



MERLIN MARAUDERS

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy everyone....Happy Birthday Gaye Abandon and Bear Bone Smith!

I would like to thank all those cowpokes and cowgirls that showed up at the January 30th range work party. Seventeen of us raked shotgun hulls, relocated props and target stands, and had a roaring bonfire to take care of all the old wood scraps. Fort Swampy could not look spiffier. We will plan to do this again in March, May and June to have our range ready for our visitors to this year's annual match.

WOW – 42 shooters turned out for our Valentine's match. A sea of red was seen everywhere and the stages were great. I would like to extend a special thank you to Johnny Dingus and Mrs. Dingus for donating the appropriately shaped heart cookies and doilies to go along with our theme. Julie Chase of Chase Photography was there to take pictures of all the shooters and her work may be viewed on her web site @ www.jchasephotographyart.com. Thank you, Julie. Be prepared to wear GREEN or PLAID in honor of St. Patrick's Day for our March monthly match. Perhaps we may even see a few kilts.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events. Our MM Garage Sale is scheduled for March 18 and 19, at the JCSA Indoor Range, so clean out your garages and barns. Proceeds will benefit our club; with our target storage shed plans having been approved by JCSA, Runnin' Wild tells us that we can look forward to proceeding with construction and painting, hopefully in March. This will allow us to bring some of our more delicate props inside.

We will be holding an RO II Class in the near future (stay tuned for the date), as well as a Ladies Shooting Class. The Ladies Class is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, starting at 10 a.m. We will utilize JCSA's Indoor Classroom, and then adjourn to Fort Swampy to test our pistols, rifles and shotguns. This year we will split the ladies group in half to facilitate new shooters and those more experienced. Purgatory Smith will be running the advanced shooting portion, so be prepared to get some great tips.

Till next month... Ride tall and shoot straight. Yer Prez... Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-Feb. 5th, 2011

- 1 Royal Flush
- 2 General Lee Goode
- 3 Purgatory Smith
- 4 Bear Bone Smith
- 5 Wales Holiday

42 Shooters showed up for the match, A little chilly at first, it warmed up to be another beautiful day in the neighborhood! It was good to see Big Iron Buster and Evergreen Rose come down all the way from Washington to shoot with us.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, MARCH 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, March 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 76.
A warm cowboy welcome to:
Crazy Skip, Ruby Jim and Westerly Wind!

The newly elected 2011 Merlin Marauders Club Officers have been sworn in and taken the reins as of 11 Jan. After the general meeting last month, the Executive Board met to re-appoint Sweetwater Jack as Territorial Governor.

THE MERLIN MARAUDERS "20 FAMILY GARAGE SALE":

Got some stuff that you either don't need or want anymore? Cowboy/cowgirl clothing items? Anything? Here's your chance to clean out that closet, attic or workbench of un-needed items that someone else might want or need. This stuff will be DONATED and sales will go to the club for future (and present) needs. Turn that stuff into cash for your club! The big event will be **March 18th and 19th**. **At JCSA**. And come on out and get some "new" STUFF!

The Battle of Rogue River 2011

Applications for BoRR 2011 are coming in hand over fist!. We now have 64 shooters entered, and the camping spaces with water and electricity are going fast. Our next Annual Match Meeting is scheduled 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...

The "Ladies Only Clinic" will be held on **Sunday, May 15, at our range**. There will be two separate classes held, a BASIC course for new shooters held by Molly B' Dam and her gals, and an ADVANCED course, instructed by that World-Famous Gunslinger: Purgatory Smith! For those ladies who are not JCSA members there will be a range fee of \$5.00 Ladies, please register with Molly either by e-mail: haha@budget.net or phone: 541-479-2928

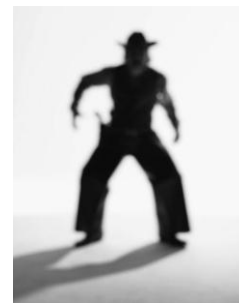
JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

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.

With the purchase of 170 new folding chairs (1/2 of the required funds needed were donated by the Merlin Marauders, both as a club donation and from individual M/M members) there will now be plenty of seating for our annual match dinner and lunches. Repairs also have been/are being made to the supply of banquet tables, so that concern is vanquished also.

