



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy All,

Summer has begun and the weather has been as erratic as usually for this time of year.

Last month we had the Rangers annual free shoot & membership meeting, hosted by the JCR crew. The match and meeting went well with about half of our clubs represented. The high heat and threat of rain likely reduced the numbers we had but 36 shooters came out and enjoyed the match and meeting.

After the smoke cleared at the match **JC Wade** pulled away from the pack and was our overall champ. Then battling it out for 2nd - 4th were **Riverview Rattler**, **Sinola Kid** and **Faygo Kid**. There were 8 clean shooters as well.

After the match we went into the JCR clubhouse for a very nice lunch, thanks to **Slow Gin Ricky**, and of course the cookies made by **Carolina Belle**. Once lunch was finished we started our annual meeting. We covered the budget, membership, current financials, range war, bloody porch, clean match awards, etc... if you have any questions about any of these please feel free to contact me.

Our clean match award winners were **Hey Sugar** and **Old Doc Potter**. Both were presented with customer engraved padfolios. The clean shooters list that was compiled for the 2023-2024 season can be found on our website.





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Range War updates:

As mentioned before we will have lunches available for donation/purchase in the clubhouse on both Friday and Saturday.

To shorten our awards ceremony on Sunday we will have the side match awards in the clubhouse on Saturday night in conjunction with our ice cream social. Faro boards will also be available for those that would like to play.

There will not be a large tent on the range this year, as it just doesn't get used. We will have some small pop-ups up for shade and a few tables and chairs.

If you plan to set up at the swap meet please bring your own tables. (of course all applicable laws must be followed, the Rangers are not responsible for any failures to comply.)

It was requested at the meeting to review options for a team shoot rather than or in conjunction with the man on man shoot. We will be reviewing this and will put out more info soon.

It's going to look a bit different and updated this year. We have new prop walls, new tables, new fences and new signs. Thank you to those that have already donated as stage sponsors to make this happen. **Shelby Kid, Chica and Riverview Rattler & T. N. Tina.** And thank you to those working in all of the props this summer, **Hey Sugar & Leadfoot Luke, Broke N West & Kid Danger, JC Wade, Carolina Belle** and myself. We are still looking for additional stage sponsors, if you are interested in donating please let me know.



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Range War updates (continued):

If you haven't seen them yet all ten Range War stages have been posted to our website and Facebook. All props have been removed, but the instructions, basic layout and the target placements are what you will see this year. After many years of feedback to do this we are giving it a go this year. Your feedback is welcome as always.

Lastly if you haven't signed up yet please get your applications in. I will be ordering awards, badges, t-shirts etc... by the middle of July. Getting this count correct early helps us all.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, **June 16th**, the Rocky River Regulators at DSC hosted their annual Father's Day Cowboy Match. The sun was up, not a cloud in the sky, and the temperature was in the low 80s. It was a perfect day for a cowboy match. Twenty-eight competitors showed up, some dads brought their sons, but all came to compete and try to win top honors. The targets were set to be five fast and furious stages and it did not disappoint. When the dust settled and the scores were announced **Leadfoot Luke** was the top cowboy followed closely by **Wolverine Regulator**, and **Sinola Kid**. Top women competitor was **Hey Sugar** followed by **Longshot Lillian**. Shooting clean matches were **Leadfoot Luke**, **Hey Sugar**, **Bad Brass**, **Camptown**, **Soaring Red Hawk**, **Longshot Lillian**, and **Old Doc Potter**.

There is a shooting competition every **Sunday** at DSC in July. Look at the events in July at DSC:

Sunday, July 7, 2024, Service Rifle Match

Sunday, July 14, 2024, Silhouette Match

Sunday, July 21, 2024, Cowboy Action Match

Sunday, July 28, 2024, Wild Bunch Match

See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

Our cowboy match in June was well attended and we were able to debut some new props and fences. When all was said and done **Wolverine Regulator** took top honors. We followed up the next day with a wild bunch match. The weather didn't participate as well, as we had drizzle most of the day. **Bad Brass** bested us all.

Our next matches are on **Sunday July 7th** and then **Saturday August 3rd**. We have new clean match awards, and more new fences, tables, and cacti props. We continue to improve the range and add new items. For July we will have 3 stages setup and shoot 6 total stages.

