



# MERLIN MARAUDERS

## Cowboy Gazette

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### THE Prez Sez:

Howdy everyone.... Application for The Battle of Rogue River now stand at 179 to date, with 42 signed up to shoot the Wild Bunch Match. Just a reminder that applications received after May 10<sup>th</sup> will have a rate increase.

The pace is fast and furious as we build props, paint and clean up the Range. **Heartfelt thanks** go out to those who turned out for the May 8<sup>th</sup> Work Party. We constructed a fort, cleaned up the range, painted the growing herd of cows and our resident "huge" buffalo, and we now also have a herd of horses. WOW! Now that the Target shed is completed, we were able to move the remaining targets out of the range house, giving us much needed room to store props.

Please mark your calendars for the next, and **final work party before the Annual Match**. It is scheduled for **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**, and replaces our regular monthly match. We need everyone's help, so please plan to join us to finish painting, etc. It will give you a real sense of accomplishment when next you see it all come together at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of Rogue River.

I would like to welcome **Line Century and Queen o'Clubs**, who are our newest Merlin Marauder members. Happy to have you join us.

Just a reminder that the Ladies Only Shooting Clinic is right around the corner. Ladies, come join us on May 15<sup>th</sup> at JCSA at 10 a.m. for instruction in the use of single action firearms, accouterments used, and the camaraderie of fellow lady shooters. An advanced class is also scheduled to be taught by our own

renowned Purgatory Smith. Want to be faster, he's the man to show you how to do it. Access his website [www.cowboyactiontown.com](http://www.cowboyactiontown.com) to prep for the class. He has some great tip!

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

### Match Winners-May 7th 2011

- 1 **Bloody Bill Anderson**
- 2 **Purgatory Smith**
- 3 **Royal Flush**
- 4 **General Lee Goode**
- 5 **Jed I Knight**

37 Shooters showed up for the match, A little Sunshine didn't stop us.... No Wild Bunch this month, but we fired up the "new" BBQ for "rollers" and "sliders" while some went to the usual after-match lunch at Della's. It was great to see Long Henry Thompson checking up on us. He says a return to shooting with us is becoming a possibility..... hope so.

### NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, July 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

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**Our Next Monthly Match** will be on:

**Saturday, July 2nd**, There will be NO regular monthly, First Saturday Match in June as we'll be prepping for the ANNUAL!! 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 **80** folks.

Welcome aboard to Line Century and Queen O' Clubs!!

NOTE!!! There will be NO Club Meeting in JUNE

### More Club Notes...

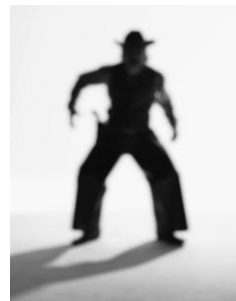
**The RO II Class held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, by Palewolf Brunelle, Marshal Law and Bear Bone Smith, was a great success.** We filled the JCSA classroom pretty much to capacity. I was glad to see so many shooters taking the course as a refresher/update. This course should be taken at least every couple of years in order to keep abreast of the changes that come down from the Wild Bunch, The R.O. Committee, and the annual T/G Summit.

**REMINDER:** The “Ladies Only Clinic” will be held next 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](mailto:haha@budget.net) or phone: 541-479-2928

**Got CCW? For those who don't have a current Oregon Concealed Carry License** and would like one and/or a UTAH Non-resident CCW, There will be a class at the Ashland Gun Club Range next Sunday (15 May) This will be an “all-inclusive” class with fingerprinting, applications submitted and the whole (pardon the expression) “shootin’ match”. If you are interested please contact Bill Longiotti at (541) 621-0008 [justbill@charter.net](mailto:justbill@charter.net) or his Bro-in-law, Dale Butterfield [eagle44@country.net](mailto:eagle44@country.net) for costs, etc. (The Utah CCW gives you 35 State reciprocity. Not California, of course..)

## JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

Reminder that 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 them 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 July 2nd:

**(Independence Day Shoot :  
Red, White and Blue Day, But No  
Cherry Bombs this year, please, as they  
tend to frighten the Territorial  
Governor)**

**Stage 1-Molly**

**Stage 2 –Bear Bone**

**Stage 3 -Dingus**

**Stage 4 -Runnin' Wild**

**Stage 5 – Lonesome Rose**

## OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Molly 'B Dam	[541] 479-2928	<a href="mailto:haha@budget.net">haha@budget.net</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Gold Dust Bill	(503) 705-1211	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	White City	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed@theincredibells.com">jed@theincredibells.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	<a href="mailto:johnnyjingos@yahoo.com">johnnyjingos@yahoo.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed@theincredibells.com">jed@theincredibells.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators-Hat Creek	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Myrtle Creek	So. Umpqua Vigilantes	Dr. Ecchymosis	(541) ???-????	<a href="mailto:deputyanimal@yahoo.com">deputyanimal@yahoo.com</a>
(Note: So. Umpqua Vigilantes are NOT SASS-Affiliated as yet)					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Bend, OR	Pine Mountain Posse	Juniper Butch	[541] 416-0361	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	H. Apple Bob	(541) 826-9140	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Redding CA	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541]	<a href="mailto:deafeagle@centurytel.net">deafeagle@centurytel.net</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541] 259-2774	<a href="mailto:deafeagle@centurytel.net">deafeagle@centurytel.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Mad River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	<a href="mailto:clsnowden@aol.com">clsnowden@aol.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Yreka CA	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Humbug Hank	[530] 598-6969	<a href="mailto:mpine@snowcrest.net">mpine@snowcrest.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Oregon Gustaf	(541) 430-1021	<a href="mailto:swansonville@charter.net">swansonville@charter.net</a>

### 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](mailto: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

# MAY 7th, 2011 MERLIN MARAUDERS MONTHLY MATCH

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Misses	Stage1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	115.36	0	27.08	22.01	23.75	21.68	20.84
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	116.97	0	28.94	21.18	23.35	24.04	19.46
3	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	122.01	3	30.05	30.44	20.14	21.56	19.82
4	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	144.32	3	28.92	31.90	28.89	34.26	20.35
5	Jed I. Knight	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	170.31	0	37.76	27.89	35.84	39.57	29.25
6	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	183.84	3	47.81	30.78	39.06	35.41	30.78
7	Marshal Law	Silver Senior	190.68	3	39.00	37.76	51.35	36.71	25.86
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	193.07	1	50.14	32.25	39.81	37.57	33.30
9	Pugilist	Duelist	199.03	4	58.61	34.98	37.76	34.99	32.69
10	Gawd Awful	Gunfighter	200.94	9	32.89	39.29	44.19	48.36	36.21
11	Coho Jack	Wrangler	203.33	2	40.41	38.15	37.91	35.18	51.68
12	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	224.95	3	54.70	43.60	41.45	47.56	37.64
13	Runnin' Wild	Gunfighter	228.82	9	42.68	58.63	39.50	44.44	43.57
14	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	229.30	9	50.12	34.51	46.94	61.03	36.70
15	Riverdog	Cowboy	233.84	1	41.48	33.07	56.85	58.25	44.19
16	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	236.00	6	49.51	39.59	47.02	58.37	41.51
17	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	236.60	3	50.39	29.25	45.96	49.49	61.51
18	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	240.56	2	51.07	40.93	42.88	49.02	56.66
19	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	245.66	3	54.00	41.68	57.79	51.01	41.18
20	Lawdawg Rick	Forty-Niner	254.79	13	62.04	52.89	49.06	49.95	40.85
21	Ima Horsinaround	Merlin Cowgirl	255.36	4	55.42	42.37	58.91	55.51	43.15
22	Checotah	B-Western	258.17	5	56.52	56.53	53.41	55.39	36.32
23	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	259.50	9	49.54	38.80	45.31	84.31	41.54
24	Ruby Jim	Silver Senior	261.77	6	65.59	48.54	53.25	56.80	37.59
25	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	265.17	0	66.61	63.91	44.19	45.31	45.15
26	Johnny Dingus	Gunfighter	270.44	7	54.38	52.79	49.82	51.44	62.01
27	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	275.12	3	69.16	54.33	52.60	48.28	50.75
28	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	275.29	0	62.38	49.02	56.01	59.60	48.28
29	Westerly Wind	Cowboy	276.50	3	66.54	47.48	57.08	51.61	53.79
30	Bear Bone Smith	Wrangler	279.30	27	38.22	26.41	25.55	29.12	160.00
31	Painted Ponies	Elder Statesman	287.22	5	75.59	57.49	56.53	52.72	44.89

