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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

The cowboy season is winding down. Soon winter will be upon us. That being said I want to remind everyone that we have four clubs that shoot through the winter months. **Hillman** shoots indoors. **Lapeer** shoots outdoors at the pistol building with heaters. **Washtenaw** shoots outdoors with heaters on the regular bays. And new this year **Plymouth** will be shooting outdoors at the 50 yd range with heaters. All three outdoor locations also have indoor warming buildings on the ranges they are shooting on. Please see the calendar for the updated shoot dates.

All of these clubs give you a chance to shoot year-round and get some practice in before EOT or for those early year three-day shoots.

In the coming months we will have our winter board meeting, debriefing Range War, Bloody Porch and the general shooting season. We will review our year end budget and plans for the 2025 Free Shoot and membership meeting.

Also in December will be our annual elections. If you would like to nominate anyone for this year's Member at Large board positions, or for Captain and Secretary, please email **Carolina Belle** with your nominations. Nominations are due by December 1st.

Shootout at Bloody Porch/Wild Bunch Action Shooting:

Updated info has been posted on the website. Stages are posted, round counts, map and parking information, etc. It will be a great match.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

October at HRR brought us two fun matches, one cowboy and one wild bunch. The cowboy match had fun stages that had everyone smiling and laughing throughout the day. There were a few P's but also a few clean shooters. At the end of the day **Hey Sugar** took top honors, followed closely by **Shelby Kid**. The wild bunch match also had its own type of fun stages. While no one was clean, **Sinola Kid** edged out **Bad Brass** as the top shooter.

As we look forward to the winter months, I want to remind everyone that we shoot all year round at HRR. Please check the calendar for our updated shoot dates from now until May. We have options to shoot from under cover if needed. Like last year, we will have propane heaters for the load and unload tables as well as general space heaters in the bays. We lucked out with weather for each shoot last year, hopefully we will again this winter.

As always, we have a fresh homemade meal and desserts in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the match and is included in the shoot fee. Our next match is November 2nd. It may even give you a chance to let go of some stress before the upcoming elections.

We have a special shoot planned for *Saturday February 8th*. This will be our first Cowboy/Wild Bunch Shoot. More details to come but this will give everyone a chance to select what they want to shoot and enjoy a unique crossover shoot.

Lastly, we are planning a 3-day shoot for next spring/summer. Plans are under way, more details to come later. Camping, side matches, old school shoot, and ten stages of cowboy action, meals, cowboy trap, long range, etc...

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Hidden Valley Cowboys — Sturgis

The Valley had 25 shooters for our September match and several visitors stopped to watch and ask questions.

Congratulations to our 5 Clean shooters this month, **Justice D Spencer, Lighting Bill, Money Bags Mathias, Ranger Mike** and his first at the Valley, **Toby Dirt**. Our cool clean match coasters are made by **Ka Adik Krista**.

I would like to thank all that helped 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, Toby Dirt, Tommy Two Fingers,** and **Ka Adik Krista**.

Our next shoot will be October 20, 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.

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 everyone... Yee-Haw, Free Vittles!

Ladies will Shoot for Free... Regular Match fee of \$15 for Men folk. Buckaroo's and Buckarrette's always shoot Free.

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

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Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our September match was held using our rain setup. The rain and a regional match in Ohio, really hurt our turnout. Nevertheless, 13 souls descended on Johnson Creek on September 28th. It was our annual Memorial match and the bell tolled as names were read of the Plymouth Cowboys and Cowgirl who have gone before us. We remembered: Rich Levy, aka **Grey Pony**, Linda Jackson, aka **Red Ranger Lil**, Gary Van, aka **Captain Garrison Blaze**, Fred Douglass, aka **Carson City Slick**, and Larry Waun, aka **Pokey Packrat**. The five stages were based on people from the Old West and the shooting was fast and furious! In the end, **Wolverine Regulator**, was number one! **Slow Gin Ricky** was number two, with **William Kid Henry** in third. **Mickey Lobe** in fourth, and **Not Dead Ed** rounding out the top five. **Not Dead Ed** did fill the blockhouse area with black powder smoke that took quite a while to dissipate!!

Our next match is on October 26th. It is our annual pumpkin and cabbage /Halloween shoot. On stage three we'll engage pumpkins and cabbages as shotgun targets. The results are always quite a blast!!

We will also hold two Winter "*Igloo League*" matches for 2024 on the 50-yard range on November 23rd and December 14th! We have a heated blockhouse for warming and we'll shoot under an awning to stay out of the snow and rain. Also, remember that Plymouth now has a rain setup for our matches. We setup to shoot under the awning with targets out on the range. So don't ever let the rain keep you away!

Happy Trails!
Slow Gin Ricky





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

The month of September started with the annual Wolverine Rangers Range War in Port Huron, Michigan. This SASS Michigan State Championship is a ten-stage competition shot over two days on Labor Day weekend,

On Saturday and Sunday, the participants shot a total of 10 fast moving cowboy action stages, five stages on each day. On Sunday evening, all challengers got to relax at a wonderful banquet and await the announcement of their match results. At the banquet, the awards are announced and presented to the top shooters.

This is how the DSC Cowboys who competed finished

Rifle Rick – **Michigan State Champion**, Senior Category (Ages 60-65)
J. J. Longley – **Michigan State Champion**, Cattle Baron (Ages 75-80)
Bad Brass – **4th Place**, Classic Cowboy (Open Age)
Coyote Claxton - **4th Place**, El Patron Category (Ages 80-85)
Camptown – **4th Place**, Elder Statesman (Ages 70-75)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DSC COWBOY MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONS
AND ALL DSC COWBOYS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE**

On Sunday, September 15, 2024, the Rocky River Regulators at DSC held their regular monthly cowboy match. The weather was clear and warm, perfect for a cowboy match. Fourteen cowboy competitors showed up for the match. DSC cowboys were happy to welcome new shooters **Woodchuck Willy** and **Buckshot Betty** to their first match at DSC. The goal of everyone was to shoot fast, shoot clean, and have a good time.

I am proud to say we did exactly that. When the dust cleared, and the scores were announced **Rifle Rick** was the top competitor followed by **J.J. Longley**, and **Camptown**. The top female competitor was **Longshot Lillian**. Shooting clean matches were **Beaver Creek Boy**, **Foot Sore**, **Fraser Fox**, **J.J. Longley**, **Longshot Lillian**, **Rifle Rick**, and **River Boat Gambler**.

On Sunday, September 22, 2024, eleven competitors shot a Wild Bunch match as a final tune up for the SASS Michigan Wild Bunch match scheduled for October 19 and 20 at DSC. When the scores were calculated, **Sinola Kid** was the overall winner followed closely by **Bad Brass** and **Camptown**. Leading the Traditional class was **Foot Sore**. Shooting clean matches were **Sinola Kid** and **Camptown**.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





In Other News...

- ◇ **Sarge** and **Sinola Kid** will be putting on ROI and ROII classes at WSC in January. If you are interested, please contact Sinola Kid or Sarge. Dates to be released soon.
- ◇ There may be additional winter dates for Plymouth in 2025: January 25th, February 22nd and March 22nd.
- ◇ There will be special prizes awarded out at Shootout At Bloody Porch.
- ◇ Congratulations to our Michigan shooters that participated in Land Run:

Buckshot Betty	Crabby Hayes
Doc Noper	Ethan Callahan
Flat Water Johnny	J R Hammer
Laurie L'amour	Mustache Kid
Riverview Rattler	Three Gun Cole
Two Gun Troll	Wolverine Regulator
Woodchuck Willy	



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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

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