



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

Well, it's Range War time already. I swear the summer just flies by. Although the heat wave that stayed for 3 months wasn't great, the weather looks like it should be nice this week. We are setting up Wednesday and Thursday, if you have some time and want to chip in, we have plenty of stuff to do. Including tasks that don't require any heavy lifting.

For those that ordered golf carts, they will be delivered on Thursday morning.

Reminder:

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. If you are interested in the new class, please contact Sarge.

Lastly for this month, I attended the Fire and Brimstone, International Black Powder shoot last weekend at Paradise Pass in Indiana. What a fantastic shoot. While I did skip side match day and the night shoot on Friday, the main match was a ton of fun. Videos of the night shoot are all over Facebook. For someone that rarely shoots black powder, mainly because I hate cleaning my guns, I had a great time.

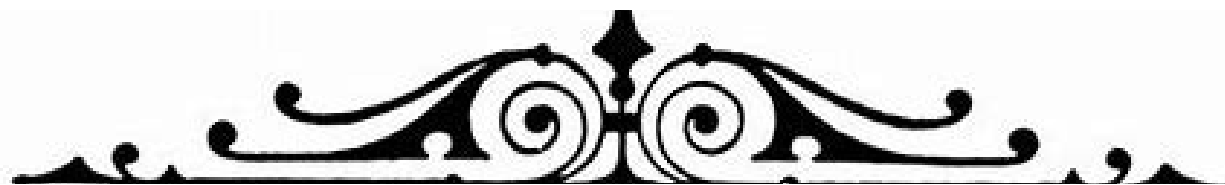
The Match Directors, **Big Iron Bohannon** and **Dallas McBoomboom** wrote ten really fun stages. **Little Iron Lucille** had a huge hand in making everything go smoothly. The banquet dinner was home cooked, very tasty, everyone loved it. After dinner and side match awards we played Bingo. Prizes were great if you won, 1000 Federal Primers, Bourbon, etc... Well, I didn't win but it was still fun. We had a great posse, led by our marshal Deuce Stevens. And it was really nice to shoot with and talk with **Chili Pepper Pete**, who I hadn't seen in quite a while. This was one of the best and most fun matches I have attended in a long time. Hopefully I'll be able to attend again next year.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid





Rocky River Regulators of DSC — Utica

Sunday, August 17, 2025, was a tune up match for the Wolverine Ranger's Range War State Championship. Five stages that will challenge the cowboys and cowgirls attending this year's State Championship were set up and ready to be challenged.

Sixteen motivated competitors were on the range to challenge the metal hombres standing in their way.

When the dust settled and the scores were calculated, the top finisher was **Leadfoot Luke** followed by **Rifle Rick**, and **Hey Sugar**. Shooting clean matches were **Broke N west**, **Hey Sugar**, **Leadfoot Luke**, **Rifle Rick**, and **Rodent**.

With this match in the books, these competitors are ready for Labor Day weekend and Range War.

Good Luck to all the competitors at Range War.

The next monthly Cowboy match at DSC is Sunday, September 21, 2025.

See you on the range,
J.J.
Longley





Straight Shots from Saginaw

Here we are getting ready for Range War already. It seems like summer just tossed us into fall, but many don't seem to mind the more tolerable temps. August was a busy month for many of our pard. **Bad River Marty** and **Ethan Callahan** ventured to Guns of August and put up with some scorching hot weather. **Bad River Marty** brought home *first place Cattle Baron Gunfighter* and **Ethan Callahan** took *first place Duelist* and *first in Wild Bunch Traditional*.

Back on the home front, Saginaw's Aug. 23rd match was a challenging event, but our pards stuck out the rainfall that drenched most of us, and by the end of that stage, we were on to perfect shooting weather. We were using scenarios from the upcoming Range War and many were finding them as challenging as the weather had been. But, in the end, we had 9 clean shooters out of the 30 shooters there. Top shooters were: **Three Gun Cole**, **Ethan Callahan**, **Riverview Rattler**, **Doc Noper** and **Red Beard Bandit**. Our mini Wild Bunch Match winners were: Traditional – **Ethan Callahan**; Classic Traditional – **Flat Water Johnny**; and Modern – **Red Beard Bandit**. Congrats to ALL our shooters for showing your cowboy grit in the rain.