32	J. D. Walker	Cattle Baron	333.16	9	48.37	44.05	130.39	42.65	67.70
33	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	361.15	14	68.81	56.49	83.85	85.40	66.60
34	Calico Connie	Lady Forty-Niner	365.35	13	108.08	51.38	65.80	75.78	64.31
35	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	376.44	6	103.78	61.42	67.46	82.79	60.99
36	Bobbin Along Daisy	Lady Forty-Niner	409.25	4	92.82	70.51	85.66	81.69	78.57
37	Sweetwater Jack	Merlin Cowboy	DNF 2,118.22	0	0.00	999.99	67.96	50.28	999.99

**Highlighted : Clean Match!**

## Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

**Some good news from the Wild Bunch!** As most are aware, the “minor safety” penalty for **OVERLOADING THE RIFLE**, has been a hot topic for some time now. And the TG’s have been trying to get this unfair penalty eliminated. Overloading a rifle on a stage is NOT a safety issue. The safety issue emerges if the shooter has any rounds left in the rifle after he/she has fired the rifle and committed to the next gun. The WB has just sent down a mandate from “on high” to eliminate this penalty! They do this with the total backing of the SASS R.O. Committee, and I’m sure, the majority support of the SASS membership. If the shooter realizes they have loaded too many rounds and safely ejects those rounds **after** shooting the correct number of rounds there is **NO CALL**. The safety penalty for leaving a round, live or fired, in the chamber or on the carrier, **DOES** still apply, but the “double jeopardy” rule has been eliminated. Announcement of this rule change will be made in a near-future Cowboy Chronicle, and the change **WILL** be in effect at End of Trail.

### Quote

Overloading the rifle

Should the shooter **fire** more rounds than called for in the stage, it would be a “P” for using ammunition that was illegally acquired. Hipshot SASS#7

### What’s the Call?

*Application of related existing rules/penalties - PaleWolf Brunelle, SASS #2495*

**Stage calls for 9 rounds in the rifle. Shooter loads 10 rounds at the loading table.**

**What’s the call if:**

1. Shooter shoots 9 rounds and ejects the 10th round...safely restages rifle “open & empty”.

**NO CALL** – NO MSV penalty for overloading – Rifle is considered “safe to leave shooter’s

hands".

2. Shooter kicks out the first round and then shoots the next 9 rounds.

"P" + miss (use of "illegally acquired" ammunition)

3. Shooter shoots 5 rounds, then kicks one out, and then shoots the next 4 rounds.

"P" + miss (use of "illegally acquired" ammunition)

4. Shooter shoots 9 rounds then puts down open rifle and then shoots the next gun.

MSV for an unfired round remaining in long gun action or magazine

...or...

SDQ if round is chambered (e.g. lever closes when restaged)

### **Here are the applicable rules used in determining the penalty for use of a "preloaded" replacement round in a rifle:**

**Quote:** Ammunition required for reloads during the course of any stage must be carried on the shooter's person in a bandoleer, cartridge/shotshell belt loop, pouch, holster, or pocket or be safely staged as required by stage instructions. ....Leather belt slide ammo loops are acceptable; ...SHB p.11

**Quote:** 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.

SHB pp.21 & 25 – RO1 p. 21 – RO2 p.6

**Quote:** Ammunition dropped by a shooter in the course of reloading any firearm during a stage or "ejected" from any firearm is considered "dead" and may not be recovered until the shooter completes the course of fire. The round must be replaced from the shooter's person or other area as required by stage description or if the round is not fired it is counted as a missed shot. SHB p.24 – RO1 p.19

