



# Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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*In Memory of Triple Threat*



# WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



## ★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Well, this year and cowboy season sure flew by. Moving into mid-November and Thanksgiving soon. Just a few topics for this month.

First, we have the upcoming board or directors' elections. Nominations are being accepted up until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Every year we can elect up to 8 members at large, for a one-year term starting January 2025. These are members who are not members of any of our cowboy action clubs. These members must be in good standing of the Wolverine Rangers and renew their membership for the 2024-2025 year. We also will be voting for the Captain and Secretary positions this year. These positions are for a two-year term starting January 2025.

Second, we will be working on the 2024-2025 calendar soon. Club representatives please have your calendars and club details sent to Carolina Belle by December 28<sup>th</sup>. All photo submissions for the calendar are welcomed. Every year we struggle to get enough photos from each of the clubs, so send in what you have. Especially if you have some club group photos. It takes a ton of hours to get these compiled and into the calendar for printing. Thank you to the three clubs that have already sent in their dates for next year.

Next, we have finally received all of the backordered awards from Range War, and we have started to get them out to those who didn't receive them. Please continue to be patient as we get these handed or mailed out. We also received a flash drive from Papparazzi Pahl with all the photos from the 2024 Range War. These are on their way to Lost Egg to get posted on our website.





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Some new and exciting news for Range War 2025. Negotiations with Bluewater Sportsman's Club went well and we can adjust our set up schedule. Back again next year we will have the range for setup starting Wednesday morning. That means we can do more than sort and set up at stages 1 & 2. We can move props and set them up on all bays starting on Wednesday. This is extremely good news as we go back to the days of not having to cram in the setup into just Thursday. Thus, spreading out the work over a longer period of time and not being rushed. If anyone has a tractor with forks or a skid loader with forks that would be willing to bring it to Range War for setup please let me know.

Lastly a reminder that there are a few clubs shooting this winter. I know it can get cold, but it can still be fun and it's always nice to have a reason to get together, in what are traditionally off months for us. And who knows we might see some good warmish weather on those days, fingers crossed. Check the calendar on our website for dates.

I look forward to seeing you at the range and have a safe and happy holiday season,

*Sinola Kid*

Sinola Kid





## Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

The Huron River Regulators will be shooting next on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. We have plenty of propane heaters to go around as needed. Last month we had one on both the load and un-load tables. But it wasn't too cold, so we didn't need them all out.

Our winter shoots starting in January will be on the first Sunday of the month through April. Then we will move back to our normal shooting season with shoots on the first Saturday of the month. The move to Sunday is due to our rather large Junior Archery program that we run on Saturdays. Each match will have a home cooked warm meal in the clubhouse after the shoot. During the winter we plan to have five stage matches. Weather dependent we can shoot from under cover or out on the bay, this call will be made a couple of days ahead of each match. We will continue to try to post the stages for each match about a week ahead of time on Facebook.



"A COWBOY'S GOTTA DO WHAT A COWBOY'S GOTTA DO... AS LONG AS HE ASKS HIS MOM FIRST."





## Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

New for next year, as we alluded to last month, we will hold a three day shoot next year. Details will be out soon, with applications ready to be posted by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The name of the shoot is “Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam” and it will be held on June 20-22, 2025. Plans are well underway. We will have camping, a Friday afternoon mini match, side matches, cowboy trap, long range, etc... and a ten-stage main match. A potluck style dinner on Friday Night, Lunch on Saturday and Dinner on Saturday as well as an Awards lunch following the match on Sunday. We are reviewing the possibility of single day shooters, but we are planning that the scoring is based on a ten-stage main match.

Just a little history on the name. The Peninsular Paper Company originally built a dam across the Huron River in 1867 as a hydroelectric gravity power dam. The location of the dam is very close to our range location, and both are part of the history of our area and the naming of our club. While it has been damaged and rebuilt many times over the years it still stands to this day. Unfortunately, the city council voted to remove the dam in 2019, but advocates and historians continue to fight for it to be repaired and restored as a hydroelectric generator. As of today the city has raised seven million dollars of the expected ten million dollars to start the removal of the dam and all of it’s buildings. Planned start date to begin removal of the dam is late 2025 with a completion of work in 2026.