The SASS Michigan State Wild Bunch Championship, Saginaw Showdown, is fast approaching... September 27-28. For those interested, check out the following for information. <https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting> or www.facebook.com/EthanCallahan or e-mail j20bell@yahoo.com

We hope to see you at Range War, "giving 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 greetings from the ranch.

Cooler weather started coming in with the August match. It was a nice change from being hotter than a Buzzard's beak. The Regulators rode into town to shoot 5 stages as practice for the upcoming Stage Championships over Labor Day Weekend.

Working in Cahoots with the Huron River Regulators our two clubs gave the shooters a chance to preview all ten of the state match stages.

Twenty-One Cowboys and Cowgirls rode in. The skies were gray, smoke flew, the smell of gunpowder hung in the air. Coming in First, slinging lead and gunning down targets quicker than downing a cold brew on a hot summer day was: **Leadfoot Luke**, right behind this match was his wife **Hey Sugar**. Chugging right behind, in the top five were **Sarge**, **Wolverine Regulator**, and **Slow Gin Ricky**.

Our Clean shooters were **Hey Sugar**, **Slow Gin Ricky**, **J.J. Longley** and **Footsore**.

Our September Match is coming on the 27th on the 200-yard range. It's our *Annual Carson City Slick Memorial* match where we ring the bell for our shooters who have rode into the sunset.

Our October match will round out our Cactus League season with our *Annual Halloween Great Pumpkin Smash* on October 25th. **Slow Gin Ricky** will be dreaming up some "Hauntingly" good stages.

And remember, this is the only sport where you can dress like you're ten again, but the guns are REAL!

Thank you kindly for readin' and we'll see you on down the trail.

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





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We had a 35 Shooters for our August match and it was nice to see some old friends returning to the Valley also several visitors stopped by to check out the fun.

Congratulations to our 11 Clean shooters this month, **Cayuse Jack, Joe Quick, Justice Despin- cer, Mike E The Blaster, Money Bags Mathias, Mustache Kid, Ranger Mike, Rover, Tin Cup, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ya Big Tree.** 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 Pork Ends and fixins.



I had a great posse that helped set up on the Sunday before our shoot. Thank you: **Ranger Mike, Shakey Shot Sharon, Ya Big Tree, 3 Gun Cole, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.**

Our next shoot will be September 21, 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
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Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Thank you to all the cowboys, cowgirls and supporters who joined us at The Creek this weekend! We had a great time camping, shooting and spending time with y'all! We had campers arrive on Wednesday!

Thursday was a day for our partners to practice with their cowboy and non-cowboy guns. Thursday afternoon we had a marksman shoot. We had five participants. We shot the dueling tree, Texas Star and the tombstone knockdowns followed by 4 shotgun knockdowns then a shotgun knockdown with a bonus flyer. The second part of the marksman shoot was using a 22 pump rifle to shoot 5 shots on each spinner target. Congratulations to **Diabla** for her first place with a time of 45.96 with no misses and one bonus. **Hoot Hamilton** was the top cowboy with a time of 58.42.

Day two was the old school shoot. 5 stages were planned. We ended up shooting 3 stages due to the heat! We had 19 shooters! The old school shoot had us lassoing a barrel horse, carrying handcuffs through a stage, digging shotgun shells out of a bag of hulls and rubber chickens, pouring a shot for a soiled dove at the saloon, and lastly, we had to shoot a style of shotgun different than what we normally shoot! (Much respect for y'all 97 shooters) I'll be sticking with my double barrel! After a dinner of burgers, brats and lots of potluck stuff a winner was declared! Congratulations to Riverview Rattler for his first place win! **Sarge, Wolverine Regulator, Red Beard Bandit and Diabla** rounded out the top five! Congrats to the 7 clean shooters! **Diabla, Faygo Kid, Longshot Lillian, Outrider Outlaw, Red Beard Bandit, Riverview Rattler and Sarge!** We also invited a new shooter into the ranks! Big cowboy welcome to **Dusty Scrubs** (Steve)!





