



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Well.....our cowboy gang now has power thanks to Mountain Grizz who spearheaded the range house electrical project. Grizz and his minions also installed an electrical line to the Saloon (Always, always capitalize "Saloon"- swj) façade as well. Another round of applause goes to all those volunteers who helped on this project.

We had quite a turn out at our Aug. monthly shoot---probably due to the upcoming Oregon State Match in Albany starting on the 20th of August. Our match was a great warm up for that event and a lot of our cowboy pards will be there throwing lead down range.

At our meeting last July, I brought up the subject of the SASS Cowboy Memorial Chapel and the prospect of our club donating to this worthy cause. Special recognition is due Sweetwater Jack who gave up the \$500. we normally give him to attend the SASS Convention and who also insisted that we donate the \$500. to the chapel fund. Bravo and thanks to our TG with the BIG heart!

Just a reminder....our Merlin Sept. monthly match will be on Sunday, Sept. 12th. This is a one-time schedule change due to a JCSA scheduling anomaly.

See ya' on down the trail pards.

Bear Bone

Match Winners-August 2010

- 1 Royal Flush
- 2 Purgatory Smith
- 3 Bloody Bill Anderson
- 4 General Lee Goode
- 5 Bear Bone Smith

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, September 14th 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: Sunday, September 12th. "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!

MERLIN'S AUGUST MONTHLY MATCH SETS A RECORD !!

For a shoot on a hot summer day, our match on 7 August surprised us all by hosting 43 shooters, which I believe is a Marauder club record for a monthly match. As most of you know, several of us often stop in after the match for lunch in Grants Pass at Della's Restaurant, just down from I-5 on 6th St. I think we broke the after-shoot-lunch-gathering record that day also, as 20 cowboys and cowgirls showed up to eat and "toss the bull".

A Reminder to all shooters and spectators at the range on Match Days:

If you have family or friends coming out to support you during the match, PLEASE, remind them that if they are NOT competing in the match that they must remain up on the embankment and NOT down near the firing line. We have gotten a little lax in this area and our insurance will not allow ANY spectator (defined as ANYONE not registered and shooting that match, whether they are Merlin Marauder Club Members or not) to be in the area near the match area which is pretty much defined as to being anywhere in the "graveled" area. We are having a growing problem with "loose" small children. And parents, please.. no "cap guns" or toy guns. Last Saturday one Timer Operator/R.O. nearly stopped a shooter on the firing line when he thought he heard a "squib". It was a small child with a toy pop/cap-gun down on the gravel! It has been suggested that we string orange polypropylene rope, as we do during the Battle of Rogue River, for our monthly matches as well.

Battle of Rogue River 2011

The Advance Planning Meetins for the 2011 BoRR continue, As holding the planning meetings at the Black Forest Restaurant after the monthly general meeting puts an undue strain on the restaurant folks who really WOULD like to go home before dawn, we are resorting to holding the meetings at M/M members' homes as before. As The next committee meeting will be at 6:30PM on Thursday, 16 SEPTEMBER at Wes Fauver's home. 1543 NW "B" St. Grants Pass. (97526)

Electrickity Comes Fort Swampy!

Went into the range house last Friday to get steel for my stage for Saturday and about dropped my teeth! Some kinda' doo-dad was stickin' outta the wall and I flicked at it an' one 'a Tommy Edison's new-fangled light bulbs snapped on and about blinded me!! Great work on the part of Grizz and his henchmen!!

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

Sheriff Gilbertson has offered to meet with any of the JSCA "sub-clubs" to discuss with us any items in his control. Again, one of the items mentioned was the concern of folks with CCW's about the "disclosure to the public" being pushed by the media. He reminds us that anyone NOT wishing to have Joe Blow know he holds a concealed carry license fill out the non-disclosure form at the sheriff's office, as he can protect those from the media, short of a direct court order.

Stage Setup for Sept. 12 th.

Stage 1 & 5 Bear Bone Smith

Berm #1 (Shot twice)

Stage 2 – Molly b'Dam

Stage 3 – Johnny Dingus

Stage 4 -- Lonesome Rose

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.

