



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Hard to believe it is September already and Range War has come and gone. It was a whirlwind of a week, capped off by a wonderful banquet and awards ceremony. All scores have been posted on our website. Congratulations to our repeat State Champions, **Hey Sugar** and **Three Gun Cole**.

A big thank you to **Paparazzi Pahl** and his wife Gwen for all the photos taken throughout the weekend. They are all available online. A link has been posted to our Facebook page and soon will be posted on our website. (Once our webmaster gets back from vacation)

Putting on a shoot like this is not easy. We spend countless hours year-round to make this a great event. The Door and Raffle prizes were fantastic. **Carolina Belle** outdid herself again this year getting donations. I have not been to another shoot where all the registered shooters received as much as this year's shoot.

The shoot week itself would not be possible without our set up crew. I will likely miss a name, so I won't list them here. But without the team that shows up on Wednesday and Thursday, and then tears down on Monday, this would be nearly impossible. Thank you to all of those that helped. All the shooters appreciate your hard work. The compliments we received this year on the stages, the bays, the targets, and props were unbelievably positive. Especially the new props that were hand cut and painted by **Hey Sugar**, and the new position signs made by my family and I. These not only stood out, but we were constantly asked throughout the weekend who made these beautiful new props. People notice positive changes, and these were a big hit this year.



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Three Gun Cole and Hey Sugar



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The new shotgun targets were a big hit. While our old Handlebar Doc shotgun targets were one of the biggest complaints about the shoot again this year. We will be addressing these targets for next year.

The Friday and Saturday lunches went well and had a big turnout. As did the Ice Cream Social and Faro games in the clubhouse Saturday night.

The awards presentation again was one of the shortest we have had in the past 10 years. Unfortunately, it is also the largest complaint on the comment cards. The note "awards are too long" continues to be an issue. Therefore, we have decided that due to the popularity of the Ice Cream Social and the lengthy awards we are going to make a change for next year. We will move all side match awards to Saturday night. Thus, combining the Ice Cream Social and Side Match Awards presentation to one event in the clubhouse. Note this year there were 72 side match awards, and no matter what we do these take a significant amount of time to hand out. Moving this to Saturday will reduce about 75-90 minutes from the Sunday Awards Dinner.

More to come later this year on other feedback that will be addressed for next year. But for now, there are a ton of items to compile, review and lastly decompress from this year's event. I have received quite a few emails, texts, and messages about Range War. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions I am open to them, please reach out to me.





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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.

Although the registration date has passed, we are still accepting shooters. Please register as soon as possible so we can finish the awards.





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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 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.

Update – The range prep is going well. If you would like to attend, please contact me. Info will be on our website later this month.

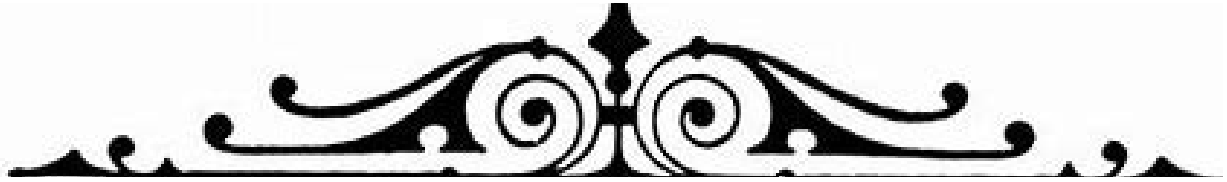
Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the classified section of our website. There is plenty of good gear listed for sale.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, August 6th was a cloudy day with the threat of rain. After shooting the plate rack stage in a light drizzle, the next three stages were moved under our roof on the 50-yard range to stay dry. It quit raining so the **Wild Bunch** match ended with the dreaded farm animal stage shot on Stage 5. When the light rain and low dust cleared, the match winner was **Sinola Kid** followed closely by **Shelby Kid** and **Camptown**. The only clean match was shot by **Terrebonne Bud**.

Sunday, August 27th was a perfect weather day for a Cowboy Action match. The sky was clear and bright, the match started with mid 70 temperatures and we finished at noon as the temperatures reached into the 80s. Twenty-seven cowboys and cowgirls competed for top honors, shooting five stages from previous matches around the country. When the final scores were tabulated, the overall winner was **J. C. Wade**. J. C. was followed closely by **Wolverine Regulator**, and **Sinola Kid**. Winning the Women's category and finishing fourth was **Hey Sugar**. Shooting clean matches were **Camptown**, **J. C. Wade**, **J.J. Longley**, **Nevada Gambler**, **Old Doc Potter**, **Sinola Kid**, **Soaring Red Hawk**, and **Wildcat Maverick**.

