



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Hello,

This year we will have our annual free shoot and membership meeting at our newest club. The Huron River Regulators at Washtenaw Sportsman's Club. In just our third year of hosting cowboy matches we are ready to host the free shoot and meeting. It will be held on Saturday August 1st. There will be five fun stages, followed by a nice meal in the air-conditioned clubhouse and our annual meeting. We will have a Wild Bunch shoot on Sunday August 2nd. For those that have a far drive, we will have camping available. Please reach out to me if you are interested in camping. So, you can come in on Friday, shoot Saturday & Sunday.

For Range War this year we have everything in process. Apps are still trickling in, but we haven't hit the usual July surge of apps yet. Side match awards have been ordered. But I am holding off for a better count on the main match awards. I will order these on July 10th; the last day I can do so to get them in time for the shoot. *So please, get your applications in soon so we can guarantee all the correct awards will be there.*

The schedule of events, round counts, and all other usual information and documents are now on the website under the Range War tab. The last thing we will post are the stages. These will be released in late July, giving each club a chance to set up a few of the stages, if they choose, at their August matches.

This is one area where we draw the most flak from both sides of the fence. Our local shooters, like the stages posted ahead of time, giving the opportunity to see the sweeps and possibly try them out at a match. Our traveling shooters, mostly out of state shooters, consider this a hometown advantage for our in-state shooters. And there is no shortage of complaints about this practice.



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Here is the stance we take as the Wolverine Rangers Executive Board; It is the Michigan State shoot, so we need to cater to our local shooters. At the same time about 50%, sometimes more, of our match participants are from out of state. I address each of those complaints or concerns with the same type of answer. While the sweeps are posted, the spacing, target size, target distance and prop placements are not posted. This is what sets them apart, to where no one can set up the actual stage. Reading what a sweep is and practicing a specific sweep is just general practice. We shoot the hOOt sweep, double tap sweep, Nevada, Indiana, and Ohio sweeps all the time at monthly matches, states, regionals, etc. All tell you what the sweep is, but none of which prepare you for the movements on the stage, positions, prop walls, starting positions.

Therefore, we will post the stages again, like last year, giving everyone an idea of what they may see for starting positions, (e.g. hands on hat) what the sweep is (Double Tap Sweep) and a general idea of a layout (three targets for rifle and pistol). But we will not show the props, walls, etc. It is our opinion that this is a compromise for both in-state and out of state shooters and allows the best of both sides.

We are asking/looking for stage sponsors again this year. The request is a minimum of \$100, and you or your business will be featured and thanked in the book for your sponsorship. Currently we have four of the ten locked in, but we are looking for six more, so that we have one for each stage.

We are also going to be asking for side match volunteers for Friday. Broke N West will be contacting everyone that said they could help. Each volunteer will get their name put in a drawing to win 1000 Federal primers. Your choice of small or large pistol. So please give an hour or so volunteering for a chance to win a brick of primers.

Carolina Belle will be busy in the next month, bringing in door prizes, raffle prizes, etc. It's that time of year that my living room is full of range war supplies and donations. If you would like to donate either door prizes or raffle prizes, please give her a call or email her. You can be listed as a stage sponsor or more in the shooter's handbook. Especially if you have a business that is willing to sponsor any portion of the match.

Rumor has it, we have secured a Dillon XL750 that will find its way home to a lucky participant this year as well.



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Golf carts:

For those that would like to order golf carts, they will be available again. The order form is posted on our website. We should have at least ten left available via my last count. If you verbally let us know we have you on the list. For more info, please reach out to Carolina Belle or me.

Paparazzi Pahl is our match photographer again this year. Between Snapshot Nellie and Pahl we get great photos. He has the capability to view all the photos at the shoot and print them on site. Each shoot we go to, that he is at, we can't help but order more photos. Of course, you can view all the photos from each year on his website and order any size you would like. Some of his panoramic sized action photo collages are unbelievable. I love mine.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our local matches this year. Before we know it, summer will be over.

PS – Sign up for Range War

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





SWAP MEET AT RANGE WAR 2026
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH



WHERE:

Near the entrance to the range.