REMINDER: The JCSA Board has decided to forgo supporting the Sportsman's Show at the Medford Fairground coming up on 25-26-27 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.

JCSA Reports that range membership now stands at 1228 active members.



Match Stage Setup for March 5th.

(St. Patrick's Day Shoot, wear something
GREEN (or Plaid)

Stage 1-Ima Horsinaround
Stage 2 -Molly B' Dam
Stage 3 -Britt Ponsness
Stage 4 -Runnin' Wild
Stage 5 – Johnny Dingus

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Molly B' Dam	[541] 479-2928	haha@budget.net
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
					(Note: So. Umpqua Vigilantes are NOT SASS-Affiliated as yet)
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		
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

GUEST EDITORIAL (Or, "Letters to the Editor")

At our last general meeting, one of our members made reference pertaining to the excessive noise and crowded conditions encountered at Elmer's Restaurant. I too share this view. In addition, I feel the food is grossly overpriced, of poor quality, and somewhat limited as to selection.

Certainly we can do better. Averaging twenty members per meeting and holding three meetings per month (General, Annual, and Reenactment), we generate approximately sixty dinners which should be a welcome income source and should encourage any restaurant to do away with a service fee if they have one.

How about it? Can any of you think of another restaurant where we can meet?

The decision to adopt Elmer's was hastily arrived at. Very little discussion took place, and no real yes/no vote was asked for.

Was the move away from the Black Forest Restaurant really that much of an improvement? I don't think so, and I would welcome your thoughts on this subject. Please call me at 541-479-2928, or E-mail me at haha@budget.net if you have any suggestions for a change of venue.

Merlin Maverick

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 for \$25 The club is currently looking into the possibility of arranging for the individual purchases of another style of Official Merlin Marauder Club Badge also. Rogue Rascal is investigating these badges, which are produced by the same company currently supplying the Klamath Cowboys new badges. Price ranges run about \$70. We'll keep you advised as this goes along.

FEBRUARY 5, 2011 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Misses	Stage1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	123.29	2	18.40	18.50	17.62	26.29	42.48
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	128.67	1	21.74	19.84	21.85	36.44	28.80
3	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	128.94	4	24.16	19.88	20.14	30.58	34.18
4	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	154.23	0	25.86	26.65	27.87	44.56	29.29
5	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	157.35	1	26.50	25.39	26.92	42.22	36.32
6	Big Iron Buster	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	163.45	3	28.66	22.73	33.29	49.55	29.22
7	Lead Ringer	Wrangler	165.80	9	19.21	27.14	63.66	37.01	18.78
8	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	171.06	0	32.41	30.61	33.82	43.35	30.87
9	Treacherous Jack	Senior	171.17	1	31.98	25.23	29.32	55.61	29.03
10	Pugilist	Duelist	173.69	2	37.66	30.93	29.67	48.27	27.16
11	Gravestone Dodger	Senior	174.48	1	37.02	28.57	32.63	47.71	28.55
12	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	174.72	4	26.19	23.22	34.55	57.74	33.02
13	Ruby Jim	Silver Senior	180.52	0	33.67	29.80	32.90	46.77	37.38
14	Hammerin' Hank	Buckaroo	184.95	2	27.87	39.30	25.08	48.29	44.41
15	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	187.14	1	33.10	29.84	40.02	46.41	37.77
16	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	197.01	1	35.51	40.74	34.46	49.27	37.03
17	Miss Behavin	Lady Wrangler	203.51	2	36.51	37.20	39.74	52.19	37.87
18	Coho Jack	Wrangler	209.33	2	51.50	30.82	39.76	45.91	41.34
19	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	229.65	2	43.84	36.06	40.11	67.60	42.04