Sunday, September 17, 2023, is the next monthly Cowboy Action match at DSC.

See you on the range,
J.J. Longley



JJ Longley



Rifle Rick



Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

Howdy Pard,

Our 2 Day "Eagles Revenge" Cowboy Action Shoot in Central Lake will be on Sept. 23 & 24. It will be two separate 1 day, 5 stage shoots for those who cannot make both days.

We're bringing back two side matches, i.e. the Pop Can roll (pistols) on Saturday, with the winner(s) of each relay receiving another chance to win our Grand Prize of a 'Single Action Pistol'; and the "Shoot the S... er commode" (rifles) will end the fun weekend shooting on Sunday.

Both of these optional side matches will be right after stage 5, and before we eat.

Looking forward to seeing Y'all here,

One Son of a Gun and Black Silver Ric





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

News From Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators held their August match on the 26th. With two days of drenching rain and the threat of more rain, we set up to shoot from under the awning. 28 souls came out for a Pre Range War warmup. After the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by **Reverend Miss-A-Lot**, the match was started. **Wolverine Regulator** came out on top with a total time of 89.83seconds. **Sinola Kid** was second, only 3.01 seconds behind! **Two Rig A Tony** third and **Sarge** 4th. Only 4 seconds separated **Slow Gin Ricky** in 5th, **Reverend Miss A Lot** in 6th, **Nevada Gambler** in 7th and **Apache Wolf** in 8th! **The Lost Egg** finished clean and in 9th position. With **Broke-n-West** rounding out the top ten. Eight Shooters came out unscathed with a clean match, **Two Rig A Tony**, **Sarge**, **Nevada Gambler**, **The Lost Egg**, **Soaring Red Hawk**, **Footsore**, **Single Barrel Bob** and Bob's son, **Double Barrel John**!

We have two matches remaining. September 29th and October 28th. Our Halloween shoot always features a pumpkin or veggie shotgun smash on our third stage! So come on out and check us out.

If you have not been to Plymouth for a few years, come check out our new program. We have big targets up close and personal. We have added IDPA, 18" x 24" and 16" square. Hope to see you join us!

Happy Trails,
Slow Gin Ricky



Sarge, River Runner, J-Bird Regulator and Wolverine



Double Barrel Gang-Hastings

Hello from the Double Barrel Gang,

Our August shoot we had 19 shooters! One first time Buckaroo! **Steady Eddie** brought his grandson to shoot with us. Welcome **Bad Blood Barrett!**

JC Wade took first place, followed by **Sinola Kid** and **Cayuse Jack**.

We had one clean shooter...**Horseman's Trouble!!**

Slippery Pete made a Facebook page for our club. It is **Hastings Cow-boys** if you want to follow along and see information, photos, and videos of our shoots. Thank you **Slippery Pete** for putting this together.



Bad Blood Barrett

Thank you **Slippery Pete** and **Cayuse Jack** for another great shoot.

We will not be having a September shoot as we hope to see everyone at Range War that weekend. Our next shoot is October 7th at the Barry County Conservation Club. Look forward to seeing there!

Aim small, miss small!

Horseman Tweed, Trouble, and the Double Barrel Gang



Cardshark Charlie



Horseman's Trouble, Horseman Tweed
and JJ Hunter

Slippery Pete





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

Great Day in the Valley and our August match was a Hot One!! Nice to see so many visitors stop by to watch and ask questions.

Congratulations to our 3 Clean Shooters this month, **Crazy Mingo, Ranger Mike, and Simple John**. 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 corn 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 September 17, 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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Ka Adik Krista



Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys

Eleanor and I had a Great time at the Michigan State Championship in Port Huron and are on our way to the Shootout at Stoney Bottom in Ohio.

Just wanted to let everyone know the dates for next years Cowboy Rendezvous at Hillman Sportsman's Club is going to be June 28, 29, and 30th of 2024. This is a month earlier than the last ones, but is a fifth weekend, so hopefully not interfering with any other club shoots.

Brush Creek Wranglers will be once again trying to make it a fun filled weekend of Shooting. So, mark your calendars and I'll be keeping Ya'll informed over the next 10 months....j

Take Care,

Faygo Kid and The Brush Creek Gang 🤠



The Ladies at Range War



Shooters Stance



Cowboy tip - A Sig P-Series hammer spring can be used in a Marlin 1894 in a pinch.

Ask me how I know **The Lost Egg** 🐣

Range War 2023



☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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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

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- Badges or Membership Packets

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