



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy pards.....Our club's general elections are coming up soon and we will be accepting nominations from now until the end of November. If you would like to nominate someone for the current positions whose terms are expiring, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members: Merlin Maverick, Johnny 8 Toes or Sweetwater Jack. It's important that all our members return the self-addressed ballot envelope soon after receiving it. High voter turn out speaks well for a healthy, vibrant organization—which I believe we have. Your participation has been very instrumental in making the Merlin Marauder Cowboy Action Shooting club one of the best clubs in the great Northwest.

Just a reminder.....starting in November, the Merlin Marauder general meetings will be held at the **Elmers Restaurant** in Grants Pass off I/5 exit 55. Start time is the same---6:00pm for dinner, meeting at 6:30pm.

We will soon have our new website up and running thanks to Johnny Dingus and his sister who did a fantastic job. Everyone who has viewed the temporary website link has been thoroughly impressed. I would also like to thank Library Babbage for assisting us with the domain transfer

and other processes involved in making this happen.

One more reminder.....don't forget to come to our Halloween Night Shoot Friday Oct. 29th starting with dinner at 5:30pm. There will be a costume contest, pumpkin shoot, 2 shooting scenarios and loads of fun. RSVP Lonesome Rose, Ten Sleep or Johnny Dingus. Come on out and get spooked! Yer pard, Bear Bone

Match Winners-Oct. 2010

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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, November 9th @ 6:30PM

At ELMERS' Restaraunt on the Grants Pass Parkway across from Applebee's. Come about 5:45 PM if you intend to eat dinner first. Directions: (541) 474-7281

Next Monthly Match : Saturday, November 6th. "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 **69** folks. Our **three new members** this month are: **Rick and Connie NUNES:** aka “**Law Dawg Rick**” and “**Calico Connie**”, and **Mark VanHook** Aka: “**Riverdog**” Welcome aboard! Glad to have You!

ELECTION of OFFICERS FOR 2011

Nominations for Club Officers continue to come in to the nominating committee. We have received nominations for both President and Secretary.

THE MERLIN MARAUDERS NEW SPECTACULAR WEBSITE will soon be ONLINE!

As most of you know, our website is no longer available on the NorthWestCowboys site. Range Master Johnny Dingus recently had a birthday (don't ask which one) and his SISTER decided to give him a much better birthday present than the usual tie and socks..... she has created a Brand-new WEBSITE for the Merlin Marauders as a birthday present to Dingus! The site will be located at:

www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com

We'll be announcing the official “turn-on” date of this new website in the very near future...stay tuned!!

The Battle of Rogue River 2011

Although we were informed by the SASS Office that we were going to be holding the Oregon State Match, there was some confusion on their part, and the match was given to the Horse Ridge Pistoleros. Enough said about that. The Merlin Marauders' “Battle of Rogue River” will be shot on the weekend we had planned for the Oregon State Match as we've already blocked out the days on the JCSA calendar, and our theme will still be “A Tribute to TV Westerns” as planned. We will extend our shooters' cap to 180 and shoot the match much like we were going to do the State

Match. **Mark your calendars for June 10, 11, and 12, 2011.** For questions contact Runnin' Wild, our Match Chairman; Johnny Dingus, Match Director/Safety Officer; Molly b'Dam, Match Operations; or Bear Bone Smith, Club President. We are already off and running..with a couple of planning meetings already behind us.

Runnin' Wild has scheduled our next Annual Match Meeting for November 17th, at **ELMER'S Restaurant** at 6:30 We do need your support, so please plan to attend if at all possible.

More Club Notes...Mark your calendars for **December 4, 2010 for the All-club Cowboy Christmas Party.** The party will be held at the **Rogue River VFW Hall** instead of in Gold Hill this year as the Gold Hill site is under renovations. Stay tuned for details.....

