



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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Range War 2026 Edition





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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy Pard,

How! What a month September has been! Let's first start with **Range War**:

What a week it was, and it turned out to be a match to remember. We had tons of help and support for setup and teardown. What didn't want to participate was the weather. This was the worst weather for the setup days that I can remember. We had terrible winds, rain, hail and tornadoes to contend with on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday dried up some and we delayed the start of the shooting to avoid the rain. It was still very slippery out there during the mini matches, as those that took a slide knew well.

Saturday and Sunday were both beautiful days and allowed for a wonderful time shooting. When the smoke all cleared Deuce Stevens and Bo Darlin were our overall Champions. Diabla and JC Wade were our State Champions.

Since the shoot I have received a flash drive from Paparazzi Pahl with all the pictures he took. I will be passing this to the Lost Egg for posting on our website. All scores have been posted, but as I looked today there are a couple more, I think we should post, so I'll get those updates to Lost Egg as well.

Bluewater made some wonderful and much needed renovations to their clubhouse. I know everyone enjoyed them and the cleanliness. (Bathrooms especially)
The awards and dinner both went well, and we were done in record time again.





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Midwest Regional – Triple Classic:

Our Rangers members turned out in full force for this new regional in Indiana. There were three major events, the International Black Powder, Wild Bunch Territorial and the Regional Cowboy Match. I thought it would be nice to recognize some of our members that finished in the top 5 of their categories.

For the Black Powder Match:

Black River Bill: 39th overall and 2nd place Senior Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter
Bad Brass: 40th overall and 1st place Elder Statesman Classic Cowboy

For the Wild Bunch Territorial Match:

Bad Brass: 14th overall and 3rd place Senior Modern

For the Cowboy Regional Match:

Doc Noper : 15th overall and 1st place Elder Statesman
Sinola Kid: 28th overall and 4th place 49er
Riverview Rattler: 29th overall and 1st place Cattle Baron
Wolverine Regulator: 33rd overall and 7th place Senior
Faygo Kid: 38th overall and 1st place Silver Senior B-Western
Avalanche Andy: 66th overall and 2nd place Senior Gunfighter
Sarge: 68th overall and 3rd place Senior Gunfighter
Diabla: 85th overall and 3rd place Lady 49er
Bad Brass: 94th overall and 2nd place Elder Statesman Classic Cowboy
Black River Bill: 116th overall and 5th place Senior Gunfighter
Eleanor Jewel: 135th overall and 3rd place Lady Cattle Baroness
Diamond Dottie: 142nd overall and 2nd place Lady Silver Senior
Steady Eddie: 145th overall and 4th place Silver Senior B-Western





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Wolverine Rangers: For the Future

We have Range War 2027 awarded to us by SASS. It will be held Labor Day weekend again, but at this time we are not certain of the location of the shoot. We will likely not be at Bluewater again next year. This is due to additional costs and restrictions they are trying to impose on us. \$100 of our \$145 entry fee would go directly to Bluewater next year.

While this does open us up to a bit of uncertainty and more than a few questions, that I am fielding everywhere I go. What we do know is wherever we hold it, it will be a classic Range War feel, same type of stages, same type of overall experience. More to come on this in the next month or so.

On another note, we will be finalizing all the numbers and preparing for what the 2027 budget looks like for the Rangers. Shelby Kid and I will be reviewing all the receipts and balances here in the next month. This information will be shared at the winter Board meeting.

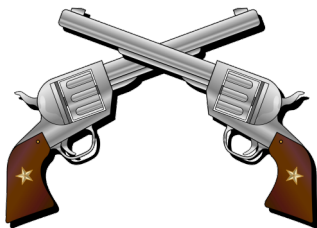
Lastly, I want to share a proud parent moment. Not only did JC Wade win Men's State Champion this year at Range War, second only to Deuce Stevens for overall by only a couple seconds, he also was overall top shooter at The Shootout at Stoney Bottom annual match the following weekend. Then just last weekend he finished 2nd overall at High Noon at Tusco, while wearing a wrist brace, from a steel carrying accident working at the range with me. This kid has turned into a fantastic shooter, a definite hard worker, and a great cowboy. I couldn't be prouder of him.

See you on the range,

Sinola Kid

Sinola Kid

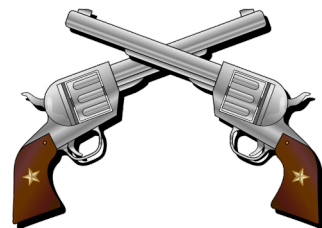




**Range War Overall Champions
Bo Darlin and Deuce Stevens**



**Range War State Champions
Diabla and JC Wade**





Butcher Butte Bunch — Fenton

Butcher Butte's farewell match took place on August 9 as scheduled. After several years of declining participation it was decided to discontinue regular cowboy events in Fenton. It just doesn't make sense to run a match for only 5, 6 or 7 participants.

The final match was attended by a total of 7 cowgirls and cowboys. All said that they enjoyed the match as it was a little different from the norm. It wasn't the typical 10 rifle 10 pistol and 4+ shotgun over 5 stages. The 10 rifle and 10 pistol were in place, but some stages had 4 shotgun, some had 3 shotgun and some had 6 shotgun. Also, a sixth bonus stage was added. After the first five stages we all went onto the sporting clays course at the club. We shot one stage there. A clay was launched and a participant had 2 shots to try to break the clay. Then a second clay was launched and again two shots to break the clay. If the shooter broke one clay a 5 second bonus was awarded. If two clays were broken a 10 second bonus was awarded. If no clays were broken then it was a no call. Two shooters earned a bonus award. Grubby Hardrock broke one clay and Rip Rocker broke both clays.

It is possible that there will be some special event matches at the Butte in the future but for now no further matches are planned.

