



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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25TH ANNIVERSARY WOLVERINE RANGERS RANGE WAR





WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

August is already here, and Range war is less than a month away. Lots of details below, hope you don't think it's too long winded.

Free Membership Shoot:

The free shoot and membership meeting went well. We had 43 shooters shoot the match and a few other members at the meeting. We discussed the financials which continue to hold strong. At the end of 2022 we were able to basically break even for the year, which includes membership, Range War and Bloody porch. **Hey Sugar and Old Doc Potter** took home this year's clean match awards. We are also holding our membership level, gaining just as many new members as we have lost over the last year. Approximately 95% of our members are also SASS members.

We had some discussion about the future of Range War and where it could be held in the coming years. The outcome is that we would have another meeting at the Saturday Breckenridge shoot in August. This will be an open forum meeting where we discuss pros and cons for future locations.

The executive board will then put together a "request for proposal" or "RFP" which will detail the requirements that any club would need to provide or provide answers to. This RFP will be mailed to each club contact at every Wolverine Rangers club. Each club can then provide a proposal to the rangers, in a defined time, to request their club be in the mix for hosting a future Range War.

To be clear, we have a contract thru 2024 Range War to be held at Bluewater Sportsman's Club in Port Huron. So, we do have time to discuss all possibilities, and select the best location for the 2025 season. That would also include any proposal from Bluewater to keep Range War at their club. We hope that each club that has interest will reply with a proposal to the Wolverine Rangers to review.





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RANGE WAR: Enough about the future, what about this year's 25th anniversary celebration?

The general information sheet flyer & schedule of events is posted.

Stage writing contest: Well, this was successful in bringing in plenty of stages to review. We had over 70 stages submitted. When the dust cleared, and we pulled out all the duplicates we had 44 stages left. These 44 stages went out anonymously labeled by number and sent out to our eleven stage committee members. Each committee member selected ~15 of these stages that they would like to see at Range War. Once we tallied the results, we had 12 stages that stood out from the pack of 44. The final ten were selected out of these 12 that best fit our targets and props. These are now off to the publisher with the rest of the shooter's handbook.

Thank you to all that submitted stages.

Stage Sponsorship: To date, we have 10 stage sponsors. Each stage sponsor will receive advertising/recognition space in the shooter's handbook as well as signage on the stage.

Golf cart rentals: The forms to sign up for a golf cart are on the website. We currently have 5 golf carts left for rent. Please fill out a form or call **Carolina Belle** to reserve one.

NEW INFO / CHANGES for RANGE WAR 2023:

1. The camping permit was approved!! Each camper will receive an email with the suggestions for parking and safety measures suggested/recommended by the township.
2. On Friday there will be an RO class, likely ROI. **Sarge** will be reaching out to all of those that showed interest on their application. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the list.
3. On Saturday evening after "Cowboy Trap" we will have a FARO demonstration in the clubhouse. Grey Hare will be bringing in three FARO tables for us to learn how to play and we will have three dealers set up to allow you to try your hand at this classic old west game. Also, in clubhouse during the FARO games will be an Ice Cream Social. Come see what FARO is all about and enjoy some cold refreshing ice cream too.



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NEW INFO / CHANGES for RANGE WAR 2023 (continued):

4. On Sunday after the match, we will have a man on man shoot off. All that want to play are invited. More details will be provided at registration but bring some extra ammo.
5. The round count for the main match and all mini matches will be posted this week on our website.
6. Lunch on Friday and Saturday. We are going to try something different this year. We will have lunch available in the air-conditioned clubhouse on Friday and Saturday. Just come on up to the clubhouse and join us. This will be on a donation basis. More info will be sent out to each shooter prior to the match.

Shootout at Bloody Porch:

This a two-day shoot this year. Details and registration forms are on our website. We have reviewed the feedback from our inaugural match in 2022 and have made some changes.

We will have five stages on Saturday and five stages on Sunday. Side matches to be held Saturday after the match and lunch. Dinner will be in the clubhouse later in the evening on Saturday night. Sunday luncheon and awards will be in the air-conditioned clubhouse. This year we will have stages with less movement, and more typical to what you would see in our wild bunch stages at the Range War mini matches. This will not be a run and gun marathon, nor will it require more than the usual amount of ammo on any stage. The super stage and tons of knockdowns that must be reset by hand will not be used this year. There will be a few here and there, but they will not be the norm. The intent is to have fun, enjoy the shoot, not be exhausted and depleted at the end of the day.

