



MERLIN MARAUDERS

Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy everyone....This month's birthday wishes go to Purgatory Smith (the BIG 40), CHP Shot, and Fairweather Kate. Ah but how the years fly.

Thirteen brave souls shot the St. Pat's Day Match. Yes, it POURED cats and dogs, but it sure didn't dampen our enthusiasm. We had a sea of green, and even an authentic kilt. Lots of teasing as to the kilt, but Runnin' Wild took it in stride, and Ima Horsinaround, that Irish lass, looked great also. Julie from Julie Chase Photography was there once again to take pictures. Thanks Julie! Mark your calendars for the April Match scheduled for April 2nd. Do we have a theme? You bet - think Easter bunnies, pink, Easter eggs, and yes - even a hat contest. The winner gets a free match in May.

Our 20 family yard sale is scheduled for March 18th and 19th, with set-up on the 17th. See the details on page 2. We have also scheduled a work party on those same days (18th and 19th) starting at 10 a.m. Runnin' Wild is planning to put up our target storage shed (by the livery) and he needs help with the construction, so if you do not plan to be in the indoor range for the sale, we hope that you can assist Bob.

Mark your calendars for the April Work Party scheduled tentatively for April 17th, starting at 10 a.m. Besides painting the target storage shed, we will also begin constructing props for the annual match. We have lots going on from now until our match in June, and we will therefore need lots of cowpokes and cowgirls to assist. We thank you in advance for your support, and hope to see everyone there!

We had a busy March meeting approving to keep our current badges (which we all love), and are checking, finally, into getting our own long range targets. We are still planning to hold RO II Class in the near future (stay tuned for the date), as well as a Ladies Shooting Class, scheduled for May 15th, starting at 10 a.m. Check out the rifle being raffled on Page 3 - thanks to the generosity of Sweetwater Jack and Gaye Abandon. It's a beauty! Ride tall and shoot straight....Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-March 5th 2011

- 1 Purgatory Smith
- 2 General Lee Goode
- 3 Jed I. Knight
- 4 Kidd Krystin
- 5 Sgt. Buffalo B.S.

13 Shooters showed up for the match, A little RAIN didn't stop us.... OK more than a little... We shot all 5 stages in town (Fort Swampy), changing targets and scenarios. No Wild Bunch this month as lunch and dry warmth at Della's Restaurant was deemed more important.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, APRIL 12th @ 6:30PM

At ELMERS' Restaurant 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, April 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, with first shots downrange right after.

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Our Merlin Marauders membership now stands at 78 folks.

THE MARAUDERS 20 FAMILY YARD SALE

Got some stuff that you either don't need or want anymore? Cowboy/cowgirl clothing items? Anything? Appliances, TV's, Gas BBQ's? Here's your chance to clean out that closet, attic, workbench or garage 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's indoor range**.

The Battle of Rogue River 2011

Applications for BoRR 2011 are coming in hand over fist!. We now have over 90 shooters entered, and the camping spaces with water and electricity are gone! Our next Annual Match Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, at **ELMER'S Restaurant**, at 6:30. We need your support, so please plan to attend if at all possible. We will be holding these Battle of Rogue River meetings every 3rd Wednesday through May.

More Club Notes...

The application to SASS for the Merlin Marauders to host the 2012 Oregon State Championship Match has been submitted, and acknowledgement of the application's receipt has been received. We can now only wait.

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

PHOTOS

Julie, the Photographer, was out in the rain "shooting" us again during the March match, and has posted even more photos on her website. The link to her website is in our M/M website.

She will be the official photographer for our annual match this year.

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

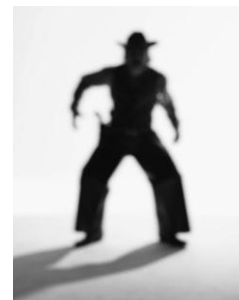
Don Fisher has announced that a new "3 Gun" Event is being proposed at JCSA. Matches are proposed for the first Sunday of each month on the Law Enforcement Range, 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Handguns must be 9mm or larger, no magnums. Rifles are limited to 30 caliber or LESS, and must be lever action, pump, or semi-auto. (.22lr is great) Shotguns will be pump only, no semi-automatics. Shotgun ammo: #8 or #9 birdshot. Any choke may be used.

Sights: any sights other than those projecting a laser beam.

Classification is: "USPSA Open"

Fees: \$12 per person for JCSA Members, Non-JCSA shooters: \$16.50

For further information contact Ron Fisher at:
541/472-1380 – Home
541/660-7749 – Cell



Match Stage Setup for April 2nd:

(Easter: wear something "Bunny Pink")

Stage 1-Bear Bone

Stage 2 -Molly

Stage 3 -Dingus

Stage 4 -Runnin' Wild

Stage 5 – Britt

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

Rifle Raffle:

THIS is your chance to own (and shoot!) a unique piece of Old West History!! An Uberti 1883 "Colt-Burgess" rifle in the "correct" caliber of .44-40 has been donated to raffle off!!