In August we will have 4/5 stages set up and will again shoot 6 stages. Five of which will be based on Range War stages for a warm up for the state shoot. I am told that the JCR crew will use the other five Range War stages at their August match. So if you're in the area and make it to both of our matches in August you will get a taste of all ten stages.

Of course as usual we will serve lunch after the shoot in the clubhouse. Which for those that haven't shot with us before is just across the parking lot from the range. While we do have a porta John at the range, the clubhouse has clean nice indoor restrooms, open for use throughout the match.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Straight Shots from Saginaw

June was a busy, fun month. Some of our gang headed south to the SASS Indiana State Shoot for 3 days of fun and competition in early June. Everyone had a great time and placed well in the 135 shooter line-up.

Todd All In, 2nd B-Western; **Celebrity James**, 2nd. Cowboy; **Bad River Marty**, 1st Silver Senior Gunfighter; **Ethan Callahan**, 1st. Classic Cowboy, 1st Wild Bunch-Traditional, Overall Wild Bunch, Speed Derringer, Speed Duelist Pistol, Hammered Double Barrel ; **Riverview Rattler**, 5th. Elder Statesman; and **Katie Callahan**, 1st. Cattle Baroness and participated in Ladies' Top Ten shoot-off.

June 8th was our second monthly match and 17 pards showed up, ready to take on those BIG targets we love to brag about. **Black River Bill** filled in for **Bad River Marty** and we were told everyone had a fun time. Top five shooters were **Duelin' Dylan**, **Avalanche Andy**, **Hoot Hamilton**, **Card Shark Charlie** and **Red Beard Bandit**. Six clean shooters were **Diabla**, **Duelin' Dylan**, **Kit Remington**, **Old Doc Potter**, **Red Beard Bandit**, and **The Hysham Kid**. Congrats to everyone!

July promises shooting fun at our 2-Day event, coming up quickly on **July 13-14th**. A Mini-Wild Bunch match will follow after lunch and awards. Each day will be scored as a separate shoot. Shooters can shoot one or both days. For those shooting both Saturday and Sunday, there will be a Free Shoot Certificate given for the best combined score for both days. We will also have tables available for those wanting to participate in the Cowboy Swap Meet.

Free Camping is available to those wishing to stay for both shoot days. Campers are welcome to arrive Friday and leave Sunday or on Monday morning. We have a few electrical hook-ups available by the lake or closer to the shooting range. Contact Bad River Marty 989 585-3292 for more information on camping and our 2-day event. Leave a message.

We're looking at some fun scenarios and lots of good fellowship with our pards. We hope you can join us for a fun and relaxing weekend.

All the Saginaw cowboys wish you a safe and happy Independence Day. God bless America! And remember to live life...give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our Cowboys and Cowgirls had a busy month in June. On June 22nd we hosted our Second annual Annie Oakley Ladies Match, then the Wolverine Rangers Member “free” shoot the next day.

And it was a hot one in the old town of Johnson Creek! The sky was blue, the air was hot, eyes squinted in the heat. Twenty Lady Shooters faced off against the steel. When the smoke cleared, one Lady came out as the top shot. Our match winner was **Hey Sugar**. Hot on her heels was **Diabla**, followed by **TN Tina**, **Elanor Jewel**, and **Chica**. The only clean shooter finishing seventh was **River Runner**.

We hosted The Wolverine Rangers’ Members Free match on Sunday, June 23rd. The heat broke some on Sunday. We had winds and rain overnight, but the sun came out, the temps cooled, and humidity dropped. That didn’t stop the hot shootin’ though. We had 35 shooters from 5 clubs around the state ride into town for the match. Repeating last month’s performance and shooting as fast as a preacher leaving town with the collection plate, was young **JC Wade**. He was followed by the likes of: **Riverview Rattler**, **Sinola Kid** (a full 10 seconds behind his son), then **Faygo Kid**, and **Leadfoot Luke** rounding out our top 5. We had 8 clean shooters too!

Next Month on **July 27th** is our Limited Mobility Match. So if your giddyap, gone and went, or if ya got a hitch in your get-a-longs, or ya just ain’t up to all that running around like when you was a young’un, then come on out to this match. It’s all Stand (or sit) and Deliver. Also, a special thanks to all who helped with the matches, especially, **Sarge**, **Diamond Dottie**, **Hey Sugar**, **Leadfoot Luke** and **Spokes**, (Luke and Sugars’ Grandson). They stayed after the Free Shoot and helped The Regulators with teardown! We would have been hours extra without their help. Thank you!!