We have about one month until the registration cutoff, Sept. 4th, for us to get badges, awards, handbooks, shirts, towels, etc. made in time for the shoot. If you plan to register, please do so, it greatly impacts our planning process. Note for those camping, there is a shower in the clubhouse that is available for use.





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General Shooting season:

There have been a bunch of great shoots in the past month or so in our state.

The Ladies Only Annie Oakley shoot at Plymouth was very successful. **Hey Sugar** was the overall champion. There were 28 shooters at the match. They are already well under way on planning the 2024 Annie Oakley shoot the fourth weekend of June. A few of the new ladies that attended the match, also returned to shoot the cowboy match in July. It's great to see new shooters come out, enjoy the match, and come back again the next month.

The Utica Wild bunch was a fun, fast and well attended. **Coyote Claxton** wrote a terrific match. (They're having another one on Sunday, August 6th). While I wasn't able to shoot clean, I was able to edge out **JJ Longley** for top honors.

This past weekend Hillman hosted their third annual Cowboy Rendezvous, there were 38 shooters and fun was had by all. **Faygo Kid, Eleanor Jewel** and the team had a tremendous number of giveaways. Most shooters returned home with door prizes valued at well over the entry fee for the shoot. As always, the heaven and hell side match was a blast. Congrats to **JJ Hunter** for besting me in the finals and sending me to hell. The overall match was a battle with well written fun stages. While most of us found a way to make a few harder than they were; there were three clean shooters, **JC Wade, Duelin' Dylan,** and **Cardshark Charlie**. When the smoke cleared **JC Wade** was the overall champion, with **Hey Sugar** finishing as the top cowgirl.

We have new flyers for advertising. These are available to all clubs at no charge. Please let me know if you would like some of these. There is also a pdf posted on the 'About Us' page of our website. That is the exact flyer we have printed off.



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General Shooting season (continued):

We have a new club joining the Rangers this year! Washtenaw Sportsman's Club in Ypsilanti, MI. This new club will be named the Huron River Raiders. The club is located near the intersection of I-94 and US-23. The first match is planned for September 23rd. It will be a Wild Bunch match, as it is the Saturday before our Michigan State Championship. Anyone interested in attending the match can contact me for more info. More info will be posted soon on our website, but the match date is already on the calendar. After this first match, we will be scheduling cowboy matches as well. With the way the range is set up, we will be able to shoot year-round, monthly shoots.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the classified section of our website. There is plenty of good gear listed for sale.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid



WANTED

Volunteers for The Friday Range War Side Matches

Seeking cowboys and cowgirls to help with the side matches again this year. We'll be reaching out shortly to the usual folks that run the speed shotgun, long range, BMM and cowboy trap side matches. Help would be greatly appreciated for the speed pistol, speed rifle, pocket pistol and derringer, and long range pistol and long range pistol-caliber rifle stages.

If you can donate one hour of your time on Friday, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, please e-mail me @ brknwst@gmail.com.

To thank you for your efforts, all volunteers who work the side match stages will be eligible for an automatic raffle drawing, for a brick of small pistol primers. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

And something new this year, a .22 rifle plus a single .22 pistol side match. Presently, we intend to include this two-gun combination at the regular caliber speed pistol and speed rifle stage. Any .22 caliber rifle (lever or pump), plus any .22 pistol will be shot for a total time.

BROKE N WEST



Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

The DSC Rocky River Regulators hosted the five stage Wolverine Ranger's Free match on Sunday, July 16th. The weather cleared from the Saturday rain and brought low 80s temperatures but also brought oppressive humidity. That did not slow down the 43 competitors that enjoyed shooting five stages for previous Land Run, Winter Range, and EOT competitions. The competition was fast and furious and when the dust settled and the scores were announced the overall winner was **Three Gun Cole**, followed by **Faygo Kid**, and **Sinola Kid**. Top female competitor was **Hey Sugar**. Shooting clean matches were **Faygo Kid, Hey Sugar, Camptown, Bad Brass, J.R. Hammer, Broke N West, Wildcat Maverick, Soaring Red Hawk, Outrider Outlaw, The Lost Egg**, and **Ramblin Ron**.

After the match, the Wolverine Rangers hosted a lunch in the DSC Clubhouse. The lunch was plentiful and delicious. Once the lunch was completed a Wolverine Rangers General Membership meeting was held detailing Range War, the state Wild Bunch Match, WR Finances, and the future of the Wolverine Rangers.

