



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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WOLVERINE RANGERS' EPITAPH



★ Captain's Corner ★

Hello,

We are full into the cowboy season. Lots of matches already in the books. Kentucky State, Ohio State, Indiana State, etc. It sure is nice we have the Labor Day weekend locked in for our state shoot. I feel like these early season big matches are just a warmup from the long winter and getting back into the swing of things with three-day matches.

This year we will have our annual free shoot and membership meeting at our newest club. The Huron River Regulators at Washtenaw Sportsman's Club. In just our third year of hosting cowboy matches we are ready to host the free shoot and meeting. It will be held on Saturday August 1st. There will be five fun stages, followed by a nice meal in the airconditioned clubhouse and our annual meeting. We will have a Wild Bunch shoot on Sunday August 2nd. For those that have a far drive, we will have camping available. Please reach out to me if you are interested in camping. So, you can come in on Friday, shoot Saturday & Sunday.

For Range War this year we have everything in process. As usual the apps have been trickling in all year. Seems to be an uptick of late which is good. We will need to order the buckles and awards in Early July to have them in time for the match. So sign up as soon as possible so that we can get the counts right and the awards ordered.

Currently Blue Water Sportsman's Association is under construction. This past week they worked on all the roads grading, leveling and crowning as required. The clubhouse is under full renovation/construction that has been underway for the last month. Current timeline shows completion of the clubhouse in early to mid-August. So, we should have no issues with it being ready for us to arrive on September 2nd for setup.

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We are asking/looking for stage sponsors again this year. The request is a minimum of \$100, and you or your business will be featured and thanked in the book for your sponsorship. Currently we have three of the ten locked in but are looking for seven more, so that we have one for each stage.

Golf carts:

For those that would like to order golf carts, they will be available again. The order form will be posted on the website in the next two weeks, as we have finalized negotiations with the rental company. Gas price fluctuations are key here to keep the costs down. We have a few already verbally reserved, so if you need one and the form is not published yet, please reach out to Carolina Belle or me.

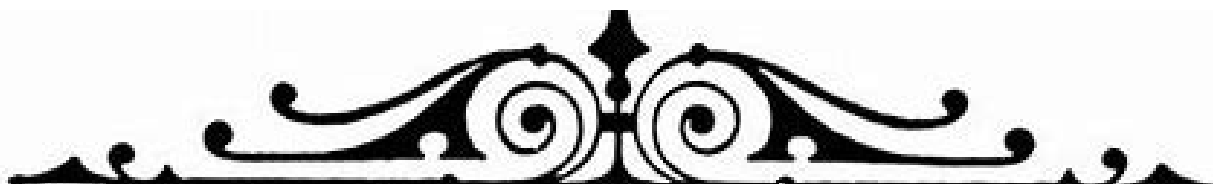
Looking forward to seeing everyone at our local matches this year. Before we know it, summer will be over.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

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Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

We have had a busy start to the season. Building new props, walls, stages, and adding new shotgun targets, new steel shapes in much larger sizes. Of course everyone loves big steel targets, but as far as the set-up crew knows the bigger they get, the heavier they are.

For our May shoot Broken N West, River Runner and CJC ran our shoot. I was away for JC Wade's college graduation. Riverview Rattler lead the day and ended up top shooter. While Bad Brass and Rogues Pierre were the only two to shoot the match clean.

Our June shoot was our 2nd Annual Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam three-day shoot. We showcased our new items at this match. New fort walls for props, a raised bar to run a stand and deliver stage, with options. New steel, Tombstones, Cowboys, Buffalo, Eggs, etc. and new rocking action shotgun targets. We shot three warm up stages on Friday, followed by a pot-luck dinner with steak and chicken. On Saturday we shot five stages followed by lunch. Then we had four fun side matches. Each was based on accuracy and then time as a tie breaker. Tons of fun was had by all. On Sunday we shot another five stages followed by lunch, door prizes, and our raffle prizes and Awards.

When the smoke cleared our top shooters were Diabla and JC Wade. Our side match overall winners were Diabla and Buckshot Charlie Bill. We also had six clean shooters, Borax Bill, Buckshot Charlie Bill, Deathwind, Gray Hare, Ramblin Ron and Riverview Rattler.

