



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Yeehaw and yippy-ky-a pards!

All 37 shooters who turned out for our April match got a chance to initiate our new range storefronts reminiscent of an old west town. It was great fun and very rewarding to see the shocked expressions on some of the shooters who had no idea as to what the Merlin Marauders had been up to. Under the direction of Runnin' Wild and his family, our western storefronts became a reality. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who devoted time, blood, sweat and tears to this project. The storefronts are built so well that even last week's strong rain and wind storms were no match.

Final preparations are being made for the Battle of Rogue River and we are nearly at our cap of 135 shooters. Yep, it's going to be bigger and better than last year's annual match. We have added a few things for this year's event. There will be a live band performing on Sat. night. We also added cowboy trap shooting as a

side match, but other additions will remain a surprise.

A rumor has been floated by Sweetwater Jack that we might be having a name contest to give our western town an official title befitting the genre of our sport and old west heritage. So, come to our next general membership meeting on April 13th at the Grants Pass Black Forest restaurant and join in the fun.

Yer pard and Prez, Bear Bone

Match Winners-April 2010

1st	Royal Flush
2nd	Purgatory Smith
3 rd	General Lee Goode
4th	Bear Bone Smith
5 th	Sgt. Buffalo B/S

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, May 11th 2010

At the Black Forest Restaurant, 820 E Street "NE", Grants Pass, at 6:30 PM.

Arrive at 5:45 PM if you intend to eat dinner first. Directions: (541) 474-5323

NOTE! THERE WILL BE NO Monthly Match on May 1, it will be a work party day preparing for our annual match, "The Battle of Rogue River"..

"Winter Hours" are now permanent! We will shoot our monthly matches EVERY month at these times: Arrive early to help set up stages @9:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 AM

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 68.
4 new members since December!

Annual Merlin Club Dues notices were sent out by Molly b'Dam last January via e-mail. If you have not received the notice please contact her: 541-479-2928

Keep in mind the "Ladies Only, New Shooter Clinic". It will be coming up shortly. The date is now set as April 18th. Location: The Table Rock Rangers Range in White City. More info below: follow.

ONGOING REMINDER: A note about the Merlin Marauders website:

www.merlinmarauders.org The website is in the process of being completely revamped, updated and restyled by our web-mistress, Harley Davidson. Please be patient as she works her magic in the site, to make it completely new. One area of the site that has been out-of-date for some time is the page displaying individual members' pictures, as well as pictures of the various matches. These will also be updated and we'll be asking for you to send a good picture of yourself (in your shooting duds or "Sunday-go-to-meeting finery", as you wish) So be thinking about that and we'll let you know when and where to submit your pix.



Battle of Rogue River 2010

The Main Match dates are **May 8-9, 2010**. Match Personnel will shoot through on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7:

Match Managers: **Bear Bone Smith & Molly b'Dam**
Match Director: **Johnny Dingus**

The next Annual Match Meeting will be on April 28th 6:30PM, at CHPshot and Delta Queen's home at 4820 Dick George Rd. Cave Junction,, Tel.: 541-592-6994

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

The Safety Committee is going to look at some issues dealing with Slug Alley and there will be a Youth Round Robin in July. JCSA would like all the Sub Clubs out to participate. That's all for now. Chuck

Stage Setup for June 1st. (No Monthly Match in May, in preparation for the Annual)

- Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith (Shot twice)
- Stage 2 – Johnny Dingus
- Stage 3 – Molly b'Dam
- Stage 4 – Kidd Krystin

APRIL 18thLADIES SHOOTING "CLINIC"

As Gabby Hayes would/used to say: "WIMMEN!!,,,,, SHOOTIN!?! GEEHOSIFAT! (Don't ask for a translation on that one) Yes, The annual? Ladies new shooter/brush up clinic is on the calendar. Save Sunday, April 18 for this ladies-only event. (The guys may come and set up the steel, sweep out the club house building, repaint targets and be within cell-phone distance in case of any firearm jams or malfunctions. BUT THAT'S IT.) The ladies will be instructed in safety, loading, shooting and unloading procedures by our Cowgirl Instructors. The class will start at 10:00 AM at the Table Rock Rangers range in White City. Anyone needing directions to the range Please contact Molly B'Dam at (541-479-2928) or e-mail Haha@budget.net All shooting will be done at bay #1. Refreshments (coffee, baked goods, etc. will be on hand. "SWEETWATER!,, keep your hands out of the cookies!!"