The awards for most Clean Matches for both female and male competitors were presented to **Hey Sugar** and **Old Doc Potter**, as well as various door prizes to a few lucky recipients.

The match was fun to shoot, the lunch was excellent, the prizes were nice, and the meeting was informative. A nice way to spend an afternoon with shooting friends.

Coming events in August at DSC...

Sunday, August 6, 2023, Wild Bunch Match
Sunday, August 20, 2023, Monthly Cowboy Match

See you on the range,
J.J. Longley





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Howdy Pardos,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Part of our gang, **Todd All In, Celebrity James, Katie Callahan and Bad River Marty**, attended the Indiana State Shoot (Paradise Pass) in June, and came back with awards and a lot of fun memories. A special yee haw for **Todd All In** for his First Place in B-Western and those fancy paisley shirts! Yee Haw! And... a big THANK YOU to **Black River Bill** and to our pardos who helped put on Saginaw's June 10th match while we were in Indiana.

At our July 8th match, we got rained on most of the morning, yet out of our 26 shooters, 16 shot the match clean! **Three Gun Cole** took First; **Lead Foot Luke**, Second; **Bad River Marty**, Third; **Riverview Rattler**, Fourth; and **Shiloh Red**, Fifth. The Wild Bunch winners in Traditional were **Ethan Callahan**, First and **Flatwater Johnny**, Second. In the Modern category, **Truckee** took first and **Old Dude** took Second.

As most know, **Second Hand Jack** passed away earlier this year and to recognize his contributions to our club, our August 26th shoot will be dedicated to him. He was one of the original cowboys that helped establish cowboy action shooting in Saginaw. He also helped haul our props and targets to Range War and then tear down and bring them back. We'll keep that in mind as our gang shoots the upcoming 25th anniversary of Range War this Labor Day weekend. Hope to see all our pardos there.

More coming up in Saginaw is the 2nd Annual Wild Bunch State Shoot; a 2-day event, on Sept. 30-Oct.1. And to round out our shooting season, we'll be having another wild and fun Halloween Shoot on October 28. We've heard that some of the gang are already planning their costumes and we can hardly wait to see what they come up with this year. There will be guaranteed laughs, for sure! We thank all the shooters that have been to our shoots this year and we hope those who haven't shot at Saginaw can come shoot with us soon.

Until next time, remember to live life....give it your best shot.

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators hosted our July match on the 22nd. 32 wild and woolly shooters showed up for the event. We welcomed seven brand new Cowboy action shooters. A family of five and two ladies who shot at our first Annual Annie Oakley Ladies only match in June. **Riverview Rattler** was quickest of them all with an astonishing total time of 102.28 seconds for five stages. **Wolverine Regulator**, was second with a smoking time of 112.75. Third place was **Sinola Kid** 119.96 and **Sarge**, just behind at 121.38. The Good **Reverend MissAlot** rounded out the top five. Stages were written by **Sarge** and were well received. Our next match is August 26th. We have several new facades and our new 16" square targets are big and close! Those corners come in handy sometimes over the round targets!! Hope to see you then!!

Happy Trails!!
Slow Gin Ricky



Single Barrel Bob and Family



Pop A Shot and Reverend MissAlot





Double Barrel Gang-Hastings

Hello from the Double Barrel Gang,

For our July shoot, we had 14 shooters!

Riverview Rattler took first place, followed by Cayuse Jack and Slippery Pete. We had 3 clean shooters: Cayuse Jack, Riverview Rattler, and Dusty Jode.

Thank you Slippery Pete and Cayuse Jack for another great shoot. Our next shoot is August 5th at the Barry County Conservation Club. Look forward to seeing there!

Aim small, miss small!

Horseman Tweed, Trouble, and the Double Barrel Gang





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

Hope everyone had a happy 4th of July.

The weather was great for our July Match and once again we had several visitors stop by to watch.

We welcomed **Crabby Hays, Dusty Deputy** and **Toby Dirt** for there first trip to the Valley and a few old friends came back to shoot with us this month.

Congratulations to our 7 Clean shooters this month, **Deuce Stevens, Mez Cal, Ranger Mike, Rover, Sauk Valley Stubby, Shakey Shot Sharon and Triple Threat**. 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 Cowboys 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, fantastic potato salad.