WHEN:

Set up begins at 10:30 AM - Friday September 4th
Open from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM (or until you want to pack up)
Please bring your own table - tables are not provided

WHAT:

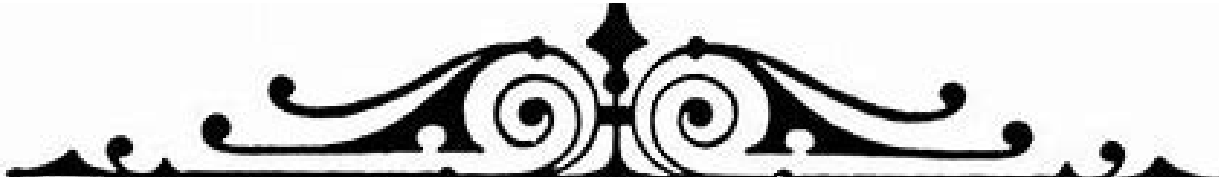
Any Cowboy or Wild Bunch items.
Including: Clothing, Hats, Boots, Leather, Carts, Firearms, Parts, etc.

DISCLAIMER:

The Wolverine Rangers and the Bluewater Sportsman's Association accept no liability and no responsibility for any transaction. This is an opportunity for individual shooters and members of the general public to engage on individual private transactions.

You are responsible to know and abide by all applicable laws regarding firearm sales.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

Due to the holiday, *Independence Day*, we moved our next shoot to Sunday July 12th. We will have three stages set up and shoot five total stages. We may set up at our black powder range bays for July. If we do, just pass the clubhouse and it is the next parking lot on the left. There will be signs.

After that there will be the ***Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and Membership meeting*** on Saturday August 1st and Wild Bunch on Sunday August 2nd. We will have camping available for those that have a long drive or would like to camp for the weekend. Please reach out and let me know if you are interested in camping. For those that haven't been to our club before it is in Ypsilanti very close to the I-94 and US-23 intersection, just one exit east or south will get you there. Keep an eye out on the HRR and Wolverine Rangers Facebook pages for any additional info. We will shoot five stages both days, likely with five different bays in use.

Hope to see you at our range,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sinola Kid".

Sinola Kid





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Our “Saginaw Showdown” 2026 Michigan Wild Bunch State Championship is now in the record books...and in the memories of the shooters from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana who gave it their best shot. Saturday, June 14th, was sunny on the upper bays as shooters finished five of the ten scenarios, along with side matches and a team event. By Sunday, the weather decided to rain early in the morning but after a retreat in the pistol building, the rain let up and they finished the last 5 stages in lot drier weather!

A spaghetti dinner was served Sunday afternoon, followed by a raffle, awards program, and winner photos by Paparazzi Pahl. <https://paparazzipahl.photorelect.com/store/Events.aspx> This year’s awards were statues of “Pike”, a character from the “Wild Bunch” movie, provided by Ethan Callahan. Congratulations to our 2026 Saginaw Showdown State Wild Bunch Overall Champions, Diabla, and Ethan Callahan. Each received a beautiful, engraved SASS buckle. Congrats to both shooters!

As a bystander watching these shooters over the weekend, one realizes just what great representatives they are in this exciting, challenging and fun sport. Hat’s off to each of them!

Diabla:	1 st Ladies Modern; Side match ladies pistol, shotgun, rifle; Michigan Overall Women’s State Champion
Ethan Callahan:	1 st Traditional, Side match men’s Pistol, Derringer; Michigan Overall Men’s State Champion.
Three Gun Cole:	1 st Modern; Side match men’s shotgun; Man-on-Man
Joe Cassidy:	1 st Senior Classic Modern
Johnny D. Nitro:	2 nd Modern
Bad Brass:	1 st Elder Statesman Modern; Team Event
Truckee:	3 rd Modern
Flatwater Johnny:	1 st Classic Traditional
Black River Bill:	2 nd Senior Classic Modern
Riverview Rattler:	2 nd Elder Statesman Modern; Side match men’s rifle
Paparazzi Pahl:	4 th Modern
Red Beard Bandit:	3 rd Senior Classic Modern
Carolina Blake:	5 th Modern
Avalanche Andy:	1 st Senior Modern, Side match Team
Max Montana:	1 st Elder Statesman Classic Traditional
J.T. Wallace:	6 th Modern
T.H.E. Macallan:	1 st Senior Classic Traditional
Steady Eddie:	3 rd Elder Statesman Modern
Old Dude:	Elder Statesman Classic Modern
Blue Eyed Drifter:	Senior Classic Modern





