



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy pards! At our July general meeting Runnin' Wild expressed a desire to be Match Chairman for our Battle of Rogue River in 2011. Since there was no opposition, I appointed him Match Chairman, whereupon he was confirmed by a quorum of the Executive Board. Johnny Dingus will remain as the Match Director. Both these devoted cowboys will need our full support so we can again produce a fun and successful annual match. All members who would like to participate in the annual match committee meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A hearty thanks to Mountain Grizz for volunteering to undertake the club project involving running electrical to our range house. This upgrade will provide much needed electricity to run our PC, printer, lights, coffee pot, etc. The project will start on Wed. July 21st. If you are able to help Grizz out, please contact him for details.

It also looks like we will soon be getting a metal storage shed for our steel targets compliments of Lonesome Rose who is donating

one she has. We will post notice when volunteers are needed to help re-locate the shed and set it up on our range. Thanks and kudos for Lonesome Rose!

Just a quick update on Juniper Jewell's illness----Tule Spud said that her condition has improved considerably and she may even return to work soon. So, our cowgirl pard is out of the woods and on the mend. Yee-haw!

That's all for now pards. Your Prez,
Bear Bone

Match Winners-July 2010

- 1 Purgatory Smith
- 2 Royal Flush
- 3 Ramblin' Dave
- 4 Bear Bone Smith
- 5 Bloody Bill Anderson

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, August 10th 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

Next Monthly Match: Saturday, August 7th.

"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 66.

Annual Merlin Club Dues notices were sent out by Molly b'Dam last January, and, as of this date, all 66 members are paid up and in good standing! Thank you!

SASS Cowboy Memorial Chapel Fund

As many of you know, SASS is planning and building a chapel on Founder's Ranch to act as a memorial to our Cowboy parads that have ridden on ahead of us into the next life. The church will be used for Cowboy Church Services as well as many other social events of the sort that our country churches have been used for during the past. Donations are being sought from the entire Cowboy Action Shooting community. The Merlin Marauders have made a contribution to the building fund in the amount of \$500.00 in the name of all of our members.

A NEW SIGN For FORT SWAMPY!!

Lonesome Rose found a gentleman at the Grower's Market to produce a really beautiful carved, wooden sign welcoming folks to Fort Swampy. She then commissioned and presented it to the club at the July monthly match. A truly "classy" touch for our range house, it also commemorates the "origins" of the new town. Curious about that? Read the sign at the next match. The town's lookin' good!



Fort Swampy on a Sunday Morning with Everyone in Church.....

Battle of Rogue River 2011

Well, the first meeting of the 2011 BoRR Match Committee was held directly after the July general meeting. Newly appointed Match Administrator Runnin' Wild kicked the meeting off with ideas for the Theme for 2011. Continuing with our look back at the "Westerns" that entertained us over the years, the 2011 Battle of Rogue River's theme is to be: "A Tribute to TV Westerns"!! The 12 stages will be generated around such shows as: Bonanza; Gunsmoke; Rawhide; The Rifleman; Wanted, Dead or Alive; and even "F" Troop!

The next committee meeting will be held right after the next general meeting on August 10th. All our club members are encouraged to sit down with paper and pen and a fifty-year old copy of "TV Guide", and write and submit a stage glorifying your favorite TV Western.... Who knows? Maybe you can do even better than the writers for The Lone Ranger!!

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

Sheriff Gilbertson was at the JCSA Meeting last night (7/14) and had some interesting information regarding the information release forms for CCW permits. Everyone who has a CCW permit and does not want that information released to the public needs to call the Sheriff's office and make sure that their form is on file and in order. It seems that there are still several people/ groups that would like to have that information released.

Sheriff Gilbertson said that if it comes to that he would not release the information for people who have a completed form on file with his office. If a person has a permit and does not have a form on file, he will only release the last name and initial of that person.

Remember that you need to sign in at the JCSA Range Office whenever you come out to shoot or work on the range on a non-match day. This is a requirement for coverage under JCSA's insurance policy! Chuck

Stage Setup for July 7th.

Stage 1 & 5 Bear Bone Smith

Berm #1 (Shot twice)

Stage 2 – Molly b'Dam

Stage 3 – Johnny Dingus

Stage 4 – Sweetwater Jack

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	Myrtle Creek	So. Umpqua Vigilantes	Dr. Ecchymosis	(541) ???-????	deputyanimal@yahoo.com
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
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>	

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

The Merlin Marauder Website is at: www.merlinmarauders.com

Merlin Mercantile:

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 tools and Rifles I no longer need. Contact Merlin Maverick (Howard Arnold) at 541-479-2928 for complete listing and prices.

Merlin Marauder Badges

Note to new members: We have Merlin Marauder 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 MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH FOR JULY, 2010