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 20, 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
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Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Our July shoot started out with a chance of rain and 14 hardy shooters showed up to shoot our match. We had plans to shoot stages undercover if it did rain but we were lucky and the rain held off until we were done shooting. Our top shooter and only clean match went to **Doc Noper**. Our match was followed by a great meal served by **Chica**.

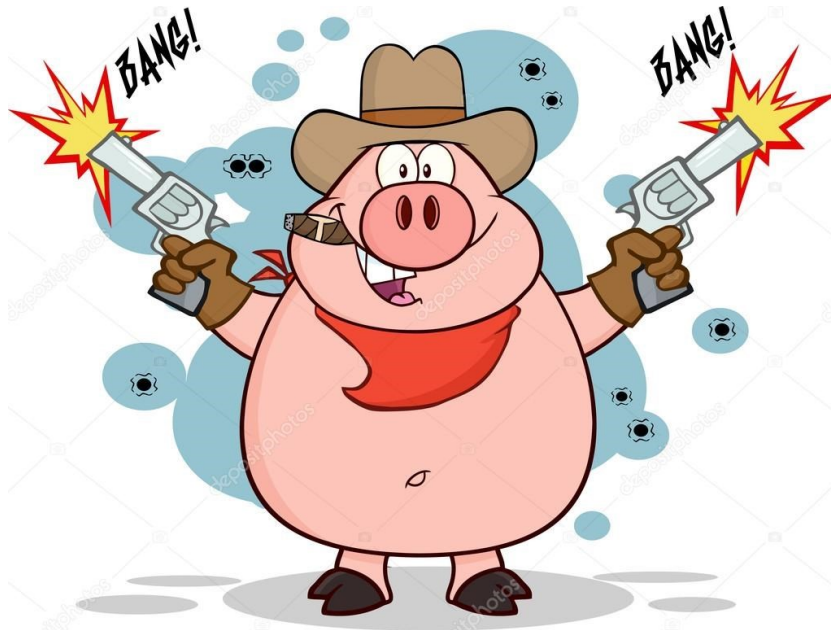
A big thank you to all who came out to shoot with us this month.

We would also like to remind everyone about our big Old School Shoot and regular shoot this coming August 18th and 19th. Our camping begins as early as Wednesday. We'll be serving breakfast on Thursday and Friday and our Old School Shoot will begin around 3:00 o'clock on Friday afternoon. We'll be doing all kinds of fun stuff, crazy as you can imagine. Following the match we will have a potluck meal...we will provide the meat.

Saturday will be our regular shoot and this will be followed by our pig roast. There will also be a Wolverine Rangers meeting after the match hope you can all make it there. This will be an open forum meeting where we discuss pros and cons for future locations for Range War.

Smooth is Fast...

Riverview, Chica & Diabla





Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys from Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman,

It was a very busy and exciting month of July for the Wranglers. At the beginning of month, we were looking forward to the upcoming Cowboy Rendezvous. Well, July just flew by and before we knew it, the 26th was here. Eleanor and I had arrived on the 25th. By High Noon on the 26th, the modern-day Conestoga wagons had started to arrive. By night fall we had half a dozen. Everyone was just getting reacquainted, for it was way too warm for a good ole campfire.

The morning of the 27th was beautiful and on the cool side. Everyone pitched in and finished putting up the tents and touches to the range. The Cowgirls decorated the hall in cowboy fashion. By the time 5 or 6 o'clock got here, all the campers had arrived, and we all sat down to a great potluck dinner.

Friday dawned with a little rain, that didn't dampen anyone's spirit. The Cowgirls and Cowboys just kept on arriving and by 3 o'clock we had 25 to 30 shooters ready to get the Rendezvous kicked off with a little warm up match. With shooting done by 5, everyone put away the shoot-in' irons and we all sat down to pulled pork and chicken dinner prepared by **Mohawk Scout's wife Linda** and **Eleanor Jewel**. All the shooters had brought dishes to pass. There was beans (can't have a cowboy dinner without them), salads, soups, taters, Elk stew, and more home-made goodies than you could shake a stick at.

Saturday the 29th dawned again with a rain shower, but by 7 the skies were clearing. At 9:45 **Faygo Kid** called the posses together for a short safety meeting and the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. With this done posse Marshall **Riverview Rattler** read off the names of who was on his posse. They would be starting on stage 3. Posse Marshall **T N Tina** said the rest of the shooters were with her and starting on stage 1.





