



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

I can't believe August is already here, and I now have two kids in college. Range War preparations continue. Awards, Badges, Buckles have all been ordered. T-Shirts and Towels were picked up today. Next is the shooters handbook. Keep the applications coming in, the Who's Coming list is on our website as of last weekend. Also posted this week are the round counts for the main match, cowboy mini match, Wild Bunch and Plainsman.

Range War:

Updates for Range War 2024:

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.

Stages have been posted for over a month now. Many clubs have been trying them out and we have had positive feedback. The challenge of course is that the range at Blue-water is so much different than most, giving opportunities for down range movement, that many don't have. So go out and practice the stages at the local clubs, but when doing so think about how the sweeps are the same, but the movements may be somewhat different.

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.



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Range War:

Updates for Range War 2024:

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, for purchase/donation. We have a large volunteer crew making the lunches this year.

Faygo Kid is organizing a Steak dinner and Potluck on Friday night. Contact him for more info. It will be in the clubhouse. Two "rules," he will need help cleaning up after dinner and then moving the chairs and tables around to setup for the Saturday side match awards.

We have some new vendors this year, hope to have their information up on the website soon.

Shootout at Bloody Porch/Wild Bunch Action Shooting:

More info to come later this month. Applications have been open for about 6 weeks, we already have about as many applications as we had all last year. The match is October 19th-20th at Detroit Sportsman Club, Utica. There is still plenty of time to sign up. But just like last year we will have a hard deadline for applications on September 22nd as the planning and setup is different than Range War and we need the notice for how we handle the arrangements at the range.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

On Sunday, [July 21](#), 2024, the Rocky River Regulators at DSC hosted their monthly July Cowboy Match. The five scenarios were from the soon to be 2024 Wolverine Rangers Range War State 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 competitors showed up, all came to compete and try to win top honors. The targets were set to be five fast and furious stages, with the target sequence mimicking this year's SASS Michigan State Championship match.

When the dust settled, and the scores were announced **Sinola Kid** was the top competitor followed by **Riverview Rattler** and **Shelby Kid**. Top women competitor was **Diabla** followed by **Longshot Lillian**.

Shooting clean matches were **Diabla**, **J.J. Longley**, **John Weston**, **Longshot Lillian**, **Riverview Rattler**, and **Sinola Kid**.

On Sunday, July 28, 2024, DSC hosted a 5 stage Wild Bunch match. The stages were written by **Coyote Claxton** and were being tested as possible stages for the SASS Michigan State Wild Bunch match slated for October 19th and 20th at DSC. These stages were fun and straightforward, not any procedural traps, and just fun to shoot. When the scores were announced Camptown was the top Modern competitor, followed by **John Weston** and **J.J. Longley**. Top Traditional competitor was **Footsore**. There were no clean matches.

Coming Events at DSC

The August DSC Cowboy match will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, and feature five more stages planned for this year's SASS Michigan State Championship.

This year's **SASS Michigan State Wild Bunch** match will be at DSC on October 19th and 20th. Information about the match is on the Wolverine Ranger's web site. You should plan to come.

DSC will be hosting a Wild Bunch tune up match on Sunday, September 22, 2024. So, mark your calendars and come out and try Wild Bunch shooting.

Coming events in August at DSC...

Sunday, August 6, 2023, Wild Bunch Match

Sunday, August 20, 2023, Monthly Cowboy Match

See you on the range,

J.J.

Longley





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Howdy Pard,

Here we are in August already but let's step back into July for some score results from our Shooter's Choice 2-Day Shoot.

Saturday, July 13th found us with beautiful weather and a great group of shooters, some who camped out along our lake. We had a total of 37 shooters ready to take aim on our six stages, some of which were designed with stage scenarios from the up-coming state shoot. And after shooting, we all enjoyed a great lunch, followed with some great desserts.

Awards were handed out with 15 clean matches. Top 5 shooters for Saturday were **Deuce Stevens, Riverview Rattler, Bad River Marty, Ethan Callahan** and **Lead Foot Luke**. Wild Bunch winners were: Traditional: **Ethan Callahan** and **Flat Water Johnny**. Modern winners were **Red Beard Bandit** and **Truckee**.

Sunday, July 14th started out with some sprinkles, but they didn't last long and the day progressed with 19 shooters. Twelve of these shooters shot the match clean. Our top 5 shooters were **Riverview Rattler, Bad River Marty, Duel'in Dylan, Faygo Kid,** and **Ethan Callahan**. We again had a delicious lunch and awards followed.

After calculating the scores from those shooting both days, our winners of a free shoot were: Men's...**Riverview Rattler** and Ladies' winner was **Diabla**. Congrats to all who came and shot, one day or both.

For our August 24th shoot, we hope you can join us as we'll again have state shoot scenarios worked into our stages. We love our big and up-close targets. If you've never shot them, we know you'll love them when you do. Check out our face book Saginaw Cowboys page for some great photos and videos from previous matches.

The Saginaw Cowboys and gals hope to see you at the state shoot. It will be here before you know it. Until then...Remember to live life...give it your best shot.

