



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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



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★ Editor's Edge ★

Hello everyone,

There will be a lot of great shooting happening this year. We have added a new club, the *Huron River Regulators*. They are located at Washtenaw Sportsmen Club in Ypsilanti. If you haven't made it there yet, **Carolina Belle** puts on a wonderful lunch!!

The Johnson Creek Regulators will be having their *Annie Oakley Ladies Match* on June 22nd. They'll have some awesome door prizes and raffles. One of the raffles is for a Rossi 92 in 357/38, the other is for a pair of Ruger Wranglers. You can find the application on the Wolverine Rangers' website.

Then, the next day, June 23rd, the Johnson Creek Regulators will be hosting our *Wolverine Rangers Membership Free Shoot*. After the match we will enjoy lunch and our annual meeting. We'll review our financials, upcoming Range War info, Shootout at Bloody Porch info, our Clean Shooter awards and finish up with some prize drawings. So make a weekend out of it. Camping is available on-site.

The following weekend head North to Hillman as the Brush Creek Wranglers present *2024 Cowboy Rendezvous*. Register by June 1st and receive \$10 off. There will be door prizes, raffles, auction and lots and lots of food!! Camping on-site is also available, contact **Faygo Kid**.

The Saginaw Six Shooters will be bringing back their 2 day Shoot, July 13-14. They are know as the club with the BIG targets and fast stages!! Camping is also available on-site.

Sucker Creek will be having their annual 2 day shoot on August 16-17. On Friday, August 16th, they will have their "Old School" shoot. Saturday, August 17th will be a cowboy shoot. Camping is available on-site.

Travel to Central Lake, September 28-29, and partake in *Eagleville Revenge*. A 2 day shoot surrounded by all the wonderful Fall colors.

Mark your calendars for *Range War*, the Michigan State Match, August 30-31 and September 1st. Applications are available on the Wolverine Rangers' website.

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We're not done yet!

Detroit Sportsman's Congress, Utica, will be the location for *Bloody Porch*, our Michigan State Wild Bunch Match. This is a 2 day event, October 19-20. There will be 10 fun, fast and furious stages!

I end this on a somber note. We have lost another great cowboy, Triple Threat. I had the honor of shooting with him at the 2023 Range War. He was truly a wonderful kind person. Always had a smile on his face. We will miss him. On behalf of the Wolverine Rangers, I wish to extend our condolences to his family.

Hey Sugar ❤️





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, April 21st started cloudy and cold, but fifteen cowboy action competitors came out to test their skills at the first match of the season at Rocky River. Once the dust settled and the temperatures warmed up, the first match was in the book. **Shelby Kid** was the top competitor, followed closely by **J.J. Longley** and **Bad Brass**. Shooting clean matches were **Coyote Claxton**, **Ramblin Ron**, **Broke N West**, **John Weston**, and **Soaring Red Hawk**.

On Sunday, May 5th will be the first Wild Bunch match at DSC. Come out and try Wild Bunch with its new relaxed SASS rules and get ready for the Michigan State Wild Bunch Championship that will be held at DSC in October.

Sunday, May 19th will be our second Cowboy Action match at Rocky River, DSC.

Come out and enjoy some fun.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

We had 2 new shooters to the Valley this month welcome **Tin Cup** and **Little Ray**, looking forward to shooting with them again.

Congratulations to our 7 Clean shooters this month, **Joe Quick, Justice D Spencer, Rover, Shakey Shot Sharon, Spoon River Sam, Three Gun Cole** 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, Donuts, and our lunch.

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, **Stubby, Ya Big Tree, Tommy Two Fingers**, and **Ka Adik Krista**.

Our next shoot will be May 19, 2024. 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.

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Saginaw Six Shooters - Saginaw

Straight Shots from Saginaw

May has finally arrived and the Saginaw cowboys have already begun their Wednesday night practices. We are looking forward to our first match of the season, Saturday, May 11th. After our main match, lunch and awards, we'll have a mini 3 stage Wild Bunch match. We hope many of you will be able to come and shoot with us. Targets are big and scenarios will give you lots of fun.

Checking our calendar, Mother's Day is May 12th. If you are fortunate to have your mother yet, take time to let her know how special she is.

Memorial Day is a special day on the calendar that represents a sober remembrance of all military persons who proudly gave their service so we can enjoy the safety and freedoms that we are blessed with today. The men and women who have passed through the portals of time should never be forgotten for their donation to keep our country free. God bless America!

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

Happy Trails from **Bad River Marty** and **Katie Callahan**





Butcher Butte — Fenton

Sunday, April 14 was a beautiful day in Butcher Butte. There were blue bird skies and very comfortable temperatures. At about 9:45 that morning the bang and clang of gunfire could be heard. It continued until about noon. When the smoke cleared, a small group of cowgirls and cowboys could be seen along with one innocent bystander. A few people came by to see what the ruckus was all about. After satisfying themselves that there was no immediate danger, they moved on.

Rumor has it that there will be a similar ruckus on May 12. Since it will be Mother's Day the ladies participating won't have to pay to play. Registration will begin at 8:45 and continue to 9:30. Once registration has ended the "bang and clang" will once again be heard in Butcher Butte after a safety meeting.

The May match should be an interesting one as this writer has been told that there will be one stage that should be very fast for all shooters regardless of ability. For future matches this year an attempt will be made to base at least one stage at each match on a state championship set-up.

