



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

The cowboy season is now in full swing, most clubs have a couple of 2025 shoots behind them already. Please see the calendar shoot dates.

The Annual Free Shoot and membership meeting will be held at Breckenridge this year on July 19th. Thank you to the Sucker Creek crew for hosting us. We will review the normal budgets, financials, clean match winners, etc... Of course, we will have our prize drawings as well. We will be giving out a free shoot to Range War, Federal primers, and other goodies. The Sucker Creek crew always has fun, well written stages, come on out and join us for the match and meeting.

Sign up for Range War! With Labor Day falling on September 1st this year our match is fully in August. That means we are closer to the match than you think. We are working hard to get everything in order. Planning has been progressing for months.

Good news – We are reworking our shotgun targets to reduce the lead splatter to the shooter, TO and spotters. We tested four in May and will have twelve fixed this week for additional testing. If all goes well, we will rework all that we have prior to August.

Blue Eyed Drifter and Vix-N targets will be our main match sponsor this year. You may see some new targets and shapes this year. We are looking for stage sponsors again, if interested contact me. Recognition will be in the shooter's handbook. Note the handbook goes to print July 28th. So, any and all submissions must be completed by then to make it into the book.

After much review and discussion, we plan to have more reloading equipment and supplies for our raffle this year. A Dillon XL750 is in the plans. Seems like this type of raffle prize is preferred over some of the large prizes we have had over the last few years. Of course, bullets, primers and powder are also great prizes.

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Lastly, we have a few clubs that have fun two and three day matches coming up. Support your local clubs and have a great time at these matches. The set-up and planning for these are extensive and doesn't go un-noticed.

- In June, the 20th-22nd at Washtenaw is the Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam (inaugural event).
- In July, Saginaw has their 2-day match on the 12th-13th. (shot as two separate matches)
- Also in July at Hillman is the Cowboy Rendezvous on the 25th-27th (a great match)
- In August, Sucker Creek will have their annual 2-day on the 15th-16th. Don't miss the Friday afternoon Old School shoot, always a blast from the past.
- Finally in September is the annual 2-day match at Sault Ste. Marie. I know it's a drive for most of us, but why not go up and see the fall colors and try the match.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, May 18, 2025, was a cloudy cool day at Rocky River located on the DSC cowboy range. It looked like rain but not a drop fell, so twelve competitors took on five fast and furious stages. When the dust settled and **Hey Sugar** calculated the scores by hand (old school method), it was announced that gunfighter **Leadfoot Luke** was the top finisher. Finishing second and third, separated by one second of total time, was **Shelby Kid** and **J.J. Longley**. Shooting clean matches were **J.J. Longley, Ramblin Ron, Coyote Claxton, The Apostle, and John Weston.**

Sunday, June 1, 2025, is a scheduled Wild Bunch match at DSC. Come shoot five stages with multiple magazine changes. At DSC you can shoot any semi-automatic, any caliber, lead bullets, in our open category. Remember your .357 cowboy rifle and shotgun are now legal in Wild Bunch. Come out and have some fun!

Sunday, June 15, 2025, is our annual Father's Day Cowboy match. Targets will be big and close, with some fun scenarios so all the dads (and moms) can come and shoot clean matches. Hope to see you on the 15th.

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

Well, I'll say it again, if you haven't been to shoot at HRR yet you're missing out. We continue to expand our range, targets, props etc. each month. We have a monthly shoot on Saturday June 7th, five fun stages. Check them out on Facebook. We have some new walls and targets we are trying out this month.

New this year is our three-day shoot the Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam. The match is named after a local landmark built in the 1800's as a power source for the Peninsular Paper Company. Some of the dam and buildings are still there today. But there are efforts to tear down this landmark, and it will soon be gone. So, we paid tribute to the local history of the area of our club when naming the shoot. Camping on site is available, many areas with power. Awards were ordered last week, and we look forward to a great weekend. We have shooters from Michigan of course, but also from Ohio and Texas joining us.

Last month for our May shoot we had a cool weather day, but 16 shooters came out to help us warm up the place. Six shot clean and the top five were 5-**Kid Danger**, 4-**Wolverine Regulator**, 3-**Leadfoot Luke**, 2-**Riverview Rattler** and in first **Sinola Kid** with five stages just under 90 seconds. Thank you to all who came out. And special thanks to **Mrs. Rogues Pierre** for the desserts and **Carolina Belle** for the fantastic lunch.