### **Additional Q&A:**

*If you load too many rounds in your rifle it's a no call but ONLY if you kick it out AFTER you have fired all the rest of the rounds in the rifle? YES.*

**If a round is 'kicked out'/ejected DURING the rifle shooting string (as opposed to at the END), the 'extra round' is there to replace it. Rather than rely on a "judgement call" as to the shooter's INTENT (i.e. was the rifle overloaded on purpose or not?), the rules regarding "illegally acquired" ammo can be applied in ALL circumstances where the 'extra' round is used.**

**NO PENALTY for overloading. The following existing rules STILL apply:**

"P" + miss for use of ANY 'extra' round(s) preloaded in the magazine at the loading table to replace ANY that are ejected during the rifle shooting string.

MSV for leaving rounds in the rifle at the end of the shooting string (shooter has until FIRING the next gun to clear it) ...or...if the rifle is the last firearm used on the stage; it must be cleared before leaving the shooter's hand(s) @ the Unloading Table.

SDQ if an extra round ends up in the chamber (e.g. rifle returned to scabbard & the lever closes)

**A "Spirit of the Game" penalty would NOT be appropriate as there is no advantage in getting the 15-second penalty (Procedural + Miss) for**

**intentionally 'overloading' in anticipation of ejecting a round during the rifle shooting string.**

2) If a shooter fires the extra round.... Shoots the 9 targets, and dumps the extra round into the back of the bay. What is the call? Is it a "P" for firing 10 rounds when the stage called for 9? **YES...according to the WB mandate. The round MAY NOT BE FIRED to clear the rifle.**

**NOTE: This is NOT the same as loading 2 in a shotgun and firing one (or both) at a target or firing the "extra" round downrange. The shotgun is generally NOT "preloaded" at the loading table.**

Question! Who can call "R.O. Interference" for a possible re-shoot? Answer: It is the T.O. (Timing Officer) who makes the call. If the T.O. feels that he/she impeded the shooter, then a restart/re-shoot can be offered. **If a SPOTTER feels that the T.O. impeded the shooter, then they can offer that advice as "assistance" to the T.O. If the SHOOTER feels that the T.O. impeded him or her, then he/she can request a restart/re-shoot.** If the restart/re-shoot is NOT granted, then the appeals process can be followed (Match Director, etc). But ON THE FIRING LINE it is the T.O. that makes the call.

**You make the call:** An unfired round "stovepipes". Shooter PICKS IT OUT and places it on the table at the firing position, shoots the rounds in the rifle, reloads the "tabled" round in the rifle and fires it. Illegal round? Or No Call? Consensus of opinion among the TG's, after the usual Saloon (ACS) fight with broken tables, chairs and screaming Saloon (ACS) gals, it has been determined to be a "No Call", (Opinion backed by PaleWolf, of course) IF the round was PICKED out of the rifle with no loss of muzzle control and PLACED on the table (**not** jacked out, flying through the air and happily LANDING on the table) it may be replaced in the rifle and shot. It was NOT "illegally acquired" by someone handing it to the shooter while on the line, but brought to the firing line completely legally (in the magazine) and was not an "ejected" round that flew, uncontrolled, out of the rifle and became "dead" in the process.  
(PS::Anyone NOT knowing what "ACS" means, e-mail me at sweetwater@uci.net)

**Sorry to be so "wordy" this month, but this is important stuff, and especially to those shooting State, Regional, Winter Range and End of Trail Matches. SWJ**

### **MORE Cowboy Talk - Food**

(Received from Kate Brinning) Thank You, Kate.

Beans	= Whistle berries	Eggs	= Cackle berries
Canned milk	= Canned cow	Onions	= Skunk eggs
Kidney stew	= Son-of-a-gun stew	Rice and raisins	= Spotted pup

Rice and spices = Plain pup (Editor's note: When cooky started throwing animal organs OTHER than beef kidney into the "Son-of-a-gun Stew" it became "Son-of-a-BITCH Stew" and there was no telling WHAT was in it. SWJ

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