



MERLIN MARAUDERS

Cowboy Gazette

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THE Prez Sez:

Kudos to Merlin Marauder Members Lady Hawk, our new OR State Senior Ladies Champion, and Destiny Hawk, OR State Buckarette.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Britt Ponsett, who completed our sponsor thank you letters, and Sweetwater Jack, who had another article in the SASS Chronicle; this one pertaining to our Ladies Only Match.

I have news on the storage front. **Library Babbage and Family (Lee's Mini Storage) are donating a 10' by 10' storage locker to the Merlin Marauders** to utilize for storage of props, prizes, and anything else that needs a safe home. This will facilitate storage for our upcoming State Match and free up our range house for monthly match items. Thank you so much. **Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.** You will be our first major match sponsor for the 2012 OR State Match.

Mark your calendars for the next RO I course, scheduled for August 28th, at JCSA, and to be taught by Marshal Law and Bear Bone Smith. See additional details on Page 2.

We will also have a Wild Bunch Match after our regular September 11 Monthly Match, so pack those 1911's. We will have the usual 2 stages. While the Wild Bunch Match is going on, we will inventory the range house to select items to be put in storage.

We have several events in the works. Mark your calendars for the 2011 Spook and Shoot, scheduled for Friday, October 21st. We will once again have chili and fixings. So get those mothballs out of your Halloween costumes and load up some black powder. We will also start planning this year's Cowboy Christmas. It will once again be held at the Rogue River VFW Hall. Lonesome Rose is heading up the committee. Stay tuned for details.

Till next month when we meet at the Black Bear Diner... Ride tall and shoot straight. Yer Prez...Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-August 6th, 2011

1. Purgatory Smith
2. Bloody Bill Anderson
3. Bear Bone Smith
4. Molly b'Dam
5. Pugilist.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, Sept 13th @ 6:30PM

At the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Take the Second Grants Pass exit and head south on 6th Street - you'll see it on the right at 1900 NW 6th Street.

Our Next Monthly Match will be on:

SUNDAY, September 11th, due to range conflict at JCSA! 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 afterward.

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Our Merlin Marauders membership now stands at 81 folks.

More Club Notes...

As you know, The Merlin Marauders WILL hold the 2012 SASS OREGON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH, and we will start planning for this very soon. As with our greatly successful 2011 Battle of Rogue River, we will need EVERYONE's help in planning and running this match next June 8-10. As of now, the first meeting of the 2012 Match Committee will be on 21 September, 2011 at the Black Bear Diner. Stay tuned! Our Fearless Leaders for the 2012 Battle of Rogue River will be: Match Director: Bear Bone Smith, Match Manager: Marshal Law, Match Operations: Molly b'Dam.

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck:

JCSA has thanked the Marauders for their support of the Oregon Hunters' Youth Education Day. The Marauders set up a stage and provided youth firearms (as well as a few "adult firearms" for the kids to shoot at our great "Fort Swampy" range. Ours was the only venue that had "repeat customers" as the kids wanted to come back and take out the "bad guys" again. The stage was "supervised" by Imnaha Chuck, Katastrophe Kate, Johnny Dingus and Sweetwater Jack.

DATE CHANGE for SASS RO 1 Class: Marshal Law and Bear Bone Smith will be conducting an RO1 class at the JCSA classroom on August 28th. Class starts at 10:00AM and will run until approximately 2:30PM. Cost is \$10.00 which covers testing and the RO1 Pin from SASS. Pay at the door/sign-in. You might want to bring a sack lunch. This class is open to all SASS members, and may be taken free of charge to those who have taken it in the past and wish to take a "refresher". (There have been a LOT of rule changes over the past few years) Successful completion of the RO1 course (basic CAS safety) is, of course, required before taking the RO2 (Range Officer) course.

OCTOBER SPOOK 'n' SHOOT: This fun shoot will be repeated on Friday Night, October 21st. Get ready to break out your Halloween Costumes and chili recipes! We'll have a potluck chili? and/or other stuff feed before marching out to Ft. Swampy to do battle with those nefarious pumpkin gang members. (No night-vision goggles allowed) Jedi, I'll bring the 10 Gauge so you can join the "both triggers at once club"!!

Monthly Match Stage Setup for September 11th:

- Stage 1- Molly b'Dam
- Stage 2- Bear Bone
- Stage 3- Marshal Law
- Stage 4- Britt Ponsett
- Stage 5- Mtn. Grizz and Daisy



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

Annual Individual: \$25, Family* Membership \$35

*Family is defined as all living under one roof

MONTHLY MATCH SHOOTING FEES

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Individual M/M Member | \$10 |
| Additional 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