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Bear Bone Smith	[541] 582-4144	ricksmith@bearbone.com
1 st Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Gold Dust Bill	(503) 705-1211	
1 st Sunday	White City	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@northwestcowboyactions shooting.org
1 st Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
1 st Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	johnnyjingos@yahoo.com
2 nd Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@northwestcowboyactions shooting.org
2 nd Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
2 nd Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
2 nd Sunday	Bend, OR	Pine Mountain Posse	Cowboss	[541] 548-7325	toevs@qwestoffice.net
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Mad River Mongo	(541) 884-1905	
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@northwestcowboyactions shooting.org
3 rd Saturday	Redding	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net
3 rd Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
4 th Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Mad River Mongo	[541] ?	
4 th Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net
4 th Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Madd River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	clsnowden@aol.com
4 th Saturday	Yreka	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Lethal Les Amour	[530] 926-4538	
4 th Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
4 th Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900	dr97@qwest.net

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35

*Family is defined as all living under one roof

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member	\$10
Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
Individual Non-MM Member	\$13
Additional Non-MM Family Adult	\$5 each

For membership issues and information call: Molly b'Dam @ (541) 479-2928

Complete new/renewal application and mail to: Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass Oregon 97528

Merlin Marauder Badges

We have club badges for sale. They are high quality polished brass badges made by the **Lindholm Brothers, Whiney Henry** and **Wimpy Hank Yoho**, and are available from Molly b'Dam or Bear Bone Smith for \$25.

Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is **Jed I. Knight**

www.merlinmarauders.com

Send any photos or information to **Jedi I. Knight** at the website e-mail address or to:

jed_i_knight@northwestcowboyactions shooting.org

Merlin Marauder April 2010 Match Results

Rank	Alias	Category	Overall		Stg 1 Net	Stg 2 Net	Stg 3 Net	Stg 4 Net	Stg 5 Net
			Time	Misses					
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	134.67	1	35.80	23.07	31.36	17.54	26.90
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	148.16	7	27.56	21.26	25.45	24.18	49.71
3	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	153.15	4	23.20	34.79	21.58	48.35	25.23
4	Bear Bone Smith	Cowboy	158.36	2	24.49	41.40	30.14	22.56	39.77
5	Sgt. Buffalo	Wrangler	176.08	0	36.08	31.78	37.64	28.04	42.54
6	Molly b' Dam	Lady Senior	177.32	2	28.58	42.74	41.94	23.99	40.07
7	Rocky Hill Rustler	Duelist	197.24	7	27.60	37.68	41.99	28.55	61.42
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	197.52	1	48.98	37.10	42.31	28.20	40.93
9	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	200.56	7	34.05	37.24	31.09	31.33	66.85
10	Johnny Dingus	Forty-Niner	202.16	5	27.70	36.80	34.61	64.81	38.24
11	Checotah	Senior Gunfighter	206.11	3	40.76	37.94	31.09	49.10	47.22
12	Johnny Murillo	Wrangler	208.51	5	33.66	40.14	27.17	75.99	31.55
13	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	213.62	17	36.81	77.15	25.45	26.13	48.08
14	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	213.86	8	25.56	26.64	30.51	53.07	78.08
15	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	220.00	7	46.32	48.32	30.58	36.62	58.16
16	Pugilist	Classic Cowboy	225.18	6	60.80	37.07	31.33	65.39	30.59
17	CHP Shot	Silver Senior	228.39	3	39.60	35.40	47.84	37.71	67.84
18	Sole Agent	Forty-Niner	229.64	7	40.37	40.57	27.51	67.04	54.15
19	Hammerin' Hank	Buckaroo	252.97	9	33.41	48.13	68.48	36.32	66.63
20	Merlin Maverick	Cattle Baron	257.86	4	47.69	43.36	54.50	38.06	74.25
21	Sweetwater Jack	Silver Senior	257.99	3	41.15	51.82	38.20	84.90	41.92
22	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	258.51	12	41.87	44.67	50.68	39.26	82.03
23	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	262.87	3	53.46	49.40	44.72	72.27	43.02
24	Ten Sleep Good Guy	Senior Frontier Cartridge	264.38	4	43.56	38.26	87.70	34.77	60.09
25	Law Dog Ric	Forty-Niner	264.98	10	47.06	53.29	50.45	47.74	66.44
26	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	266.62	11	65.06	42.72	35.29	71.70	51.85
27	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	271.85	2	47.15	63.26	39.21	70.94	51.29
28	Ima Horsinaround	Lady Forty-Niner	272.58	8	48.19	59.43	50.62	42.56	71.78
29	Venison Stu	Forty-Niner	299.89	8	33.49	120.00	47.39	59.51	39.50
30	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	302.70	21	41.62	57.68	67.38	76.86	59.16
31	Mnt. Grizz	Senior Duelist	314.92	13	43.48	52.52	73.32	54.81	90.79
32	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	327.30	2	54.93	120.00	37.18	65.35	49.84
33	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	417.39	10	59.45	81.61	72.15	131.64	72.54
34	Calico Connie	Lady Forty-Niner	424.39	20	65.23	86.43	66.69	123.60	82.44
35	Miss Larue	Lady Wrangler	463.76	22	75.88	99.89	97.16	96.16	94.67
36	Mollie B Quick	Young Gun	467.01	16	98.82	83.93	76.01	126.28	81.97
37	Slide	Lady Duelist	577.74	9	126.17	110.94	110.48	90.05	140.10
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Clean Match: Sgt. Buffalo B/S !!

