



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Here we are as the shooting season is almost complete. It's been a fun year shooting as much as I could. Especially with **Kid Danger** now shooting. Having both my sons shooting this summer just added to the excitement.

Kid Danger and I went down to Gibsonburg, Ohio and shot their 23rd annual 3-day shoot The Shootout at Stoney Bottom. If you have never been, they have a great permanent cowboy town and put on a well-run, fun shoot. **JC Wade** and I have gone for the last 4-5 years, but college kept him away this year. Sometimes it is tough, as it is usually the weekend after Range War. Which can be a quick turn around after our long week at Range War. This year was extra special for me as I shot pretty well and ended up the top overall champion out of 98 shooters.

I would like to congratulate **Wolverine Regulator** on his 4th place overall finish and **Riverview Rattler** on his 5th place overall finish. Unfortunately, even though **Kid Danger** had 9 very good stages and shot very well, much improved in just a few shoots, he had a SDQ for staging his rifle with his hammer on the safety notch. Tough lesson to learn, but hopefully that won't happen again.

I urge everyone to get out and shoot this month. The Halloween shoots at Plymouth and Saginaw are both on the same day this year, Saturday October 28th. Both of these shoots are fun with costumes and Halloween decorations. Washtenaw will also have their second match and first Cowboy match on Saturday October 21st.





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Shootout at Bloody Porch:

This year we ended up with fourteen shooters. Most were from Michigan, but we did have one shooter from Ohio, one from Illinois and two from Canada. All in all, it turned out to be good shoot. **Hey Sugar** finished as the top overall lady and lady modern state champion.

Ethan Callahan was the top overall man and men's traditional state champion. **Red Beard Bandit** was the top men's senior modern and men's senior modern state champion. I finished as the top men's modern shooter. The match awards were made again this year by Slater's In House Guns. They looked very nice. We received tons of compliments on the name badges which were 1911 shaped and very cool.

We had a good setup crew and the ladies that helped with lunches and the awards dinner on Sunday were fantastic. **Carolina Belle** prepared the Saturday night dinner, which was a hit, especially the apple cake and Caesar salad. Everyone received some very nice door prizes. For those that ordered a shirt they have arrived and will be sent out next week.

We did make some significant changes to the match this year, but we still fell short on the entries. As we look to next year, we will again review the one-day vs. two-day format, as well as the time of year for the least conflicts and better participation.





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Other Rangers info to think about this winter:

- 1) Elections for 2024
 - a. In November we will start taking nominations for our elections in December.
 - b. Watch our website for notifications on when the nominations are open.
 - c. Our First Lieutenant and Treasurer positions will be voted on
 - i. These are both a two-year term.
 - d. We have up to eight members at large positions that can be voted on.
 - i. These are for a one-year term.
 - e. Nominations are required and the nominee must accept the nomination.
 - f. All nominees must be current Wolverine Rangers members, and must renew for 2024-2025.
- 2) Winter Board of Directors meeting
 - a. The board will be notified of the time and place for the winter board meeting via email.
 - b. This meeting will be our annual end of year debrief, Range War, Bloody Porch and our general membership and financial report to date.
 - c. Will be held in Late November or December.
- 3) Club Contacts for 2024
 - a. Each club will need to let Carolina Belle know of any contact changes for the website and calendar for the 2024-2025 season by January 1st
- 4) Calendar Dates, Info and Photos
 - a. All scheduled shoot dates for 2024-2025 will need to be submitted to Carolina Belle by January 1st.
 - b. Any changes to fees, times, contact information, etc. will need to be submitted as well by January 1st.
 - c. While we take lots of pictures each year, we prefer that each club email in pictures from their shoots. These are for the calendar pages and the more pictures the merrier. Please submit via email to Carolina Belle by January 1st.
- 5) There are a few clubs that have winter shoots, Lapeer, Hillman, and Washtenaw.
 - a. Please check the website for dates and any last-minute changes, due to inclement weather.

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Other Rangers info to think about this winter (continued):

