



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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"A HUGE THANK YOU!"

Howdy!

This month's column is a formal thank you to the dedicated folks who worked like crazy to plan, organize (like herding well-intentioned cats), prep, paint, staff, and then, take apart and put away everything for the phenomenal Battle of Rogue River 2016.

To try and name everyone would be risky as I am sure I'd have an unintentional omission or two so let's just tip our hats to Molly and her dedicated crew of working belles and beaus; to Imnaha, Grizz, Barbarosa, and their teams of the working posse, main and side-match stage drivers, the heavy-lifting 4H'ers, all the take down artists; and Long Henry (personal thanks for his covering many of my vocal announcements due to my degrading voice) and his ops folks. To top it off, the vendors as well as the Black Forest Restaurant caterers added outstanding complements to the fun and laughter of the event. So many folks to thank for so much.

Personally I heard only positive remarks on the stages, the stories (thanks again to the L'Amour and Grey people), the timings, and the amenities. So below is only a portion of the team for your enjoyment. Again, thank you all!

— Ride Easy: Britt



GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. June 8th @ 6:00 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, June 4th

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.

Well, the 2016 Battle of Rogue River is now in the history books.

From all indications from those that attended, we "DID GOOD"!

Everyone seemed pleased with the stages with just a very few usual exceptions of those that felt that the targets were too far away, balanced by an equal number of people that felt that there were too close. Hey, you can't please everybody, every time, and if those two folks..... Just about everyone felt the stages were inventive and fun. Anyway, no one complained about the chow at Saturday's banquet evening, OR the "pot luck" on Friday. As per usual, the costuming was excellent and a special thanks to the judges, whose job I certainly wouldn't have wanted (except for judging the Saloon Gals and Soiled Doves, of course - can't let some NON Period-correct undergarments to "slip" past.) Britt's Trivia Contest was fun and educational, as usual. The door prizes seemed to be well-received, except, I'm sure, Jedi was disappointed this year in not winning back the two six-guns I bought from him, as he did the mule-ear shotgun LAST year..... Oh well,....

A few highlights:

The Annual Merlin Marauder "REGULATOR" Award went to Barbarosa Mike! Congrats, Mike!

The "RANGER": Awards went to Treacherous Jack and our Local 4-H Shooters! The 4-H group also received the income from the sales of the "Insurance Policies" (\$580.00) plus the income from the "Speed Matches" (\$65.00). The raffle tickets for the donated Freedom Arms Belt-buckle Revolver in .22LR sold like hotcakes, and went to: Bobbin' Along Daisy, who, like a good wife, passed it on to her husband, Mountain Grizz. Daisy also won the beautiful STAINED GLASS art made by Delta Queen, as well as the Guided Fishing Trip for 2 donated by Riverdog! Innaha Chuck's number came up the winner for Molly' B' Dams! 2 paintings. The pair of matched, sequential serial number .45LC Cabelas Millenium Revolvers, tucked into a Cimarron double "speed rig" with cartridge and shot-shell slides donated by the (now-defunct) Applegate Arsenal, went to a Californian, Wyatt B. Wright!

Whisperin' Wade took home a certificate from the drawing for a custom, Bear Bone Knife, and if YOU don't own one of them there, **Bear Bone Custom Knives**, you'll never know the true meaning of "SPECIAL."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Har Trigger (who is NOT defunct) for handling the transfers and paperwork on these firearms for us.

The "TOP GUN SHOOTOFF" winners were: Man: Royal Flush - Lady: Arctic Annie.

TOP MALE for the match was: FAST ENUFF and TOP LADY was TRULY GOODE (Oh yes,.. Truly GOODE is Fast ENUFF's Mother!!!!).

Who traveled the longest distance to shoot with us? Well, I

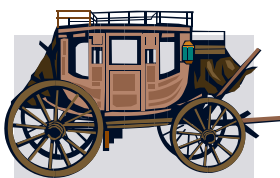
guess that would be SNOW SHOE THOMPSON, who, with his wife, came all the way from NORWAY (last year)! They say they'll be back next year as they had a BLAST! "Mrs. Thompson" who was also one of the costume contest winners, has been working at the Norwegian Embassy in San Francisco for the past year. Sweetwater

Update regarding 3-gun club using our range: No update on the negotiations (a little thing called the Battle of Rogue River kind of took everyone's time), but our committee will resume coordinating with their reps again to continue the process.

OREGON HUNTERS ASS'N ANNUAL KIDS DAY is scheduled this year for June 4th, which is our regular match day. We have in the past supported this event, and we intend to do so this year also. The firearms we have loaned to the 4H group will be available for this day (.22 cal rifles, revolvers and a .410 gauge sxs shotgun). Anyone who can assist in donating some .22 (and .410) ammo for the kids to use on our range will be appreciated.