September 11th, 2011 MERLIN MONTHLY MATCH

| Rank | Alias | Category | OVERALL | | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 | Stage 5 |
|------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | TIME | Misses | Net | Net | Net | Net | Net |
| 1 | Purgatory Smith | Gunfighter | 108.49 | 1 | 25.40 | 15.35 | 20.95 | 19.98 | 26.81 |
| 2 | Bloody Bill Anderson | Elder Statesman | 135.11 | 5 | 41.44 | 20.16 | 22.64 | 25.36 | 25.51 |
| 3 | Bear Bone Smith | Silver Senior | 156.70 | 3 | 35.55 | 26.41 | 32.59 | 35.03 | 27.12 |
| 4 | Molly b'Dam | Lady Silver Senior | 158.85 | 0 | 40.93 | 26.73 | 33.45 | 30.09 | 27.65 |
| 5 | Pugilist | Duelist | 163.40 | 4 | 40.12 | 30.20 | 36.00 | 27.92 | 29.16 |
| 6 | Lethal Les L'Amour | Senior | 167.94 | 0 | 53.63 | 23.18 | 29.71 | 32.83 | 28.59 |
| 7 | General Lee Goode | Cowboy | 168.02 | 13 | 44.26 | 16.00 | 26.54 | 54.80 | 26.42 |
| 8 | Esther Jen Overload | Lady Wrangler | 170.45 | 5 | 44.07 | 26.21 | 41.54 | 28.16 | 30.47 |
| 9 | Konocti | Wrangler | 176.66 | 4 | 45.67 | 33.72 | 34.92 | 32.50 | 29.85 |
| 10 | Sgt. Buffalo B.S. | Wrangler | 185.62 | 6 | 37.51 | 25.83 | 31.74 | 62.45 | 28.09 |
| 11 | Britt Ponsett | Gunfighter | 196.00 | 3 | 46.21 | 36.52 | 40.54 | 38.12 | 34.61 |
| 12 | Young Doc McLain | Junior | 197.63 | 4 | 62.48 | 27.65 | 35.06 | 27.34 | 45.10 |
| 13 | Wales Holiday | Wrangler | 198.67 | 6 | 61.77 | 33.15 | 45.69 | 29.43 | 28.63 |
| 14 | Vendetta | Lady Gunfighter | 198.71 | 3 | 51.22 | 30.81 | 34.06 | 38.47 | 44.15 |
| 15 | Marshal Law | Senior Gunfighter | 200.54 | 6 | 47.57 | 34.94 | 43.00 | 43.06 | 31.97 |

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| 16 | Kidd Krystin | Senior Gunfighter | 200.69 | 3 | 38.92 | 39.13 | 56.88 | 33.57 | 32.19 |
| 17 | Johnny Eight Toes | Elder Statesman | 201.80 | 2 | 41.91 | 32.11 | 47.83 | 39.17 | 40.78 |
| 18 | Wichita Belle | Lady Senior | 216.65 | 9 | 58.75 | 27.71 | 39.31 | 43.66 | 47.22 |
| 19 | Lady Hawk | Lady Senior | 227.09 | 5 | 50.24 | 37.24 | 48.76 | 46.39 | 44.46 |
| 20 | J.D. Walker | Cattle Baron | 246.12 | 3 | 59.03 | 55.63 | 51.45 | 41.20 | 38.81 |
| 21 | Royal Flush | Forty-Niner | 247.20 | 28 | 25.46 | 22.36 | 160.00 | 21.25 | 18.13 |
| 22 | Four Gun Confusion | Duelist | 250.49 | 6 | 55.21 | 67.47 | 43.09 | 36.32 | 48.40 |
| 23 | Merlin Maverick | Veteran | 254.04 | 2 | 52.11 | 37.56 | 45.66 | 67.68 | 51.03 |
| 24 | Sweetwater Jack | Elder Statesman | 257.38 | 6 | 63.23 | 44.19 | 41.08 | 57.56 | 51.32 |
| 25 | Imnaha Chuck | Senior | 258.47 | 0 | 64.18 | 39.28 | 60.65 | 45.80 | 48.56 |
| 26 | Mountain Grizz | Senior Duelist | 264.69 | 8 | 66.62 | 46.13 | 47.27 | 55.63 | 49.04 |
| 27 | Rocky Retire | Cattle Baron | 265.41 | 4 | 62.69 | 39.12 | 56.96 | 57.16 | 49.48 |
| 28 | Ron Devue Knightly | Wrangler | 272.52 | 10 | 58.61 | 34.54 | 66.39 | 63.28 | 49.70 |
| 29 | Line Century | Merlin Cowboy | 280.15 | 8 | 56.57 | 66.83 | 56.96 | 49.29 | 50.50 |
| 30 | Lucky Rick O'Shay | Cattle Baron | 280.28 | 3 | 80.03 | 42.64 | 46.14 | 42.72 | 68.75 |
| 31 | Yer Huckleberry | Buckaroo | 290.92 | 10 | 62.65 | 56.46 | 60.46 | 51.40 | 59.95 |
| 32 | Ominous Moniker | Cowboy | 295.31 | 11 | 52.34 | 42.65 | 91.29 | 44.18 | 64.85 |
| 33 | Westerly Wind | Forty-Niner | 295.54 | 8 | 74.73 | 58.98 | 43.93 | 65.68 | 52.22 |
| 34 | Riverdog | Forty-Niner | 310.29 | 27 | 41.17 | 30.26 | 47.26 | 160.00 | 31.60 |
| 35 | Barbarosa Mike | Frontiersman | 323.29 | 6 | 86.61 | 51.70 | 58.40 | 60.46 | 66.12 |
| 36 | Cow Creek Casanova | Buckaroo | 348.69 | 16 | 115.84 | 52.22 | 72.16 | 50.38 | 58.09 |
| 38 | Bobbin Along Daisy | Lady Forty-Niner | 425.71 | 8 | 93.65 | 87.71 | 75.96 | 84.73 | 83.66 |
| 39 | Chris | Lady Forty-Niner | 666.28 | 34 | 223.90 | 149.30 | 109.32 | 100.78 | 82.98 |