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Next up on our agenda is our two-day cowboy action shooting event on July 11-12th. This year we'll be honoring America and the 250 years she has stood strong for all the many generations. We will be shooting Cowboy Action and after awards, a mini-Wild Bunch match is scheduled for each day. For our camping friends, relax with our free camping. We have some electrical hook-ups by the lake (first come/first served), and other club locations are available, also. Those wishing to stay Sunday night, you have the ok until noon Monday, before the gates will lock you in with us. If you plan on camping, please let us know ahead so we can have the gate open and let you in. (989-293-1908 or 989-585-3292)

To find us on Facebook and enjoy various shooting videos of Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch, check out <https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting> And note on your calendar our August shoot is set for Saturday, August 8th. Hope you can join us before summer passes us by.

Until next time, forget the weather forecast and remember to live life give it your best shot!!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Howdy Y'all! Sheriff Not Dead Ed here from the Johnson Creek Regulators and I bring Hot, Danged Hot greetin's from the ranch.

June's match was our best attended match of the season. We thank y'all for coming and hope you had a fun match. 27 shooters came riding into town shooting to the lines of the old TV series F-Troop. No guard towers were hurt in the shooting of the match.

Keeping his scalp and comin' in first this month was Riverview Rattler. Coming off of injured reserve after 8 months and ridin' in second was Wolverine Regulator. Charging in to battle next were Sinola Kid, Sarge and Mountain Man Jim.

Not Letting their morale droop and shooting clean were Mickey Lobe, Isabella Bird, Rogues Pierre, Diamond Dottie, Old Doc Potter, and Gus McCall.

We had an extra 6th stage team shoot. We combined the top and bottom halves of shooters into 2 person teams. The winning team got a free match too. Congrats to troopers Diamond Dottie and Riverview Rattler holding off the Hekawis and winning a free match.

Our upcoming match schedule is as follows: July 18th, August 8th, & September 26th. The gate opens around 8:30~ ish.

July 18th is our Limited Mobility match. All stages are Stand And Deliver. There is no running around. So if your get up and go got up and left, or you got a hitch in your gitalongs that won't go gittin', this is a match for you.

So remember, shoot fast, shoot clean, look good, pick any two.
I thank you for reading, and we'll see you on down the trail.

Not Dead Ed
(Sheriff)
a.k.a. Ed Kucinski





Rocky River Regulators- Utica

The opening of the Cowboy Action season at DSC was cold and threatening rain, not the ideal weather to come out and play cowboy. The attendance mirrored the bad weather with only nine cowboys in attendance. However, those in attendance competed at their fast and furious best. Leadfoot Luke was the top Cowboy followed by Rifle Rick and Shelby Kid. Shooting the only clean match was Leadfoot Luke.

The Cowboy competition in May at DSC heated up just like the summer weather. At the May monthly DSC Cowboy match sixteen Cowboys and Cowgirls competed for top honors. When the shooting was completed and the scores were announced Leadfoot Luke was the top overall Cowboy followed by Camptown and J.J. Longley. The top Cowgirl was Hey Sugar. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley, Broke N West, Camptown, Jack Holladay, Jerkwater Jake, Leadfoot Luke, and Soaring Red Hawk.

On Sunday, June 21, 2016, DSC held its annual Father's Day Cowboy Match. Attending were eighteen top competitors shooting for top honors. When the dust settled and Camptown read the scores J.J. Longley finished first followed by Bad Brass and Camptown. Longshot Lillian was the top Cowgirl finisher. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley, Foot Sore, Jack Holladay, Longshot Lillian, Ramblin Ron, and Rodent.

