



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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**REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES  
THEY ARE THE REASON THAT WE ARE FREE**



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## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Hello everyone,

### **General Rangers Info:**

I can't wait to head out and enjoy some nice weather in May to shoot in. Other than a couple of warm days in April, most were a bit chilly still to shoot in. I hope you enjoy the printed calendar this year. The program is a bit different than years past and allows for more options on the pages. The pictures for each club are usually ones we take at shoots or are pulled from the clubs' websites or Facebook posts. We really don't get too many submissions of photos for the calendar, or to post on our website. If you take photos throughout the year and you have some you would like to submit, I welcome those at any time. Just text or email me the photos and we can save them for the calendar. Don't be surprised if I stop posse's this year and ask to take some photos.

The Canadian invitation letter has been posted on our website. We hope to see more of our Canadian pards this year! If you would like a personalized letter, please reach out to me.

### **Free Membership Shoot:**

This year our annual free shoot and membership meeting will take place at DSC (Utica). The Rocky River Regulators will have a fun five stage match set up. After the match we will put on lunch and our annual meeting. As per the last few years we will review our financials, upcoming Range War info, Shootout at Bloody Porch info, our Clean Shooter awards and finish up with some prize drawings. We will need to plan for a head count this year as we will need to decide if we can have the meeting inside the cowboy building, or if we will need to hold it in the main clubhouse.

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### **Range War:**

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Range War, 1999-2023. Plans are well underway, and the applications are on the website for mail in and online entries. As usual at this time of year the applications are trickling in. We have a few updates and new items this year as we plan to have a blast for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

First, we are having a stage writing contest. We are inviting everyone to submit their favorite stage for consideration in this year's match. This can be a stage you love, one that you enjoyed at a previous Range War, or just one that you thought up that you would like to shoot. These can be submitted via email, mail, text or in person to Sinola Kid. Entries will be accepted now thru June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Our range committee will review all entries and select ten stages for the 2023 Range War. Each selected entry will be published in our shooter's handbook as the stage writer and receive a special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary award from the Wolverine Rangers. Let's all dig deep and find some real gems to enter.

Second, we are looking for stage sponsors for this year's match. Each stage sponsor will receive advertising/recognition space in the shooter's handbook as well as signage on the stage. Sponsorships will start at a recommended donation of \$100 per stage. We will use these funds to update our props, tables, and feel of the stages. Of course, we are open to suggestions as well for improvements. If you are interested in sponsoring a stage this year, please contact me to discuss by July 1<sup>st</sup>, as we need time to get the book updated.

Third, our awards banquet will again be at Alexanders banquet facility. We are working on buckles and new side match awards this year with a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. We are trying to make them stand out and be something special, so having a count earlier than normal will help. Please sign up early so we can plan our numbers efficiently. We will be trying a new table and seating plan to reduce the need for people to wait in line at the banquet facility to get in. At registration we will have a table chart that you will be able to put your name down at the table of your choice, with whomever you wish to sit with. Then this will be at the banquet facility, details still underway, and you will be able to walk in and know where you will be sitting.

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### **Range War:**

Fifth, we have finalized the contract for golf cart rentals. Information and sign up for these will be posted soon on our website. There will be an electronic application, like our shooter registration that you will be able to sign up and pay the fees for the carts and receive an email confirmation.

Sixth, we are working on a fun event in the clubhouse on Saturday evening after the trap event. More info coming soon. But it is old west themed and should be a fun time for all.

Seventh, unfortunately you will see that we had to increase the camping fee this year by five dollars. The township that Bluewater Sportsman's Club (BWSC) resides in noticed our campground for the first time in 24 years last year. They have informed BWSC and the Rangers that we have not filed for a camping permit, as is a requirement of a camping area of this size. We need to apply for and pay the permit fee and add additional steps to prove that we are complying with the township's requirements. Hence the additional \$5.

Lastly, as with every shoot, we cannot put these events on without our volunteers. Without the hard work from everyone we cannot be successful. We have a great team of volunteers and I urge anyone that can to offer to help. Spreading the work out makes a better shoot for all involved. Please let me know if you are able to help. This can be anything from set up day, tear down, side matches, registration, or months in advance for other tasks, there are plenty to go around.

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

After careful review of all comments by all, we have decided to make this year's match a two-day event. We will have five stages on Saturday, followed by side matches. Then another five stages on Sunday. We have added an open category for those that want to come out and shoot but might not have all the SASS required firearms/calibers. This class will have awards like the other classes but will not be eligible for the overall awards. The applications are on our website and a basic list of the planned activities are on the application. I will post a schedule of events in the next few weeks. Ethan Callahan and I are working hard to make this another great event. We have a few applications already in, sign up soon.

