



MERLIN MARAUDERS

Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy everyone....We've got new cowpokes in the saddle, and we're off to a roaring start. I would like to thank Bear Bone for his guidance and leadership over the past 2 years while serving as our President. He did a great job and applied the same fortitude as that during his tenure as Match Director.

I would also like to thank Katastrophe Kate for updating our information page in the Daily Courier. SASS has been notified of our club changes and our upcoming Battle of Rogue River in June. Kate was also installed as a new Director on the JCSA Board. Congratulations! Speaking of JCSA, The Merlin Marauders donated \$500 for the purchase of new chairs, which will definitely come in handy during our annual match. A big thank you also goes to Wimpy and Whiney YOHO (The Lindholms) for donating 50 folding chairs to our club, some of which will be donated to JCSA. These will also come in handy all year long

Mark your calendars for several upcoming events. We have scheduled a range/clubhouse clean-up for Sunday, January 30th starting at 10 a.m. We plan to pick up shotgun hulls and also move some of our props to facilitate easier access. We have scheduled a Merlin Marauder Garage sale on March 18 and 19 at JCSA. So, clean out your garages and barns and help us come up with some extra funds to apply towards our annual match and capital improvement projects.

Our range house has a new combination code. Members in good standing may contact our Secretary, Ima Horsinaround for the new combination. Speaking of the range house, JCSA has approved our plans

to construct a storage facility for our targets. Runnin' Wild, I am sure, has his hammer ready.

Last but not least, we are planning to have some theme shoots this year, so be prepared for some FUN. Valentines Day in February obviously brings hearts to mind, but also be sure to wear RED.

Stay tuned...till next month, when we will update you on this year's Ladies Match (planned for May 2011).

Ride tall and shoot straight Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-Jan. 9th 2010

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

21 Shooters showed up for the match, in 32 degree temps! A 21 gun salute and eulogy was presented in honor of Don Conroy (Sam Walker) one of the founders of the Marauders. Thanks to all who participated!

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 8th @ 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

Our Next Monthly Match will be on: Saturday, February 5th. "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 72 folks, with the loss of Don Conroy.

The newly elected 2011 Merlin Marauders Club Officers have been sworn in and taken the reins as of 11 Jan. President; Molly B' Dam, Secretary/Membership; Ima Horsinaround New Director; Sgt. Buffalo B.S.. Our newly appointed Member-at-Large; Runnin' Wild! Congratulations to all! Sweetwater Jack was re-appointed as Territorial Governor. All new and reappointed officers took the solemn oath of office as led by Bear Bone Smith.

THE MERLIN MARAUDERS WEBSITE

Is expanding all the time. The site is located at: www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com Take a look and tell your friends about it! It is (as the most over-worked word in the English language states.....) AWESOME !!! As was noted last month, the problem with our "domain name" has been resolved and those that were trying to get onto our website using the old www.merlinmarauders.com as well as the alternate www.merlinmarauders.org can now find us using those links once again.

The Battle of Rogue River 2011

Planning continues and many of the details have been worked out to the committee's satisfaction, and we hope, to the satisfaction of everyone who will be shooting the match with us.

We are already off and running, with a couple of planning meetings already behind us. We are planning for 180 shooters! Runnin' Wild has scheduled our next Annual Match Meeting for Wednesday January 19th, at **ELMER'S Restaurant** at 6:30. We need your support, so please plan to attend if at all possible.

More Club Notes...

Correction on last month's article on the Christmas party: Santa arrived courtesy of

Rogue River Police Chief Ken Lewis, as the fire department was already committed.

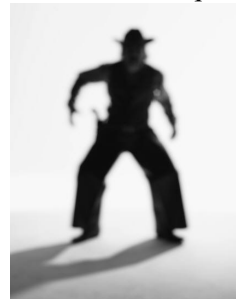
Plans for the "Ladies Only Clinic" are going forward, and the date and location are being worked out. At this time JCSA will not waive the daily range fee for the ladies "shoot". But alternate locations are being "scouted" if they will not reverse their decision.

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

JCSA Has approved our request and plans to build a storage shed for our targets along the berm wall at stage #2. Runnin' Wild submitted drawings for the facility that will attach to the berm wall and "Livery" façade. This will get our target steel out of the range house.

JCSA has requested that the Sub-Clubs assist with the purchase of 100 folding chairs for use in the Indoor Range to replace the flimsy plastic stacking chairs now in use and provide for more seating for events such as our annual Battle of Rogue River. The club has pledged \$500 for this, and individual Merlin Marauder members have also pledged amounts from \$100 to \$300 for a total of \$1300 from the Cowboys. . Hopefully, the other clubs at JCSA will step up to the plate as well. In addition,

The JCSA Board has decided to forgo supporting the Sportsman's Show at the Medford Fairground coming up in the last weekend in February, due to the increased costs/fees they are requiring for a booth. Manning the JCSA booth was discussed at the January Marauders Club meeting, where volunteers were solicited. This will now not be required.



Match Stage Setup for February 5th.

