



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Free Shoot and Meeting:

This year we had our annual free shoot and membership meeting at the Huron River Regulators of Washtenaw Sportsman's Club. We had a fun shoot, previewing five renditions of the Range War stages. Good news there were very few procedurals, two mine, and about half of the shooters were clean. After the shoot we read the scores and well JC Wade just plain whipped us all. Riverview Rattler, Faygo Kid, Sarge and Kid Danger rounded out the top five, with Isabella Bird being our top lady.

After the awards we had our annual meeting. We had six clubs represented, which was a good showing. We reviewed the close of 2025 financials, the 2026 budget, the membership report and discussed some items for Range War. Big topics we have the range all day Wednesday and Thursday for set up. We have rented the post hammer for two days rather than one to give us more time with it and give our operator/volunteers a break while using it. It was noted that we don't have a contract yet with BWSA for 2027 yet, but this will be discussed at their October board meeting. Bad Brass and I will be negotiating what is best for the Rangers.

Next was the Clean Match Awards. JC Wade presented our top male shooter Riverview Rattler with his award. Our top lady was not present, so he will give the award to her next time he sees her. That award goes to Hey Sugar. Congratulate them both when you see them.

Lastly, we had our raffle. We had eleven various prizes from powder, primers, knives, etc... Congratulations to those who won.

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Range War:

For Range War this year we are ahead of the game with everything but the applications. While they still trickle in every day, if you know you're coming please sign up as soon as possible. As of this past week the stages were posted to Facebook and our website. Most clubs will try to test a few of these out with the props and targets they have over the next month. I know Saginaw and Plymouth plan to try some this weekend.

All the information about the shoot is now posted on the website. The T-shirt and Towel order has been placed. Shooter's handbooks are released to the printer. Award Buckles have been ordered as well as State Champion Badges & side match awards. Remaining items are the final counts for the Banquet Hall, Alexander's, again this year. I do have a few more days to add to the T-shirt order for those that would like one as they gave me until the 13th to add to the order.

We have all our stage sponsors in. They will be listed on the stage page in the handbook. This year we have very generous donations from Hodgdon Powder and RCBS (which is under the Hodgdon Powder umbrella of companies). Therefore, Hodgdon Powder is our Main Match Sponsor.

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Broke N West has been 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 has been busy 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.

We have also secured a Dillon XL750 that will find its way home to a lucky participant this year as well.

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 still have a few left available. 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 sizes you like.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Range War and our local matches this year. Before we know it, the season will be over.

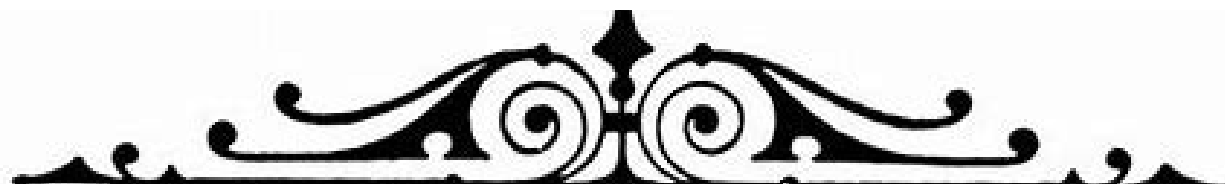
PS – Sign up for Range War

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Butcher Butte Bunch — Fenton

The July match at the Butte had 7 participants. A pretty good turnout since Saginaw's 2 day was the same weekend.

We had one first time shooter. 21 year old Mal made the trek to the Butte from his home in Muskegon. He did pretty well too. Especially considering this was his first cowboy match ever and that he was using borrowed equipment.

The August match (August 9) is going to be a little different from what is usually offered at Butcher Butte. We're keeping information on the match under wraps but you might want to bring a few extra shotgun shells.

Ammo requirements for the August match:

50 pistol

50 rifle

27 shotgun

We were hoping to be able to offer lunch for a small extra fee but that just isn't going to happen.