Well, if you made it this far reading this, I appreciate it. See you on the range,

*Sinola Kid*

Sinola Kid  
Captain Wolverine Rangers





## Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

The weather on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> was predicted to be raining and cold to open the competitive Cowboy Action shooting season at Rocky River. However, twenty-six cowboys and cowgirls ventured out and were greeted with a 75-degree day and cooling breezes on the range. The breeze may have been cool, but the competition was heated as the competitors shot five fast stages. Leading the way and finishing first overall was Riverview Rattler followed by Sinola Kid, and Hey Sugar. Shooting clean matches were Riverview Rattler, Hey Sugar, J.J. Longley, Nevada Gambler, Soaring Red Hawk, Attica Jack, Broke N West, and Old Doc Potter.

DSC-Utica has many shooting events on their schedule for 2023. Look at the lineup that is offered on the Wolverine Ranger's web site and come out and have some shooting fun.

Coming events at DSC-Utica for the month of May...

Sunday, May 7, 2023,	Wild Bunch Match
Sunday, May 21, 2023,	Cowboy Action Monthly Match

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





## Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

The rain held off long enough for us to get our first match of the season finished. We welcomed several visitors that showed up to watch the action.

We had 1 new shooter to the Valley this month Welcome American Venom! He shoot very well for his first ever Cowboy match and from the smile on his face he will be back.

Congratulations to our 6 Clean shooters this month, Joe Quick, Justice D Spencer, Ranger Mike, Johnny Rebel, Triple Threat and Sauk Valley Stubby. Our Cool 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.

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 May 21, 2023. 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

Praise the Lord...

Our April shoot couldn't have been nicer weather!

Twenty-two shooters came to the Creek and enjoyed some Sun and warm temperature and I guess some challenging stages because there were only 2 clean shooters...or maybe everyone was still a little rusty from lack of shooting over the winter months.

We welcomed a new shooter and club member...Diabla, she is excited for the next shoot and will probably be visiting some of our other clubs soon.

We also had a great visit by one of our founding members...Square Shake Lake, and he promises to be back to shoot with us again...he also brought his granddaughter with him and we had some fun letting her shoot our last stage...and she hit both of our flyers!!!

We welcomed a new couple...and got Kurt to shoot a stage with us too. They plan to be back...we'll keep our fingers crossed.

Doc Noper was our top shooter and clean also.

Chica came up with a great meal for us, and we are expecting to have her back shooting with us soon.

Chica and I plan to attend the Ohio State match this Memorial Day weekend and we are planning to attend the Indiana State match....so I'll be getting some ideas for new stages for our next shoot this June, so be sure to come out and join us for some fun shooting.

Don't forget to make plans to join us for our Old School Camp and Shoot in August...we'll have fun stages and games planned for you.

Remember....Smooth is fast.

Riverview & Chica







## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

News from The Johnson Creek Regulators.....

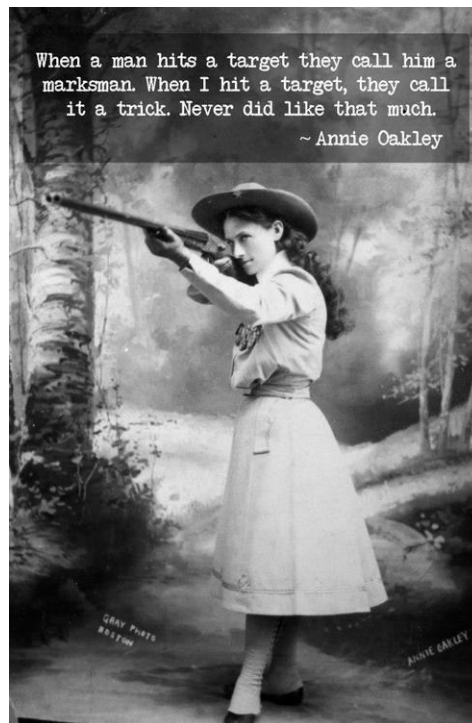
Howdy All,

Nineteen brave souls came out in the rainy weather to attend our April Match. Match Director, "Not Dead Ed", wrote the stages for the match and were well received. Wolverine Regulator, edged Faygo Kid by less than two seconds for the win! Sarge finished third with William Kid Henry fourth. Wolverine Regulator had the fastest stage of the day, engaging 24 targets in 18.35 seconds!!

Our May match is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been to Plymouth lately, you should check us out. We NOW have Big and Close targets and will soon have thirty-six 16" squares.