AUGUST 2010 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

			Time	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	106.75	0	23.50	20.16	17.06	21.91	24.12
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	124.30	2	21.16	24.14	27.43	28.84	22.73
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	125.45	0	21.92	30.07	19.10	31.79	22.57
4	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	126.35	2	23.43	27.47	22.76	28.82	23.87
5	Bear Bone Smith	Cowboy	142.16	1	31.16	28.34	23.69	33.19	25.78
6	Jed I. Knight	Front. Cartridge Gunfighter	172.03	5	41.43	35.74	28.80	37.98	28.08
7	Rocky Hill Rustler	Duelist	172.51	6	31.17	43.38	21.59	49.90	26.47
8	Har Trigger	Senior	174.23	4	35.23	42.87	31.74	31.97	32.42
9	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	176.74	4	33.48	59.36	27.86	30.02	26.02
10	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	178.13	5	36.76	36.43	26.47	44.34	34.13
11	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	181.76	6	29.00	35.34	25.60	55.71	36.11
12	Treacherous Jack	Senior	184.73	2	31.82	32.98	27.76	54.11	38.06
13	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	188.09	1	34.65	40.13	35.68	40.93	36.70
14	Sole Agent	Forty-Niner	191.81	1	39.27	33.86	38.63	40.97	39.08
15	Andy Montana	Silver Senior	195.98	1	42.75	39.31	36.37	37.72	39.83
16	Whiney Henry Yoho	Forty-Niner	196.23	6	33.79	40.95	39.92	45.44	36.13
17	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	197.23	7	41.30	35.87	43.69	47.43	28.94
18	Pugilist	Duelist	199.98	10	31.05	38.73	46.32	44.12	39.76
19	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	214.09	15	34.30	54.52	51.39	41.56	32.32
20	Johnny Dingus	Forty-Niner	217.91	0	42.72	38.03	37.40	49.98	49.78
21	J. D. Walker	Cattle Baron	220.57	1	39.83	39.84	41.27	46.60	53.03
22	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	223.91	5	37.13	57.96	39.36	39.94	49.52
23	Ominous Moniker	Cowboy	225.74	5	53.70	40.34	41.63	41.52	48.55
24	Johnny Eight Toes	Silver Senior	226.02	2	37.30	37.82	38.85	59.63	52.42
25	Barbarosa Mike	Merlin Cowboy	230.19	2	45.24	41.28	41.85	55.56	46.26
26	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	231.43	8	46.49	46.40	41.53	53.39	43.62
27	Ima Horsinaround	Cowgirl	239.61	6	43.53	45.90	38.87	63.36	47.95
28	Ten Sleep Good Guy	Frontier Cartridge	246.74	4	40.64	46.00	44.05	71.48	44.57
29	Lawdawg Rick	Cowboy	258.25	15	67.87	49.62	65.57	43.97	31.22
30	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	267.14	4	60.33	60.55	41.59	55.06	49.61
31	Sweetwater Jack	Merlin Cowboy	267.45	8	77.45	47.39	40.50	56.77	45.34
32	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	268.17	2	64.36	57.76	42.20	49.56	54.29
33	Merlin Maverick	Cattle Baron	271.53	2	59.29	58.94	44.29	59.45	49.56
34	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	273.27	2	53.68	53.26	45.63	69.35	51.35
35	Fairweather Kate	Lady Silver Senior	274.01	8	42.41	46.11	41.33	86.03	58.13
36	Gio Grande	Buckaroo	302.93	3	60.70	48.51	63.37	67.57	62.78
37	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	306.08	4	48.52	83.03	54.75	54.64	65.14
38	Painted Ponies	Elder Statesman	334.18	7	55.69	64.56	84.64	68.21	61.08
39	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	349.07	3	70.51	67.73	59.68	70.97	80.18
40	California Holdem	Cowboy	352.62	9	72.18	74.92	59.45	62.40	83.67
41	Calico Connie	Lady Forty-Niner	359.50	15	80.02	67.11	62.52	75.15	74.70
42	Slide	Lady Duelist	411.82	15	98.60	95.68	61.28	78.27	77.99
43	Aunt Lee	Lady Forty-Niner	774.29	15	125.43	159.52	176.96	158.64	153.74

Clean Matches :

Royal Flush, Bloody Bill Anderson, Johnny Dingus!!