Wishing you all "happy trails".



Straight Shots from Saginaw

First off, a big thanks to our cowboys and cowgirls who worked on needed improvements on the pistol building early in August. Our new side door was really needed, as were the new roofs over the loading and unloading tables on the cabin stage. A big project of the day was moving the storage shed from the parking lot down to its new “home-on-the-range”. Pulling it down the hill and then positioning it was fun to watch and having it not fall apart had us shouting out a big “yee haw”. And, after all this, they proceeded to set up the range for our August 8th shoot, scheduled for the next day. Our guys are great workers, and their work is greatly appreciated! Well done, cowboys & cowgirls!

We do think there was mention of a few sore muscles the next day at our shoot, but once the lead hit the steel, all pain was forgotten. We had a good turnout with 35 shooters and weather was great. After shooting, our chuck wagon gals put on a delicious taco bar and desserts. Awards followed.

We had 12 shoot the match clean. Our clean shooters included Anvil Adam, Crabby Hayes, Deuce Stevens, Diabla, Ethan Callahan, Hoot Hamilton, JC Wade, Lainey Mae, Professor Bear Roar, Red Beard Bandit, Riverview Rattler, and Split Aces.

Our Top Five men shooter’s were Deuce Stevens, JC Wade, Ethan Callahan, Riverview Rattler, and Doc Noper. Ladies were Diabla, Katie Callahan, Lainey Mae, Indiana Jules and Laporte Lil. In the Wild Bunch mini-match, Traditional winners were Ethan Callahan and Flat Water Johnny. Modern category winners were JT Wallace and Red Beard Bandit.

Some of our shooters attended the Mid-West Regional, held in Indiana the last week of August. Good shooting to our Saginaw Cowboys: Ethan Callahan, Riverview Rattler, Avalanche Andy, J.T. Wallace, Diabla, Black River Bill; and to all the other Michigan shooters.

The Michigan State Championship Range War is just around the corner. Watch for our next month’s article with results on how our cowboys and cowgirls do. We wish them all safety, fun and good shooting!

Don’t forget to check out <https://www.facebook.com/Saginawcowboyshooting> on facebook for current shoot pics, and mark your calendar for our fun Halloween Shoot on October 24th.

Until next time, remember to live life...give it your best shot!

Happy Trails from,
Katie Callahan & Bad River Marty



Hidden Valley Cowboys

We set up stages from the upcoming Range War for Sunday's match. These were fast and fun. Thank you to all that came out and shoot with us.

Congratulations to Mustache Kid for being our overall winner and to our 3 Clean shooters this month, Chubby Johnson, Madcap and Mezcal. Our Cool Clean Match Coasters 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.

Our next shoot will be September 20, 2026. 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.

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Brush Creek Wranglers—Hillman

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys,

I want to remind everyone of the Brush Creek Wranglers upcoming Cowboy shoot at Hillman Sportsman's Club. On October 10th, we'll be hosting Mohawk Scout's 8th annual **Mohawk's Revenge**. This is always a fun shoot, because you never know what Mohawk might come up with. Come on out/up and enjoy Mother Nature's fall colors. Keep an open mind and plan on having a Blast. **Literally**

It's a long way off yet, but we're thinking and already planning next year's **Cowboy Rendezvous**. Hoping to make it as good or better than we have in past years. So, mark down the dates of July 30th, 31st, and August 1st of 2027 for the Brush Creek Wranglers 7th Annual....."**Cowboy Rendezvous**"

Until we meet again,

Take Care,

Faygo Kid and the Brush Creek Wranglers



Johnson Creek Regulators - Plymouth

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

August's match rode into town early on the 8th. That's because August was a busy Cowboy Action Month around the state and region with many of our shooters going to those matches. Also, we previewed 5 of the 10 stages that were at the state championships over Labor Day weekend.

With lots of options for our shooters, we still had 13 cowboys and cowgirls ride out onto the 100 yard range to shoot.

Faster than a Train Robber with a posse hot on his trail, and leading the pack was Leadfoot Luke. Chasing behind like a batch of Pinkerton detectives were Wolverine Regulator, Sarge, Hey Sugar, and Not Dead Ed.

Shooting Clean were Leadfoot Luke, Rogues Pierre, and Ira Bigelow.

September's Match is on the 200 yard range on September 25th. This will be our second to last match for the Cactus League.

October 24th will bring our annual Halloween pumpkin smash. So come on out to make the gourds explode, and the pumpkins get pulped.

[So Shoot fast, shoot Clean, look Good. Pick any two.](#)

Any Questions? Reach out to me. I thank you for reading, and we'll see you on down the trail.

Not Dead Ed, Sheriff
a.k.a. Ed Kucinski



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SMOKE AT THE DAM

OCTOBER 29-31, 2027

**THE 2027 SASS MICHIGAN STATE
BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIP
OF COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING**

**HOSTED BY THE HURON RIVER REGULATORS
AND THE WOLVERINE RANGERS**

LOCATED AT THE WASHTENAW SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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Huron River Regulators — Washtenaw

With Range War being the first weekend of September, we chose not to have a shoot.

Our next shoot is Saturday October 3rd, and if there is enough interest Sunday October 4th we will have Wild Bunch. After that, we have shoots on the first Saturday in November and December. Come January we switch to our winter schedule and shoot on the first Sunday January, February and March.

Save the date notice:

Our Annual SASS Three-Day The Duel at the Peninsular Paper Dam will be held on June 4th thru 6th, 2027.

And new next year we will be hosting the SASS Michigan State Black Powder Championship. This will be held on October 29th thru 31st, 2027.

We are excited to hold both of these matches next year. Applications for both will be out in Early November.

Hope to see you at our range,

Sinola Kid



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