June is going to be a big month for the Johnson Creek Regulators! Our first ever Ladies Only match, aptly named **Annie Oakley Match** will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have many Ladies pre-registered with several from out of state. Our regular match will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be going all out with several new facades. Our new Railroad Station is a replica of the Carson City NV station. It was made in honor of Fred Douglass (Carson City Slick), and Gary Van (Capt. Garrison Blaze). Wolverine Regulator has written the stages and they look pretty awesome!

Come check us out,  
Slow Gin Ricky





## Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys from the Great White North,

I hope everyone survived the winter well.

It's finely warm enough to start shooting outdoors. Indoors is something to do, but outdoors is soooo much better.

Everything is slower here in the North country, but the Brush Creek Wranglers and I have been very busy getting ready for this year's Cowboy Rendezvous. We got more donators, some really nice prizes, **and more guns than last year to give away**. Only 3 more months. Sounds like a lot of time, but goes by very fast. We've got right around 40 shooters registered and we can only take around 50. So, get your app in soon and be part of the Best Little Shoot in Northern Michigan.

For more info, check the App on the Wolverine Rangers website under clubs. Hillman (Brush Creek Wrangler) schedule for July 28, 29, & 30th. You can also contact me (Faygo Kid) at [faygo.kid@yahoo.com](mailto:faygo.kid@yahoo.com) or call (734) 558-8927.

Sorry (really glad) to say the camping is full, unless you have a small camper or would like to stay in a tent.

Take Care, Shoot Straight, and Be Safe,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





## Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

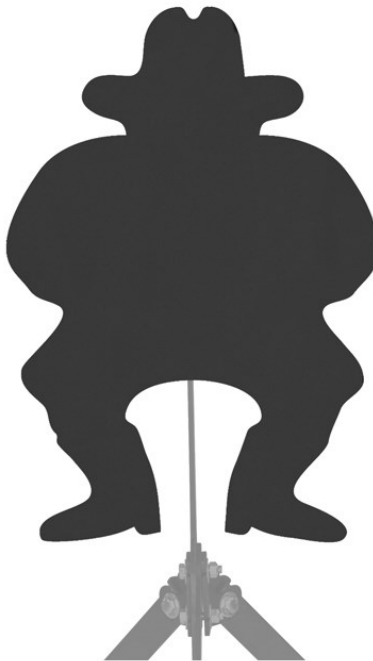
A Major Change....

Black Silver Ric has volunteered to be Match Director at Eagleville!!

So, we are back in business. The first shoot for 2023 will be the fourth Saturday in May. He has coerced some volunteer help, but I am sure that he will accept any help that you may offer.

I am looking forward to hearing targets ring at Eagleville.

One Son of a Gun





## The Shooter's Stance

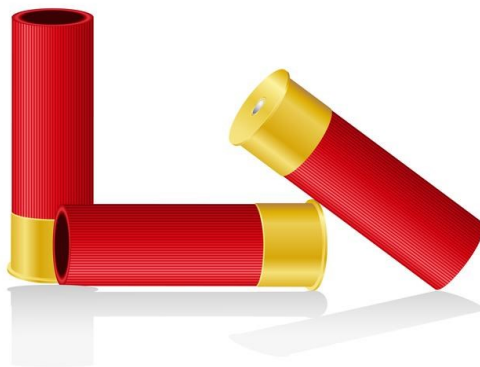


### Homemade 12 ga. Practice Rounds

I wanted to make some 12 ga. dummy rounds to practice loading my 870 Remington I use in 3 gun. I went on the internet and got some ideas. Here's what I have come up with. First you will need a shot shell reloader, six empty 12 ga. shells, a different colored shell from what color you normally use is nice, but not necessary, some shot/bb's, 8 cardboard wads, 1/2" punch to make the wads from the cardboard from a 12 pack of beer, hot glue gun, a razor or sharp knife and a magic marker.

First resize the empty shell and punch out the primer, take the 1/2" punch and punch out 48 cardboard wads. You will stack these wads to replace the powder charge, for my shells I used 8 cardboard wads. Now press in the plastic shot wad, I used CB0178 7/8 oz. wad. Press in the shot wad, you might have to add or subtract some cardboard wads to get the correct length of the shot wad for a good crimp. Drop the shot and crimp, there should be no rattling of bb's/shot, if there is, add a couple of cardboard wads. Using the hot glue gun, fill the primer pocket, when hard, cut off excess glue flush with the brass, mark the shell with magic marker, and that is it.

Attica Jack



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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

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- Badges or Membership Packets

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