25 1/2" Octagon barrel, CCH/Blue, Pioneer Gun Works action job and "grabber" brass bead front sight
 Value: about \$1400.00 retail. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 This rifle and tickets plus the pickle jar to put the tickets and money in, will be at all the Merlin Matches and Meetings. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win. Winner will be drawn from the pickle jar during the awards ceremony for BoRR 2011 on Sunday, 12 June..

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, sand-cast, brass badges made by the Lindholm Brothers, Whiney Henry and Wimpy Hank Yoho, and are available from Molly for \$25. The club membership discussed the possibility of arranging for the individual purchases of another style of Official Merlin Marauder Club Badge, but after much discussion at the March general meeting it was decided to stay with ONE and only one "official club badge" and not "dilute" its meaning .

MARCH 5, 2011 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Total Misses	Net Stage1	Net Stage 2	Net Stage 3	Net Stage 4	Net Stage 5	
1	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	116.01	0.00	21.42	22.31	23.42	22.93	25.93	
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	156.09	6.00	29.47	36.08	28.20	24.41	37.93	
3	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	194.85	3.00	40.52	32.58	35.54	45.17	41.04	
4	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	200.43	2.00	41.48	34.62	41.43	39.34	43.56	
5	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	204.91	5.00	31.39	42.02	35.80	36.43	59.27	
6	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	218.25	6.00	55.57	37.30	35.42	54.16	35.80	
7	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	221.26	8.00	26.26	30.70	60.78	53.22	50.30	
8	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	242.16	9.00	42.13	41.57	70.44	47.37	40.65	
9	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	242.27	7.00	42.43	47.04	50.17	46.94	55.69	
10	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	254.54	13.00	41.91	53.23	45.64	58.01	55.75	
11	Sweetwater Jack	Elder Statesman	260.55	1.00	46.05	49.18	40.71	51.24	73.37	
12	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	276.49	1.00	45.29	46.99	63.72	52.77	67.72	
13	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	339.53	5.00	64.45	68.12	52.00	52.59	102.37	

Highlighted : Clean Match! Only Purgy this month!!!

No Wild Bunch Side Match was shot during the March Monthly Match due to inclement weather, fear that those new-fangled "auto-loader pistols" and "cranky 1897 Winchester Shootguns" would mal-function in the misty sprinkling rain..... plus... we wuz HUNGRY and them "Western Chili-burgers" and breakfasts at Della's smelled TOO GOOD to leave un-molested!!!

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Rain!?? Yep..... I guess we did get a little during this month's match.... Only 13 shooters braved the downpour and we shot it a little differently than normal.... all 5 stages were shot using berms 1 and 2, right there in "downtown" Fort Swampy. A little target and scenario-shuffling and with the abundance of umbrellas and canopies everyone stayed fairly dry....the after-match lunch at Della's Restaurant in Grants Pass was a warm and welcome way to end the day with good friends. I WAS a bit disappointed in that they never have my favorite lunch available though... every time I ask Lori, our waitress, for my usual "steamed weasel on toast points" she says their Weasel Steamer is still broken..... OK on to business: A topic on the T/G Wire recently dealt with "Dry Firing" your guns at the loading or unloading tables...question was raised if just "cocking and/or uncocking" firearms there was considered to be DRY FIRING.....The answer is NO, it isn't. Dry Firing is the full act of cocking, pointing, and dropping the hammer with the trigger in simulation of firing the pistol, rifle or shotgun.

Want some MORE "Speakin' COWBOY" ? Last Month we found some great "L" words. Let's see what poking around in the "P" bag comes up with this month: (No wise cracks)

Parlor Cattle Car: a car on a train with a passage on one side for watering and feeding the stock, without unloading. Apparently a great luxury. "Parlor" was attributed to anything considered luxurious, fancy or "citified". Thus, a "Parlor House" was a fancy "House of Ill Repute" (OK, whorehouse), versus a "crib". Parlor Pistol: usually a fancy Derringer.

Panoche: (puh-noh-chee) a Southwestern term for raw sugar or candy made of brown sugar.

Paper Son: A ruse used by Chinese immigrants. A man with citizenship would claim a younger man to be his son so the fellow could be admitted to the United States.

Pack the Mail: Cowboy talk to ride fast.

Pathway: On Navajo baskets and rugs. It is a slender band of light color running from the center to the edge. It's a break in the pattern that allows the maker's spirit to escape. In full, it is a "weaver's pathway".

Pitch Post: A fence post cut with the sap still in it. Said to improve the resistance to weather.

Plew: A mountain man's term for the entire pelt of a beaver.

Sweetwater Jack: (Still No definition on this one!)