



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Shootout at Bloody Porch/Wild Bunch Action Shooting:

Since the end of 2023 there have been some significant changes in Wild Bunch from the SASS level. All Cowboy shotguns are now legal in Wild Bunch, so you can bring out your double or '87. The power factor and caliber restrictions for rifle have also been removed and modified. Your main match cowboy 38 rifle is now Wild Bunch legal.

This year, The Shootout at Bloody Porch will be held at The Detroit Sportsman's Congress (UTICA), on Saturday October 19th and Sunday October 20th. It will again be a 10 stage 2-day match, 5 stages on each day. The stages are currently in the draft review process and will be ready to be posted at the end of June/early July. We will be posting the stages on our website and Facebook page once they are ready to release. Thus, promoting what we will be shooting, the round count and giving anyone coming time to think about or practice any stages they may want to.

Applications will be posted on our website the week of June 10th. Keep an eye out. With the new SASS WBAS rules we hope to see more of you out there with us this year. Don't forget that we have clubs that shoot Wild Bunch throughout the year if you want to come out and give it a try. Saginaw, Lapeer, Utica, and Washtenaw all have scheduled WBAS matches.

Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and Membership Meeting:

The Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday June 23rd in Plymouth. All Wolverine Rangers can shoot this match for free. Of course, we will have applications on site for anyone wanting to join that day. The match will be held at the home of the Johnson Creek Regulators in Plymouth. While this is hosted by the JCR crew, the registration and scoring will be conducted by the Wolverine Rangers. Stages have been reviewed and are ready to go. After the match, join us in the air-conditioned club house for lunch and our annual membership meeting. We will have our clean match awards presentations, review financials & membership, plans for range war, and of course a few raffle items. Must be present to win.





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Range War:

As usual at this time of year, Range War planning is in full swing and really starting to pick up the pace. Applications have been coming in, but of course planning is made easier when shooters sign up early.

Updates for Range War 2024:

1. Side match awards are being moved to Saturday night in the clubhouse, in conjunction with the very popular ice cream social from last year. This will help cut down the duration of the awards presentation at the banquet. The ice cream social was a big hit last year, so we will have it again this year.
2. An update to the schedule of events will be posted on the website in June.
3. Stages – We are going to try something different this year. We will be posting the stages on our website and Facebook pages starting in June. Each club will have a chance to see them and incorporate any of them in their monthly matches throughout the summer. Stages will be basically what will be seen at Range War, less the props, walls, etc.
4. We will not have the big tent at the range this year. There will be a few small pop-up canopies, with tables and chairs, for socializing and shade. Please plan accordingly if you are planning to bring items to sell at the swap meet as there will not be tables and chairs available for the use at the swap meet.
5. Lunch will be available on Friday and Saturday in the clubhouse, like last year. If you would like to come up and get a nice meal for lunch and relax in the air conditioning, it will be available.





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Ohio State Championship:

JC Wade and I went down to Piqua, Ohio and shot The Ohio State Championship. If a fun shoot with lots of options and lots of movement, but not a marathon at all. Targets vary but are mostly large and close. Some knockdown rifle targets, a swinging bunny rabbit and flying pop cans add to the fun. It is a well-run match where there is always something to do. We had a great time catching up with friends we haven't seen since winter.

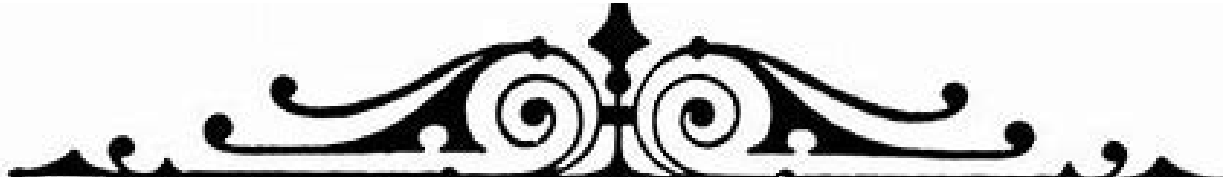
Side match day had a bunch of the regular stuff, but also had some fun games, put on by **Blue Eyed Drifter**. A couple of team events and a running yeti. **JC Wade** won the running yeti game and the team event with **Thee Cumberland Kid**. There was also a precision shooting event, which after a 16+ tries **Three Gun Cole** was victorious. When the dust cleared many shooters from Michigan finished very high in the match and their categories. **JC Wade** was first in Cowboy and 5th overall, I finished 4th in Wrangler and 9th overall. Way to many others to list here and I'd hate to forget anyone.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, May 5th the first Wild Bunch match of the season was held at DSC-Utica. This was a small sampling of the stages and targets that might make an appearance at the Michigan State SASS Wild Bunch Championship in October of this year at DSC. **Coyote Claxon** set up 5 fast and furious stages with multiple targets and magazine changes to challenge everyone. When the dust settled, and the scores were posted **Sinola Kid** was the top gun followed by **Shelby Kid** and **Leadfoot Luke**. Top Women competitor was **Hey Sugar**. **Sinola Kid** shot the only clean match!

Sunday, May 19th brought some warm weather with 80 degrees at the start of the match. The weather heated up and so did the competition. Twenty cowboys and cowgirls competed on five stages and when **Camptown** read the scores **Leadfoot Luke** took top honors followed by **Sinola Kid** and **Hey Sugar**. Shooting clean matches were **Leadfoot Luke, Hey Sugar, Longshot Lillian, Soaring Red Hawk, Old Doc Potter, Outrider Outlaw, John Weston, and Foot Sore**. The next match at DSC-Utica is Sunday, June 16, 2024, which is our annual Father's Day Cowboy Match.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

We had a busy winter, prepping for the cowboy season, hosting monthly Cowboy and Wild Bunch shoots throughout. **Broke N West, Kid Danger, JC Wade** and I have been working hard at building props, tables, target stands and overall building a cowboy range. It's a ton of time and effort but here we are with about ten shoots behind us, continuing to improve the range each month.