Stage 1-Bear Bone Smith
Stage 2 Molly B' Dam
Stage 3 & 5 Johnny Dingus
Stage 4 Runnin' Wild

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) ???-????	deputvanimal@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:

LOWERED PRICES:

For Sale: Remington Model 870, 12-Gauge Pump Shotgun. 28" barrel, Never Fired! \$200

Matched Pair of AWA "Ultimate '73" Revolvers in .38-40 Less than 100 rounds through each. \$500 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

JANUARY 9, 2011 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Miss	Net Stage1	Net Stage 2	Net Stage 3	Net Stage 4	Net Stage 5
1	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	129.65	2	22.40	29.03	20.62	25.53	32.07
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	141.82	1	20.64	28.22	19.88	42.78	30.30
3	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	154.39	0	26.13	35.96	23.90	32.25	36.15
4	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	188.35	2	41.40	39.80	22.41	35.37	49.37
5	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	188.50	8	18.71	53.55	34.01	31.24	50.99
6	Bad Dawg Matt	Gunfighter	194.50	10	38.75	46.57	35.10	26.87	47.21
7	Jed I. Knight	F/C Gunfighter	210.18	5	50.47	53.02	30.32	34.41	41.96
8	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	215.13	0	50.42	51.72	31.17	38.90	42.92
9	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	222.53	5	46.53	43.37	28.49	49.63	54.51
10	Checotah	Sr. Gunfighter	224.28	3	58.93	45.31	39.96	33.61	46.47
11	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	228.73	5	30.54	52.60	49.69	46.78	49.12
12	Pugilist	Duelist	229.70	6	63.26	44.87	33.60	37.22	50.75
13	Merlin Maverick	Cattle Baron	238.57	0	35.18	61.70	35.94	52.12	53.63
14	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	244.12	8	37.71	82.14	33.22	37.54	53.51
15	Sweetwater Jack	Merlin Cowboy	258.69	2	53.31	59.69	50.21	41.87	53.61
16	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	260.07	10	69.95	61.00	41.23	42.28	45.61
17	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	284.04	20	61.26	44.93	40.92	50.89	86.04
18	Ten Sleep Good Guy	Frontier Cartridge	290.77	4	70.35	78.26	40.66	45.48	56.02
19	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	360.47	17	53.94	105.67	47.18	67.30	86.38
20	Calamity	Lady Wrangler	501.49	25	112.95	128.73	48.49	88.72	122.60
21	Westerly Wind	Cowboy	517.66	16	112.52	94.54	114.02	89.04	107.54

Highlighted : Clean Match! Not a bad turnout considering it never got warmer than 34deg.

Welcome to brand-new first-time shooter Westerly Wind (aka Wes Molsberry)

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Well, here we are at the top of a New Year! We are looking at having the biggest and best "Battle of Rogue River" we've ever put on next June, and we've been promised support in that endeavor from clubs all over Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.... (No, none of that wishy-washy "seasons greetings" stuff....you KNOW I'm not politically correct) I don't usually plug any commercial enterprises (but my own) but I can't resist urging anyone that hasn't gone to see the new re-make of the movie "True Grit" to do so. Gaye Abandon and I went to see it the day after it came out (after being TOLD to go see it by Delta Queen – You don't disobey Delta Queen) Then, on the 26th, a dozen Marauders gathered at the box office, (properly dressed, of course) and we saw it AGAIN! Grittier than the Duke's version, but closer, I'm

told, to the book. Also noticed that Big John wore the eye patch on his LEFT eye, and Jeff Bridges wore it on the RIGHT... Hmmmm. Guess their “master” eyes are different.... Anyway, it was a great movie and dinner party.

One of the things that was discussed at the T/G Summit was the “updating/correcting” of the wording on some of the rulings that have been a part of our sport for some time. The Range Officer (RO) Committee is in the midst of seeing to it that the Shooters Handbook and the R.O.1 and R.O. 2 Course Handbooks all say the same thing. A job I wouldn't want, for sure. This is just a note to let you know that if you find any discrepancies from one “manual” to another they ARE being corrected.

Awhile back I made mention of “illegally acquired ammunition”, where a shooter runs out of (for instance) shotgun shells, and a friend hands him/her some to finish the shooting string. At that time there was some question as to the penalty. Well, it's been clarified. It's a “procedural”. Shooter's handbook page 21: Failure to stage guns or ammunition at the designated position(s)/location(s) is the fault of the competitor and scored as a procedural unless the competitor is able to correct the situation, unassisted, while in the process of completing the stage under time. *The penalty for using "illegally acquired" ammunition (i.e. NOT carried to the line/staged by the shooter in an approved manner) will be a PROCEDURAL. Any targets hit using that ammo will be scored as MISSES. NO adjustments will be made to the stage raw time. It is **also** now on page 21 of the R.O.1 manual.* Hmmmm. Same page, both handbooks... The committee's doin' GOOD!

Want some MORE “Speakin' COWBOY” ?:

Hog Ranch: Nope, no pigs! It's an establishment pretending to be a ranch, but actually supplying whiskey and whores to soldiers. In the 1870's the Hayes administration prohibited liquor sales at Western military posts. (Yes, this was undoubtedly at the urging of President Hayes' WIFE, devout tea-totaler who was known near and far as “Lemonade Lucy”). The soldiers responded by going to the nearest “hog ranch” for satisfaction.

And while we're in the “H's”:

Hog Leg: Well, we all know it means a large pistol, but did you know that it ORIGINALLY applied only to the Colt BISLEY?

Hogback: A steep, narrow ridge that arcs back to earth. Also sometimes referred to a horse that was the exact opposite of a swayback.

Hoodlum Wagon: The Bed wagon on a trail drive. Often just referred to as a Hoodlum, it carried the bedding and other supplies NOT carried on the chuck wagon. Its driver, usually the fellow that watched the horses at night, was called the “Hood”.

Hooky Bobbing: Here's one I KNOW ya' don't know: Mostly in the Pacific North West and Alaska, it was catching a ride by grabbing onto the rear of a moving vehicle and being pulled along **on your boots!**

Sweetwater Jack