The Butcher Butte Bunch is looking forward to seeing you there.





Straight Shots from Saginaw

July sure was a memorable month... from the various celebrations of our country's 250th Anniversary, including our 2-Day Freedom Shoot event, to the smoke that arrived in Michigan from the Canadian fires. As we move into August, we are thankful for the cleaner air and hopefully, the fires are under more control now.

Our 2-Day Freedom Shoots held on July 11 & 12th found us enjoying some great weather for shooting and for those camping next to the lake. Our numbers totaled 32 shooters on Saturday; 26 on Sunday. There were 15 who shot Saturday's stages clean...no misses, no procedural. Sunday the clean shooter's count went down to 8, but everyone confirmed they had a great time all weekend and had lots of fun. That's what we love to hear!

Saturday's top 5 men included Deuce Stevens, Ethan Callahan, Doc Noper, Riverview Rattler, and Red Beard Bandit. Our top 5 lady shooters were Diabla, Katie Callahan, Matchstick Molly, Laporte Lil and Lainey Mae. We also had a mini-Wild Bunch match on Saturday after the awards ceremony. Those winners were: Traditional – Ethan Callahan; Classic Modern – Red Beard Bandit, Dead River Den, and Old Dude.

Sunday's top shooters for the men were Deuce Stevens, Riverview Rattler, Avalanche Andy, Ethan Callahan, and The Hysham Kid. Top lady shooters were Diabla, Matchstick Molly, Lainey Mae, Laporte Lil and Diamond Dottie. Our mini-Wild Bunch winners on Sunday were Traditional – Ethan Callahan; Classic Traditional – Flat Water Johnny; Modern – J.T. Wallace, Red Beard Bandit, and Old Dude.

Special thanks to Sally, Julie, Michele, and Tracy for serving up the lunches! Also, we were happy to have some volunteer "brass rats" on each posse. They sure were appreciated!! Big thanks to Blaze N Boone and Coleman. And, of course, many thanks to our gents and ladies who set-up and tear-down. They are all very special people

Our next match is Saturday, August 8th and we are looking forward to including some stages for the Michigan State Shoot, coming up over Labor Day weekend in Port Huron. We start shooting around 10 a.m. and finish around 2 p.m. Mini-Wild Bunch will be held after the awards ceremony. Come shoot with us and plan on having a fun day with all your cowboy friends.

We have current photos and videos from our most recent shoots. Check us out on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting>

Until next time...remember to live life! Give it your best shot!
Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan



Straight Shots from Saginaw





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

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

Our July match was our Limited Mobility Match. No Runing, no racing from place to place to shoot, no Injuns on your heels. It's all stand and deliver shooting. As some of our cowboys and cowgirls are getting up in age, all that movement can make ya' pull up lame.

With no hitches in his gitalongs and quicker than a cold beer downed on a hot summer day, with a total time for all stages of 96.47 seconds was Wolverine Regulator. Rounding out the top five were Sarge, Rev MissALot, Deathwind and Not Dead Ed.

Shooting Clean this month were Deathwind, Footsore, Broke N West, and Rogues Pierre. Our upcoming matches are August 8th on the 100 yard range, September 26th, and closing out our Cactus League Season, the annual Great Pumpkin Smash on October 24th.

And remember, we've got the largest closest stationary targets south of 8-mile.

If you got any questions, feel free to send me a pony express, or telegraph, smoke signal, or any of them newfangled communication devices too.

I thank you for readin' and we'll see you on down the trail.

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



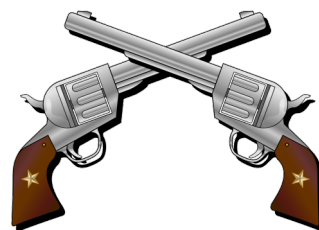
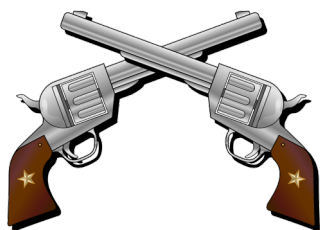


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Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys!

