



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Howdy pards,

Well...as you may have already heard--
-The Merlin Marauders have been awarded the Oregon State Match for 2011 by SASS! This is a great opportunity for our club and surrounding local clubs to come together and put on a terrific state match for the enjoyment of all our pards in Orygun. We have already been contacted by many cowboys and cowgirls who have expressed a desire to help in some way. If you would like to help, please let Runnin' Wild, Johnny Dingus, Molly b' Dam or myself know in what capacity you can assist us in.

I have already submitted our club's monthly shoot schedule to J.C.S.A. and we have reserved the weekend date of June 10th, 11th, and 12th in 2011 for the Oregon State Match. There will be future announcements in regards to work parties and when volunteers are needed. Our annual match committee is already well into the planning stages for this "funtastic" event so stay tuned pards!

In regards to our monthly matches, the shooter posse sign-up experiment did not work for several reasons and we will be going back to the previous way of assigning shooters to a posse. You will still need to sign in, but posse assignments will be determined by the club secretary and/or match director.

On a sad note....Don Conroy (AKA Sam Walker), one of our founding Merlin members, is seriously ill and needs your thoughts and prayers. Please keep Don and his wife Ruth in your hearts and minds as well.

Your Prez and pard,

Bear Bone

Match Winners-SEPT. 2010

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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 12th 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, October 2nd. "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

It's official – The Oregon State Match will be sponsored by the Merlin Marauders. Yippee! It will still be called "The Battle of Rogue River", and our theme will still be "A Tribute to TV Westerns" as planned. We will shoot TEN stages (SASS requires a minimum of ten stages, for which safe berms must be provided to enable us to shoot at all ten stages simultaneously) and the number of shooters will be 180. We have been offered the assistance of nearly every club in our area, plus advice and help from the folks up North who have been running it for the past four years. **Mark your calendars for June 10, 11, and 12, 2011.** For questions contact Runnin' Wild, Match Chair, Johnny Dingus, Match Director/Safety Officer, or Molly b'Dam, Match Operations, or Bear Bone Smith, Club President. We are already off and running by verifying specifics after this month's monthly match, by walking the range and club facility. JCSA is a perfect venue for a match such as this. Runnin' Wild has scheduled our next State Match Meeting for September 16th, at Sgt. Buffalo B.S.'s home at 1543 NW B Street, Grants Pass, at 6:30 p.m. If you need directions, give Wes a call at (541) 474-7142. We will need your support, so please plan to attend. Albany did a spectacular job, and they will be a hard act to follow. Let's make this one for the record books. Molly b'Dam

Club Notes...Mark your calendars for December 4, 2010 for the 2010 Cowboy Christmas Party. Stayed tuned for details.... Nominations for Officers will also be forthcoming in October.

Stage Setup for October 2nd.

- Stage 1 Bear Bone Smith
Berm #1**
- Stage 2 – Runnin' Wild**
- Stage 3 & 5 – Johnny Dingus**
- Stage 4 -- Kidd Krystin**

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

**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

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

Merlin Mercantile:

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.

For Sale: MANY guns, reloading presses, accessories, cowboy and non-cowboy. Contact Sam Walker (Don Conroy) At 541-956-8527 or e-mail Aromer57@aol.com for lists 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.

SEPTEMBER 2010 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

	Time	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5		

1	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	119.01	0	23.60	24.27	23.95	23.87	23.32
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	130.62	2	21.78	23.86	28.27	34.29	22.42
3	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	152.52	5	24.42	28.30	32.87	36.72	30.21
4	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	154.06	1	29.64	28.93	41.33	26.96	27.19
5	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	172.35	2	41.68	35.15	37.20	28.27	30.05
6	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	174.20	3	35.06	39.06	34.51	34.07	31.50
7	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	177.66	4	38.13	35.76	40.64	33.24	29.89
8	Har Trigger	Senior	185.37	0	35.02	35.51	37.97	32.55	44.32
9	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	200.78	7	32.87	52.19	39.77	40.48	35.47
10	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	201.80	5	37.93	44.78	42.95	36.64	39.50
11	Whiney Henry Yoho	Forty-Niner	203.40	4	33.18	33.61	41.63	57.07	37.91
12	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	203.79	3	36.73	42.02	43.65	44.48	36.91
13	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	207.42	9	33.37	47.23	43.72	30.67	52.43
14	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	218.89	2	43.61	458.28	42.11	41.27	46.62
15	Konocti	Wrangler	223.15	2	32.05	57.59	34.18	60.99	38.34
16	Line Centruy	Merlin Cowboy	227.01	4	38.70	40.61	49.19	51.31	47.20
17	Lawdawg Rick	Forty-Niner	228.91	8	38.88	50.21	32.36	39.76	67.70
18	Barbarosa Mike	Merlin Cowboy	238.29	0	44.89	48/49	56.65	42.54	45.72
19	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	239.08	3	39.98	41.15	59.01	42.86	56.08
20	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	248.83	8	44.55	50.79	59.13	49.99	44.37
21	Calico Connie	Elder Statesman	367.99	16	83.38	70.26	67.53	77.92	68.90

Clean Matches :

Purgatory Smith, Har Trigger, Barbarosa Mike!!