Highlighted names indicate a "Clean Match"

Merlin Mercantile

Got something wastin' away in yer Gun Safe or on yer Reloadin' Bench? How about in yer Closet!?!? Sell it here in the Merlin Mercantile: Contact Sweetwater to stick in your ad. For Sale: Charter Arms "Undercoverette" Lightweight D/A Revolver in .32 H&R Magnum. Aluminum frame, black with gold trim \$325... call 541-479-6021

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

OK,,, something different this month, and the next three, too if it's ok with you... The batwing doors in the Saloon snap open and in walks the meanest, toughest, roughest hombre the Saloon denizens had ever seen..... And right behind HIM walks Sweetwater Jack..... With a small wooden soap box. Oh, you know what's comin' then.

OK, I know you've THOUGHT about it. And you REALLY kinda' think it might be FUN. But what is this shootin' BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE stuff all about? What about the MESS?! An' havin' to CLEAN UP yer' guns IMMEDIATELY or they'll turn into rusted pieces of JUNK! And all that stuff about loadin' shells by VOLUME? An' all that "LUBE COOKIE" stuff?? Well, most of what you hear is BUNK! Let's take this stuff one step at a time:

1. Black Powder is HIGHLY CORROSIVE and will rust your guns tighter'n a duck's butt in cold water.
 - a. Nope! The corrosive compounds were mostly in the PRIMERS of the early black powder cartridges. If you use modern primers (and who doesn't?) you've eliminated 99% of that problem. Actually, some of the modern "black powder substitutes" are more corrosive than "real" black powder. (Pyrodex, for one) Some prefer to clean their guns on the tailgate of their trucks right after a match, others do it right after unloadin' the truck at home and before we even eat supper (old military training dies hard). Some folks (dare I say it?) even wait a couple of DAYS before cleaning their guns. It's NOT a problem! Of course I'm NOT sayin' to just chuck 'em into yer gun safe fer a month, either! What I AM sayin' is they should be cleaned as soon as you can, just like with shootin' SMOKELESS powder. NO, J.D., I'm not tryin' to change YOUR life....
 2. Clean up takes FOREVER and is a huge MESS! Ya' gotta' buy all KINDS of special cleaning stuff!
 - b. Nope! There are about as many "favorite" concoctions for cleaning up black powder guns as there are folks who shoot 'em, everything from Cabela's BP Solvent, vinegar and water, Ballistol and water 1-10 (moose milk), Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid and water, Simple Green diluted 2oz to a gallon of water, etc. Notice one key ingredient that seems to be runnin' through this thread? Yep, WATER! Black powder fouling is easily cleaned with WATER! My SxS shotguns are cleaned after shooting by first removing the barrels and running water through 'em with a plastic nozzle on a GARDEN HOSE! If they've seen more than 25 to 30 plastic wads go through, I plug the muzzles with a couple of rubber stoppers from the hardware store, fill the barrels with "Moose milk" (See below) let 'em set for about 15 minutes and then drain it out, and tear a paper towel in half, wad it up and stuff half the towel down each barrel with a dowel or cleaning rod. If you are using plastic wads, the plastic goop comes right out and your barrels are shiny bright. I usually pull a "Bore-Snake through after that. Preserve with whatever gun oil is your favorite (I swear by my aerosol cans of Ballistol), wipe the action with Ballistol or whatever preservative you use and you're done! For pistols, pull the cylinder as you usually do, and flush barrel and cylinder with HOT soapy water or 1-10 Ballistol/water. Dry and lubricate. I've started using a piece of shipping tape to cover the bolt and "hand" holes to keep water out of the innards. No different than your smokeless cleanup. On your rifle, chamber a spent shell that came from THAT rifle to make a "chamber seal" and swab the barrel with your hot soapy solution, run some patches down there until dry and clean and spray with your preservative lube. Remove the spent brass and wipe where you can get into the works and spray with Ballistol or use your regular oil. That's it. If you start using Ballistol, keep in mind that it is a NON-Petroleum product and the gun should be thoroughly purged of petro-chemicals with something like "Gunscrubber" or auto brake cleaner, then dried, and Ballistol applied to all surfaces. Be careful not to get the gunscrubber/brake cleaner on any of the wood. It'll do a job on the finish. The Ballistol can be used on all parts of the guns, including the wood. It's non-toxic and biodegradable. I'll get into loadin' shells for your rifle and pistols next month!
- SWEETWATER JACK