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Pretty quiet this month on the T/G Wire. There has been some discussion about knock-downs and “flyer” targets for Buckaroos, and **much** discussion on Tex’s current (August 2010) editorial in the Cowboy Chronicle about SASS Regulator Badges and a formal procedure for initiating a nomination. Don’t know if it will be an item on the T/G Summit Agenda or not. Read the editorial and see what you think.

The Wild Bunch has just opened up the registration process for the NINTH annual SASS Convention, Christmas Party and Territorial Governors’ Summit, which is going to be held once more in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel. The Convention will open officially on Thursday, December 9th, and will run through the weekend, with most folks starting for home on Sunday, the 12th. Room rates have been lowered again, to \$59.00 per night. Book your rooms directly with the Riviera, get a confirmation code and use it when you register with SASS for the Convention and Ball or just the Convention alone. The Riviera code will allow you to get the discount on the convention registrations through the SASS Mercantile, on-line. If you have never been to the SASS Convention you owe it to yourself to attend at least one. Some say this may be the last convention if attendance doesn’t improve, and that would be a great shame... It’s a great chance to attend free seminars put on by some of the sharpest folks in Cowboy Action Shooting and see (and buy) the wares of more vendors than you can shake a stick at. Not sure about buying cowboy duds over the Internet, ‘cause you hate to make a mistake on sizes? Not sure just what color the leather on that expensive gun rig really is? Are them buckskin trousers for my “mountain man” outfit gonna’ make my butt look big? All these questions and more can be answered on the convention floor at those vendors’ booths if you are actually there! For the T/G’s it’s a chance to hear first-hand, from Governors from all over the country, and yes, nowadays the world, the discussions both pro and con on the issues being addressed at the Summit. The annual “Yesteryear” Ball always provides a fun evening and a chance to see some of the most fantastic ladies gowns you’ll see in your life. The costume contest winners are always amazing, not only for the elegance of the ladies but the guys really “put on the dog” as well, whether in the civilian or military categories. The dinner itself? Well, just think “banquet food”. But it’s always good, even if not gourmet. Fun getting a chance to meet SASS folks you’ve seen in the Chronicle or on TV on “Cowboys”? You bet! And even more fun getting together with old friends you haven’t seen in a while, or others you see every week. And don’t forget; you’re in LAS VEGAS! And now, let’s start thinking about what, if anything, YOU feel needs to be changed or corrected in the current rules and procedures. To get an item on the T/G Summit Agenda it has to be initiated by YOU, the club member, and submitted to your T/G....(me).... It doesn’t have to be formal...you don’t need to write a letter on club stationery... A quick e-mail.... , a note written on a soggy bar napkin.... Just get your point across (also saying why you feel it would be a good idea will help me fuel the fire) and I’ll submit your idea/request on the Club Letterhead to the Wild Bunch. If they get enough requests, and sometimes just ONE request if it’s a REALLY good idea, they’ll add it to the Summit Agenda. Start thinking about it and giving the bar napkins to me now.... The Agenda usually comes out, carved in stone, from the Wild Bunch, in early October.. That’s only two months away!!! Email or call me! Operators are standing by! Sweetwater

New Monthly? Feature: Speaking “Old West Cowboy”

Continuing with what I started last month, a little more “Old Cowpoke Speak”:

Well, this month let’s see what you call a person who has had too much to drink: First of all, he (or she) has had more than their share of “Who Hit John” or “Skull-pop” and is now “half seas over”, “soaked”, “full as a tick”, “off on a bender”, or “roostered”. If they’re not careful, they may wind up in the “Hoosgow” or “Calaboose” (both words from the Spanish for jail – Calibosa) if drunk in public and a “star-packer”, “law-dawg” or “badge-toter” is around. OK, that’s enough about drunks. How about the clergy? Oh, you mean a “bible thumper” or a “gospel sharp”? (different from a “card sharp” - we’ll get to Saloon denizens next month) - who can usually be found in a “Gospel Mill”, or officiating at graveside in the local “Bone Orchard” or up on “Boot Hill” or “Potter’s Field”..... Oh and speaking of the ladies (which I wasn’t) what’s the difference between a “grass widow” and a “California widow”? SWJ