Our Wild Bunch the next day was not only colder, but rain had set in mid match. We were able to sneak in five stages, but the downpour came at the end. The rain didn't stop for hours so we were literally soaked by the time we finished takedown.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid





Straight Shots from Saginaw

There are probably many of you who have been in some rough weather at some point in time. For some of our pardos who live in St. Charles, it's not every day we have a tornado hit our small town, but that's exactly what happened the evening of May 15th. In those gusty moments, powerlines went down, many homes were damaged, and many large, beautiful trees were ripped apart. But, no one was hurt and we were all reminded just how important an "attitude of gratitude" can be.

As we look back earlier in the month on more pleasant events, we were happy to get our cowboy range cleaned up and ready for our first match of the season on May 10th. We were grateful to the 24 shooters who shared a beautiful spring day with us. We had ten shoot the match clean. Our top five shooters were **3 Gun Cole, Bad River Marty, Riverview Rattler, Red Beard Bandit, and Ethan Callahan**. We were happy to have two local Scouts help with picking up brass.

After the main awards program, **Ethan Callahan** held a Wild Bunch informational meeting and **Red Beard Bandit** assisted him during the actual shooting demonstration. Saginaw will be hosting the 2025 Michigan Wild Bunch Championship on September 27 & 28. For those interested, contact **Ethan Callahan** or **Flat Water Johnny** for details.

Our Wednesday practice nights continue this year with great turnouts and lots of fun. We have a couple of new youth shooters who are keeping us seasoned shooters on our toes! You probably know there won't be a match in Saginaw in June BUT.....we will be having our special Freedom 2-Day Event on July 12-13th. Each day is shot as a separate match...shoot one day or both days. Free camping will also be available. We'll post more details in the July Epitaph edition but feel free to contact us with any questions. mnbbell@yahoo.com

Of course, we're looking forward to having more fun than should be allowed this summer. Hope you can come shoot with us and give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

June 28th is our third annual Annie Oakley Ladies Only match. Ladies, if you know any Lady shooters, who may wish to venture into our amazing shooting discipline, this is the way to go! We provide ammo, firearms and gear for them to compete. We will have training for those who may have never shot a single-action firearm and how to negotiate the stages in Cowboy Action Shooting. Ladies, it will be the BEST \$40.00 you have ever spent!! Not to mention the banquet, camaraderie and atmosphere!

Hope to see you there!
Slow Gin Ricky





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We had a great turn out for our May shoot and it was nice to see some old friends returning to the Valley.

I have made the decision to change our June shoot date to the 4th Sunday June 22, this change was made to avoid a conflict with the Indiana State shoot ending on our normal shooting day.

Congratulations to our 8 Clean shooters this month, **Cayuse Jack, JC Smoke, Lighting Bill, Mustache Kid, Ranger Mike, Tommy Two Fingers and Truckee.** 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, **Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon, Ya Big Tree, 3 Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.**

Our next shoot will be June 22, 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.

Johnny Rebel

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Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowboy and Cowgirls,

Just a reminder that the Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman Sportsmen's Club will be shooting, Saturday June 14th.

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 Jewel** can have enough food for everyone.

Also get your registrations in ASAP for the *Cowboy Rendezvous*, if you would please, 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. Can't wait to see everyone.

Take Care,
Faygo Kid

Cowboy Match Director
Hillman Sportsmen Club





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Stage Sponsors for Range War 2025

You will receive recognition in the Shooter's Handbook for your generosity. Please note the handbook goes to print July 28th.

Submissions must be completed by then to make it into the book for your recognition.

Thank you for helping make Range War 2025 a rootin-tootin good time.

If interested, please contact Sinola Kid



Heat 101



Know the Difference Between Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Heat Exhaustion



Symptoms

- headache
- dizzy or fainting
- heavy sweating
- cold, pale and clammy skin
- nausea or vomiting
- fast, weak pulse
- weakness or muscle cramps
- excessive thirst

What to do

- Hydrate with water or sports drinks. No alcohol.
- Move to a cooler, air-conditioned place.
- Lie down.
- If fully conscious, sip water.
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses.
- If vomiting continues, seek medical attention.
- Act quickly. Untreated heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.
- Remove tight fitting clothing or extra layers

Heat Stroke – Medical Emergency



Symptoms

- headache
- confusion or delirium
- may lose consciousness
- no sweating/dry skin
- hot, red skin
- nausea or vomiting
- rapid heart rate
- body temperature above 104° F

What to do

- Call 911. This is a medical emergency.
- Move the person to a cooler place.
- Use cold compresses to reduce body temperature.
- Do not give fluids

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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

WOLVERINE RANGER'S SECRETARY

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