- 6) Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot in 2024
 - a. The Rangers free shoot and annual membership meeting will be on Sunday June 23rd in Plymouth.
 - b. The second annual Annie Oakley Ladies only shoot will be on Saturday June 22nd in Plymouth.
 - c. This will make this a two day shoot for some, more info to come. Camping onsite will be available for those that would like to make a weekend out of it.
- 7) Membership, Range War and Bloody Porch online applications.
 - a. I am currently testing programs to replace our online application process. The program we have used for years has increased in cost by ~350% in the last year. As we continue to maintain a balanced budget, we need to reduce this cost. Another program is the only option.
 - b. Once I determine which program is going to work the best for us, I will roll it out to start with the membership applications for 2024-2025. I expect this to go live by January 1st, 2024.
 - c. Next will be the Range War and Bloody Porch applications. Range War apps will also go live on January 1st. With Bloody Porch applications to be available by January 15th, 2024.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the classified section of our website. There is plenty of good gear listed for sale. Note, if you're looking to buy or sell on the classifieds, any fire-arms must follow state and federal regulations. With the new transfer laws that will go into effect in March of 2024, this winter would be a great time to buy and sell.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, September 17th, sixteen cowboy and cowgirl competitors arrived at Rocky River to test their shooting skills. All sixteen shot previous Range War stages and when the dust settled the top gun was **Hey Sugar**. **Hey Sugar**, was followed closely by **Rifle Rick** and **J.J. Longley**. Shooting clean matches were **Hey Sugar** and **J.J. Longley**.

The next and final match for 2023 at DSC-Utica will be held Sunday, October 22nd. This is one week later due to the SASS National Championship in Oklahoma City and a few of the DSC cowboys must travel home from that event.

Hope to see you on October 22nd.

See you on the range,
J.J. Longley





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Howdy Pard,

We can't believe how fast summer literally shot by this year. Our August 26 match had 26 shooters with 9 shooting it clean. Our top five pards were **Doc Noper, Ethan Callahan, Celebrity James, Avalanche Andy,** and **Hey Sugar**. The Mini Wild Bunch match winners were: Traditional Category – **Ethan Callahan** and **Flat Water Johnny**. Modern Category – **Truckee** and **Old Dude**. Congratulations to all our shooters.

Our August shoot was made special as we dedicated it to the late **Secondhand Jack** (Jack Bench). Many stories were shared by his wife, **Laporte Lil**, and daughter, Sandy, along with the many friends and shooters that were there and who added their own memories of Secondhand Jack. For many years, he and Laporte Lil would help us haul stages, props, and targets to Port Huron for Range War. He was just one of those guys who always got the job done and we all appreciated him. He was a dear pard and friend.

September was welcomed in with the 25^h Anniversary of the Michigan State Shoot. It was fun, the weather co-operated well, and all the work that goes into putting on this event is always appreciated!! A super-big congratulations to **Hey Sugar** and **Three Gun Cole** as our Michigan State Champions. And we can't forget to congratulate our Posse 5 winners. Yee Haw!!!!

Following are some upcoming events we'll have results for later... Saginaw will host the 2-day Wild Bunch State Championship, Saturday and Sunday, Sept.30 - Oct.1st.

And... Our Cowboy Halloween Shoot will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th. If you're looking for a fun-filled shoot, be sure to join us. Dress up in your Halloween finest. It's a hoot with some strange and hilarious dressed creatures lurking about. You can also come dressed as a cowboy if you choose...but be warned, you might want to bring some garlic to ward off the bad guys. Boooooooo!!!!

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

Happy Trails from Bad River
Marty and Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Cowboy Action Shooting at Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators held their September match on the 23rd. Our September match was in honor of **Carson City Slick**, (Fred Douglass). We set up our Carson City Train Depot which has Fred listed as station master and has handbills with **Captain Garrison Blaze**, (Gary Van), running for office. We miss them both dearly. Fred was known for his love of history and writing long stage scenarios featuring people and events of the Old West. To keep his memory, **Not Dead Ed** found some of Fred's "long-winded" stages. Everyone found the stories quite enjoyable. A bright beautiful day saw 18 gunslingers join the fray. **Two Rig A Tony** won the match with a total time of 103.50 seconds with a clean match! **Sarge** was second AND clean with a total time of 118.05 seconds. **Reverend Miss a lot** was third, with **Slow Gin Ricky** 8 seconds behind the Rev, finishing fourth and clean. **Not Dead Ed** rounded out the top five shooting The Holy Black. Two of our newer Lady Shooters finished ninth, **Diamond Dottie** and tenth, **River Runner**!

Our final match of the season is October 28th. Our "Halloween" match always features a shotgun sequence with pumpkin/ vegetable targets on Stage three! The Pumpkin Smash is a hoot! If you have not been to Plymouth in a while, come check us out. We now have ALL AR500 steel! We use a mix of 16" square and diamonds, 18" x 24" and IDPA size. Up close and personal!! Hope to see ya in October!!