Last month we welcomed 19 shooters for a Star Wars themed match on May the 4th. While we went to great lengths to paint the targets in Stars Wars patterns, the biggest hit of the day was the light sabers we used as spotting sticks. Actually, there might have been a tie between the light sabers and the lunch that **Carolina Belle** put on after the match.

At the end of the match **JC Wade** bested us all, 28 seconds faster than the second-place shooter. **Riverview Rattler, Wolverine Regulator** and I were all right there within .87 seconds of each other for second, third and fourth place respectively. **Hey Sugar**, our top lady shooter was just over two seconds back in fifth place overall.

In June, we have a six-stage Cowboy match on Saturday, June 1st, followed by a five-stage Wild Bunch match on Sunday, June 2nd. Stages have been posted on the HRR, Washtenaw Sportsman's Club and Wolverine Rangers Facebook pages. Take a look and come out and join us.

We have some new fence walls, Cacti, and horse tables for use in the match.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Whoa!! May has galloped by so quickly! Our shoot on May 11th greeted 20 dedicated shooters who refused to be threatened by a few dark clouds. With only a few splatters of rain drops, the weather decided to play along with us and by the end of the day, the sun was shining.

We gleaned 9 clean shooters...**Bad River Marty, Avalanche Andy, Card Shark Charlie, Red Beard Bandit, Dulin' Dylan, Black River Bill, The Hysham Kid, Professor Bear Roar, and Lainey Mae.** Our top five shooters were **Bad River Marty, Ethan Callahan, Avalanche Andy, River View Rattler,** and **Card Shark Charlie.** The Mini Wild Bunch winners were **Ethan Callahan** and **Flat Water Johnny.** Congrats to all our shooters. A special thanks to our cooks who provided another great meal. And a BIG thanks to all of you who laughed with us, shared the meal, and had fun shooting.

Our next shoot is June 8th. We hope many of you can make it.

Don't forget our 2-day (back-to-back) shoot July 13-14. Each day is shot as a separate match with separate scoring. For shooters shooting both days, scores will be combined for each shooter. Top shooter will receive a free upcoming shoot, to be redeemed in the remainder of 2024 or in 2025.

A Mini Wild Bunch match is also on the agenda so warm-up those 1911's. We'd sure love to have you come and shoot with us. We have free camping for those wishing to camp. We have some sites on the lake, along with some other areas. Those interested can shoot us an e-mail mnbbell@yahoo.com or call 989 585-3292. (Please leave a message for us to return your call if you can't reach us.)

We're looking forward to a great summer. Until our trails meet, remember to live life....give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

May 18th saw 17 hardy souls arrive to see who was the fastest gun in Plymouth! Young **JC Wade** came out on top with a final time of 79.77 seconds!! **Leadfoot Luke** was 14 seconds behind, with **Sinola Kid** .03 seconds behind Luke!! **Wolverine Regulator** fourth, **Hey Sugar** was fifth and **Slow Gin Ricky** sixth. **Broke N West** seventh, **Not Dead Ed** eighth, **Iron Jennie** ninth, and **Major Frank North** rounding out the top ten! Clean matches were won by, **Leadfoot Luke, Hey Sugar, Slow Gin Ricky, and Ira Bigelow.**

June 22nd is our second annual Annie Oakley Ladies Only match. Ladies, if you know any would be 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





Double Barrel Gang-Hastings



Our next shoot is June 1st. Come join us!





Badwater Longhorns-Bellaire

Howdy Pard,

The Badwater Longhorns will be having their monthly shoot this coming Saturday, June 1st, at the Chain O'Lakes Sportsman's Club. The weather outlook is fairly good with a chance of rain late on Saturday afternoon.

The Club is located just east of M-88, approximately three miles from the US 131 stop light in Mancelona.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., safety meeting at 9:30, and shooting starts at 10:00. The range fee is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Shooters under age 15 shoot free.

Also, if the weather forecast changes to a high chance of rain, the match will be cancelled, so check your email Friday night for a cancellation notice.

WE ARE ASKING SHOOTERS TO RSVP BY FRIDAY BY 10:00 A.M SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR LUNCH.

RSVP to: jthumm1943@gmail.com

Hope to hear from you,

Thummpers John





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We had 27 shooters at the Valley this month and many visitors came by to watch.

We all joined in a prayer for **Triple Threat**, he was a great Cowboy and a good friend. The Valley will not be the same without him, he will be missed. **Coal Car Kid** has donated a Forged Cross that he made and we will be making a plaque to honor our fallen Cowboy.

Congratulations to our 4 Clean shooters this month, **Ranger Mike, Rover, Spoon River Sam** and **The Hungarian**. 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.

Ka Adik Krista and **Tommy Two Fingers** 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 June 16, 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.

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 this Saturday June 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 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. So, get your applications in by June 1st and save \$10. Can't wait to see everyone.

Take Care,
Faygo Kid

Cowboy Match Director
Hillman Sportsmen Club





Safe Queens and Oddities: The Sharps “Derringer”

A pocket sized 22 caliber, 4 barreled pistol is not what comes to mind when you hear the name **Sharps**. Between 1859 and 1874 there were thousands made in .22, .30, 41 rimfire.

Rather than a hinge, the barrels slide forward to load, and the firing pin rotates to the next cylinder with each hammer pull.

I showed you mine, now show me yours!



A reproduction Sharps Derringer .22 made by Miroku, next to a more common example of a Sharps rifle in .45-70 (also a reproduction).



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

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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

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- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

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