We brought home lots of trophies from the OR State Match. A big congratulations for the following OR State Match Winners:

Gaye Abandon - Grand Dame

Purgatory Smith - Gunfighter

Bloody Bill Anderson - Elder Statesman (CA)

Jed I Knight - Black Powder Gunfighter

Cinona Hawk - Lady Gunfighter

J. D. Walker - Cattle Baron

Shootin' Silver Star - Lady Senior

Col. Cornelius Gilliam - Frontier Cartridge

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Whew! Home again, home again! As I begin to write this column it is Wednesday evening, and Gaye and I have just about finished putting away, cleaning, and caring for the stuff we used this past weekend up at the Oregon State Match. It was, as usual, a really FUN and well-run match. We Suthryn Orygonian Cowboys and Cowgirls “done good”! The OOWSS folks went five deep on trophy plaques and our folks came away with a whole BUNCH of ‘em. Most of the “usual suspects” won their categories, but there were a few surprises as well. I personally was surprised to be handed one of the 27 bars of soap for shooting a “clean match”! (First time I’ve ever come home from a major match with a bar of soap that didn’t have a “Best Western” or “Travelodge” wrapper on it!) Congratulations to Marauders Barbarosa Mike, Johnny Dingus, and Purgatory also for cleaning the match. The Marauders showing was right up there with the best of them. Our own Purgatory Smith is the Oregon State Champion Gunfighter for 2010 and Gaye Abandon is the 2010 Oregon State Champion Grand Dame! The stages were not so complex that you had to be a rocket scientist to figure out the patterns, and on each stage the pistol sequence was the same as that of the rifle. I didn’t see a “procedural trap” on any of the 12 stages, and that’s as it should be. As you probably know by now, the good folks at Oregon Old West Shooting Society are stepping down from running this match, and have indicated that they think that the Merlin Marauders should be the ones to pick up the reins in 2011. A meeting was called and after much discussion (peaceful this time, with no chairs being broken over heads or tables overturned) it was voted to apply for the 2011 Oregon State Championship Match. Keep in mind that applying for it does NOT mean we will automatically get the go-ahead from the Wild Bunch, as other Oregon clubs are also going to apply. In any case, we will continue planning for our 2011 Battle of Rogue River. If we DO get the nod, “The Battle of Rogue River” will BE the 2011 Oregon State Match.

As I’m leaving on the 8th to fly to Florida for the second-ever crew reunion for my old Destroyer-Escort, The USS Douglas A. MUNRO (DE-422) after 50 years, and then to lie on the sand (can’t afford an actual hotel room) in Hawaii for the rest of September, Molly B’Dam has graciously offered to publish the Merlin Newsletter this month. Thanks Molly! I owe you again!!!

Continuing on: a little more “Old Cowpoke Speak”:

Well, here goes with a few more: Oh! What was the answer about the difference between a “grass widow” and a “California widow”? A “grass widow” is a woman who is divorced. (You’d think it should be the one who “planted” her husband and not divorced him, wouldn’t you? A “California widow” is a woman separated from her husband (but not divorced) when her husband left her safely “back East” to go make his fortune in the GOLD FIELDS of.... Yep... California.

And now, the cowboy “generic” term for coffee? Why, “Arbuckles” of course! Not understood? Missed the point? = “All down but nine”, a reference to missing 9 of 10 pins in bowling. What about “Beefed”? Killing.... Such as “Curley Bill beefed two jaspers in San Antone”.

“Get the bulge on”.... Have an advantage over.... Such as the scene from “Tombstone” where Wyatt faced down Billy Bob Thornton’s gambler persona with: “It doesn’t take much to get the bulge on a tinhorn like you”..... “Tinhorn”? well, we all know what that is...a cheap, phoney, who will probably run away, or “Skedaddle” or “shin out”, whether by “forkin’ a saddle” or “ridin’ shank’s mare” (on foot)..... Much Obligated! I’m proud to know all of ya’!” SWJ