MERLIN MARAUDERS NEW MEETING

PLACE:

As we've kinda' out-grown our meeting room at the Black Forest Restaurant, we will be moving a few blocks over to **ELMER'S RESTAURANT**, on the Grants Pass Parkway, across from Applebee's. (Near I-5 Exit 55) We'll have a nice quiet room (until WE get there) and a dedicated server. The first monthly club meeting at Elmer's will be November 9th at the usual times. (Meeting starts at 6:30, come around 5:45 if you wish to have dinner.)

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck

It's quiet on the JCSA Front, but a reminder note to all Merlin Marauder members. You are strongly encouraged to join the Josephine County Sportsman Association (JCSA), the range “umbrella” organization. Your joining JCSA will save the Marauders a great deal of money now spent on range fees, as the JCSA daily range fee is charged our club on match days for each non-JCSA member shooting the match. The full day range fee is \$7.00 for non-JCSA members.

Match Stage Setup for November 6th.

Stage 1 Runnin' Wild
Stage 2 – Sweetwater Jack
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
<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

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.

For Sale: Remington Model 870, 12-Gauge Pump Shotgun. 28" barrel, Never Fired! \$250.

Matched Pair of AWA "Ultimate '73" Revolvers in .38-40 Less than 100 rounds through each. \$600 each.

Contact Sweetwater Jack at: (541)479-6021 or e-mail sweetwater@uci.net

Merlin Marauder Club 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

OCTOBER 2010 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	MISSES	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Fprty-Niner	97.01	0	12.48	23.23	17.71	20.80	22.79
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	105.28	1	16.93	18.55	26.63	22.32	20.85
3	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	126.86	2	19.28	21.73	23.11	32.23	30.51
4	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	128.21	1	27.90	23.78	29.71	23.18	23.64
5	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	136.17	0	22.30	24.94	23.43	32.00	33.5
6	Venison Stu	Forty-Niner	170.26	4	26.92	42.60	27.66	35.99	37.09
7	Johnny Eight Toes	Silver Senior	177.69	0	29.21	36.55	42.36	33.47	36.10
8	Treacherous Jack	Senior	180.22	6	28.44	44.38	37.81	34.22	35.37
9	Runnin'Wild	Gunfighter	183.2	8	43.83	42.55	33.16	32.25	31.41
10	Marshal Law	Silver Senior	187.62	7	28.16	32.27	28.67	48.47	50.05
11	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	189.97	3	34.02	37.02	36.4	42.77	39.76
12	Ima Horsinaround	Lady Forty-Niner	209.41	0	46.99	39.44	36.33	49.38	37.27
13	Checotah	Senior Gunfighter	213.57	7	28.87	41.26	35.31	64.14	43.99
14	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	216.62	3	48.09	43.27	48.30	36.73	40.23
15	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	218.12	1	47.79	40.29	39.83	46.42	43.79
16	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	222.72	4	41.17	49.04	50.45	37.28	44.78
17	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	228.68	11	50.60	43.94	53.34	43.32	37.48
18	Missouri Rogue	Silver Senior	244.96	1	61.50	39.05	47.18	53.68	43.55
19	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	247.14	1	48.72	47.91	45.26	49.31	55.94
20	Painted Ponies	Elder Statesman	250.31	1	49.74	43.75	47.34	45.42	64.06
21	Riverdog	Cowboy	263.83	4	51.13	44.98	51.8	63.31	52.61
22	Ladyhawk	Lady Senior	266.42	7	76.50	36.55	65.24	41.39	46.74
23	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	275.86	9	49.79	70.20	37.95	54.03	63.89
24	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	278.1	8	65.61	58.45	58.45	43.95	51.64
25	Fairweather Kate	Lady Silver Senior	279.52	2	72.14	46.3	49.54	51.86	59.68
26	Barbarosa Mike	Merlin Cowboy	353.16	29	61.43	81.48	47.94	80.77	81.54
27	Destiny Hawk	Buckarette	355.26	5	82.51	68.35	58.91	54.37	91.12
28	Calico Connie	Lady Forty-Niner	378.72	21	67.03	67.04	79.67	105.21	59.77
29	Sam	Cowboy	463.07	19	79.67	80.73	92.54	80.22	129.91

