



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Wolverine 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

Sunday, October 22, 2023, was a typical Michigan fall day. Temperature was around 44 degrees with a slight breeze when the first shot went downrange at Rocky River in Utica. Thirteen cowboys and one cowgirl competed in our last monthly match for the 2023 shooting season. When the black powder cleared and **Camptown** read the scores, **Leadfoot Luke** edged his wife, **Hey Sugar**, for top honors. **J.J. Longley** was a distant third. Shooting clean matches were **Hey Sugar**, **J.J. Longley**, and **Broke N West**.

SASS National Championship, Land Run was just held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Three members from DSC traveled and competed in the match. **Ramblin Ron**, **Camptown**, and **J.J. Longley**. They shot twelve competitive stages and represented our club well. **Camptown** and **J.J.** shot clean matches and received “Clean match” pins for their accomplishment.

On behalf of all the DSC-Utica cowboy committee members, I would like to thank all the Cowboy Action shooters who competed at Rocky River this season and made our shooting season a success.

Have a safe and warm winter.

Enjoy the holiday season and we will see you in April 2024.

See you on the range,
J.J. Longley



Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Longley enjoying the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum during their time at Land Run.



Straight Shots from Saginaw

Howdy Pard,

Todd All In won the costume contest with the baby in the port a potty. I still laugh every time I look at the picture. It was hilarious in person. A great time was had by all.



Happy Trails from Bad River Marty and Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

News From Plymouth

The Johnson Creek Regulators hosted their final match of the season on October 28th. Stages written by **Sarge** used movie lines from *The Shining*, *Beetlejuice* and other horror movies. Our third stage featured our annual Halloween Pumpkin and cabbage shotgun smash and was enjoyed by all! When the smoke cleared, **Sinola Kid** came out on top with a total time of 99.86. **Shelby Kid** was second with a time of 113.85. **Leadfoot Luke**, **Hey Sugar** and **JJ. Longley** rounded out the top five. Many thanks to all who supported our club this past year. Again, if you have not been to Plymouth lately, come on by! We now feature 16" square and diagonal targets as well as IDPA and 18" x 24"! Big and close!!

In 2024, we will be hosting our second annual Annie Oakley match on Saturday, June 22nd and the Wolverine Rangers Free shoot on the 23rd! It will be a great weekend for CAS couples to enjoy.

And to All of my CAS Brothers and Sisters, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and happy healthy New Year!

Happy Trails,

Slow Gin Ricky





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy Ya'll

Things here in the Great White North have been pretty quite. By the time you read this, the Great White North will be in its Great Spectacular colors of fall around every curve in the road. Soon to be truly, the Great White North.

The Brush Creek Wranglers will be having our indoor shoots the second Saturday in November and December, starting around 10 AM.

Make sure to mark and keep the dates of **June 28,29, & 30th 2024** for the Cowboy Rendezvous here at the Hillman Sportsman's Club

Take Care,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Wranglers

Faygo Kid receiving serial #1 Wooden Piston. These were made for the Cowboy Rendezvous shoot in July by **Mohawk Scout**. Thank you Faygo Kid for all your hard work.





Butcher Butte Bunch-Fenton

Fenton's final match for 2023 took place on October 8. It was a rather cold day, but seven brave cowboys and cowgirls came out to play. Considering the weather and the fact that the SASS National Championship 3 day match was going on at the same time it was not a bad turnout.

We shot 5 stages. One of them was a clone from the 25th anniversary Range War. Going forward we hope to have at least one stage in each monthly match in 2024 that will be based on a stage from a major match.

As there were so few shooters, everybody finished first in their category. **Rip Rocker** took first place and also shot a clean match. Not bad since this is his first year of playing cowboy.

At each match there is a drawing to receive a certificate for a free match in the future. This month new cowgirl shooter **Bourbon Betty** took home the honors. She and her husband Rip Rocker registered for the match at the same time so either could have won the certificate. Betty claimed it before her husband had a chance to grab it.

We are looking forward to the 2024 season and hope to see a bunch of our cowboy friends at each match. We will probably continue to shoot on the second Sunday of each month beginning in April (weather permitting) and continuing into October (again, weather permitting). Our fees will be the same as the 2023 fees: \$14.00 for Wolverine Rangers members or Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club members; \$5.00 for those under 18 years old or for those who have never shot a cowboy match at Fenton; \$20.00 for all others.





Shooters Stance



Throwback ...



Nevada Gambler with Judge Roy Bean



Chiricahua Mama, Joe Bowman
(film consultant) and Nevada
Gambler at Range War



Judge Roy Bean, Chiricahua Mama and
Nevada Gambler

If you have any photos from days past please feel free to forward them to HeySugar97@gmail.com

Sarge and **Sinola Kid** will be teaching a SASS **RO1** class on January 20, and **RO2** on January 21. They will be at the Washtenaw County Sportsman Club. Contact **Sarge** (Michael Zsenyuk) for more info.





Shooters Stance



We would like to congratulate all of our Wolverine Rangers that participated in the 2023 SASS National Championship—LAND RUN

**Bad River Marty
Camptown
Crabby Hayes
Crazy Mingo
Doc Noper
Eleanor Jewel
Ethan Callahan
Faygo Kid
J R Hammer
J J Longley**

**Mustache Kid
Ramblin Ron
Riverview Rattler
Rogues Pierre
Shiloh Red
T N Tina
Three Gun Cole
Two Gun Troll
Two Rig A Tony
Wolverine Regulator**



☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc. posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

EPITAPH EDITOR

- Articles or information you want published in the Epitaph
- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

CHIEF RO INSTRUCTORS, MIDEAST REGION

- Scheduling SASS RO-I and RO-II classes at any club in Michigan



☆ CONTACT INFORMATION ☆

*Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information
Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary*

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