Hope to see you there!
Slow Gin Ricky





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth





Sucker Creek Peacemakers - Breckenridge

We had a perfect day for shooting! Clear skies, warm with a bit of a breeze! We had 19 shooters and want to congratulate **Doc Noper** for his first place finish. **Straight Arrow Hombre, Sinola Kid, Card Shark Charlie** and **Riverview Rattler** rounded out the top five! Congratulations cowboys for some great shooting.

We had three clean shooters! Great job **Old Doc Potter, Sinola Kid** and **Straight Arrow Hombre!**

Thank you to everyone for helping run a safe and fun match today! We couldn't do it without the score keeper's, brass pickers, timer operators, spotters, load and unload table operators... we appreciate all of you! A special thanks to **Chica** and **Jane** for the excellent meal. There is nothing better than coming off the range to a hot, delicious meal and a variety of desserts! Well done ladies! Thank you to **Diabla, Kid Alfred, Riverview Rattler** and (all the way from Florida) **Shiloh Red** for all the help getting the range ready!



Smooth is fast
Riverview Rattler, Chica, & Diabla





Double Barrel Gang-Hastings

We had 12 shooters at the June match!

Cayuse Jack took first place, followed by **Red Beard** and **Riverview**. Clean shooters were **Slippery Pete**, **Cayuse Jack**, and **Red Beard**.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page - **Hastings Cowboys** for updates and photos!

Thank you **Slippery Pete** and **Cayuse Jack** for another great shoot.

We will not be having a July shoot. Our next shoot is **August 4th** at the Barry County Conservation Club. Look forward to seeing there!





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

The Valley had 34 shooters for our June match, we had several visitors stop by again this month.

We welcomed 2 new shooters this month, **Madcap** and **Cole Cassidy**. We are looking forward to shooting with them next month.

This match we had 6 Clean shooters, **Cayuse Jack, Deuce Stevens, Joe Quick, Ranger Mike, Saulk Valley Stubby** and **Tin Cup**, Congratulations! Our Clean Match Coasters were 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, Toby Dirt, Tommy Two Fingers,** and **Ka Adik Krista**.

Our next shoot will be **July 21, 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.



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Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowboy and Cowgirls,

The Cowboy Rendezvous is in the books as they say. It was a Great Weekend! The campers with their now-a-days covered wagons started arriving on Wednesday 26th. The Brush Creek Wranglers had the range all set up, so **Riverview Rattler** jumper in and helped me get the targets painted. On Thursday, a few of the cowboys helped me finish putting up the big tents and the cowgirls helped **Eleanor Jewel** decorate and get the club house set up for the weekend's activities. We had a nice evening campfire, with **Laurie La' Mour** and **Sarge** adding a little music.

Friday got things rolling with registration starting at noon. Around 3 pm, I started the three stage warm match off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Went through some quick safety rules and gave away a large Tub O' Towels. The lucky winner was **River Runner**. After the match, we all sat down to a really nice Pot Luck dinner. Hillman Sportsmen's Club provided the pulled pork and chicken prepared by **The Law** (Linda Wilson) and **Eleanor Jewel**. The Cowboys and Cowgirls supplied all the fixings.. (Yummy)

Saturday dawned cloudy and humid, but that didn't stop the 40 shooters from forming up in two posse's. We said the Pledge, went through the safety rules and **Faygo Kid** gave away 1000 primers to the Lucky winner, **Mohawk Scout**. The posse's lead by **T N Tina** and **Riverview Rattler** headed for their appropriate stages for the start of a great weekend of shooting. After lunch, we had 26 eager cowgirls and cowboys shoot it out, to see who could be crowned the All Around Cowgirl and Cowboy. The most fun of this event is the man on man (woman) in a shoot off called *Heaven and Hell*. The final came down to **T N Tina** verses **Duel'in Dylan**. With a quick shot Dylan sent Tina to Hell to join the rest of us. When the scoring was tabulated, **Hey Sugar** was the All Around Cowgirl and **Deul'in Dylan** with a lot of great shooting won the All Around Cowboy. After all the shooting was done, we gathered in the Grub Shack for a Taco Bar dinner, with Strawberry Shortcake and lots of other goodies.