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor



Finally getting over the worst part of the “Texas Fever” (Gaye says it was a touch of the flu, but I’m holding out for “Texas Fever”) from our trip to San Antonio and The Alamo (s), I managed to show up for and shoot our monthly match yesterday..... WOW! It was the first time Gaye and I’d had a chance to see for ourselves what everyone has been talking about... the new “Town” that has sprung up from the grounds of “Fort Swampy”. What we’d only dreamed about for several years is now a reality, thanks to the talent and hard work of the Runnin’ Wild Ranch hands and a lot of our other members. I AM impressed, but not really surprised, by the talent of our gang. Though still a “work-in-progress” it’s a fantastic change from the bare ground we started with a few years back. If JCSA and the other clubs under their “umbrella” had any questions as to the cowboys’ dedication to our sport they should be well and truly answered now. Kind of a shame to keep referring to our range as “Fort Swampy”, though. Do you think we ought to hold a “Name the Town” contest? I’ll put up a nice prize if you all think it’s a good idea.....



On to other stuff..... I was about to put in a few words about the apparent confusion in regard to what’s now legal or illegal in Action Shooting (as opposed to Mounted Shooting) revolvers in the way of HAMMERS... Can I put a Bisley hammer on my.... (you name it) or not? I was saved all that trouble by reading the current (April 2010) edition of the Cowboy Chronicle. Our NorthWest Rules and Regulations “guru”, Pale Wolf Brunelle, has an excellent and informative article on just this subject on page 50. (Right across from the

book review I wrote on “El Tigre Viejo’s” latest book: “LOBO”. (subtle plug)... So, my next thought was to write something about shooting the Colt 1911 and clones in a “Wild Bunch” match or category, and how to clear some of the various kinds of malfunctions you might encounter, and keep shooting the match. For THAT article in the April Chronicle, by the very highly experienced “Captain George Baylor”, SASS Life #24287, see page 46..... I give up..... But don’t YOU give up, read both of these articles for very clear answers to your questions.... And OK, read MY article, too..... See ya’ at the Battle of Rogue River 2010..

Sweetwater Jack

Merlin Marauder Classified Section:

Want to buy: Level wind fishing reel with the handle on the RIGHT side. Would prefer an Abu Garcia, but would consider other brands. Please contact Howard Arnold at 541-479-2928

For Sale: Numerous Percussion Black Powder Pistols and Rifles I no longer need. Contact Merlin Maverick (Howard Arnold) at 541-479-2928 for complete listing and prices.

For Sale: 560 rounds of 7.62x51 NATO (.308 Winchester) ammo. In sealed, plastic South African Army “battle packs” of 140 rounds each. This is standard 147 gr, non-corrosive ball ammo., BUT... it is Berdan Primed, not Boxer, so brass is Not reloadable unless you are equipped to deprime and reprime Berdan primers. Great for practice. \$70 for each battle pack or \$250 for all four at once. Cheaper-than-dirt.com price on these is \$80 plus shipping per pack. Gary Hanson (Sweetwater Jack) sweetwater@uci.net or 541-479-6021

For Sale: American Western Arms “Peacekeeper” Revolver, .357 Magnum, 7.5” barrel, color case/blue Factory tuned. No box or papers. NO FFL required for Oregon Resident \$475.00 Contact Rogue Rascal (John Hudick) at: 541-472-8585 or oregonjohn@peoplepc.com

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