



Wolverine Rangers





WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pardos,

The hot summer has arrived and the days have started to get shorter already. Shoots have been fun, with the tents, fans and ice water.

The *Annual Free Shoot* and membership meeting will be held at Breckenridge this year on July 19th. Thank you to the Sucker Creek crew for hosting us. We will review the normal budgets, financials, clean match winners, etc... Of course, we will have our prize drawings as well. We will be giving out a free shoot to Range War, Federal primers, and other goodies. The Sucker Creek crew always has fun, well written stages, come on out and join us for the match and meeting.

Sign up for Range War! With Labor Day falling on September 1th this year our match is August 29th – August 31th. That means we are closer to the match than you think. We are working hard to get everything in order. Planning has been progressing for months.

A note for those helping with setup this year. We have all the bays all day on Wednesday and Thursday. Thus, giving us more time to setup up. Including setting up the stage bays on Wednesday. The past few years we had not been able to get the range until noon on Wednesday and only prep to set up the bays. All main set up was done on Thursday. This year we can do more on Wednesday and less on Thursday. Meaning less of a rush on Thursday and more time to relax Thursday afternoon.

Good news – We are reworking our shotgun targets to reduce the lead splatter to the shooter, TO and spotters. Testing went well and twelve of them have been put back in the trailers. This has been a continued complaint on the comment cards for years. Thanks to **Kid Danger** and **The Lost Egg** for helping to swap the targets out of the trailers. The rest will be fixed soon.

Blue Eyed Drifter and **Vix-N Targets** will be our main match sponsor this year. You may see some new targets and shapes this year. We are looking for stage sponsors again, if interested contact me. Recognition will be in the shooter's handbook including your company logo if you are a vendor. So far, we have three stage sponsors for the 10 stages. So, there are openings still available. Then to make it into the book. Stages should be posted by mid-July to allow each local club ample chance to set up any stages they would like for their August matches.

Carolina Belle has been working hard to get donations again this year. They are rolling in, and some are pretty large from new suppliers we have not had donations from before.



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As for the basics of Range War, it will be 10 stages, five Saturday & five on Sunday. AM cowboy mini match will be 4 stages. AM Wild Bunch will also be 4 stages. There will not be a PM mini match again this year due to lack of interest. There will be an afternoon Plainsman mini match as well as the speed side events and long range. Don't miss out on the swap meet on Friday.

We will again have lunches available, by donation, on **Friday & Saturday** in the clubhouse. This is a good way to come inside cool off, get out of the sun and spend some time with your pals. Saturday night will be the side match awards in the clubhouse again this year. Camping is planned for the field area, but of course weather dependent. We can use the parking lot of the clubhouse again as needed, or if preferred.

Also, of note **Sarge** and **Boonie Young** will be teaching the new revised SASS RO class on Thursday August 28th at 1:00 PM in the clubhouse. This is a newly revamped and released class, which replaces the ROI and ROII classes. Anyone who indicated they were interested in the classes on their registration will be contacted to confirm. Or if you didn't and are interested in the new class, please contact **Sarge**.

Lastly, we have a few clubs that have fun two & three day matches coming up. Support your local clubs and have a great time at these matches. The set-up and planning for these is extensive and doesn't go un-noticed.

In July, Saginaw has their 2-day match on the 12th and 13th (shot as two separate matches). Also in July at Hillman is the Cowboy Rendezvous on the 25th-27th.

In August Sucker Creek will have their annual 2-day on the 15th-16th. Don't miss the Friday afternoon Old School shoot, always a blast from the past.

Finally in September is the annual 2-day match at Sault Ste. Marie.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

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Golf Cart Rental for Range War 2025

Golf carts are gas powered and will arrive with a full tank

Carts must be reserved

They are standard two seat carts

This will be a first come first served basis for the reservation.

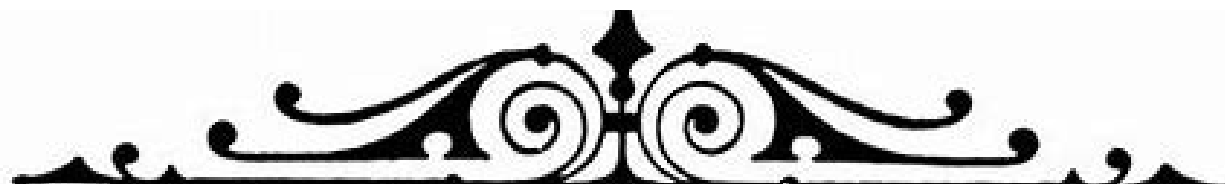
Carts will be delivered Thurs Aug 28th, and will be picked up Mon Sept 1st.

