



MERLIN MARAUDERS

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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 10th 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 8th 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 4th 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 7th 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 15th 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 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

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...

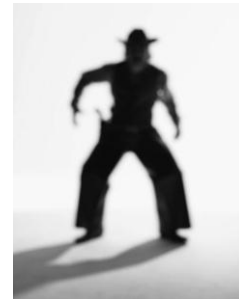
The RO II Class held on April 17th, by Palewolf Brunelle, Marshal Law and Bear Bone Smith, was a great success. We filled the JCSA classroom pretty much to capacity. I was glad to see so many shooters taking the course as a refresher/update. This course should be taken at least every couple of years 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 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 or his Bro-in-law, Dale Butterfield 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 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@theincredibells.com |
| 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@theincredibells.com |
| 2 nd Saturday | Burney | Shasta Regulators-Hat Creek | 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 | Juniper Butch | [541] 416-0361 | |
| 2 nd Sunday | Klamath Falls | Klamath Cowboys | Tule Spud | (541) | |
| 3 rd Saturday | Ashland | Jefferson State Regulators | H. Apple Bob | (541) 826-9140 | |
| 3 rd Saturday | Redding CA | Shasta Regulators | Modoc | (530) 365-1839 | modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net |
| 3 rd Sunday | Shedd (Albany) | Oregon Old West Shooters | Deaf Eagle | [541] | deafeagle@centurytel.net |
| 3 rd Sunday | Bend | Horse Ridge Pistoleros | Big Casino | (541) 389-2342 | |
| 4 th Saturday | Klamath Falls | Klamath Cowboys | Tule Spud | (541) | |
| 4 th Saturday | Shedd (Albany) | Oregon Old West Shooters | Deaf Eagle | [541] 259-2774 | deafeagle@centurytel.net |
| 4 th Saturday | Eureka/Arcata | Mad River Rangers | Kid Knee Stone | (707) 445-1981 | clsnowden@aol.com |
| 4 th Saturday | Yreka CA | Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers | Humbug Hank | [530] 598-6969 | mpine@snowcrest.net |
| 4 th Sunday | The Dalles | Fort Dalles Defenders | Frisco Nell | (541) 835-5630 | |
| 4 th Sunday | Roseburg | Umpqua Regulators. | Oregon Gustaf | (541) 430-1021 | swansonville@charter.net |

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

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| Individual Membership | \$25 |
| Family* Membership | \$35 |
| <i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i> | |

SHOOTING FEES

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| 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 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 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 Dingsus | 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 |

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| 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.

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| 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

