

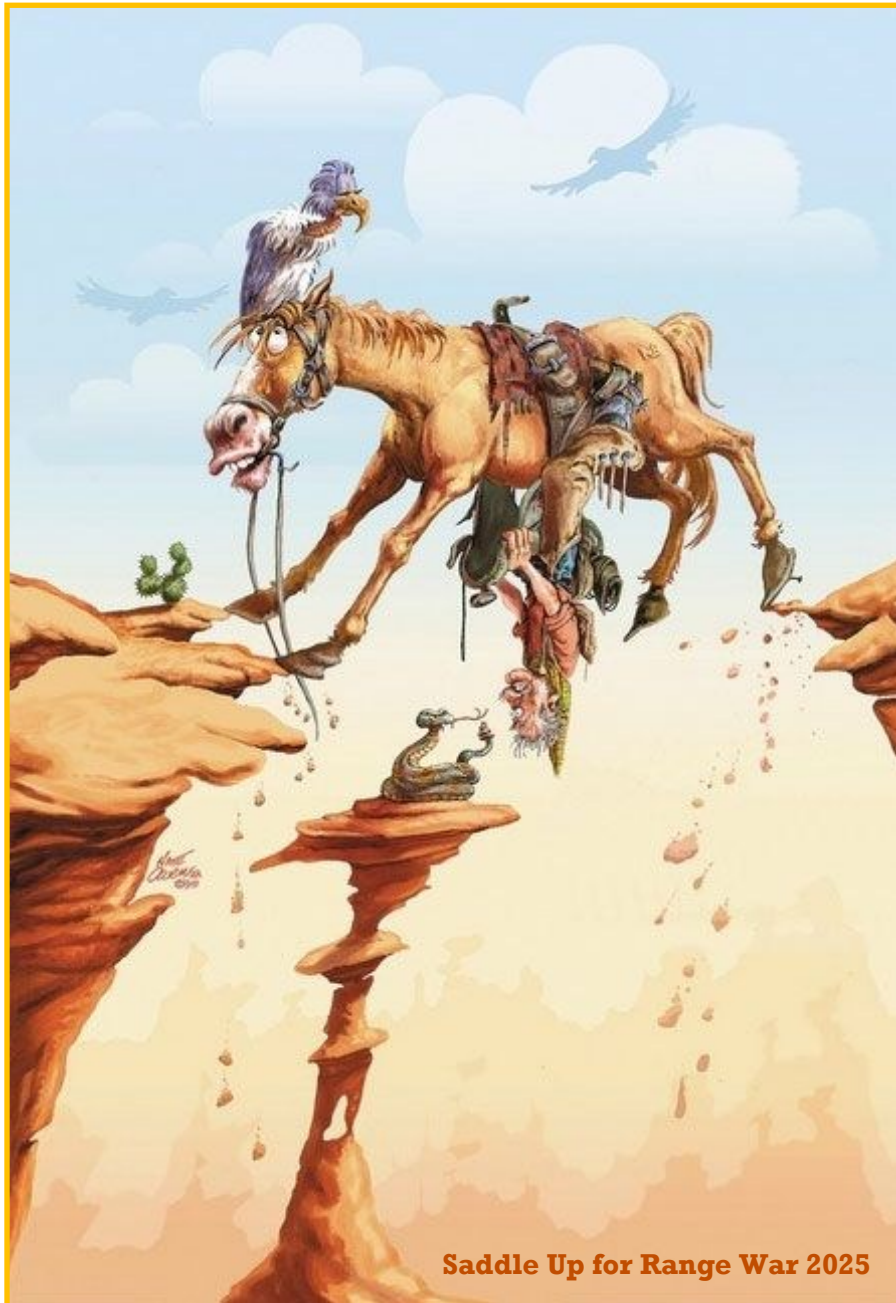


Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pardes,

Keeping the letter a bit short this month. A Range War update.

