success.

F.Y.I. October 15 is Breckenridge's last match of the year, Western Wayne Halloween shoot is October 22nd and Saginaw Halloween Shoot will be on October 29th.

Hope to see you all at our next monthly shoot November 6, 2022.

Horse Whisperer George Metis





Duke in the 1960's



The Alamo, Duke's passion project, was released in 1960

Can you put these John Wayne films in order of their release?

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| A. The Sons of Katie Elder | 1. _____ |
| B. Hatari! | 2. _____ |
| C. The Comancheros | 3. _____ |
| D. True Grit | 4. _____ |
| E. The Green Berets | 5. _____ |
| F. El Dorado | 6. _____ |
| G. The War Wagon | 7. _____ |
| H. Circus Wagon | 8. _____ |
| I. Donovan's Reef | 9. _____ |
| J. The Alamo | 10. _____ |



Where Am I?



Can you name the Wolverine Ranger Club these are hanging at?

Be the first **Wolverine Ranger** to email heysugar97@gmail.com with the correct answer and win a box of Winchester AA 12 ga low recoil shot gun shells.



Prize delivery method TBD.

Shipment is not available.

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