Brush Creek—Hillman

Before the first round was fired down range. **Faygo** had a name pulled out of the shooters list. It was **Crazy Mingo**. He was all smiles, for he had just won the first of four Heritage Rough Riders to be given away.

The action was fast and furious. By 1 o'clock, all 39 Cowgirls and Cowboys had finished the first 5 stages of the two-day 10 stage match. After a nice lunch served again by **Linda** and **Eleanor Jewel**, we headed back out to the range for the match that **Faygo** calls 'All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl'. You had to be able to shoot your rifle near and far, pistols fast and accurately, and with your shotgun you had to be quick and able to hit flying sarsaparilla. When the two posses were done with these, we all gathered for the person on person shoot off. When all was said and done the final show down saw **JJ Hunter** facing off against **Sinola Kid**. After a handshake of good luck, the smiling **Sinola Kid** and the determined look from **JJ Hunter** at the beep, the Kid was fast and smooth, but missed the target and JJ sent him straight to Hell.....



Sinola Kid and JJ Hunter shooting it out during the Heaven or Hell Shoot Off





Brush Creek—Hillman

Another great day of shooting was done and by 6 o'clock all shootin' irons were put away. Everyone gathered in the hall for a very nice Taco Bar dinner. **Faygo** had **Crazy Mingo** draw another name and gave away another Rough Rider and the Lucky winner was **Lainey Mae**.

Sunday dawned much cooler (like 50) and beautiful. Shooters had gathered together just before 9am. We said the Pledge of Allegiance, **Faygo** gave away another Rough Rider. **Lainey Mae** drew the chip and **Mohawk Scout** was the Lucky winner. The two posses went about shooting and finished up the last five stages just shortly after Noon. By 1 o'clock (not positive? that clock tower is never right) everyone sat down to a very nice salad and pizza lunch.



Back Row Left to Right:

JJ Hunter, T N Tina, Hey Sugar, Horseman's Trouble, Diamond Dottie and Eleanor Jewel

Front Row Left to Right:

Diabla, River Runner, Quack Shot Pam and Lainey Mae



Brush Creek—Hillman

There was a card raffle for a couple firearms. A Ruger 10/22 and a Dickison home defense 12 ga. A couple raffles for 1000 primers each. Silent Auctions for very nice donations and a table full of door prizes.

I apologize for not remembering what everyone won (old age write it down). A few that I can: **Diabla, Riverview Rattler, J C Wade, River Runner, Goat Roper Jim**, and **Sinola Kid** (might not have shot his best match but cleaned house with luck). Mohawk Scout drew the last name for **Faygo** to give away the last Rough Rider, it was **Eleanor Jewel**. All Shooters got a door prize (some two) that ranged from nicely knitted coat hangers to 18 holes of golf for 2 plus a cart at the Thunder Bay Resort and Golf Club. Lots of items from Ruger, Tub O' Towels, Shooters Choice, Onsite Outdoors, Henry Firearms, Starline, Rugged Gear, Wolverine Rangers and Brush Creek Wranglers.

Enough Already!!!! Now for the Winners...I like to think everyone that attended went home feeling like a Winner!!

All Around Cowgirl....JJ Hunter

All Around Cowboy....Leadfoot Luke

Overall Cowgirl.....Hey Sugar

Overall Cowboy, Clean Match, Blow Everyone Away....was.....J C Wade

Thank You Again Shooters!

Take Care,

Faygo Kid

Cowboy Match Director

Hillman Sportsman's Club





Heat 101



Know the Difference Between Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Heat Exhaustion



Symptoms

- headache
- dizzy or fainting
- heavy sweating
- cold, pale and clammy skin
- nausea or vomiting
- fast, weak pulse
- weakness or muscle cramps
- excessive thirst

What to do

- Hydrate with water or sports drinks. No alcohol.
- Move to a cooler, air-conditioned place.
- Lie down.
- If fully conscious, sip water.
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses.
- If vomiting continues, seek medical attention.
- Act quickly. Untreated heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.
- Remove tight fitting clothing or extra layers

Heat Stroke – Medical Emergency



Symptoms

- headache
- confusion or delirium
- may lose consciousness
- no sweating/dry skin
- hot, red skin
- nausea or vomiting
- rapid heart rate
- body temperature above 104° F

What to do

- Call 911. This is a medical emergency.
- Move the person to a cooler place.
- Use cold compresses to reduce body temperature.
- Do not give fluids

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- 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

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