20	Evergreen Rose	Lady Frontier Cartiridge	233.53	2	41.78	31.96	56.33	57.50	45.96
21	J. D. Walker	Cattle Baron	240.10	3	43.67	40.53	38.93	71.67	45.30
22	Sweetwater Jack	Elder Statesman	240.88	4	38.13	49.22	42.79	65.36	45.38
23	Lawdawg Rick	Forty-Niner	244.68	9	47.54	44.63	44.30	62.87	45.34
24	Rifle'en Rebecca	Lady Wrangler	246.70	12	46.70	50.18	44.99	52.09	52.74
25	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	252.85	4	57.37	48.01	39.40	70.73	37.34
26	Riverdog	Cowboy	256.49	7	34.93	47.17	38.17	102.62	33.60
27	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	263.07	5	36.77	65.93	56.27	63.52	40.58
28	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	266.00	2	44.98	44.15	50.99	81.30	44.58
29	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	266.60	2	49.26	49.36	55.43	63.63	48.92
30	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	267.57	0	47.51	48.83	51.27	66.35	53.61
31	Sole Agent	Forty-Niner	268.35	2	34.93	55.25	58.05	79.09	41.03
32	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	269.20	4	41.67	55.67	48.89	76.25	46.72
33	Melrose	Cowboy	273.20	6	76.72	35.91	46.35	64.54	49.68
34	Jasper Wayne	Forty-Niner	279.18	1	57.29	47.75	55.09	68.49	50.56
35	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	285.96	3	53.14	37.79	64.31	71.13	59.59
36	Calico Connie	Lady Forty-Niner	292.21	2	51.81	43.93	46.52	97.99	51.96
37	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	307.35	30	32.98	31.58	58.37	160.00	24.42
38	Painted Ponies	Elder Statesman	316.13	9	59.03	37.78	94.73	55.42	69.17
39	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	396.49	6	74.40	70.44	70.90	94.39	86.36
40	Westerly Wind	Cowboy	400.46	5	97.51	74.51	61.20	80.46	86.78
41	Earl Diablo	Forty-Niner	407.35	17	72.97	91.65	76.09	73.34	93.30
42	Crazy Skip	Silver Senior	588.62	18	103.03	135.68	155.50	123.61	70.80

Highlighted Names = Clean Match!

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

January was a tough month for a few of our cowfolk, medically speaking. Barbarosa Mike scared hell out of us a couple of times with his heart surgeries, but is well on the way toward coming back to the range and kickin' some Gluteus Maximus! (Can't say "butts" 'cause this is a fambly newsletter) Gaye Abandon and Marshal Law had close calls of the cardio kind, and Kate Brinning went in for hip replacement! Why am I mentioning all this in the T/G Dispatches, you ask? Well, I'm glad you asked... It's because of the kind of family each and every one of you are... You care about each other, and you showed it front and center when our friends needed the support only a FAMILY like ours can give. "The Cowboy Way" has been bruited about for years with all kinds of explanations as to what it is.. WE don't have to explain it to each other. The Cowboys, Cowgirls (Young and "Mature", both) of The State of Jefferson have SHOWN what it is... Now, back to our regular program: Shoot a side-by-side shotgun with a top-mounted opening lever? Need to bend or "re-profile" it a bit to make it easier to open with that weak thumb? Well, NOW ya' can! The "mods" committee has now approved the modification and set a limit. You may now bend it no more than ½" from center of the tang to the outside edge of the lever.

Want some MORE "Speakin' COWBOY" ? Last Month we rooted around in the "H" locker and came up with some gems..... Anybody try that-there "Hooky Bobbing"??

Well, let's see what we find under "L" this month:

Lincoln Shingle: Hard bread issued as rations by the US Army during the period of the Indian Wars. The bread was about three inches square and very hard. Other names: sheet-iron cracker, teeth-duller, and either Lincoln or McClellan pie.

Leopard Sweat: Mormon Homemade Whiskey

Line Yer Flue: Cowboy talk for: eating.

Lizard-tailed Outlaw: This is a bad guy who is "mean and scrawny and quick to get away".

Lo (often also called: Mr. Lo) A generic term for Indians

Locked Spurs: Spurs with the rowels tied so they won't move. If the rider puts them into the cinch (locking them down) the spurs will hold fast; if they rolled, the spurs wouldn't hold him. In RODEO, it's illegal to lock your spurs.

Lone Ranger: cowboy talk for an unmarried man.

Lump Oil: kerosene or coal oil.

Sweetwater Jack: (No definition possible!)