So far, we have ninety shooters signed up. The breakdown is as usual just above 50% are from Michigan with the rest spread out among our neighboring states and Canada. So far this year we have 50 from Michigan, 21 from Ohio, 6 from Indiana, 6 from Pennsylvania, 5 from Canada, 1 from Florida and 1 from Iowa. While our numbers are currently below where we would want them to be, we can see that our draw from outside of Michigan is nearly the same as what we get from our own state.

At the time of this letter being written, the buckles have been ordered, new clean match awards are ordered, the books are nearly ready to go to the printer, the T-Shirt and Towel order is complete, with the final category awards list to be sent off to the vendor on Monday. Final count and payment will go to the banquet hall for dinner this week.

We have about five golf carts still available for rent for the weekend. They have been selling much quicker this year. Once we sell out, we will not be able to get anymore. Please contact **Carolina Belle** or **Sinola Kid** for availability.

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.

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See the website for the stages, round count for the main match and mini matches, and other recently released information.

As for the basics of Range War, it will be 10 stages, five Saturday and 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 and 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.

Side match awards will be in the clubhouse on Saturday. 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.

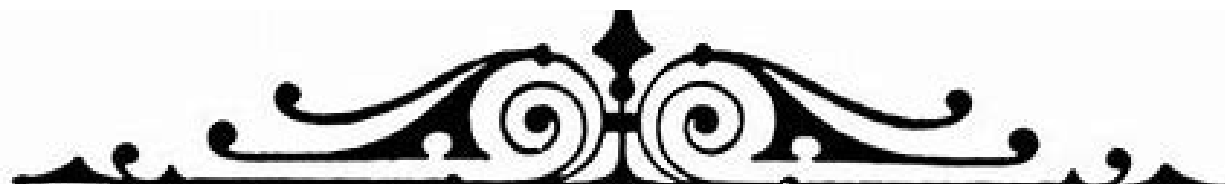
Sarge and Boonie Young will be teaching the new revised SASS ROBS class on Thursday August 28th at 1:00 PM in the clubhouse. This is a newly revamped and released class, which replaces the ROI and ROII classes. Anyone who indicated they were interested in the classes on their registration will be contacted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

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, July 20, 2025, was a pleasant 75-degree day with lots of overcast skies. The threat of some moisture in the air was always present but stayed away for the whole match. After shooting five fast and furious stages, **Camptown** calculated and announced the overall scores, **Sinola Kid** was awarded top honors. Only 5 seconds behind was **Leadfoot Luke** followed by **Shelby Kid** to round out the top three finishers. The overall woman competitor was **Hey Sugar** finishing in fourth place overall.

Shooting clean matches were **Broke N West**, **Camptown**, **Hey Sugar**, **Jack Holladay**, **John Weston**, **Rochester Kid**, **Shelby Kid**, and **Sinola Kid**.

The next match action at DSC comes just before Wolverine Rangers Range War. So come out and tune up your Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch skills.

Sunday, August 17, 2025, Cowboy Action Match
Sunday, August 24, 2025, Wild Bunch Match

Hope to see you on the range.

J.J. Longley





Straight Shots from Saginaw

It seems like summer is disappearing way too fast. It's been a busy month for many of our pards and we were thrilled to have 34 shooters on Saturday and 30 on Sunday of our 2-Day event July 12-13. Many of our shooters took advantage of the free camping at the lake and some came as far north as Marquette and even Deuce made it Saturday from Indiana.

On Saturday's shoot, we had 11 clean shooters and on Sunday, 16 were clean. Saturday's top shooters were **Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Riverview Rattler, Two Rig a Tony and Bad River Marty**. After the awards ceremony, a mini-Wild Bunch match took place. Traditional – **Ethan Callahan**; Classic Traditional – **Flat Water Johnny**; Modern – **Red Beard Bandit, Truckee**, and **Dead River Den**. On Sunday, our winners were **Riverview Rattler, Duel'in Dylan, Ethan Callahan, Bad River Marty** and **Red Beard Bandit**. Good shooting, folks!!