Important notes:

- We will have up to 20 carts available for rent.
 - Carts must be returned clean. Remove all personal items & trash.
- Cart Rental Fee is \$275.**
- Fee includes rental, fuel, delivery and pickup fees, and insurance.

To reserve a cart please fill out the online registration form
on our website. www.wolverinerangers.org

Payments by Credit Card via online form or for other options,
please contact: Sinola Kid (734) 612-0570 or sinolakid@comcast.net



Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, June 1, 2025, was the first Wild Bunch match of the season. Match Director Coyote Claxton designed some challenging stages with lots of targets and magazine changes. And yes, we finished with the infamous “farm animals”. When the shooting was done and Camptown calculated the scores the top three were Camptown, Shelby Kid, and J.J. Longley. The only clean match was J.J. Longley who hit all 168 targets.

The next DSC Wild Bunch match is Sunday, August 24, 2025, just before Range War. Perfect timing to tune your Wild Bunch game to perfection.

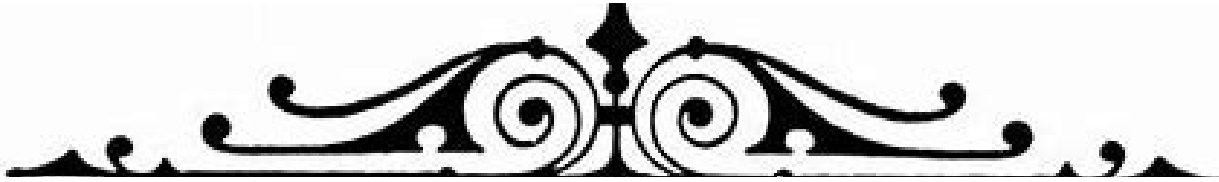
Sunday, June 15, 2025, was our annual Father’s Day Cowboy Match. What a perfect Michigan day, warm temperatures and blue skies. When the dust cleared and the scores were announced Wolverine Regulator was the top gun, followed by Rifle Rick and Shelby Kid.

Shooting clean matches were Longshot Lillian, Old Doc Potter, John Weston, and Isabella Bird.

Our next Cowboy Match will be Sunday, July 20, 2025. This is a t-shirt match, so come dressed in your finest Wolverine Rangers Range War T-shirt.
See you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

Well, I'll say it again, if you haven't been to shoot at HRR yet you're missing out.

Our inaugural three-day shoot The Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam is in the books. It was a great shoot with a bunch of great cowboys and cowgirls. The cool weather of May was long gone. This was the hottest three day shoot I think I have shot in many years. Temps were in the mid 90's all three days.

Stages were straight forward and fun. Maybe we worked too hard to change things up on Saturday afternoon, but the changes made it feel like ten different stages. As no two were set up with the same targets, tables, or prop locations. After the dust cleared, **Hey Sugar** and **Sinola Kid** were our top shooters. Thank you to SASS for providing the champion buckles.

Side matches were Saturday afternoon. Five were planned, but due to the extreme heat we only ended up shooting three of them. A rifle/pistol clay breaking event, Heaven & Hell and the ever-popular snake shoot. After all was tallied **TN Tina** and **River Runner** tied for top cowgirl with **JC Wade** taking the top cowboy spot.

I would like to thank **CJC**, **River Runner**, **Broke N West**, **Carolina Belle**, **Kid Danger** and **JC Wade** for all of their help to make this match as fun and successful as it was. The brutal heat took a toll on all of us. But the air-conditioned clubhouse for dinner, lunches and awards was a welcome place to be.

Lunches from **Carolina Belle** were very good. The Potluck on Friday was also good, so many tasty options. Cooking our own steaks and chicken on the grill proved to be fun and allowed for time to relax and converse with our pards.

We decided to cancel our July matches, both cowboy and wild bunch. Partly due to how much work we all put in for the three day match, and partly due to us wanting to attend some other shoots that weekend.

Our next shoot will be Saturday August 2nd. We plan to shoot five or six stages, possibly some variants of what we will see at Range War.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid





Straight Shots from Saginaw

We're looking forward to seeing many of our pards at our up-coming Freedom Days shooting event on July 12-13th. ...two days of fun shooting, each day a separate shoot with scoring and awards being done each day. A Wild Bunch mini-match will be held after lunch and awards. You can come and shoot both days or if your schedule is tight, just come and shoot one day. Of course, we'd love to have you here both days. We offer free, peaceful camping by the lake and 12 of the camp sites have electricity. Please let us know ahead if you will be camping, your arrival time, and if you plan to camp extra days so we can make sure the gate is open. Our phone numbers are (989)585-3292 or cell (989) 293-1908. Also, feel free to contact us with any questions.

