



MERLIN MARAUDERS

Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Howdy everyone....Applications for The Battle of Rogue River are pouring in. We have received 144 to date, 34 of which are also shooting the Wild Bunch Match. Just a reminder that applications received after May 10th will have a rate increase.

This is a month for KUDOS. What a great group of cowpokes and cowgirls we have. Our Yard Sale was a rip roaring success. Thank you Sgt. Buffalo B.S. for thinking of it and everyone else for following through with the idea. While we were vending in the clubhouse, Runnin' Wild and his gang were busy on the range building a target shed. Great job boys – all completed except for the roof itself. Finally we will have room to store some props inside our range house.

More KUDOS are in order for Runnin' Wild, Johnny Dingus and General Lee Goode who made and welded fifty plus target stands. WOW, I bet they were tired afterwards. A big "Thank You" also goes to Johnny Dingus who is in the process of fabricating a herd of cows for our annual match. Can't wait to see them.

Just a reminder that we are currently taking sign-ups for the Ladies Shooting Clinic. Please contact Molly b'Dam if you are interested. Additional details may be found on Page 2 of this Newsletter or on our website:

www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com in the "News" portion.

The May Monthly match is designated as "Mismatch Day", so scour your closets for an inventive get-up. We will have a barbe-

cue after the match. Bring your own meat and fixings (hotdogs, hamburgers), and yours truly will be bringing a big potato salad.

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

Next Annual Match Meeting is at Elmer's on Wednesday, April 20th. Usual time, 6:00 if you are eating.

Match Winners-April 2nd 2011

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

33 Shooters showed up for the match, A little RAIN didn't stop us.... (It only lasted a few minutes) We did shoot a Wild Bunch this month, and the lunch after the match at Della's Restaurant is becoming a regular thing to do.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, May 10th @ 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, May 7th, "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.

More Club Notes...

The ROII Course to be given by Palewolf Brunelle will be held on April 17th (Next Sunday) at 10:00. Assisting him will be newly-recertified Marshal Law, and our own Bear Bone Smith, who will be the 2nd RO II instructor newly assigned to our area. This class will be approx. 4-6 hours long, with a break for lunch. Brown-bagging is advised. For first-time RO II students there is a SASS-required \$25 fee. If you are taking it as a refresher, there is NO fee. It's been awhile since we've had an opportunity to take this course, so please attend. Contact Bear Bone to enroll. bearbonesmith@msn.com

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

Letter to the Editor: From Merlin Maverick:

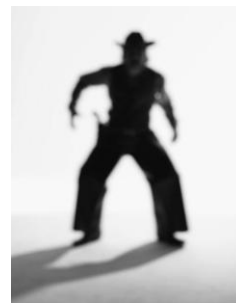
Frankford Arsenal at one time made an excellent battery-powered primer tube filler called the "Vibra-Prime." Sweetwater, Bear Bone, myself, and a few others were lucky enough to have acquired one before they ceased production "due to a lack of interest in the product." This is unfortunate as I am sure that many of us Cowboy Action Shooters would benefit from this excellent tool. Personally, I much prefer it over my \$260.00 Dillon Auto Primer. If interested, may I suggest that you contact Frankford Arsenal at Battenfeld Products, 5885 W. Van Horn Tavern Rd., Columbia, MO 65203, or www.Frankford_arsenal.com.

(Note: They were sold by Midway, USA for right around \$30...Great Item .. and cheap, compared to the Dillon - SWJ)

The **"Garage Sale"** netted the club just a bit over \$1700!! A BIG thanks to all who participated!!!