Our next shoot will be on Sunday July 12th. After that will be the Wolverine Rangers Free Shoot and Membership meeting on Saturday August 1st and Wild Bunch on Sunday August 2nd. We will have camping available for those that have a long drive or would like to camp for the weekend. Please reach out and let me know if you are interested in camping.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid





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Straight Shots from Saginaw

Whew! May sure went fast, and summer is coming at us even faster! May 9th was our start of cowboy monthly matches and of course, the weatherman's forecast the night before had to include the chance of pending rain showers during the day. We did wake up to some nasty clouds and some splatters, but, when we reached the club, they quit. When some of our shooters arrived, we heard their stories of the big downpours that some of them drove through on the way there. As for our shoot? It stayed dry and the day turned out to be a whole lot of fun for everyone.

We enjoyed having 22 shooters, 7 shooting the match clean. Our Top Five men were Doc Noper, Ethan Callahan, Riverview Rattler, Avalanche Andy and Card Shark Charlie. Ladies Top Five were Diabla, Katie Callahan, Lainey Mae, Matchstick Molly and Roxie LaRue. The Mini Wild Bunch shooters had 4 category winners: Ethan Callahan, Flatwater Johnny, J.T. Wallace and Black River Bill. It was great seeing everyone!

Speaking of the Wild Bunch reminds us, to remind YOU, on June 13-14, Saturday/Sunday, Saginaw Field and Stream will be hosting the 2026 SASS Wild Bunch Michigan Championship. We have a great group of shooters signed up from Ohio, Indiana, New York, and Michigan. Late sign-ups will still be recognized so if you have a hankerin' to shoot, give us a holler. And if you just want to come and watch, that works okay, too.

Another reminder... we'll be having our two-day regular cowboy action shooting event on July 11-12th. Camping is available. Each shoot day is scored separately and this year we'll be honoring America, her 250 years. More info. next month on this. Also, our August shoot will be on Saturday, August 8^h this year.

To find us on Facebook... <https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting>

Before closing, we'd like to update Bad River Marty's recovery from his open-heart surgery and other hospital adventures. He's gone through a lot but is stronger each day. And, he still thinks they should abolish the 6-month, NO SHOOTING stipulation they have given him. He begins physical therapy June 1st geared strictly for heart surgery patients and he has a heart doctor's appointment mid-June. Anyone want to place bets that he'll try to persuade them to let him shoot sooner???

Thanks to everyone who has prayed, called, sent cards, and helped these past months. May God bless each of you!!!



Until next time, 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 summertime greetin's from the ranch.

Although we've been away from the Epitaph, the Cowboys and Cowgirls here at Johnson Creek have been keeping the spirit of the old west alive. We shot through snow and cold, except that January when it was colder than a brass toilet seat in the U.P.

We did have some recognition for our club shooters for the 2025 Cactus League season. Our category winners were:

Cowgirls:

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| • Lady Sodbuster | Shutterbug Red |
| • Lady Forty Niner | Bar Belle |
| • Lady Senior | Diamond Dottie |
| • Lady Silver Senior | Iron Jennie |
| • Lady Silver Senior Runner Up | River Runner |

Cowboys:

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| Buckaroo | Washtenaw Wildman |
| Wrangler | Jackpine |
| Forty Niner | Wolverine Regulator |
| Forty Niner Runner Up | Wiley Wastelander |
| Senior | Lucky Elray |
| Senior Gunfighter | Marshall C J Lawless |
| Senior Frontier Cartridge | Not Dead Ed |
| Silver Senior | Slow Gin Ricky |
| Silver Senior Gunfighter | Sarge |
| Cattle Barron | Footsore |

Clean Shooter Award Footsore with 4 clean matches

Our New Shooter Award went to: Jackpine.

Most Improved Shooter for 2025 for the second year in a row, Shutterbug Red with a gross time decrease of 82.53 seconds and a 19.85% improvement over 2024



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

For top shot, 9 shooters qualified for award consideration. They were; Shutterbug Red, Sarge, Wiley Wastelander, Wolverine Regulator, Lucky Elray, Slow Gin Ricky, Not Dead Ed, Diamond Dottie and Footsore.