Happy Trails,
Slow Gin Ricky





Huron River Regulators-Washtenaw

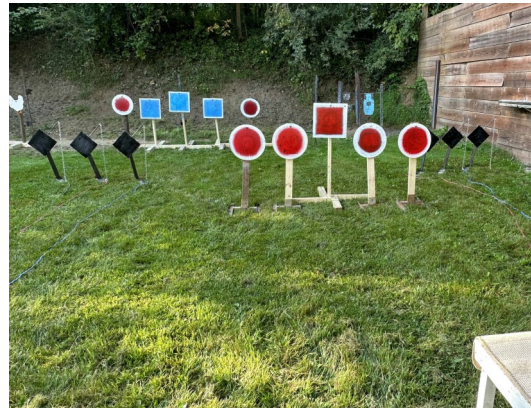
On September 23rd, we held our first cowboy shoot at WSC. This was a wild bunch match to give the opportunity to practice Wild Bunch prior to the state match. We had eight shooters and had a really fun time. We had a ton of help setting up and tearing down. There were three stages set up and we shot a total of 6 stages, two at each set up. After the match we had lunch, included in the shooters fee. **Three Gun Cole** was our top shooter and **Hey Sugar** was our top lady. We started shooting at 10:00 and shot all six stages by 12:30.

On Saturday October 21st we will have our next shoot. It will be a cowboy match. We will set up three stages and shoot five stages. If you liked the new shotgun targets at Range War this year, they were borrowed from our range, we will have them on our stages. Registration opens at 9:00 AM. We start shooting at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be provided, after the match. We use CAS scoring on our iPads, results will be ready at lunch. \$18 for Ranger's members, \$5 for juniors under 21. \$20 for all others.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

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Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

The Valley welcomed 30 shooters for our September match, with lots of Black Powder shooters to smoke up the Valley.

Congratulations to our 4 Clean shooters this month, **Joe Quick, Mez Cal, Ranger Mike, 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 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, Cowboy Beans and Corn Bread Muffins.

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 October 15, 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.

Once again we will be doing something special for our last match of the season in October.

We will be Shooting 6 Stages... Bring Extra Ammo!

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 Buckarette's always shoot Free.

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

Johnny Rebel
574-349-3764





Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Time to get caught up...

August was our Annual two day shoot week, it started out with campers arriving as early as Wednesday to spend the week with us sharing stories and meals and lots of laughter. This year we started the week in really wet conditions...our parking area had some really soft spots, but we managed to get everyone parked safely, only had to assist one camper with a tow through a muddy area, had my tractor at the range and it was needed.

Our old school shoot was held on Friday starting around 3pm...Weather was beautiful this year and 23 shooters participated in our fun filled challenges.

The bad news is that the iPad that was used to score the match got corrupted and I lost all the scores....I remember that we had 5 clean shooters ...**Leadfoot Luke, Hey Sugar, Kid Al Fred, Riverview Rattler, and 1 other**...if you shot it clean let me know so you can get credit for it.

Saturday was another beautiful day, and 49 shooters completed our 5 stage match with JC Wade besting all shooters with a blistering time of 79.80

12 shot it clean...**Bad Brass, Crazy Mingo, Diabla, Flat Water Johnny, Hey Sugar, hOOt Hamilton, JC Wade, Lainey Mae, Old Doc Potter, Red Beard Bandit, Riverview Rattler, and Shiloh Red.**

Gold Tooth Dave and Randy prepared a fabulous pig roast again this year...can't thank them enough ...it was great!

After shooting Range War and following that up with a trip to Ohio for the annual 3 day shoot at Stoney Bottom, we make it back home just in time for our September shoot...weather held out for us, and 14 shooters cleared out all the bad hombres and the town of Sucker Creek is again safe for Women and Children.

Top gun went to **Leadfoot Luke**... 91.72 great shooting.

Shooting clean were **Card Shark Charlie, Laredo Van, Leadfoot Luke, Riverview Rattler.**

October 21st will be our last shoot of the season at Sucker Creek...this will also be our Halloween shoot. **Diabla** has some great ideas...it promises to be a fun time.

We will have Hot Cider and donuts when you arrive, and **Chica** will be fixing her world-famous Chili for lunch...you won't want to miss this one!

Hope to see you all there!

Smooth is Fast

Riverview, Chica, and Diabla





Shooters Stance



Throwback from 1998 and 1999...



Pictured above are the winners of the Team Event sponsored by the Wolverine Rangers at the Lapeer State Shoot. L to R Nevada Gambler, Led Foulin', Dodge City Duke, Annabelle, and Red Leg.

This picture was submitted by **Nevada Gambler**. **Led Foulin'** sanded and painted the awards. **Annabelle Crow**, (wife of **Catlow**) is the lady pictured. Red Leg was later known as **Andy Horshurodinon**.



Trophy from 1999. These were targets donated by **Rusty Steel**. Targets were smaller back then.



Yes, your primers can be installed upside down!!

Keep the QA department on their toes **The Lost Egg**

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- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns
- Vendor Registration and Information

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- Volunteer to help with Range War

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