Hope to see you at our range,

*Sinola Kid*

Sinola Kid



The dam in 2010

The dam and paper company in the early 1900's





## Hidden Valley Cowboys — Sturgis

The weather was perfect for our last shoot of the season at the Valley. Its been an exciting year bringing new scenario's and targets to our Cowboy town along with some new faces.

Congratulations to **Knuckle Buster** and **Marti Draw** for having the fastest times on the shotgun stage enjoy the Mason Jar of M&M'S

We had 9 Clean shooters this month, **Johnny Rebel**, **Juste Bad Shot**, **Justice D Spencer**, **Lighting Bill Carson**, **Mez Cal**, **Saulk Valley Stubby**, **Spoon River Sam**, **Toby Dirt** and **Woody Tinker**. 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 and to **Ka Adik Krista** and **Tommy Two Fingers** for another fantastic 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 April 20, 2025. 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.

Looking forward to next season, hope to see ya there!

Johnny Rebel  
574-349-3764





Hidden Valley Cowboys — Sturgis







## Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our annual Halloween Match is now in the books! October 26<sup>th</sup> started out gray, chilly and breezy. 21 cowboys and cowgirls came out to the match despite the cold to shoot pumpkins and cabbages to the theme of Ghost Chicken in the Sky, an old cult Country song. **Not Dead Ed**, the match director bought rubber chickens (that squeaked/clucked when you squeezed them), as spotting sticks er, ah props. When someone shot the stage clean, the spotters would cluck the chickens furiously. It was quite amusing! When the chickens were finally settled, **Sinola Kid** was the overall winner with a smoking fast time of 105.16 AND clean! **Wolverine Regulator** was second, **Slow Gin Ricky** third. **JJ Longley** and **Sarge** rounded out the top five. Clean shooters were: **Sinola Kid**, **Slow Gin Ricky**, **JJ Longley**, **The Lost Egg** and **Footsore**.

We will be holding Matches throughout the winter. Our "Igloo League" for 2024 will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have a heated blockhouse for warming and will be shooting on the 50 yard range. Range fees are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Juniors. Wolverine Rangers will get a \$2.00 discount! We will not serve lunch but will have hot beverages and snacks available. All proceeds from November and December will go to Toys for Tots! So come out for a good cause and some good ole' Cowboy Action Shooting!

Happy Trails!  
Slow Gin Ricky







## Straight Shots from Saginaw

Here we are, in November, amazed at how fast the summer went by. We had lots of fun with our shoots and Wednesday night practices, which paid off for our pards this fall. We'd like to recognize them for 2024 Range War, as well as some additional events. Congrats to all for giving it their "best shots".

**Todd All In**...Range War: B Western, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Clean Main Match

**Katie Callahan**...Range War: Cattle Baroness, 1<sup>st</sup> & Mich. Champion; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Mini-match; Ladies Top10

**Black River Bill**...Range War: Silver Senior Gunfighter, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Celebrity James**...Range War: Cowboy, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Diabla**... Range War: Ladies 49'er, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ladies Top 10; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Mini Match

**Roxie LaRue**...Range War: Ladies Senior, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Duelin' Dylan**... Range War: Cowboy, 4<sup>th</sup>; Team event winner

**The Hysham Kid**...Range War: Duelist, 1<sup>st</sup>. & Mich Champion

**Riverview Rattler**...Range War: Elder Statesman, 1<sup>st</sup> & Mich Champion; Clean Main Match; Top Ten Men; team event winner. Land Run, Oklahoma: 8<sup>th</sup> Elder Statesman

**Bad River Marty**...Range War: Elder Statesman Gunfighter, 2<sup>nd</sup>. & Michigan State Champion

**Ethan Callahan**...Range War: Classic Cowboy, 1<sup>st</sup>. & Mich. Champion; Wild Bunch 1<sup>st</sup> Traditional and Overall; multiple side-match. Mid-West Regional, Gunsmoke, Minnesota: 1<sup>st</sup>. Classic Cowboy, Wild Bunch Match, 1<sup>st</sup> Traditional. Land Run, Oklahoma: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classic Cowboy and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Traditional Wild bunch. Michigan Wild Bunch Shootout at Bloody Porch: 1<sup>st</sup>. Traditional; 2<sup>nd</sup>. overall