Sucker Creek Peacemakers-Breckenridge

Day 3 was our regular cowboy match! We had 32 shooters who braved the blazing hot sun! 5 fun stages! When the smoke cleared **Wolverine Regulator** was our top cowboy! Congratulations on a blazing hot time of 96.23! **Doc Noper, Bad River Marty, Sinola Kid, Riverview Rattler, Leadfoot Luke, Sarge, Faygo Kid, Hey Sugar** and **Ethan Callahan** wrapped up the top 10! Congratulations to all of you! We had 12 clean shooters! Compliments to **Bad River Marty, Doc Noper, Dusty Jode, Ethan Callahan, Faygo Kid, Flat Water Johnny, Hey Sugar, Leadfoot Luke, Riverview Rattler, Sinola Kid, TNTina** and **Two Rig A Tony**!

A special thank you to **Sinola Kid** for the hat pin! Perfect addition for my straw hat!

We had pulled pork and fixings for lunch! Also the hottest jalapeños known to man in the pico de gallo (apologies to **Eleanor Jewel** for discovering this)! Thank you **Chica** for the great meal! Thank you to everyone who helped clean up, reset targets, paint and all the other tasks that need done on a multi-day match! Much appreciated!

Time to get ready for Range War...hope to see everyone there!

Diabla, Riverview & Chica

Remember... **Smooth is Fast**





Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys

August 9th was another VERY hot day here in what some call The Great White North.

Mohawk Scout had written some interesting stages for his "Mohawk's Revenge". We got to shoot cigarettes (crayons) out of the Bad Guys mouths, bad guys without hitting the hostages, and the best was hitting the Tannerite target for a bonus.

We sweated a lot, laughed a lot, and had a great lunch served by Linda (**Mrs. Mohawk**). **Faygo Kid** shot four of the hostages, but still managed to finish first overall, followed closely by **Brushwood Bruce** and **T. N. Tina**.

Our next monthly is on Oct. 11th. Hopefully it's not *Snowing*...LOL.....Until next time, shoot well and make sure to have FUN!!!

Take Care,
Faygo Kid and the
Brush Creek Gang





Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

We haven't had a shoot since the last epitaph came out, but our next shoot is Saturday September 6th. Come on out and have some fun with us. We will be shooting five stages on three set ups. These will be posted on our Facebook in the next few days. We have some new targets, larger and different shapes we will be utilizing, as well as some new stands.

In October we will shoot Cowboy on Saturday the 4th followed by a Wild Bunch Match on Sunday the 5th.

The big news for this month is that the 2nd Annual Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam dates have been set. Our match will be on June 5-7, 2026. Applications should be ready and posted by October 1st. Planning is underway, and we expect this to be a bigger and even better match next year. Probably a little less stage modifications between days, lol, for those that know.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid



In Memoriam – Lone Lawman

David J. Colling
May 22, 1935 – August 17, 2024

God saw that he was getting tired and a cure was not to be, So He put his arms around him and whispered, "Come home with me." With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away, Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

The following is from Lone Lawman's daughters.

Honoring David Colling's Frontier Spirit

David—fondly known as the Lone Lawman—carried the Wild West not just in his heart, but through every chapter of his life. From his love of classic motion pictures to his meticulously curated collection of firearms, rifles, and knives, he embodied the essence of frontier grit and integrity.

His lifelong friendship with Ron Gullette (affectionately known as Rongo), formed at the age of five, was built on shared adventures and a mutual reverence for cowboy culture. Together, they traveled to gun and knife shows and competed in Cowboy Action Shooting events, embracing the spirit of camaraderie and old-west tradition.

We were fortunate to join our dad on many shoot days. Dressed in authentic period attire, immersed in friendly competition, and surrounded by fellow enthusiasts, his joy was undeniable. These were some of the memories he cherished most.

But David's lawman spirit went beyond costumes and competitions. He served his country with honor as a 13-year veteran of the U.S. Army, and later continued his mission for justice in the corporate world. As a global auditor, he became a quiet sentinel—policing improprieties, upholding ethical standards, and ensuring accountability across borders. His dedication to fairness and his unwavering moral compass mirrored the very code of the frontier heroes he admired.

David deeply believed in preserving and passing on the traditions he loved. He would be honored knowing that his treasured items will be used by others who share his passion. May they carry forward not only his legacy of action, but also his steadfast commitment to honor, fellowship, and integrity—values that defined him as a true modern-day lawman.

Best, Cristin and Cindy Colling

Lone Lawman's family donated some of his cowboy gear to the Wolverine Rangers. We will have it in the clubhouse at Range War set out. It will be sold to benefit the Rangers. Please stop by and see if there is anything you can use or know someone in need.





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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