



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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"Who Are THOSE Guys?"

A Semi-Regular Spotlight on Our Members!

Hi, Everyone. Britt here. Since your VP, Mr. CHP Shot was kind enough to step in for me at October's meeting, it was only appropriate this column feature his (and better-half Delta Queen's) musings. Enjoy.

Sweetwater & the Chuck Wagon

For the past several weeks Delta Queen and I (your illustrious VP) have been shopping for a proper cabinet in which to display the wonderful chuck wagon Sweetwater built for us. The chuck wagon is beautifully built to (1:12) inch scale and is meticulously crafted to the smallest detail.

All of the above made me think of the days of the camp cook. Have you ever heard old Camp Cookie sing? But I digress...Camp Cookie served as mother to his boys, cook, nurse, and general store. His wagon carried coffee, skillets, Dutch ovens, plates, cups, and cutlery. His stock also included, but was not limited to, huge burlap bags holding 100 one-pound packages of whole beans which were ground in a mill, potatoes, bacon, dried apples, dried prunes, and peppermint candy. And, of course, there was always room for the boys' bedrolls, chewing tobacco, needles, and bandages.

Should any of Cookie's boys become ill he had many remedies which he used to cure the sick hurt or drunk cowboy. A partial list is as follows:

Kill or Cure Cough Syrup

Steam one large onion until tender. Put through a sieve and add 1/2 cup warm honey.
Dosage is one Tsp. per hour.

Toothache

Burn a piece of paper on an old plate, then with a small wad of cotton wipe up the brown sweat on the plate and plug it into the tooth.

Sore Throat

Pour a few drops of spirit of camphor on a lump of sugar, allow it to dissolve in the mouth every hour. The third and fourth treatment allows the cowboy to swallow easily.

Cure for Stomach Cramps

Ginger ale in half a glass of water into which a 1/2 teaspoon of soda is dissolved.

Cure for Poison Ivy

Five drops of carbolic acid dissolved in a tablespoon of water.
Rub on the affected parts.

Cookie, of course, lived up to his name. He got up at dawn to put the coffee on and start his boys' day with a hot meal. He served cornbread, sourdough biscuits, and sowbelly beans. Many cooks served "son-of-a-bitch" stew made of cut-up heart, testicles, tongue, liver and marrow gut.

The following is a recipe to sweeten your palate after "sob" stew.

Easy Dutch Oven Cobbler

2 cups sugar 2 cups flour
4 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. cinnamon
2 cups milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 - gallon can of fruit (boil and sweeten to taste)
1 stick of butter

Mix dry ingredients and add milk and vanilla. In a 12" or 14" Dutch oven, melt one stick of butter. Pour batter in first, then add fruit. Cook slowly with coals on top and bottom of oven until crust is brown.

Happy Trails!

— CHP Shot

GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. November 10th, @ 6:30 PM

At the Black Forest Family
Restaurant at 829 NE "E" Street,
in the Grants Pass Shopping Center
near Staples. Come early for dinner!

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH:

Saturday, November 7th

Stage set-up is typically on Friday
(watch for an e-mail notice).

Saturday Sign-in is 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 a.m.

**I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage
road to Josephine County
Sportsman's Park.**

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership stands at 55.

2015 MERLIN MARAUDER OFFICER ELECTIONS

It's that time again! We need to start thinking of our 2016 Merlin Marauder Officer board and begin the flow of nominations into the committee for the following open positions on the board: Vice President, Treasurer, (we have one "nominee" for the treasurer position already, Long Henry Thompson's long background in accounting has come along to "rat him out" for the position.) If elected, Long Henry would vacate his present position as club Secretary/Membership guru, (The remaining term for the Secretary's position is filled by an appointment after the election is completed). In addition, we need two Directors for the coming year/s. We have Queen 'O Clubs running as an incumbent for her Director position, and Ima Loden was nominated for the second Director position.

SASS AFFILIATION

Prior to this year, SASS recognition as a "SASS AFFILIATED" Cowboy Action Shooting Club has been free of charge. Beginning THIS year the clubs are now required to PAY the Single Action Shooting Society for the MANY benefits of being an "Affiliated Club". The payments from the various clubs' treasuries are on a "sliding scale". If 100 percent of a clubs' members are "paid up and registered" SASS MEMBERS, there is NO fee. If a club reports having from 75 to 99 percent of its members being SASS MEMBERS, the ANNUAL CLUB FEE is \$75.00, and if 50 percent to 74 percent, the fee is \$100.00 per year. If a club reports LESS than 50%, they are NOT ELIGIBLE to be "SASS AFFILIATED". The Merlin Marauders membership ratio puts us in the \$75.00 range, and has been submitted to the Wild Bunch by Long Henry Thompson. As a copy of our membership roster must be submitted with the application, any variances will be checked by SASS from their records and additional fees or disqualification will be assessed. If you were NOT a paid-up SASS member, and you have, since, joined SASS and received your ID, please notify Long Henry Thompson in order to be correctly reported. There are so many benefits to a club being "SASS Affiliated" that I simply cannot list them all, so: Thank you!!!!

A REMINDER that the TG Summit, as usual, will be held during the Convention, and Bear Bone is preparing to sit in that "smoke-filled room" with all those other T/Gs and pound out the rules and regulations for our sport in December, so start thinking about the agenda that has been posted and remind him of how you want him to vote on the issues.