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			
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STAGE WRITERS FOR JUNE 4TH:

Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1 Long Henry Thompson, Stage #3 - at berm #2 Sweetwater Jack
Stages #4 and 5 at berm #3 Britt Ponsett

2016 Battle of Rogue River Final Results:

Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses
1	Fast Enuff	Cowboy	179.29	0
2	Royal Flush	Senior	199.87	3
3	Whisperin Wade	Gunfighter	228.13	2
4	Jeremiah Johnson	Senior	235.96	3
5	Prussian Pete	B-Western	241.96	0
6	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	243.83	2
7	Kansan	Senior	244.08	3

8	Territorial Rider	Senior	253.02	4
9	Biffer Jones	Wrangler	263.85	3
10	Sharp Shootin Kidd	Young Gun	273.70	9
11	Riverdog	Gunfighter	277.26	2
12	Marshall Tombstone	Cowboy	292.60	2
13	Wrongo Starr	Cowboy	293.29	10
14	Jed I Knight	BP Gunfighter	301.29	0
15	Lucky Lycurgus	Wrangler	302.74	7
16	Truly Goode	Lady Senior	304.49	1
17	Rico Kid	Sr. Gunfighter	316.09	1
18	Holy Rider	Classic Cowboy	318.84	0
19	Renegade Jake	Silver Senior	328.42	7
20	RJ Peddler	Forty-Niner	342.39	11
21	Wyatt B. Wright	Frontier Catridge	346.27	3
22	Deadwood Pete	Senior	347.93	8
23	Reloader Fred	Elder Statesman	359.86	6
24	Treacherous Jack	Silver Senior	370.11	2
25	High Road	Sr. Gunfighter	380.50	2
26	Bordello Fellow	Senior	383.86	10
27	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	384.19	3
28	Big Boy Brown	Gunfighter	387.48	5
29	Rough Rider Rich	B-Western	388.66	4
30	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	395.79	8
31	Lead Hammer	Gunfighter	398.32	18
32	Nugget Man	Senior	403.88	10
33	Lawman's Bullitt	Elder Statesman	407.44	34
34	Silver Sage Outlaw	Duelist	410.74	6
35	Rawhide Rhoades	Silver Senior	416.39	8
36	Squirt Gun Miss	Lady Silver Sr.	420.09	3
37	Snowshoe Thompson	Forty-Niner	429.52	1
38	Lefty Lem	Frontiersman	432.91	3
39	32 Bit Bill	Senior	436.86	2

40	Molly b'Dam	Grand Dame	437.80	3
41	Miner 49er Todd	Senior Duelist	439.02	1
42	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	440.84	5
43	Rattleback Will	BP Gunfighter	454.00	6
44	Sassy Parilla	Lady Forty-Niner	459.30	4
45	Arctic Annie	Lady Gunfighter	463.55	14
46	Meadow Patty	Lady Silver Sr.	471.27	8
47	Navajo Annie	Lady Gunfighter	484.01	8
48	Sheriff Winchester	Duelist	485.32	3
49	Cascades Annie	Lady FC	490.75	10
50	Warmheart	Lady Senior	504.38	9
51	Yo Montana	Lady Forty-Niner	507.00	8
52	Kookanadude	Lady FC	507.95	17
53	Drifter Jake	BP Gunfighter	513.76	8
54	Blackhorse	FC Duelist	513.83	3
55	Brothel Bill Repute	Fr. Cartridge	523.26	6
56	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	524.81	9
57	Imnaha Chuck	Merlin Cowboy	526.36	0
58	Sierra Sage Sue	Classic Cowgirl	530.76	7
59	Long Henry Thompson	Senior Duelist	539.48	5
60	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	546.56	5
61	Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	562.59	10
62	Line Century	Veteran	636.23	13
63	Jack Rojas	Merlin Cowboy	649.51	17
64	A Little Too Wild	Buckarete	666.73	23
65	Barbarosa Mike	Frontiersman	710.12	11
66	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	773.20	11
67	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	796.16	14
68	Rogue Rascal	Senior FC	803.21	29
69	Twilight Kate	Lady Young Gun	808.10	32
70	Cool Duckie Fish	Buckaroo	829.11	16
71	Cinona Hawk	Lady Senior GF	886.17	25
72	Merlin Maverick	Wounded Warrior	906.76	9

73	Miner's Angel	Lady Senior	4995.99	3
74	I'M Grumpy	Frontiersman	4995.99	13
75	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	4999.95	0
76	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	4999.95	0
77	Gaye Abandon	Cattle Baroness	4999.95	0
78	Sweetwater Jack	Cattle Baron	4999.95	0

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Just a couple of little gems:

Apparently, some shooter recently showed up at a match with shotgun ammo loops sewn onto a holster. While there is no specific SASS rule governing this apparel deviation, Pale Wolf opined that it is not a “traditional design” for carrying shotgun shells and therefore NOT legal. If those rounds are used, they are counted as misses. If the rounds are for “looks only,” and not used by the shooter, it’s a no call.

Shooter shooting double duelist shoots the first pistol dry, but has a brain fade and cocks the empty revolver and holds it while shooting the second revolver dry. When shooter realizes what he had done, he de-cocks the first revolver then holsters both pistols and continues on with the stage. (De-cocking without T/O input is a Stage D/Q.) There are only two ways this can be resolved without a penalty---shooter can point empty pistol down range and pull the trigger, or, with the positive acknowledgement of the T/O, let the hammer down safely prior to holstering.

Hope this clears it up for you bushwhackers out there. Happy trails!

Hope to see ya on the range, pards!

Bear Bone Smith, Territorial Governor