Our top 5 shooters were: (based on the average of the 5 best matches)

#5: Footsore	206.14
#4: Not Dead Ed	179.61
#3: Slow Gin Ricky	140.00
#2: Wolverine Regulator	122.58
#1: Sarge	122.57

The Igloo league wrapped up in March and the Cactus League started with a swampy April match. April showers bring May flowers, but in our reality, it brought mud, just mud.

Rollin Ace high was none other than Sarge. Coming in second after a year off from shootin was Rev Miss A Lot followed by Slow Gin Ricky, Yours Truly, and Isabella Bird.

Staying out of the mud and shootin squeaky clean were Sarge, Slow Gin Ricky, Isabella Bird, and for her first time, Diamond Dottie.

Now the Rev. likes hunting turkeys, a lot. Our range is home to lots of turkeys. Our WWCCA resident turkeys unwisely but calmly strutted across the range all while we were shooting. Rev. started thinking, what would happen if they were out there during his turn and he just accidentally missed with his shotgun or rifle. Sensing the vibes coming from the firing line, our turkeys questioning their life choices wisely vanished back into the woods before Rev mo-seyed to the line much to his disappointment.

May had 15 shooters whooping and hollering into town for our "Meat Shoot". Slow Gin Ricky penned the match and used lines from his favorite westerns.

We had rain in the forecast, two said it would be clear, one said only a short bit of rain, and all three were wrong. Fortunately, we broke out our pop up shelters and the posse stayed nice and dry.

Our upcoming matches are June 27th and July 18th. The gate opens around 8:30~ ish. I thank you for reading, and we'll see you on down the trail.

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



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth





Hidden Valley Cowboys-Sturgis

We were blessed with great weather for our season opener thanks to all who came out and shared their Sunday morning with us.

Congratulations to our 6 Clean shooters this month, Dead Eye Sam, Joe Quick, Ranger Mike, The Hungarian, Tommy Two Fingers and Toby Dirt. Our Cool Clean Match Coaster's are made by Ka Adik Krista.

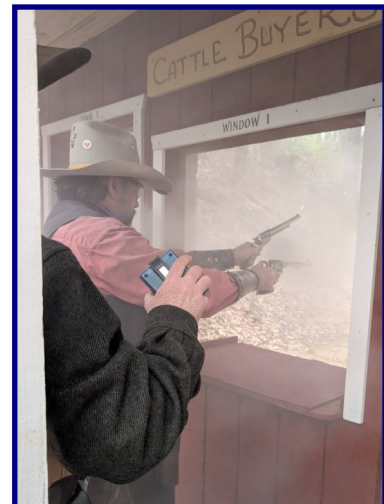
I would like to thank all that helped out with posse duties. We have a great bunch of Cowboy and Cowgirls that are always willing to help out when needed.

Krista and Tommy did a fantastic job as always with Coffee, Donuts, and our lunch.

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, Tommy Two Fingers, and Ka Adik Krista.

Johnny Rebel

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Brush Creek—Hillman

Howdy Cowboy and Cowgirls,

The **Cowboy Rendezvous** is approaching fast, and we've been working hard to make sure everyone has a good time.

The Wolverine Rangers is allowing us to use one of their showers, so we'll have an outside shower and indoor facilities available all weekend. The camper area is full, but we have lots of room for tent camping. There is also 2 campgrounds 10 minutes from the range.

Should be a great weekend with lots of shooting, food, door prizes, and camaraderie. (I had to look that one up)

If you haven't registered, get your apps in before July 1st, because we can't guarantee a category award after that date. Applications can be printed from the Wolverine Rangers website under the Calendar tab. [2026 Hillman Rendezvous Entry.pdf](#) (Ctrl + Click, to open link)

Hope to see you all here.

Take Care,
Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Gang

Cowboy Match Director
Hillman Sportsmen Club



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

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- Range War Registration
- Club Information and Pictures for Wall Calendar
- New Shooting Schedule for each year

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