BIG thanks to **Sally, Julie, Michelle** and **Tracy** for great lunches and homemade desserts that always make us come back for seconds! And what shooter doesn't love having a brass rat working on their posse? Hats off to **Coleman** and **Blaze N Boone** for a job much appreciated!

August is now up on our calendar and it's filling up fast. Guns of August is right around the corner, along with lots of monthly shoots. Saginaw's shoot is Saturday, Aug. 23rd and we'll be using some scenarios taken from the upcoming state shoot. This is always a good time to become familiar with the scenarios.

And for our Wild Bunch folks, Saginaw Field & Stream is hosting the SASS Michigan State Wild Bunch Championship September 27-28. Applications, tentative schedule, and contact: <https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting> or www.facebook.com/EthanCallahan or e-mail j20bell@yahoo.com

We hope to see you at our August 23rd. match and Range War is the following week. Until then...remember to live life! Give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan





Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

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

The Regulators have been busier than a bee in a cowboy hat this summer. June 28 was our 3rd Annual Annie Oakley Ladies match, and the day following was our club match. The sun was hot, eyes squinted at the targets, the cowgirls glowed. The cowboys just sweated, and the ladies shot game.

At the Annie Oakley Match, running through five stages and shooting Ace-high was **Diabla**. Following her was **Bar Bell**, **Diamond Dottie**, **Chica**, and **River Runner**. The only clean match for the ladies was **Diamond Dottie**.

Over lunch we had a couple of seminars. Sarge brought a new way to practice without ever firing a shot. He brought to the group visualization techniques and tips to get your mind right before ever sending a round down-range. Wolverine Regulator followed up with how to up your game by improving your transitions between guns. (think smooth is fast, and plan how and where to stage your guns before and after shootin' em.)

Awards and door prizes followed with a wide selection of bullets from **ProCast Bullets**, baubles, and gift certificates for custom stock covers from **Michigan Rattler**, a custom shotgun belt from **Doc Noper**, \$'s off from **Bullets By Scarlett**, **Rugged Gear**, **Wild West Mercantile**, **Hunters Gold HD** glasses, and more.



The Ladies of the Annie Oakley Match

Sunday, the following day, was our club match. The sun beat down on the range, hot lead flew, and even hotter were the shooters. Running his barking irons, slinging lead, and leading the pack this month was **Riverview Rattler**. Right behind him were **Sinola Kid**, **Sarge**, **Wolverine Regulator**, then **Diabla**.

Our Clean shooters were **Riverview Rattler**, **Broke N West**, and **Footsore**.



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

July 13 brought our Limited Mobility match. We do this every year for our cowboys who's giddyap got up and went, or have a hitch in their git-alongs. It's five stages of no running around. It is all stand, or sit, and deliver. We pulled up our match due to conflicts with some other matches later in the month. 21 shooters rode into town on a Sunday. Although there wasn't any movement, **Sarge** kept the stages far from basic or boring. He it made a fun, challenging match for all. Coming in first, riding like a pony express rider with a band of Comanches on his tail was **J C Wade**. Rounding out the top 5 were **Sinola Kid**, **Wolverine Regulator**, **Sarge**, and **J Bird Regulator**.

Our clean shooters for the match were **Old Doc Potter** and **Slow Gin Ricky**.



Rodent getting ready to drop the pan. The sun was hot and so was the danged pan!



Honest Abe, Keeping the stage honest.



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth



Single Barrel Bob stepping up to the challenge.

We'll all be back to regular Saturday Schedule for the rest of the year.

Cactus League Matches: (200 Yard Range 8:30 registration opens)

August 23

September 27

October 25

The Annual Great Pumpkin Shoot

Now remember, you can shoot fast, shoot clean, or look good, pick any two. I thank you for reading, and we'll see you on down the trail.

Not Dead Ed (Sheriff)
aka Ed Kucinski



Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We had a great turn out for our July shoot and it was nice to see some old friends returning to the Valley.

Congratulations to our 9 Clean shooters this month, **Anvil Adam, Joe Quick, Johnny Rebel, Lighting Bill, Mez Cal, Madcap, Rover, Spoon River Sam, Three Gun Cole**. 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.