**Duke Dakota**...Range War: Silver Senior Duelist, 1<sup>st</sup>. and Mich State Champion

**Avalanche Andy**... Range War: Gunfighter, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**J.T. Wallace**...Range War: Men's 49'er, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our Halloween shoot was held on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. We always enjoy trying to figure out who-is-who inside the great costumes that show up and this year was no exception. Our top costume winner was **The Hysham Kid**, aka Boba Fett...and yes! He shot the match with helmet on. We had 22 shooters and 10 shot clean. For the rest of us, we think the goblins and ghosts were picking on us. Our top five shooters were **Bad River Marty, Ethan Callahan, Riverview Rattler, Duelin' Dylan, and Celebrity James.**

Since this is the last Epitaph for the 2024 shooting season, we'd like to thank all the folks who came to our shoots this year. For those who were unable to come out and shoot, we hope you will be in good health in 2025 and can come and shoot with us. Our BIG targets are waiting for you!!!

We end with wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed, Merry Christmas. May the Lord watch over each of you. And in the coming new year... remember to live life....give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



## Straight Shots from Saginaw



The Hysham Kid  
aka Boba Fett



Homeless Lady with a  
real attitude aka Todd All



Duke Dakota  
aka The Pirate





Straight Shots from Saginaw



Saginaw Cowboy's and Pard, Michigan State Shoot



Flatwater Johnny, Ethan Callahan, Chica and Riverview Rattler

Land Run





## Brush Creek Wranglers — Hillman

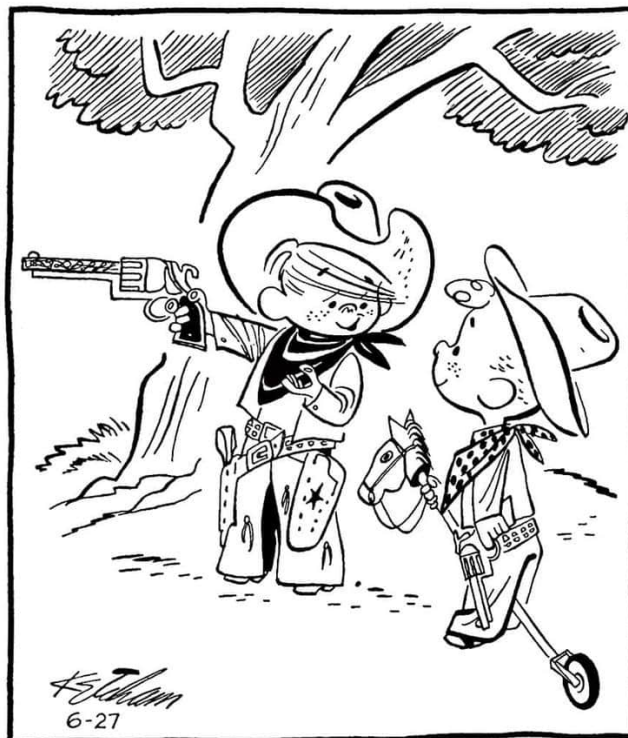
The Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman had nice weather for our October shoot and we had 9 shooters with everyone finishing first in their categories. Lawless Laverne was our only clean shooter and Faygo Kid finished first overall

Our next shoot is November 9th and we'll be shooting indoors. Our last shoot for the year is December 14 also indoors.

We're in the process of making plans for next years Cowboy Rendezvous, to try and make it as big and better then last years. So, everyone mark your calendars and save the dates of July 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th for the 5th annual Cowboy Rendezvous at Brush Creek.

Happy Holidays to Everyone

### *Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang*



"NOTICE HOW STEADY MY HAND IS? THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T SMOKE OR DRINK OR KISS GIRLS."



## 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.
- ◇ Lapeer, Plymouth and Washtenaw will be shooting this winter. Hillman will be shooting indoors November and December. Check the website for more details.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ We will hold our annual elections in December. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◇ This will be our last Epitaph until May 2025.

Until next year, Happy Holidays,

*Hey Sugar*



## ☆ 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

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- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

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



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