So, c'mon out and join the fun. As previously said, Ladies shoot free that day. If you are a Wolverine Rangers member or a Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club member the cost is \$14.00. if you are under 18 or have never shot a cowboy match at Fenton the cost is \$5.00. All others-\$20.00

Outrider Outlaw
aka Jim Twesten





Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

Well, it was a cold and blustery day to start our 2024 shooting season at Sucker Creek. Thirteen hearty Cowboys and Cowgirl braved the weather and shot our April members free shoot. Each April all our members get to shoot free...a thank you for being a loyal member here at the Creek. A special thankyou to **h00t** for coming a day early to help with the spring range set up and entertaining **Chica** and I ...thanks for the cribbage lessons.

Also, I must include a special thanks to our Son Dale & Daughter Lisa aka **Diabla** for helping with the range setup...also thanks to **Kid Al Fred** and **Wolverine Wrangler** for their help. It takes a team to make it all work. **Chica** once again out did herself with a wonderful meal of hamburger soup and corn bread...mighty good eating! Thanks Dear!

Five shot the match clean...**Broke N' West, Cattleman, Crazy Nate, Kid Al Fred**...finally shot a match clean here, and **Riverview Rattler**.

Top gun went to **Riverview Rattler** who just nipped **Doc Noper**.

It was great to have **Split Aces** and his two grandsons with us again. The boys both shot the match clean...grandpa taught them well!

Hoping for some warmer weather in May for our next shoot.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Camping and Shooting Extravaganza the third weekend of August...we'll again shoot our Old School shoot on Friday and Regular Shoot on Saturday...camping is free...come Wednesday thru Sunday and join in on the fun!



Smooth is fast
Riverview Rattler, Chica, & Diabla





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

News from The Johnson Creek Regulators.....

Twenty-one souls braved torrential rain and hazardous travel to compete in our April 27th Cowboy Action match! The action started early with a speed pistol side match. Draw one pistol, fire 5 rounds, holster, draw second pistol fire five rounds. **Wolverine Regulator** was fast! He completed the course in 5.55 seconds! But **Sinola Kid** was faster at 5.53 seconds!! The main match began and there were some smoking fast times!! When the smoke cleared (and **Not Dead Ed**, shooting black powder cartridge, made a lot of it), **Wolverine Regulator** came out on top with an overall time of 103.26 seconds. **Sinola Kid** was close with a time of 111.66 seconds!! **Sarge** was third with a time of 124.94 seconds. **Mountain Man Jim** was fourth, with **Slow Gin Ricky**, rounding out the top 5. Clean matches were awarded to, **Sarge, Wolverine Regulator, River, Runner, Not Dead Ed, and Old Doc Potter.**

Our next match is scheduled for May 18th. We have Cowboy practice before every meeting, the second Wednesday of the month. Our second annual *Annie Oakley Ladies Only Match* is coming June 22nd. Ladies, please consider registering for this awesome event! We provide ammo, guns AND instruction, if you know a Lady who is interested in CAS but hesitant to take the plunge, this will be the match to introduce them.

Until then! Happy Trails!

Slow Gin Ricky

Aka Rick Celia





Brush Creek Wranglers-Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys,

Just a reminder that the Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman Sportsmen's Club will be shooting this Saturday May 11.

We'll be shooting outdoors, so dress accordingly. Registration starts at 9:00, safety meeting around 9:45, and start shooting right after. Shooting fee is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Please let us know if you are planning on being here, so Eleanor can have enough food for everyone.

Also, please get your registrations in ASAP for the *Cowboy Rendezvous* (check the Wolverine Rangers' website for application), so we can finish up the awards and name badges. Once again we have lots of really nice things to give away, raffle, and auction off. So, get your application in by June 1 and save \$10. Can't wait to see everyone.

Take Care, Shoot Straight, and Be Safe,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

Hello from Eagleville,

The long range report for the summer is warmer than average. Sounds like a great Cowboy summer!

Eagleville will host our usual summer match schedule:

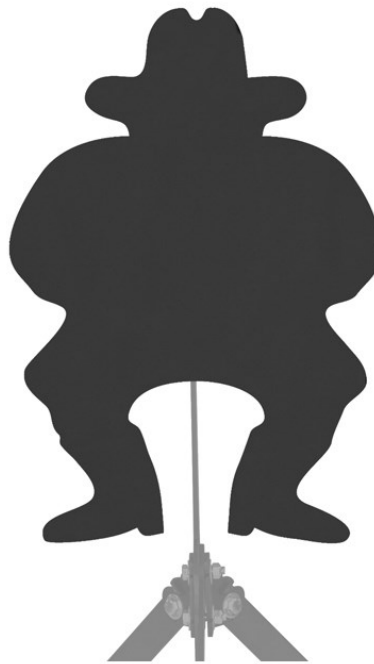
Saturday	May 25	Cowboy Monthly Match
Saturday	June 22	Cowboy Monthly Match
Saturday	July 27	Cowboy Monthly Match
Saturday	Aug 24	Cowboy Monthly Match
Saturday	Sept 28	Cowboy 2-day match
Sunday	Sept 29	Cowboy 2-day match

Please check Wolverine Ranger's website for any schedule changes.

If you plan on attending our first shoot of the year, Saturday, May 25th, please let me know. We want to make sure we have enough provisions. 🤔 Rumor has it there will be Buffalo Chili.

Hope to see y'all soon!

Black Silver Ric



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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

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