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

Our annual "Limited Mobility Match" was held on July 27th 2024. We devised this match so that even wheelchair-bound folks can participate. We had some very positive comments about the format. All stages were shot from one position. You can be seated or standing. Cowboys and Cowgirls from all points of the compass converged on Johnson Creek. 21 souls in all. When the smoke finally cleared, (And Not Dead Ed provided lots), **Wolverine Regulator** came out on top. He had a smoking time of 92.16. **Sinola Kid** followed by less than 4 seconds! **Sarge** finished third, **Leadfoot Luke** fourth and **Soaring Red Hawk** rounded out the top five. Clean shooters were, **Sarge, Soaring Red Hawk, Slow Gin Ricky, Old Doc Potter, Single Barrel Bob, River Runner, and Ira Bigelow.**

Partnering with Washtenaw Sportman's Club, we will feature all 10 Range War stages. WSC will have 5 stages on the 3rd of August and Plymouth will feature the other 5 stages on the 24th. We plan to make them as close to the Range War setups as possible. Now you can shoot all ten Range War stages by attending WSC and Plymouth!! Hope to see you there!

Until then, Happy Trails,

Slow Gin Ricky





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

The Valley had 33 shooters for our July match, we had several visitors stop by again this month.

We welcomed a new shooter this month, **Double Barrel Brandon**. We are looking forward to shooting with him next month.

This match we had 8 Clean shooters, **Cayuse Jack, Hay Sugar, JR Hammer, Money Bags, Ranger Mike, Saulk Valley Stubby, Tommy Two Fingers** and **Two Rig A Tony**, 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.

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 August 18, 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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Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Our July match started out with beautiful weather and was a great day for shooting. We had 21 shooters test their skills against 5 of the stages we will see at Range War this September. Leading the pack was **JC Wade**, followed closely by **Leadfoot Luke**, **Sinola Kid**, **Riverview Rattler**, **Hey Sugar**, **Black River Bill**, **Todd All In**, **Crabby Hayes**, **Card Shark Charlie**, and **hOOT Hamilton** rounded out the top 10. We had two clean shooters, husband and wife team, **Leadfoot Luke** and **Hey Sugar**. After the shooting was done and the guns were all put away. We enjoyed a fantastic lunch provided by **Chica** and **Diabla**. It was great, thank you so much.

We would like to remind everyone that our August shootcoming up real soon. This is our two day...actually 3 or 4 day, depending on how long you wanna camp with us and shoot. Camping is free and if you are here Thursday, we will be shooting some fun warm up stages and other stuff, and you are welcome to bring any other guns that you haven't shot in a while...we'll have an open stage for you. We serve breakfasts both Thursday and Friday. We will be holding our annual Old School Shoot Friday afternoon, at approximately 3 o'clock. Come on out and join us for some great fun. Then Saturday, August 17th, will be our regular shoot, where we'll shoot the other 5 stages to be held at Range War, and afterwards we'll enjoy our annual pig roast. Yum!

So come on out everyone! I hope to see you there.

Smooth is fast,
Riverview, Chica, Diabla





Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys from Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman,

Not much happening here at Brush Creek. Another Big Thank You to everyone that attended the Cowboy Rendezvous. Our next shoot, *Mohawk's Revenge* is August 10th. This shoot is a lot of fun, kind of like an Old School Shoot.

Hope to see everyone here. See Ya'll on the trail, as they say.

Take Care,

Faygo, Eleanor, and the Brush Creek Gang





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

For our July match, we welcomed 20 shooters. At the end of the match **Riverview Rattler** bested us all. Followed closely by myself, **JC Wade**, **Leadfoot Luke** and our Top Lady, **Hey Sugar**. The match was followed by a fantastic taco and nacho bar which was out outdone by the fantastic cookies and desserts made by **Mrs. Rogues Pierre**. Thank you, Michelle, they were outstanding.

Coming up this Saturday is our monthly Cowboy match. We will be shooting five stages this month. All five will be adaptations of Range War stages this year. We will be on the large bays this month setup. After the stages we will have lunch in the clubhouse. We use iPads and the CAS scoring app. Scores are announced at lunch and then emailed out to all participants. One lucky participant will win a future free match.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Butcher Butte Bunch—Fenton

On July 14, 2024, ten cowboys and cowgirls came to Fenton to play. Included in those ten were a couple from Ann Arbor and a couple who came all the way from Petoskey. We also had one person who had never played cowboy before.

The people from Petoskey had contacted me a couple days before the match to make sure that they had read the local categories correctly. They wanted to shoot our local “city slicker” category as they didn’t want to bring all their equipment with them. So, they showed up with just a single action revolver each. After the match they both said that they had a great time and hoped to come again.

The brand new shooter (**Slug Hugger**) did well. Those of us that have been playing this game for a while watched him to make sure he was shooting safely and coaching him through the first couple stages until he got the hang of it. He assured us that he would be back.



Our next match is Sunday, August 11. Registration starts at 8:45 and the match will begin approximately 9:30. Of course, hearing and eye protection is required. If you’ve never shot a cowboy match at Fenton before your cost to participate is only \$5.00.

I have heard from a pretty reliable source that the August match will include the Texas Star. So, c’mon out and join the bang and clang festivities.





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

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