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

May 21 is going to be "Kids Day" at JCSA... The Sportsman Park is going to host an event, sort of a "Shooting Fair" for youngsters from age 10 through 17, from 8:00 AM through 2:00 PM. They will be given the chance to give ALL the venues at JCSA a try, from Trap and Skeet to Bulls-eye Pistol. JCSA would like the Merlin Marauders to set up a stage at Fort Swampy and provide guns and ammo for these kids to try out "Cowboy Action Shooting" also. This will be similar to what we've done in the past on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends for the general public. We need a few folks to volunteer their time at Fort Swampy (as well as ammo and firearms) so that these young folks can handle and try their luck popping those steel "bad guys" as we do. We need to dress just as we would for any cowboy match. This is a great opportunity to get young families involved in our sport. (These kids WILL have their adult families with them as I understand it.) More info as the date gets closer, but pencil May 21 into your calendars and start stacking up your old copies of the Cowboy Chronicle to hand out, please.



Match Stage Setup for May 7th:

(Mother's Day: wear something "Motherish")

Stage 1-Molly

Stage 2 -Bear Bone

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:

STILL LOTS of CHANCES to own (and shoot!) that unique piece of Old West History!! The Uberti 1883 "Colt-Burgess" rifle in the "correct" caliber of .44-40 has drawn quite a bit of interest but there are lots of raffle TICKETS STILL UNSOLD....!!

This rifle has a 25 ½" 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 and I will

MAIL tickets to you if you can't get them at a match or meeting.

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 .

APRIL 2, 2011 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	159.13	0.00	34.13	32.32	34.44	31.03	27.21
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	159.80	2.00	27.31	29.89	31.46	36.50	34.64
3	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	160.06	8.00	26.59	26.68	30.66	37.09	39.04
4	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	169.12	3.00	26.81	31.43	41.99	39.70	29.19
5	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	175.10	2.00	29.59	32.65	45.62	30.18	37.06
6	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	184.88	2.00	37.31	41.52	32.44	34.41	39.20
7	Riverdog	Cowboy	197.46	3.00	34.77	39.03	54.72	33.13	35.81
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	198.69	3.00	34.22	45.40	41.61	39.46	38.00
9	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	200.14	2.00	47.76	41.37	40.83	37.23	32.95
10	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	201.79	5.00	33.11	38.04	47.24	35.29	48.11
11	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	214.92	5.00	42.38	47.05	43.69	34.76	47.04
12	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	220.20	3.00	43.66	37.58	49.70	43.13	46.13
13	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	232.10	2.00	48.54	51.13	45.71	46.98	39.74
14	Andy Montana	Silver Senior	256.17	6.00	40.77	61.45	47.01	52.92	54.02
15	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	260.85	13.00	59.22	71.73	42.32	44.19	43.39
16	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	269.33	5.00	45.33	43.28	70.92	52.00	57.80
17	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	269.58	8.00	47.71	65.53	48.23	64.13	43.98
18	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	272.13	4.00	51.11	57.42	56.80	48.64	58.16
19	Ima Horsinaround	Lady Forty- Niner	285.10	5.00	45.60	52.08	57.04	77.87	52.51
20	Pugilist	Duelist	287.89	18.00	30.52	81.92	67.76	55.00	52.69
21	Painted Ponies	Elder Statesman	290.07	4.00	47.51	57.49	63.25	58.22	63.60
22	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	293.31	2.00	73.54	58.36	64.25	51.41	45.75
23	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	295.39	4.00	51.70	53.37	51.76	62.03	76.53
24	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	296.67	5.00	55.33	68.41	56.87	55.17	60.89
25	Fairweather Kate	Lady Silver Senior	296.90	5.00	53.08	49.42	84.31	51.79	58.30

26	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	298.31	10.00	54.28	61.14	60.36	62.30	60.23
27	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	302.22	2.00	89.71	66.24	48.37	50.74	47.16
28	Sweetwater Jack	Elder Statesman	302.72	8.00	43.17	67.41	96.18	44.43	51.53
29	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	337.52	3.00	56.78	65.02	70.91	50.76	94.05
30	Westerly Wind	Cowboy	341.13	5.00	83.56	49.81	47.51	65.41	94.84
31	Bobbin Along Daisy	Lady Forty-Niner	414.88	8.00	77.60	86.24	86.40	77.94	86.70
32	Cow Creek Carole	Lady Senior	610.60	9.00	103.24	109.80	89.61	144.46	163.49
33	J. D. Walker	Cattle Baron	4,999.95	0.00	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99

Highlighted : Clean Match! Only Bear Bone this month!!!

