



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Part of the fun of Cowboy Action Shooting is getting into the spirit of the Old West, from the style of costuming to the stage stories and situations. That goes for the lingo of the times as well!

Since it's pretty obvious yours truly loves trivia and this year's Annual Match Trivia contest had over 50 entries (our highest ever percentage return), thought you may enjoy testing yourself on your Old West phraseology! Answers will be found at the end in this newsletter.

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| 1. fannin' on her fat! | 2. come a-smokin' |
| 3. movin' sheep | 4. in the brush |
| 5. hung up to dry | 6. shootin' 'em out |
| 7. build a smoke under his hoofs | 8. road agent's spin |
| 9. rim firing a horse | 10. neck oil |
| 11. muck-a-muck | 12. dressed in a hemp four-in-hand |
| 13. bucket man | 14. Meat in the pot |
| 15. stand by | 16. ringey or frothy |
| 17. notch in his tail | 18. cow bunny |
| 19. hell for leather | 20. hen-fruit stir |
| 21. bone seasoned | 22. good to ride the river with |

Ride easy,

Britt

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. August 9th @ 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! (5:00 PM or so)

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, August 6th.

Sign-in 9:00 to 9:30, Safety Mtg. 9:30, First shot: 10:00

SETUP on Friday morning 9:00 – 11:00 Setup: Friday July 1 9:00 AM

Take I-5 N to exit 61 and North on frontage road to

Josephine County Sportsman's Park.

MEMBERSHIP: now stands at 51, with 5 “Honorary” Members included. La Ardilla and Wupatki have moved to Florida and have not renewed their memberships.

UPDATE REGARDING 3-GUN CLUB USING OUR RANGE: No update on the negotiations. Our committee will resume coordinating with their reps again in August to continue the process.

REPORT FROM THE JCSA REP: Kidd reports that the next JCSA meeting will be tomorrow (14 July) and he will report back on any changes. We know that they are looking at an increase in the JCSA yearly dues, as well as correcting some deficiencies in accounting regarding bank signature cards, etc., since the new board was elected.

OUR MONTHLY MATCH START TIME “First shot downrange at 10:00 AM” was discussed and will remain unchanged, as we are now in line with the other Southern Oregon Clubs and changing the start time would just add confusion, especially since WINTER is not that far off.

BADGES: Long Henry is conducting inquiries with a new vendor that looks promising.

MERLIN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: As I was not overwhelmed with responses from those of you wanting to take over the newsletter (read: NOBODY), I will continue to do it until my eye surgeon threatens me with more bodily harm than he has so far inflicted upon my frail old corpse.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: (What!? This is only JULY!) Yes, we need to get on the calendar at the Black Forest Restaurant now, in order to lock in our date for the cooks!) It was voted that DECEMBER 12 will be the date. The usual merriment and “steal-a-gift” programs will be included.

JULY MONTHLY MATCH: We had 18 shooters show up on July 2nd to send a withering barrage downrange. Bear Bone was forced to defect after the front sight on his ’73 departed from its usual place on the business end of his gun barrel for parts unknown. A week later, after several of us had scouted for the little dickens (the sight, not Bear), our stalwart detective did some Sherlock Holmesing and found it laying on the ground near the loading table on bay 1. Fortunately, it had not been trampled deep into the dirt by the rest of us as WE were looking for it. Well done, Holmes!

Yes, it was warm this month, but not unbearable. The tactic of moving the sunshade down to berm 3 as we prepared to shoot the two stages there, was a brilliant idea, by the way... Probably the only thing that kept ME going. (Yeah, it DID get hot as the day wore on.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS: I know that it is difficult for some members of the Marauders to attend all (or even some) of the monthly meetings, but so many things are decided at these meetings that you really need to be “in the loop” for the discussions and voting. The newsletter only tells you what HAS happened, and not what IS happening at the time of these items being brought up. WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Thank you...stepping down off of the soapbox now. Sweetwater

SPECIAL FUN “MATCH” (At the end of the regular monthly match) in August. After the regular match on 6 August, we plan to have a **two stage**, “Buckaroo/Buckerette” Match. Buckaroos, Buckarettes, and adults will compete together! This will be a real FUN match for all age groups to shoot two stages using “Buckaroo Guns.” Yep, .22 caliber revolvers and rifles as well as .410 shotguns with Winchester AA shells. Use your own, or LOANERS will be provided by the club. I hear that Long Henry has a passel of “cool, fun targets” planned. I also hear there are plans for hotdogs and stuff (No, not for SHOOTIN’, but for MUNCHIN’!)