Highlighted Name Indicates Clean Match

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Whew! Home again and very glad of it! My ship's reunion in Florida was great, but where did all those OLD guys come from? Last time I saw most of them we were all 18-21 year olds. Still can't believe the U.S. Navy let a bunch of skinny, young guys like us run around the world operating one of their "Destroyers". The two weeks in Hawaii were wonderful as usual, but now it's back to the real world and trying to take off the extra pounds gained by Mai Tais, Chocolate-covered Macadamia Nuts and Parker Ranch Beef Steaks... One of the first things I discovered upon returning home was that SASS HQ informed us that we were NOT going to host the 2011 Oregon State Match after all, as a member of the Wild Bunch had already "promised" it to another club and "forgot" to let the office know about it. OK, we wuz robbed.... Nothing we can do about it now, so let's put all of our talent and effort into making the 2011 Battle of Rogue River the best match the Merlin Marauders has ever put on. The current (revised) plan is to extend the number of shooters to 180, as we would have done hosting the state match, and extend the number of posses shooting to accommodate that many shooters. Using a figure of 18 on a posse, we'd need to have ten posses, and enough berms and targets to handle that. We can do it. We are scouting for a real knock-out caterer and have several leads already. The State of Jefferson Vigilance Committee has volunteered (not much recruiting needed there) to do a "Dinner Theatre" during the Saturday night meal, that will be in keeping with our theme of "TV Westerns" of the past. (A heretofore un-aired episode of "GUNSMOKE" was mentioned)

As I've sent around by e-mail, the agenda items for the Territorial Governor's Summit at the 2010 SASS Convention are fewer than I've ever seen them, with 4 "voting items" and 3 "discussion items". Some questions came up about why a couple were on the agenda when they had been voted "down" in the recent past. Well, the reason is that the two-year moratorium on bringing up "failed" items does not apply if they have "passed" by a simple majority but failed to garner the required TWO THIRDS majority. Take a look at the items and please e-mail me with YOUR yes or no votes. As usual, I will vote YOUR ticket unless there are DRASTIC changes to the item or wording. As every politician you've ever heard of says: TRUST ME....!!???? If you DIDN'T get a copy of the agenda items LET ME KNOW, and I'll get you a copy. On the discussion-only items: MY thoughts are: The "Mare's Laig" as a main-match pistol? Ya' gotta' be kidding...that thing's parents weren't married..... As for allowing someone to enter a match twice, using two SASS alias'es???, and paying two entry fees so they can effectively "practice the match DURING the match? What if one alias gets a MATCH DQ? Oh, well... he'll just keep shooting on the OTHER alias..? Gimme a break...! (My personal opinions only).....

Questions have been raised concerning loading the '97 "on the move": Is it legal to move downrange, loading two into the magazine tube with the '97 COCKED, action closed and an empty CHAMBER? NO! NOT with the hammer **cocked!!** From page 17 of the RO I manual: Safe for movement, shotgun in hand only:

- Action open: Round can be in chamber or on carrier
- Action closed: Hammer(s) fully down on empty chamber(s) or expended round(s).

Continuing on: a little more "Old Cowpoke Speak":

"It's like lickin' butter off a knife". (Dead Easy)

"Squaw-man" : A white man married to an Indian woman

"Slicker" : Raincoat, usually oilskin, tied to the back of the saddle. Also called a "Fish" after the company that made so many of them.

"Slicker-roll" A bedroll wrapped in a slicker. "A slicker-broke" horse was on that wouldn't "spook" or kick when the slicker was dropped off the left side..

"Son-of-a-bitch Stew" (Or: "Son-of-a-gun-stew" in polite company) It varied in content, but was usually based on veal, and could include: half a calf heart, liver, brains, marrow gut, hot sauce, sweetbreads and kidneys, and perhaps onions and chilies added, as well as flour to thicken it. **Ride Easy! Sweetwater Jack**