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

Still rainin' ??? Hey! I thought it was supposed to be **SPRING** by now here in **Suthryn Orygun!!????** Well, no problem, we Marauders are TUFF! (And mostly waterlogged,, er,,,,,, I mean waterPROOF! That's it! WaterPROOF!!) Our "family" came through again with the "yard/garage" sale and your donations and salesmanship brought in a bit over seventeen hundred bucks for the club's treasury..... great work by all!

Now for a couple of items that have sprung up on the SASS T/G wire.... A gentleman asked if it was ever illegal to carry your shotgun ammo in a bandoleer, draped over a shoulder, as opposed to a shotgun shell BELT around the waist. Nope, Not as long as the bandoleer (or bandoleers) is/are NOT tied down in any way. They must be loose around the body. (No tuckin' the bottom under your pistol belt) Question two was: A shooter on the line fires his revolver with and the first time around it only goes "bang" FOUR times instead of the expected FIVE. Shooter clicks around again and still no "bang". Dud round! Not a "squib", but no action at all. He then opens the loading gate and puts a fresh round from his belt into the empty chamber, leaving the dud in place, and fires the new round. No targets missed. Any penalty?

Nope. At this point his BEST option would be to remain on the firing line and eject the dud, eliminating any question that there is no live round in the cylinder, reholster, and proceed to the unloading table. A second option would be to call the revolver as having a POSSIBLE live round in it and hand the firearm off to an R.O. However, if he does NEITHER, there is STILL

no penalty call. And no, no penalty for “leaving a possible live round in the chamber, as that penalty ONLY applies to a long gun.... What if the “suspected dud” is now under the hammer? Can’t be, no matter where in the cylinder it is, as when he fired that replacement round to avoid his “miss”, THAT now-empty hull is going to be what’s under the hammer.... No problem.

Cowboy Speak 101: I’ll skip around a little this month: Starting with the “R”s:

Ramada: (ruh-mah-duh) In the South West: An arbor, a brush shelter... taken from the Spanish

Remuda: A cavvy, or herd of saddle horses. Every big ranch had a remuda of scores of horses (geldings only) and each cowboy was assigned a string of six or so, for his personal use. The term remuda (ruh-moo-duh) also came from the Spanish, meaning “remount”. Any U.S. Army post, cavalry or not, would have a remuda for their Remount Service which kept government riders, military and federal law enforcement both, supplied with “exchange transportation” as required. (Note: it is safer to take shelter from the sun under a Ramada, than a Remuda....)

Renegade: An outlaw COW or HORSE. A *renegade rider* was a cowboy who rode to outlying ranches to gather stock belonging to his outfit.

Kentucky Breakfast: As in “He staked me to a Kentucky Breakfast”. “What’s a “Kentucky Breakfast”, you ask? Why, it’s a THREE POUND steak, a bottle of BOURBON whiskey, and a setter DOG. What’s the DOG for??? Why, to eat the steak, of course!

Kettle: For a horse to buck or pitch.. “He kettled and threw me into a saguaro!”

League: Measurement of either distance or area. In the Southwest the distance usually meant about two and a half miles; in area, about 4,400 acres.

Pudding Foot: An awkward horse with big feet. (One of Sweetwater’s ex-wives)

Scallyhoot: To run off; make tracks; skedaddle....

Crack-A-Loo: A gambling game. Players pitched coins against the ceiling and the coin that fell back down and came to rest closest to a crack in the floor, won.

Claw-hammer Coat: A fancy coat with tails, usually looked on with derision in the WEST !!

And one of my favorites:

Schmoehawk: INDIAN slang for an Anglo who poses as an Indian to make money.

Sweetwater Jack: (Still No definition at this time)