



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Most of you know we cancelled the Annual Match. Grizz and I apologize for such a late notice. Hopefully we can have it next year!
I want to thank everyone that has put time in On the Annual, you are all amazing!!

There is still time for you to sign up for the State Shoot if you have not done so!

Also True Grit is coming up and it is not too late to sign up. The Horse Ridge Pistoleros, are holding the NW Regional this year in Bend: they said they would waive the late fee if you want to sign up.

Thank you Rogue Rascal for all the work you did for the website!



Yer Prez, Bobbin' along Daisy

June GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 10th @ 6:30 PM,
at the Black Forest Family Restaurant
at 829 NE :E" Street, in the Grants Pass
Shopping Center near Staples, (where
we used to meet.).
Next Monthly Match: **Saturday,**
June 7th, 2014 Try to 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. !I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage
road to Josephine County Sportsman's Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Paid-up Membership now stands at 42. .

Battle of Rogue River: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the general membership voted at the May 13th meeting to CANCEL OUR ANNUAL MATCH, "The Battle of Rogue River, 2014"!!

We have sent out letters of apology to the shooters who have registered for the match. Your refund will be mailed ASAP. This year we find that we simply can't set up, administer and tear down a match of the size and complexity that our shooters have come to expect from the Merlin Marauders. Some of the factors we had planned on did not come to fruition. We hope that you can divert the funds you had budgeted for the Battle of Rogue River to the Oregon State Match instead. The two new Chiappa/Cimarron "Plinkerton" .22LR Six-guns, and two SCCY 9mm Ultra-Compact Semi-auto Pistols that Gaye Abandon and I had donated to BoRR will be donated to the Oregon State Match instead, so put on your lucky underwear and tell Lady Luck to draw your name at the OOWSS range instead of the JCSA Range.

Note: We WILL be shooting our regular June monthly match on June 7th, so come on out and put some lead downrange!

Monthly Meeting Place Change: Starting with the June 10th meeting, we will meet at the Black Forest Family Restaurant on "E" Street near Staples and the Grants Pass Shopping Center, just off the Parkway. Same time as usual. This change was suggested by SEVERAL members for a different menu.

Marauders' Website: The website has been updated and is undergoing further "repairs" and streamlining by professional web designer Christy Kiltz, here in Grants Pass. The progress is ongoing, so look for the website to be faster-loading, and more user-friendly. Thanks to Rogue Rascal for his help on this project.

JCSA News: The Josephine County Sportsman's Association now "sports" membership levels of: Family: 604, Single: 514, Junior: 7, Life: 24, Law Enforcement: 102

JCSA is now looking to hire a part-time Range Manager. If you are interested, Please contact someone at the JCSA Range Office.

Looking for a '97? Our "Member -at-Large", Merlin Maverick, tells me that there is a very good-looking WINCHESTER '97 at Bradbury's Gun and Tackle on Rogue River Highway for LESS than \$400.00 right now....

OTHER CLUB MATCHES:

The Umpqua Regulators will be putting on the VERY fun and exhausting "True Grit" Match May 23-25 In Roseburg. Get your TWO Rifles and FOUR Revolvers tuned up and ready for this match!

The Horse Ridge Pistoleros are holding the NW Regional this year in Bend: May 29 to June 3.

Stage Setup for June 7th:



Stage 1: Daisy
Stage 4: Britt

Stage 2: Molly
Stage 5: Britt (4 & 5 on same bay/different scenarios)

Stage 3 Daisy

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>SHOOTING FEES</u>	
Individual Membership	\$25	Individual MM Member	\$10
Family* Membership	\$35	Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>		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
Merlin Marauder Badges We have club badges for sale. They are high quality polished brass badges made by the Lindholm Brothers, Whiney Henry and Wimpy Hank Yoho, and are available from Molly b'Dam for \$25

MAY Match Scores

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Riverdog	Gunfighter	134.75	0	27.07	29.14	30.18	22.92	25.44
2	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	136.23	0	29.79	31.94	19.93	25.11	29.46
3	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	163.18	1	33.78	42.92	27.80	27.54	31.14
4	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	182.74	1	34.93	40.55	37.05	35.13	35.08
5	Ruby Jim	Elder Statesman	215.30	0	47.57	48.68	42.21	31.32	45.52
6	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	227.18	1	45.55	48.43	49.73	35.63	47.84
7	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	229.69	2	66.22	44.64	43.05	38.28	37.50
8	Line Century	Veteran	251.26	3	56.14	56.20	44.11	41.77	53.04
9	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	260.03	8	61.60	64.74	28.21	42.49	62.99
10	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	265.34	5	55.22	69.43	47.99	38.25	54.45
11	Imanaha Chuck	Senior	282.71	1	53.07	63.91	58.01	48.04	59.68
12	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	347.84	1	52.53	58.84	94.17	67.25	75.05
13	Molly b'Dam	Lady Senior	2288.09	35	160.00	62.02	66.09	999.99	999.99

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety)

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

I am sure that you are as disappointed as I am that we are not going to have a “Battle of Rogue River” this year. As it turned out there were several factors involved and it simply became impossible to overcome the problems the club faced. Our President, Match Director and Past Pres./Match Administrator presented these problems to the general membership at this month’s meeting and the vote was to cancel the match. If you were at the meeting on May 13 at the Black Bear Restaurant, you know what they were. I will say no more on this subject.....

On to the “Oh YEAH!?! Why CAN’T I section..... From other clubs on the T/G wire:

Situation Number 1. ” I lost a lot of weight, then regained it and now my fancy gunbelts with ammo loops don’t fit, and I can’t afford to replace ‘em. (Again) I need to carry a few extra rounds in case I drop one or jack out a rifle round.. I know I’m not supposed to stick 3 or 4 rifle rounds in a LOOP of my SHOTSHELL belt, but how about I cut down a fired shotshell, push it up into a loop from the bottom, and dump the rifle rounds into the empty SHELL?? The rifle rounds aren’t touchin’ the loop, itself.....the rule states that you cannot carry a rifle or pistol round in a shotgun loop..... but....

As the old Starkist Tuna Commercials used to say.... “Sorry, Charlie!” Here’s the rule: “Ammunition required for reloads in the stage must be carried on the shooter’s person in a bandoleer, cartridge/shotshell belt loop (not a SHOTSHELL LOOP on the belt), pouch, holster or pocket or be safely staged as per the stage instructions. Leather belt slide ammo loops are acceptable however shotgun shell slides may NOT be worn over shotgun shell loops on an ammo belt. Shotgun loops must be in a single row. Rifle or revolver ammo may NOT be carried in a shotshell loop. No ammunition may be carried in the mouth, nose, ears, cleavage or any bodily orifice.”

Situation Number 2. (Again from the T/G wire) What’s the deal with Age-based categories? Our biggest problem is we have boxes to check on our score card that will allow a shooter to check Elder Statesman, Gunfighter, “B” Western. Can you shoot ANY style in Silver Senior and Elder Statesman? We recognize Senior GunFighter Senior Duelist, and if we have enough Senior Double Duelist, but it is my understanding that the rest of the AGE categories are shot any style,

ANSWER: You can shoot any **style** EXCEPT GUNFIGHTER in age based categories. The ONLY categories where you can have TWO loaded revolvers clear of leather at the same time are GUNFIGHTER categories and “B” WESTERN, where you can shoot “gunfighter style” . Any “B” Western shooter MAY shoot the stage “gunfighter-style” OR “double-duelist” OR with one revolver at a time, “duelist” or “two-handed” (I hate calling two-handed “traditional”, but that’s just ME.... Ride easy pards....

Sweetwater Jack