First, I'd like to thank everyone again that attended this years Cowboy Rendezvous with the Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman. Mother Nature provided us with very nice weather and the Cowgirls and Cowboys provided the rest.

We had a total of 41 shooters over the three days of shooting. For those that don't know, we start the weekend off Friday with a three stage warm up match. That Faygo starts off by giving away 1000 Federal primers to a Lucky shooter. This is followed by a great pot luck dinner that. Woody Shoot'em was kind enough to say grace for us. After dinner, there was lots of good camaraderie the rest of the evening.

Saturday is the first day of the main match. That starts off with the Pledge of Allegiance and another 1000 primers given away, before the posses go to their appropriate stages to start the fun. Faygo had written some easy and fast stages for the day. After the shooting was done everyone went to the club house for hot dogs and lots of fixings for lunch. After lunch, anyone that wanted, went back to the range to compete in the all around cowboy event. The competition was very close again this year. The all around cowgirl this year was Diabla and the top three cowboys were Sinola Kid with 76 points, J.C. Wade also with 76 points, and finishing first (by just one point) was Duel'in Dylan with 77. Everyone had dinner on their own. The evening was spent with more camaraderie. The cowgirls, this year, snuck back to the club house to play Diabla's fast and fearless card games.

Sunday dawned at a pleasant temperature and sunny. Again, after the Pledge and Faygo giving away another 1000 primers, the posses went to their appropriate stages and finished up the last five stages of the match.

With all the hardware and carts put away, everyone gathered in the club house for a great chicken and fixings lunch. Did I mention that along with all the good food that we have all weekend, that there is enough GOODIES to choke a horse. If you have a sweet tooth, this is the place to be for the weekend. If you went away hungry, shame on you.





Brush Creek—Hillman

Again this year we had lots of raffles. We had a Mare's Leg with holster and cartridges, to go along with our theme for this years match, Steve McQueen westerns. Primer raffles and a beautifully made Quilt, made by Linda (The Law) Wilson. Our auctions consisted of custom made buckle holder and gun cart both made by Faygo, (long winter up here). About 50 pounds of lead, Aruba cigars donated by Sarge and Diamond Dottie, about 15 pounds of black powder and another 6 pounds of smokeless powder. We had two eight foot plus tables stuffed with door prizes. To list a few: Free entry to Range War donated by the Wolverine Rangers, gift certificates from Starline and Rugged Gear, more primers (donated by Brushwood Bruce and Atlanta Sharp) and lead. Tub-O-Towels and FedPro was very gracious again this year. If you don't use their products, try them out. Great for cleaning guns and lots of other uses. Ruger was very generous with tons of SWAG. Kalamity Karre and Lawless Laverne won enough primers to last a year. Diabla was the lucky winner of the Mare's Leg outfit and Goat Roper Jim was the lucky winner of the Western themed Quilt.

Let's get back to the shooting part of the weekend. We gave away a lot of awards. But, when all was said and done. **Hey Sugar** was the top overall Cowgirl and **J. C. Wade** was the top cowboy and overall winner.

Thank You again everyone for coming and making the Cowboy Rendezvous a success for us again this year.

Be sure to keep the last weekend in July open for the Cowboy Rendezvous 2027.

Until Eleanor and I see you on the trail as they say....

Take Care ,
Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





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Cowboy Rendezvous 2026





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

We had a great shoot, where the rain stayed away for the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and Meeting. There was literally no wind, and it was muggy and warm, but that didn't stop nine shooters from shooting clean.

As for our September shoot, we don't have one this year based on the timing of Range War.

We plan to have a shoot on Sunday August 23rd, to make up for the September shoot we are missing as well as a chance to get another shoot in before Range War.

After that our next shoot will be October 3rd Cowboy and October 4th Wild Bunch.

Hope to see you at our range,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sinola Kid". The script is fluid and cursive.

Sinola Kid



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

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- Volunteer to help with Range War

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