Rank	Alias	Category	Overall						
			Time	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	116.75	2	25.81	17.03	21.87	18.73	33.31
2	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	119.12	4	31.30	16.00	19.65	18.11	34.06
3	Ramblin Dave	Senior	119.45	0	23.39	18.95	25.54	22.07	29.50
4	Bear Bone Smith	Cowboy	145.85	1	27.49	23.75	28.43	30.92	35.26
5	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	148.86	8	31.99	29.70	26.29	36.00	24.88
6	Venison Stu	Forty-Niner	153.95	0	32.50	29.22	29.71	27.58	34.94
7	Moses Mckenzie	Senior	153.95	1	40.18	23.94	29.40	24.98	35.45
8	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	155.91	4	29.29	36.76	29.11	31.28	29.47
9	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	157.51	2	34.28	25.98	29.84	27.60	39.81
10	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	161.69	4	30.99	25.89	25.98	37.63	41.20
11	Johnny Eight Toes	Silver Senior	177.48	0	40.09	33.20	33.28	29.56	41.35
12	Shootin Newton	Duelist	183.55	7	48.35	40.53	29.00	25.39	40.28
13	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	184.97	6	35.22	46.40	29.44	31.56	42.35
14	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	185.92	3	33.05	31.29	50.51	34.57	36.50
15	Treacherous Jack	Senior	193.00	4	37.14	36.13	29.79	36.27	53.67
16	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	198.54	3	36.16	35.68	41.94	40.26	44.50
17	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	204.49	6	50.07	29.11	50.20	35.61	39.50
18	Hammerin' Hank	Buckaroo	210.41	11	53.91	31.56	41.43	44.56	38.95
19	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	213.79	5	50.38	31.46	44.65	40.44	46.86
20	Sgt.. Buffalo	Wrangler	215.07	6	44.53	36.74	59.54	25.67	48.59
21	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	229.11	4	47.71	34.58	50.89	41.26	54.67
22	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Statesman	244.41	0	57.83	43.22	51.68	44.67	47.01
23	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	259.21	9	53.06	41.32	50.84	40.41	73.58
24	Merlin Maverick	Cattle Baron	272.59	2	61.84	37.80	49.90	63.72	59.33
25	Sweetwater Jack	Merlin Cowboy	272.60	4	45.33	41.10	68.41	46.55	71.21
26	Fairweather Kate	Lady Silver Senior	276.80	1	58.45	37.86	44.80	74.26	61.43
27	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	284.10	1	54.18	47.45	72.11	50.87	59.49
28	Miss LaRue	Lady Wrangler	287.63	1	65.88	51.13	58.77	45.88	65.97
29	Barbarosa Mike	Frontiersman	311.68	4	85.32	57.23	60.20	46.11	62.82
30	McCulley The Gunn	Cowboy	353.23	14	73.56	64.74	76.73	65.41	72.79
31	Derringer Donna	Lady Forty-Niner	354.49	2	81.16	57.26	77.17	63.58	75.32
32	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	356.34	2	67.98	60.71	57.22	69.28	101.15
33	Booty	Elder Statesman	392.07	4	50.87	55.33	61.37	160.00	64.50

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Perusing the pages of the Territorial Governor portion of the SASS Wire this month hasn't uncovered anything truly Earth-shaking...which to some of the former Californians in our midst is a very reassuring thing..... but, as one of our inactive local cowboy shooters used to say... HOWEVER!,, there have been a few topics and questions raised that DO come up and seem to need answering on a recurring basis... some may seem "silly" to you but they have been asked of RO's and T/Gs just recently. (pardon if this is going to seem like rambling around a bit, but the topics ARE varied, and I DO have to recall them using what's left of my mind, so here goes) :

Question #1: May I CAP the cylinder of my percussion revolver anywhere but at the loading table or the firing line? Answer: NO...

Question # 1a: How about capping my spare cylinders away from the loading table/firing line?

Answer: Not only NO, but HELL NO! (**Charging** the cylinder, both on and off the revolver (Powder and ball, but WITHOUT a percussion cap) is fine. If you take that spare “charged” cylinder and put caps on the nipples you have just created a very nice HAND GRENADE! Think about it.

Question #2 Define a “shooting string”... A “shooting string” is defined as shots from one TYPE of firearm prior to the next TYPE of firearm being engaged. Examples: Stage instructions call for 5 Pistol targets to be engaged using one pistol and then the second pistol before going to the rifle. This would be one shooting “string”. If you were required to engage the 5 pistol targets with ONE pistol, THEN go to the rifle for ten, and THEN re-engage the pistol targets with your second pistol, there would have been TWO separate “pistol strings”, with a “rifle string” in between.

Question #3 We know that WOMEN are NOT required to wear a hat while shooting. Is it a SASS requirement for MEN to wear one? Answer: Yes and No.....For Classic Cowboy and “B” Western hats ARE required to be worn throughout the match for men.... There is no written requirement for men’s hats in other categories...

Question #4 At a recent match a shooter was “hustling” from one shooting position to another very quickly, over irregular ground. He slipped and fell forward, the momentum pulling his empty pistols out of the holsters and sliding them along the ground, just as he was doing. Getting up and learning that he was being given a Stage DQ, he adamantly and loudly claimed that he was a victim of “prop failure” and that it was therefore a “no call”.... Which was the correct call? Stage DQ or “No Call”? Answer: The general consensus of opinion of those R.O.s and T/Gs who were able to stop laughing at this excuse was that the ground was NOT a “prop”..... (Some feel that the Planet Earth is merely a “prop” in space and that we are all “actors” in some weird play..... They may be right..)

And we’ll finish up with what many might think is a really silly question:

Question #5: When is a firearm, in SASS terms, LOADED, and when is it UNLOADED? The question arose when a live round was loaded in a magazine tube backwards and did not feed (naturally) and the firearm was put down casually and roughly, and bounced off the prop and onto the ground, muzzle UP-range. OK... Stage D/Q or a Match D/Q? Was the rifle loaded? The official word that will soon be put into the handbooks will be to the effect that if the firearm CONTAINS a LIVE round ANYWHERE within the mechanism, it will be considered LOADED.

New Monthly Feature?: Speaking “Old West Cowboy”

I know you’ve all noticed that we occasionally lapse from the “King’s English” when we step into our 1880’s time machines and strap on our Hoglegs and Spurs, or for the ladies: Derringers and Bustles. Sooo.. lets see if we can use the 19th Century terms as they WERE used back then. For instance: You all know that a “**Lucifer**” was a wooden “kitchen” match, and it was used for lighting a “**Quirley**”...right? (A roll-your-own, home-made cigarette.) Sometimes you might just want to light one up if you’re standin’ in a **Bone Orchard** at Midnight! SWJ