



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Well pards...the smoke has cleared, the camping sites vacated, the parking lot emptied and all the targets put away. Hope ya all had fun at the Battle of Rogue River. Kudos and thanks to the many volunteers who helped put on our annual shindig. I saw a lot of jaws drop when many of the shooters first laid eyes on our storefront cowtown named "Fort Swampy". It was a tremendous undertaking for our club and we were fortunate to have it completed prior to our annual match.

I would like to remind those who attended our shoot that we would very much like to hear from you as to how we can improve our match for next year. Several people have already come forward with comments and suggestions ---some of which we had already become aware of when the match was under way. Constructive criticism is always welcome and appreciated so please be candid in your thoughts and comments.

Our next monthly club meeting will center around reviewing and evaluating our annual match. So come join in the discussions about how to make our match even better next year. After all, we want all our SASS pards to come back in 2011!

Congratulations to our 3 new **Merlin Marauder Rangers....Runnin' Wild, Ima Horsinaround, and Johnny Dingus.** Also, special congratulations to **Gaye Abandoned** as our newest **Merlin Regulator.** Your awards were well deserved and our members cannot

thank you enough for your dedicated service to the Merlin Marauder cowboy club.

Thanks for bending an ear and happy trails,

Bear Bone Smith, MM Prez

2010 Battle of Rogue River

Top 10 Match Winners

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| 1st | Royal Flush |
| 2nd | Mid Valley Drifter |
| 3 rd | Purgatory Smith |
| 4th | Deputy Ray |
| 5 th | Bloody Bill Anderson |
| 6 th | Col. Cornelius Gilliam |
| 7 th | Dead Eye Maverick |
| 8 th | Will Shootem |
| 9 th | Bulldog Ric |
| 10 th | Mountain Rider |

Battle of Rogue River scores are posted at:

<http://www.northwestcowboyactionshooting.org/merlinmarauders/katches/2010BORR2010.htm>

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, June 8th 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

THE Prez Sez:

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 66.
7 new members since December!

Congratulations to Merlin Maverick for winning the Town Naming Contest. Fort Swampy it shall remain.

Kudos to Runnin Wild, Ima Horsinaround, Vindictive Violet, Butch Brass, Bobbin Along Daisy and Mountain Grizz. Thanks to their fortitude and hard work, our town is a beauty to behold. Thanks also to all of the remaining MM members who lent a hand. We could not have done it without all of your help.

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

Well the dust has settled, the clocks have come down, and the targets have been put away, but the computers are buzzing about the Battle of Rogue River and what a great time everyone had. As Co-Chairperson, I would like to pass on a special thank you to each and every one of our MM club members for making the Battle of Rogue River a huge success. The new "Town" of Ft. Swampy provided the perfect ambiance for those wonderful stages written by Johnny Dingus. Whether you set steel, pounded nails, scored, ran the Trading Post, timed, acted as a berm marshal, or helped with the food, cake or PA system, your assistance in whatever deed you performed was much appreciated. A very special thank you to Johnny and Mrs. Dingus for their thoughtfulness in providing a gift bag for each and every helper we had. That was so very generous.

Congratulations to our **Top Man - Royal Flush**, and our **Top Lady - Not So Dead Eye Maverick**. The winner of our **Top Gun Shoot-Off was Dead Eye Maverick**. Hope to see everyone back next year.
Molly b'Dam

The Annual Match Recap Meeting will be on June 8th 6:30PM, at the Black Forest Restaurant. Please attend - we need your input for next year's match!

Stage Setup for June 1st.

- **Stage 1 - Bear Bone Smith (Shot twice)**
- **Stage 2 - Molly b'Dam**
- **Stage 3 - Johnny Dingus**
- **Stage 4 - Lonesome Rose**

LADIES SHOOTING "CLINIC" RECAP

Ima Horsinaround, Shootin Silver Star, Camp Hag, Lonesome Rose, Cinona Hawk, Gaye Abandon, Witchita Belle and Harley Davidson - my heartfelt thanks for coming out to help the newcomers. Twenty ladies attended - a record to be sure. We have a wonderful group with lots of camaraderie and it is always a pleasure to get together. Sweetwater was great in sending out the new shooter orientation and some additional info which will help the new shooters and as always, we appreciate his efforts. Thanks to Runnin Wild for setting up the targets, all the ladies who brought goodies, and also those men who stuck around to help clear a few weapons. It was great and hopefully we can continue to do this annually. Molly b'Dam

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

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|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| 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@northwestcowboyactionshooting.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@northwestcowboyactionshooting.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@northwestcowboyactionshooting.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

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| Individual Membership | \$25 |
| Family* Membership | \$35 |
| <i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i> | |

SHOOTING FEES

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| 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@northwestcowboyactionshooting.org

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor



Posse 7 at the BORB

Well, it's Sunday night, the 9th of May, and most of the dust has settled from the Battle of Rogue River, 2010.

Our shooters, friends from both nearby and far away, are heading home, most clutching their hard-won trophy plaques, but all taking away memories of this year's annual match with the "World-Famous Merlin Marauders". Hopefully they are all pleasant memories, and I think that the great majority of them are. The full-blown "town" of Fort Swampy impressed everyone I talked to, without exception. Over the five days many of us spent at the JCSA range this week, I heard very little other than high praise for our match, the facades and props, and the stages themselves. I think that Johnny Dingus deserves a real, standing, ovation for creating and writing every one of the twelve stages of the match, and keeping with the theme of the movie "High Noon". Yes, there was some minor "tweaking" required a place or two, but that is the standard procedure for ANY match of this size. One of my concerns this year was that we'd bitten off a bit more than we could chew by increasing the number of shooters, including our "R.O. Posse" to a record 135. I was concerned that having 20 shooters on each posse was going to create "timing" problems. I'm happy to say that I was apparently dead wrong. I believe that the keys to running a full 12 stage match with 6 posses shooting at the same time included the selection of posse leaders that knew how to keep the posses moving and the super help we received from our "brass pickers" the Young Marines.

From the standpoint of my position as a "stage driver" at the all-shotgun stage, these youngsters were dynamite! Their enthusiasm and energy, politeness and appearance were outstanding. My hat's off to Wes Fauver for "recruiting" them, and I hope all our folks appreciated and rewarded their hard work with heavy tipping to help them raise the money they need for their unit to attend the drill competition in Washington D.C. Oohrahh!

Yes, we have some after-action items to discuss, and as every year, we have lessons learned, and minor points to avoid or work around for the Battle of Rogue River, 2011. These will be hashed out by your "Annual Match Committee", and if you'd like to be more involved in the process of making the Merlin Marauder Annual Match the best in the Great North West, come on out and attend these meetings when they are announced. The way to become a "member" of this committee is simple.... just come on out and join in! Everyone's ideas and input are welcome! As I understand it, next year's theme is to be "TV Westerns". Start thinking; "Bonanza", "Gunsmoke", "The Rifleman" and all the others.

See ya' farther down the trail next month,

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

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