Krista and **Tommy** did a fantastic job as always with our lunch today the best fried chicken and fixins.

I have a great posse that helps set up on the Sunday before our shoot thank you, **Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon, Ya Big Tree, Three Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers**, and **Ka Adik Krista**.

Our next shoot will be August 17, 2025. 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
574-349-3764





Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

It's been a fun shooting season here at the Creek.. We have had great weather for our first four shoots this year at the Creek!

It's always great to see our shooting pards, to meet some new ones too!

Our July shoot this year was the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot...32 shooters came out to try their skills on our targets. Visiting us from Indiana... Deuce Stevens came to show us how its done. Always great to have Deuce join us again. Top shooting honors went to **Deuce, JC Wade, Riverview, Doc Noper, Bad River Marty, Leadfoot Luke, Sinola Kid, Sarge, hOOt Hamilton** and **Hey Sugar** (top 10).

Shooting the match clean... **Bad River Marty, Cactus Lawman, Deuce Stevens, Doc Noper, Hey Sugar, Longshot Lillian, and Old Doc Potter.**

When the shooting was done we all enjoyed another great meal by **Chica**. She makes some of the best cakes... Yum!

After lunch the annual Wolverine Rangers Meeting was held. Membership, Finances, Range War info, etc. was heard.

Range War is coming up soon...if you haven't already done it...get your applications in! It's always a fun time.

This years top Clean Shooter awards went to **Hey Sugar** and **Sinola Kid**.

It's been a busy Spring for me...so far I have shot the Florida State, Ohio State, Tennessee State, Indiana State. We were at Plymouth for the Lady's only shoot Saturday. I shot Sunday at their regular monthly shoot also. The weather was great but... HOT, and the shooting and camaraderie were the best.

Last weekend we shot at the Hillman 3 day shoot...as always Faygo, Eleanor and team put on a wonderful match. This is one to look forward to every year!





Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Our August shoot will feature our popular OLD School Shoot and Camping Extravaganza... so come on out to the Creek. We'll be there Wednesday thru Sunday... August 13th – 17th. Thursday we'll have some new challenges for you as a warm up. We've got some new target stands to try out...Thanks **Red Beard!**

We'll have our usual pot luck on Friday night...we supply the meat. The Old School Shoot will begin around 3 pm Friday followed by the pot luck.

Saturday will be one of our regular matches...I have some fun stages planned. The Old School Shoot will feature some crazy and fun new challenges... Diabla has some really great door prizes for you! You won't want to miss it.

If you manage to come out early, we plan to serve breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings.

So hitch up your camper, come on and join us for a great time at the Creek.

Your Hosts,

Riverview, Chica & Diabla....Lucy & Meeka too!





Cowboy Spotlight

On July 19th, during the Wolverine Rangers' Free Shoot, Sinola Kid was presented with his SASS Regulator badge by Sarge. SASS has been recognizing cowboys and cowgirls that have showed the "Cowboy Way" since 1990, receiving this badge is a great honor.

What does it take to receive this badge? Here are the requirements from SASS's website:

SASS® Regulators are those folks who work above and beyond the call of duty for the direct benefit of SASS® and their affiliated club(s). They personify the "Cowboy Way" and provide an excellent role model for all shooters- young and old alike. SASS® Regulators don't know the meaning of the word "no". They are on the frontlines, doing the fieldwork of SASS®- promoting, shooting, working- essentially, "riding for the brand". They have taken responsibility for growing new SASS® clubs in their communities and around the world. Their efforts are a direct benefit to SASS® as an organization and they have an impact far beyond the bounds of their home club. They are often ambassadors for the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Wild Bunch Action Shooting™- providing a shining example of what we mean by the term "Spirit of the Game".

Sinola Kid is in good company with some of our fellow Michigan cowboys:

Capt. Fog	2000
Cactus Kay	2001
Dakota Doc	2001
Lucky Lennie	2004
Deuce Stevens	2011
Cree Vicor Dave	2012
R. J. Law	2018
The Lady	2018
Bad River Marty	2021
Sinola Kid	2025



Congratulations to Sinola Kid and all of our Michigan Regulators!!!



Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys!

Well, the 5th annual Cowboy Rendezvous is in the books as they say. The shoot was held over the weekend of July 25th through the 27th, but some of the shooters started showing up on the 23rd in those modern Conestoga wagons. It was a very warm weekend for northern Michigan, but everyone sweated it out like true cowboys, and we made it through the weekend just fine. Except for a little rain on Saturday afternoon that held up the all-around event, it was sunny and very nice weather. With 40 cowgirls and cowboys shooting the 10 stage main match and 14 shooting the all-around cowboy match. Speaking of the All-Around match, when all was said and done, **Diabla** was the top lady and **Leadfoot Luke** the top man. Just to let everyone know **Lainey Mae** sent me to Hell, to win the Heaven and Hell part of the All-Around.

We had lots and lots of food all weekend long, starting Thursday morning with **Card Shark Charlie's** biscuits and gravy breakfast, ending Sunday with chicken and all the fixings. Did I mention Goodies, well there was more than you could shake a stick at. Plus, it was **T. N. Tina's** birthday, so **Eleanor** got cake and **Sugar** and **Luke** brought ice cream.

The sponsors and shooters alike were very generous again this year. So, we had hundreds of door prizes and 7 very nice items to auction off. It truly was amazing.

Riverview and **Faygo** announced and gave out all the category awards. When the dust had settled, **Hey Sugar** was the top Cowgirl and **Leadfoot Luke** was the top Cowboy.

Thanks again to everyone that came to the shoot and especially to all those that helped **Eleanor** and I with setting everything up and taking all down again.

Well, until next time.

Take Care

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang





Brush Creek—Hillman





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

Our most recent match was Saturday August 2nd . We had a fun match, with a variation of five of the range war stages. I wish we had more targets to spread out, but we had a ton of them out there and were able to at least shoot some sweeps we will see later this month. Today we had 17 shooters and one regular shooter with a broken hand who came out to have some fun and keep score. Thank you all for coming.

After we finished, we had seven clean shooters. A good testament to good stages with such a high percentage of clean shooters. Leading us all was **JC Wade**, **Leadfoot Luke** and **Hey Sugar** as our top three. After the match **Carolina Belle** had some fantastic chicken salad croissants, coleslaw and peach bars for lunch.

Thank you to all who stayed to help for tear down. It was a very long week and the extra help was much appreciated.

Our next shoot is Saturday September 6th. Come on out and have some fun with us.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Cowboy Action Shooting Expectations vs. Reality

As we continue to travel around to the clubs in our state, clubs in other states, and state and regional matches outside of our state I am seeing a trend. Everywhere we go has something different to offer. Some clubs have more than others as far as stages, facades, town building, targets, etc.... Some have big targets closeup and personal, some are mid-sized and vary and some seem small and far away for what we expect for today's game. Movements are different and sweeps may be unfamiliar at times. Sometimes it may feel like there is a home field advantage for those clubs and their members.

While all these things may be different at different clubs, in other cities, states or countries, the common factor is what we like to call the cowboy way. If you can keep an open mind and make an effort to have fun, "the cowboy way", you will have a great time wherever you go.

Often, I come across shooters that try to make everywhere they go conform to their expectations, to their local clubs' rules or specific nuances. This isn't why we travel to other places and to shoot at other clubs. We go there for the people, the camaraderie, the fun, the cowboy way. I recently had a fantastic time at an out of state three-day match. It was different, and no I didn't shoot my best, but I had a great time and a very fun weekend.

My point is go try somewhere new. Keep an open mind. Realize that wherever you go other cowboys have a way they do things, and are volunteers, who bust their butts to make your day fun. Keep an open mind and allow yourself to enjoy the day, even if you don't like a sweep, or maybe the tables they have or even a target shape that was new to you. Just relax and enjoy our sport, *the cowboy way*.

Sincerely,

Sinola Kid

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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- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
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