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership \$25

Family* Membership \$35

**Family is defined as all living under one roof*

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

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member \$10

Additional Family Adults \$5 each

Individual Non-MM Member \$13



STAGE WRITERS FOR AUGUST 6TH:

Stages #1 & 2 - at Bay #1, Long Henry Thompson

Stage #3 - at Bay #2, Molly B'dam • Stages #4 & 5 at Bay #3, Britt Ponsett

JULY MONTHLY MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS:

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	174.52	5	23.87	37.94	30.72	43.82	38.17
2	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	176.80	3	34.67	34.99	30.94	36.07	40.13
3	New Hope Kid	Fory-Niner	200.91	4	44.84	31.75	30.86	54.24	39.22
4	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	210.84	7	39.79	56.95	29.74	39.41	44.95
5	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	231.61	1	40.98	39.91	50.12	54.65	45.95
6	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	235.68	8	37.37	51.23	37.41	62.27	47.40
7	Pugilist	Duelist	238.03	15	98.06	28.68	24.24	50.02	37.03
8	Line Century	Veteran	267.23	7	61.91	51.54	46.42	56.72	50.64
9	Long Henry Thonpson	Sr. Duelist	273.33	6	53.21	44.39	46.60	52.13	77.00
10	A Little Too Wild	Buckarette	282.78	12	47.25	58.91	53.64	64.93	58.05
11	Rogue Rascal	Sr. Fr. Cartridge	317.51	2	50.89	69.96	60.73	57.53	78.40
12	Sweetwater Jack	Cattle Baron	342.16	9	67.46	71.76	60.11	63.65	79.18
13	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	342.60	13	57.92	89.18	52.43	72.95	70.12
14	Tween the Eyes	Traditional	376.29	6	93.24	88.08	60.11	65.87	68.99
15	Calamity Jones	Lady Traditional	585.16	5	99.10	129.59	152.44	107.18	96.85
16	Dunsmuir Red	Fory-Niner	1210.18	9	58.73	43.69	34.52	73.25	999.99
17	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	3157.31	19	71.91	85.43	999.99	999.99	999.99
18	32 Bit Bill	Senior	4046.10	3	46.14	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99

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

NOTICE: Watch for an announcement as to when the Merlin Marauder September monthly match will be held. Our typical first Saturday is not available that month due to Trap & Skeet shooting their Annual Match that weekend. As soon as we have a confirmed date, we'll let everyone know.

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy All!

Here are the End of Trail T.G. meeting minutes per PaleWolf :

*Hats for Classic Cowboys/Cowgirls and B-Western ladies and men are to be worn on their heads — not hanging by a stampede string or anywhere else. This is simply a rule clarification.

*Re: Carrying of shot shell ammo: Cannot carry ammo on holsters for later use as it is considered illegally acquired ammo. SHB p. 22 (Range Operations) states “the penalty for using illegally acquired ammunition” (i.e., NOT carried to the line/staged by the shooter in an approved manner) is a PROCEDURAL. Any targets hit using that ammo are scored as MISSES.

* Starting in a faulted position: ROI, p. 6, 5. F. (Timer Operator): “The T.O. never starts a competitor in a faulted position or location. It is not considered a faulted position or location for allowing a shooter to start without appropriately loaded guns or available ammunition on their person.” The decision has been made and a clarification will be addressed in the ROI handbook that...failure of the shooter to start in the correct starting position or location will be scored a PROCEDURAL not a reshoot.

* Re: Safety Checks: Unloading table officers should check that they can see the follower in rifles and shotguns to ensure there is no ammo in the magazine. Look for rounds in the magazine and have the shooter work the actions of 97's and rifles.

* Standing upright: If shooter is to start with hands on hat or other stance, they must remain standing upright until after the beep unless stage instructions state otherwise. Example: Just because the scenario states to point one hand down range does not mean the shooter can have the other hand on a gun or bent down over the gun. The other hand must be at SASS default: at side not touching guns and standing upright.

* Re: B-Western pistol style clarification: B-Western shooters can change their pistol shooting style in the middle of a shooting string (this is already a rule). Example: Shooter can start shooting gunfighter for 5 rounds, place pistols on table to shoot a long gun and then shoot each gun in a traditional style.

* Wild Bunch shooters now can shoot Henry “Big Boy” rifles.

Happy trails from your pard,

Bear Bone Smith, SASS Reg. 10719
Merlin Marauder T.G.

Pres Sez Quiz Answers (from “*Western Words, a Dictionary of the Old West*” by Ramon F. Adams)

1. Slapping a horse's side with your hat (tsk, tsk, what were you thinking?)
2. To come shooting.
3. When cowboys ran sheep over a cliff or off the range during a war between sheep and cattle factions.
4. On the dodge.
5. Said of one being hanged (see #12).
6. Getting cattle out of a corral and onto the range.
7. Shooting at another's feet.
8. A gun spin made just the reverse of a single roll; sometimes called the Curley Bill spin.
9. Putting a burr under the saddle blanket to make the horse pitch – a cowboy prank.
10. Slang for whiskey.
11. Cayuse Indian slang for food, sometimes used by Northwest cowboys (but never by those at the Black Forest).
12. Said of one being hanged (see #5).
13. A contemptuous name given the cowboy by a rustler.
14. Slang name for a rifle, because the weapon is used by the hunter to secure meat for the camp.
15. To remain loyal (some things don't change).
16. Angry, riled.
17. Said of a horse that has killed a man.
18. Wife or sweetheart of a ranchman.
19. In great haste.
20. Pancakes
21. Experienced.
22. A stand-up person