It IS getting closer and closer..... the Marauder CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 5th at the Black Forest Restaurant. Start dusting off those party dresses! You ladies, too!

2016 Merlin Marauder Annual Match dates: Our 2016 Annual "Battle of Rogue River" will be held on the weekend of 13-15 May. It will be a ten-stage main match with the usual side matches. The theme will be from the Western thrillers of Zane Grey & Louis L'Amour. The applications are on the website!!!! Match pricing (including 3 meals) is:

1st shooter: - \$90, Spouse - \$75, Young Adult - \$70, Young Gun - \$40, Buckaroo/Buckarettette - No Fee Charged. Complete extra meal package (2 lunches and Saturday night dinner) will be \$40.
 Side Matches: Wild Bunch - \$10, Plainsman - \$5

ONE Change that will apply to both the Merlin Cowboy (relaxed Classic Cowboy) and Wild Bunch Categories will be the removal of the requirement that both hand guns and rifles be of 40 caliber or larger. We will now allow you to shoot these categories using .38 caliber firearms as well as the larger bores. Hopefully, this will encourage more of you who were reluctant to buy more guns just to shoot these styles, to get involved with these two very fun categories, especially "Merlin Cowboy". SO.....

The "Merlin Cowboy" Category (relaxed Classic Cowboy) Requirements are: The usual boots, hat, long-sleeve shirt and pants, plus: Chaps, Spurs, Vest and Scarf.

New:

Pistol and Rifle: Any SASS-Legal of .38 Caliber and larger.

Shotgun: Any SASS- legal side-by-side shotgun.

Smokeless or Black Powder loads.

Shooting Style: Either "Duelist" or "Traditional".

It was reported to me that of the 19 shooters at the October Monthly Match, FOUR hardy souls "bit the bullet" so to speak, and shot the match "JOSEY WALES" style!!! (And their grins haven't disappeared yet!!) (Four revolvers and a shotgun, NO rifle) Rifle targets shot with the revolvers.)

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & 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 are currently looking into finding a new source for club badges, as Lindholm Spurs is no longer in business.



STAGE WRITERS FOR NOVEMBER 7TH:

Stages #1, 2 - Long Henry Thompson

Stage #3 - Molly B'Dam Stages #4, 5 - Lonesome Rose

OCTOBER Match Scores:

Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Stg 1	Stg 2	Stg 3	Stg 4	Stg 5
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	98.56	0	20.92	18.97	16.15	20.89	21.63
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	103.70	0	20.35	20.02	20.27	23.11	19.95
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	119.35	0	24.64	32.11	19.48	25.01	18.11
4	Camp Hag	Cowgirl	163.06	7	33.78	32.83	32.77	25.12	38.56
5	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	193.86	7	46.28	38.23	32.10	33.82	43.43
6	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	194.55	5	35.19	36.10	37.85	38.66	46.75
7	Treacherous Jack	Josey Wales	195.57	3	37.03	41.10	39.20	37.95	40.29
8	Missouri Rouge	Elder Statesman	208.61	1	45.72	49.82	38.50	42.95	31.62
9	Kidd Krystin	Josey Wales	200.05	2	52.00	40.91	36.09	35.77	35.28
10	J.T.	Cowboy	229.46	4	53.11	51.89	38.78	50.01	35.67
11	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	230.48	9	62.37	40.32	42.17	42.69	42.93
12	Gadsden	Forty-Niner	217.63	0	50.46	52.00	34.41	47.48	33.28
13	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	261.27	5	71.34	45.78	53.87	44.88	45.40
14	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Statesman	261.69	1	45.26	59.44	50.89	60.75	45.35
15	A Little Two Wild	Buckarette	268.42	7	52.01	52.88	62.34	58.13	43.06
16	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	271.13	10	31.31	46.02	46.53	66.87	80.40
17	Derringer Donna	Lady Senior	370.11	4	82.58	71.35	79.98	77.58	58.62
18	Barbarosa Mike	Josey Wales	444.72	29	67.37	72.92	66.69	77.74	160.00
19	Imnaha Chuck	Josey Wales	2234.10	6	75.25	70.40	88.47	999.99	999.99

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



Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Shooting From Faulted Position

Determining any advantage or disadvantage when a shooter starts in a faulted position can be difficult. Basically, the shooter is expected to know the stage procedure as well as the Timer/Operator. If a shooter gains an advantage (usually by saving time or motion) from starting in a faulted position, he or she should be given a re-shoot or the option of letting the score stand and be assessed a procedural penalty for failure to follow the stage instructions.

Any gain from a faulted starting position, eg. hands on pistols instead of on hat, would be offset by the awarding of a 10 second penalty. Same is true with any disadvantage due to the T/O's inattention as to where a shooter's hands were or wrong standing position. In this case, the shooter should be offered a re-shoot.

This is different from a shooter who insists on ignoring the T/O's admonition to start in the prescribed position, eg. the "Port arms creeper"---moving the butt of a long gun to the shoulder at the "stand by" before the beep. In that case the T/O can decide to warn the shooter or award the shooter with a "P".

Caveat: SASS rules state that "failure to stage guns or ammunition at the designated position/location is the fault of the competitor and scored as a "P" unless the competitor is able to correct the situation, unassisted, while in the process of completing the stage under time".

Thanks for your attention pards and happy trails,

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Hope to see ya on the range, pards!

Bear Bone Smith