In June, a few of the Saginaw Cowboys made it to the Indiana State Championship. It was a fun, yet challenging match. **Ethan Callahan** took home 1st Place Traditional Wild Bunch with 2nd place Overall and shot clean. In the Cowboy Action match, he placed 1st in Classic Cowboy and shot clean. **Black River Bill** got 3rd in Silver Senior Gunfighter. **Riverview Rattler** placed 1st in Cattle Baron and **Katie Callahan** took 2nd in Cattle Baroness. **Diabla** took 3rd in Lady 49'er and **Bad River Marty** was 1st Silver Senior Gunfighter and shot clean.

Our next upcoming shoots will be our monthly cowboy match on August 23rd. and our Halloween shoot is on October 25.

On September 27 & 28, Saginaw Field and Stream will host the **Wild Bunch Michigan State Championship**. Those interested in applications, or any information on guns, rules, etc. may contact Ethan Callahan at (989) 412-0010 (e-mail j20bell@yahoo.com) or e-mail Flat Water Johnny (john@thejpa.com).

Summer is moving by fast and you don't want to miss out on lots of fun. The Saginaw Cowboys wish all our pards a happy Independence Day and want you to remember to live life... give it your best shot! God bless America!!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys,

June 14 was a great day in northern Michigan. Brush Creek Wranglers of Hillman held our monthly cowboy shoot, and we had 12 cowgirls and cowboys eager to send some lead down range. **Faygo Kid** wrote some good stages, but somehow everyone managed to do something wrong. **Eleanor and Linda Scout** put together a very nice lunch, so we sat around eating and talking for as long as we had shot.

Our next monthly shoot is July 14. Come on out and get warmed up for the Rendezvous.

Talking about the *Cowboy Rendezvous*, we've been working hard to hopefully to put on the best Rendezvous yet. We'll have lots of shooting, food, and we've got so many door prizes, auctions items, and a couple raffles. The main things of interest, to mention a few, are another handmade quilt by **Judi (Goat Roper Jim's wife)**, a red, white, and blue semi auto shotgun, a one of a kind specially made wooden container by **Mohawk Scout** (plus his special awards), primers, and more, just to name a few. I'm telling you don't want to miss this shooting weekend!

That's all for now.

Shoot Straight and Take Care,
Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





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Stage Sponsors for Range War 2025

You will receive recognition in the Shooter's Handbook for your generosity. Please note the handbook goes to print July 28th.

Submissions must be completed by then to make it into the book for your recognition.

Thank you for helping make Range War 2025 a rootin-tootin good time.

If interested, please contact Sinola Kid





Moving With a Gun is Allowed

(This is Cowboy *Action* Shooting, isn't it?)

Revolvers – See page 15 of the shooter's handbook

Safe Conditions During a Course of Fire – Revolvers

Revolvers are considered SAFE for movement (in hand, while holstering, or while moving through a stage) and SAFE to leave the shooter's hand in the following conditions ONLY:

- Hammer fully down on an empty chamber.
- Hammer fully down on an expended round. A revolver may not be originally staged in this condition, but may be restaged in this condition.
- GUNFIGHTER shooting style considerations: When shooting Gunfighter style, a gunfighter may not holster revolvers with the intent to engage another sequence. (See Gunfighter Rules).

Summarizing the rulebook, the shooter may move with revolver(s) as long as the hammers are down on any empty chamber or down on a spent round. The shooter may draw revolver(s) while moving, hold in hand(s) while moving, or re-holster while moving.

Rifles – See page 16 of the shooter's handbook

Safe Conditions During a Course of Fire – Rifles...

A rifle is considered SAFE for movement (in hand, while moving through a stage) in the following condition only:

- Hammer fully down on an empty chamber or expended round, action closed.
- Action open, round on carrier or in chamber.

Summarizing the rulebook, the shooter may move with the rifle as long as the hammer is down on an empty chamber or down on a spent round, or if the action is open (even if rounds are in the rifle).

Shotguns – See page 16 of the shooter's handbook

Safe Conditions During a Course of Fire – Shotguns...

A shotgun is considered SAFE for movement (in hand, while moving through a stage) in the following conditions only:

- Action open, round in chamber or on carrier.
- Hammer(s) fully down on an empty chamber(s) or expended round(s), action closed.

Summarizing the rulebook, the shooter may move with the shotgun as long as the hammer(s) is(are) down on an empty chamber or down on a spent round, or if the action is open (even if rounds are in the shotgun).

Please note the latest Shooter's Handbook was published May 2025



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

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

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

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATORS

- Join Wolverine Rangers or Renew Membership
- Change in any contact or membership information
- Badges or Membership Packets

WEBMASTER

- Club Match Scores
- Notices, Schedule Changes, etc. posted on Home Page & Club Page Information
- Classified and Merchant Ads

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- Requests to receive Epitaph by email or notification that newsletter has been posted on the website

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