The next Cowboy Match at DSC is our annual tee shirt match on Sunday, July 19, 2026. Wondering where to wear all those Wolverine Rangers Range War tee shirts you have accumulated, this would be the place.

Hope to see you on the range.
J.J. Longley





Sucker Creek - Breckenridge

Well, summer is here and the days are getting hotter. It's almost the 4th of July and we had a great turnout for our June shoot, 24 shooters showed up to test some of our stages. We had 5 clean shooters, congratulations to Broke N West, Diabla, Hey Sugar, Leadfoot Luke, and Longshot Lillian... great job! The match was followed with a great lunch with Diabla supplying sloppy joe's, homemade potato salad, and banana pudding. It was great! Thanks Diabla.

It was great to see some of the out-of-town shooters come join us, Chili Pepper Pete came along with Deuce Stevens, Speed Stevens, and Hellfire Heidi came and shot with us. Thanks guys. It was a fun shoot.

Top shooter...of course, went to Deuce Stevens, he was followed by... Riverview Rattler, Leadfoot Luke, Doc Noper, Speed Stevens, Duelin Dylan, Red Beard Bandit, Hey Sugar, Diabla, and Faygo Kid rounded out the top 10 congratulations, guys.

Hope everyone can join us for our July shoot, the third weekend and be sure to save it on your calendar for our August shoot. Again, we'll be having our Old School Shoot on Friday, followed by a regular shoot on Saturday. Camping is free and a good time is guaranteed for everyone. Campers can start arriving on Wednesday for our August shoot. There'll be some special challenges set up for Thursday, and we'll have a nice prize table set up for our Old School shoot. We will also have a potluck dinner Friday night after we're done shooting the Old School Shoot.

We'll hope to see you all then.

Thanks,

Riverview, Chica, and Diabla





Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

Fenton's June match was unfortunately a wash out. Torrential rains on Sunday, June 14th made it impossible to conduct the monthly match. We are hoping the July match, Sunday, July 12 will give us better weather.

The August match, Sunday, August 9th will be a little different from what has been done in the past. We're keeping exactly what is planned a secret. But you might want to bring a few extra shotgun shells with you. There is also the possibility of having a pizza lunch for an extra charge.

If you are shooting your first cowboy match at Fenton, it will cost you only \$5.00 to register.





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We were blessed with great weather for Sunday's match, thanks to all who came out and shared their Father's Day morning with us.

Congratulations to our 3 Clean shooters this month, Cayuse Jack, Rover and Toby Dirt. Our Cool Clean Match Coasters 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, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Our next shoot will be July 19, 2026. 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

574-349-3764





Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowboy and Cowgirls,

June 13th was a great day to be shooting with the Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman. You couldn't have asked for nicer weather. We had 14 cowgirls and cowboys join us for the day. Faygo Kid had written 5 quick and easy to follow stages. After Brushwood Bruce's smoke had cleared, he had finished 3rd, with hOOt Hamilton finishing 2nd by less than a miss, and Faygo finished 1st. T N Tina was our top lady shooter. We had 5 clean shooters: Brushwood Bruce, Eleanor Jewel, Petoskey Pete, T N Tina, and The Bandit Hunter.

Linda "The Law" Wilson and Eleanor Jewel had prepared a very good lunch of Brats, from Nowicki's Sausage Shoppe of Alpina. Sides of macaroni and potato salads, along with chocolate chip cookies and brownies. It was a good day.

Don't forget we have the Cowboy Rendezvous coming up on July 23, 24, 25, and 26th. Always lots of shooting, food, socializing, and unbelievable door prizes. We also have some really nice items up for raffle and auction. Custom made Cowboy themed Quilt (made by Linda Wilson), Mares Leg (Wanted Dead or Alive gun with a custom-made holster by Faygo), Cigars from Aruba (donated by Sarge and Dottie) and about 10 pounds of Black Powder, just to mention a few. If you need any more information, contact Faygo Kid at faygo.kid@yahoo.com.

Until next time...Shoot Straight.

Take Care,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang



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- Vendor Registration and Information

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