Sunday dawned very much cooler, with a lot of shooters in jackets and one with a electric blankie? **Faygo Kid** had wrote the stages to be fun and fast for the day. Again we started the day with the Pledge of Allegiance. Faygo gave away not one, but 2000 Federal primers to the winners, **Card Shark Charlie** and **Eleanor Jewel**. When the shooting was done, the shooting Irons put away, everyone settled into the club house for another nice meal of chicken and all fixings. As usual a lot of desserts.



Brush Creek—Hillman

Faygo started off the awards, raffles, auctions, and door prizes (lots and lots) with the primer raffles, and the winners were **T N Tina** and **J C Wade**.

The auctions consisted of: A custom made Ruger Quilt made by **Goat Roper Jim's wife Judi**, a custom made purse made by **Faygo Kid**, a shotgun belt from **Doc Noper** (*donated by T N Tina*), 1000 .38 special cases in boxes of 250, custom revolver decanter set donated by **Marshal Washburn** (with a pint of Crown Royal from **hOot**), and lastly one of the nicest gift baskets I have ever seen, donated by a very nice family from Florida, **Mama Knows Best, Right Again Dad**, and **Jace the Ace**. The bidding was hot and heavy for these items. The quilt was won by **Chica** and **Riverview**, the purse was won by **River Runner**, the shotgun belt was won by **Sinola Kid**, the 38 special cases were won by **River Runner, Petoskey Pete, Lawless Laverne**, and **JC Wade**, the decanter and Crown Royal was won by **Old Doc Potter**, and the gift basket was won by **Chica**. Congratulations to all the winners and a Big Thank You to the donators.

Hillman Sportsmen's Club donated a Ruger 10/22 and 22 shells to be raffled off and **Faygo Kid** added a Bi-pod to it. This raffle was done with decks of cards. Faygo kept the suspense in the drawing down to the final being between **Eleanor Jewel** and **Jace the Ace's Grandma Pam**. It was down to the Blue card 8 or 9 of Clubs....The 8 won....Eleanor had the 9.

Back to the shooting action. We had three clean shooters: **Hey Sugar, Kid Danger**, and **J C Wade**. Congratulations to all the category winners.

With all the scoring tabulated, the Overall Cowgirl Winner was **Hey Sugar** and the Overall Cowboy and Overall match Winner was **J C Wade**.

I hope everyone (shooters and friends) had a GREAT time!!

Thank You, Everyone for coming and All Your Help!!

Take Care. Until Next Year,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





Brush Creek—Hillman





Leadfoot's Loading Table Tip – Loading Blocks

Can you count to ten? When I was younger, and I thought I knew everything, this question would have seemed ridiculous. I witnessed a shooter dumping a bag of ammo on the loading table to fill his guns, and then later found out one cartridge was mixed up in the folds of the bag, causing him problems on the line when his rifle went “CLICK” because the tenth round was still in the bag.



Judging by the number of times I have seen people pull the trigger on their rifle for the 11th round on a 10 shot string, it seems many of us have counting trouble. For several years I have been using some form ammo organizer at the loading table. Here are some examples that may help you keep organized and avoid an issue caused by distractions like friendly chatter at the unloading table.

Pouches and blocks with belt hooks are popular like those shown below from Ed's Custom Leatherworks, and Doc Noper Gun Leather. Doc Noper's version on the left is a nice version of the classic loading block that gives easy access at the loading table. The cartridges in Ed's Custom



Leatherworks pouch shown on the right have less of the cartridge expose to grab on to, but it doubles as a pouch that you can quickly dump the empties into at the end of the stage.





Leadfoot's Loading Table Tip – Loading Blocks

Many other loading blocks and strips simply have a lanyard to make them easy to carry.



Missouri Marshal makes a very popular oval shaped block with a personalized leather flap the rotates out of the way when opened as shown in the picture on the left.



Cardshark Charlie makes a folding block that is very efficient (small) that I also like.

If a cloth ammo holder is your preference, I ran across a folding example made by Sassafras Sue that has removable strips (Velcro-ed in), and you can use it as a bag by simply pulling the two drawstrings to close it up.

Whatever you choose, I highly recommend getting something to reduce the chance of misloading your guns. One of the most aggravating sounds on the shooting range is "CLICK." If you use one of these, you will know you loaded all ten (and only ten).





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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- 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

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