



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez sez

I am sad to say that we lost another magnificent Merlin Marauder cowboy this month. **Michael Christensen**, aka **Oxford Kid** succumbed to cancer after a short illness. Whether the illness was short or not is a moot point now. Mike told me that in the months before, he was having back pains and was going to a chiropractor for treatment. Then he developed pain in his elbow that he thought was arthritis. Then after seeing a physician and doing the tests, the results came back as the worst news anyone could experience. It was only twenty days afterward from when Mike was diagnosed with cancer, until he passed away.

Mike was a pleasant pardner. He was known for shooting clean stages. Mike was a major contributor to constructing the new Fort Swampy range. He and his tools were there almost every work party. The Merlin Marauders will sadly miss Mike. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's family. We will have a memorial service for Mike next month. For details see the announcement.

SECOND AMENDMENT of the U. S. Constitution. Just in, the US Supreme Court has just made a ruling that we have all known to be true for 200+ years. That the 2nd Amendment guarantees Americans the Right to Bear Arms. Disappointing is the four dissenting judges don't understand what they read in the Constitution. Guess what? Two of the four dissenters, Ginsberg and Breyer, were Clinton appointees! Does that tell you how you should vote this next election? It would have only taken one vote the other way to create a major catastrophe for all shooters!

- **Rogue Rascal**

Match Winners - June 2008

1 st	Purgatory Smith
2 nd	Bloody Bill Anderson
3 rd	Bear Bone Smith
4 th	Wales Holliday
5 th	Johnny Eight Toes

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, July 8th

At the **Black Forest Restaurant, 820 E Street "NE", Grants Pass**, at 6:30 PM.
Arrive at 5:45 PM if you intend to eat dinner first. Directions: (541) 474-5323

NEXT MONTHLY MERLIN MARAUDERS COWBOY ACTION POSSE MATCH Saturday, July 5th

Arrive early to help set up stages @8:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting at 8:45 AM. Directions. JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Thence northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

In Memoriam *Oxford Kid*

aka

Michael Christensen
passed away on June 18th, 2008
We will sadly miss him.

Memorial Service
will be held at the JCSA
Indoor Range
on Saturday, July 12th at 3:00 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

Membership: Merlin Marauders membership is at 67.

New Members are:

Rebecca Esplin, aka **Vindictive Violet**, SASS #72344

Rebecca recently moved here from Utah and is the daughter of **Ima Horsinaround** and **Runnin' Wild**.

Joe and Sue Harper, aka **Upchuck** and **Salvation Sue**, returning Merlin Marauders.

Steve Black of Grants Pass

Wayne Stradford of Grants Pass

NEW Range Officers

Congratulations to the following that completed the RO-1 class this month taught by Sweetwater Jack.

- **Delta Queen**
- **General Lee Goode**
- **Rifl'en Rebecca**
- **Bad Dawg Matt**

Upcoming Nearby Annual Matches - Match Directors, send Annual Shoot info to Rogue Rascal to be listed

Name	Where	When	Contact	Phone
Shootout at Saddle Butte, (OR STATE)	Albany, OR	Aug, 15-17, 2008	Mid Valley Drifter	(541) 259-2774
Lead Daze at Linkville	Klamath Falls, OR	Aug 29- Sep 1, 2008	Ramblin Dave	(541) 273-1055

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Rogue Rascal	[541] 472-8585	oregonjohn@oigp.net
1 st Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	bartstar5885@aol.com
1 st Sunday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com
1 st Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Cowboss	(541) 548-7325	toevs@bendnet.com
1 st Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	johnnyjingos@yahoo.com
1 st Monday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
2 nd Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com
2 nd Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
2 nd Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	rdroth@fireserve.net
2 nd Sunday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	bartstar5885@aol.com
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com
3 rd Saturday	Redding	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Saturday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net
4 th Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	rdroth@fireserve.net
4 th Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net
4 th Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Madd River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	clsnowden@aol.com
4 th Saturday	Yreka	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Deacon Doug	(530) 926-5270	napa198@juno.com
4 th Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
4 th Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900	dr97@qwest.net

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>	

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member	\$10
MM Family	\$15
Individual Non-MM Member	\$13
Non-MM Family	\$18

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

Monthly match stage design and setup gets a \$5 discount

To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them ..."

Richard Henry Lee, writing in *Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republic* (1787 –1788)

MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL June 7, 2008

Match		STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total		Class	Total
Final	ALIAS	1	2	3	4	5	Time	Class	Final	Misses
1	Purgatory Smith	27.40	40.64	25.98	19.68	29.23	142.93	GF	1	2
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	24.29	26.49	36.68	27.77	38.22	153.45	ES	1	4
3	Bear Bone Smith	29.58	37.15	29.63	25.19	36.94	158.49	T	1	2
4	Wales Holiday	41.00	36.12	40.00	35.21	37.35	189.68	T	2	4
5	Johnny Eight Toes	36.90	41.44	39.50	40.76	55.59	214.19	SS	1	2
6	Har Trigger	29.94	43.82	34.14	57.99	59.50	225.39	S	1	3
7	Wild Side	39.74	50.60	46.67	46.03	52.70	235.74	LT	1	0
8	Venison Stu	42.81	44.93	39.33	55.39	53.39	235.85	49	1	3
9	Rogue Rascal	40.60	45.99	53.98	55.02	49.28	244.87	SS	2	3
10	Wimpy Hank Yoho	32.40	48.15	59.07	64.63	44.14	248.39	T	3	11
11	Ojai	47.03	51.20	46.21	37.96	71.21	253.61	SS	3	4
12	Whiny Henry Yoho	43.26	59.38	46.62	59.20	47.58	256.04	T	4	11
13	Johnny Dingus	47.07	48.49	57.07	56.53	54.59	263.75	49	2	6
14	CHP Shot	41.62	55.14	48.88	65.63	59.54	270.81	SS	4	2
15	Quick Draw McRob	51.33	59.06	45.41	61.39	54.75	271.94	T	5	8
16	Kidd Krystin	67.67	43.64	70.93	44.86	45.89	272.99	GF	2	3
17	Konocti	47.87	46.68	54.73	53.21	70.86	273.35	T	6	4
18	Barbarosa Mike	45.54	60.73	68.65	54.04	60.51	289.47	SD	1	0
19	Paradise Patti	52.50	53.65	72.58	55.93	66.00	300.66	L49	1	1
20	Line Century	55.02	68.46	50.98	49.34	80.24	304.04	ES	2	10
21	Ima Horsinaround	57.16	71.96	55.08	56.62	67.47	308.29	L49	2	5
22	Up Chuck	54.17	59.34	60.25	57.25	85.19	316.20	T	7	0
23	Lonesome Rose	59.91	76.64	56.38	46.56	78.39	317.88	LS	1	6
24	ImnahaChuck	62.95	56.38	67.30	67.45	64.44	318.52	S	2	6
25	Runnin' Wild	64.75	87.77	67.92	45.82	65.18	331.44	GF	3	16
26	Two Tone	69.11	70.39	58.99	59.73	84.05	342.27	SD	2	7
27	Rocky Retire	59.42	79.77	76.55	80.91	70.24	366.89	ES	3	9
28	Vindictive Violet	73.77	64.21	74.10	83.32	76.41	371.81	LT	2	8
29	Kid Gunslinger	48.86	86.10	70.96	92.20	100.65	398.77	BB	1	0
30	Wayne Stradford	102.72	79.26	67.69	76.44	81.83	407.94	T	8	8
31	Steve Black	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	T		

CLEAN MATCH: Kid Gunslinger, Upchuck, Wild Side, Barbarosa Mike

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

- The Constitution of the United States – Second Amendment



FOR SALE

Rifle - Shotgun Case

SKB ATA 50" x 9-1/2" x 6" hard case, weather-resistant O-ring seal, lockable, fully padded. Will hold four cowboy long guns up to 48" in length or a mix of long guns and pistols. Case used less than a dozen times and is in new condition. Price new from Midway is \$174.99

Kidd Krystin, (541) 479-6104 or e-mail: edreajr@yahoo.com

More from Merlin Maverick

Many quality fishing rods, reels, and lures for sale. Call Merlin Maverick at 479-2928, for complete list and prices

FOR SALE Items are listed free for club members. Items must be submitted prior to the 15th of the month and MUST be in electronic form, e.g. e-mail or attached files. (No handwritten submissions)

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 or Rogue Rascal for \$25.

Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is Library Baggage

www.merlinmarauders.com

Send any photos or information to Library Babbage at the website e-mail address or to: leevern_beck@hotmail.com

Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

As we seem to be attracting and/or creating more black powder shooters as we go along, especially lately, a thought (I know, must be a serious blow to my normal pattern) struck me about one aspect of the "Darkside". Shooting in one of the Frontier Cartridge categories is, without a doubt, not only a lot of fun, but also a means of truly harkening back to the days of yesteryear. The 1870s and 1880s come rolling back with a clap of thunder and roiling, sulfurous smoke. Once addicted, the charcoal and sulfur junkie often seeks further gratification by starting to shoot Plainsman, with cap and ball revolvers..... Finding a brace of reliable percussion pistols and matching the nipples on these smokepoles with the proper-sized percussion caps notwithstanding, there is not a problem until the moment arrives where the stage description announces; "and then the shooter will reload one pistol round on the clock and...." What to do? Keeping in mind that the SASS approved procedure for "loading" these guns includes having the cylinders "charged" with powder and ball prior to arriving at the loading table, but not "capped", the shooter may charge all six chambers and then cap only the five chambers, lowering the hammer on the uncapped but "charged" chamber. His reload will consist of capping that 6th chamber at the firing line "on the clock". What about the admittedly rare situation of a requirement to "reload six"? Many percussion shooters will charge a "spare" cylinder with powder and ball and have it with them on the firing line to cap on the clock.

Why am I getting into this rather "esoteric" scenario? Because the matter has come up for discussion and clarification among the Territorial Governors as a few clubs, who shall remain anonymous, have been allowing the practice of coming to the loading table with a cylinder already CAPPED with 5, and the shooter carrying his/her spare cylinder charged AND capped!

This is a very dangerous practice and the shooter is subject to a mandatory Stage D/Q if caught. Capping off the firing line is the same as walking around with a loaded gun. The next issue to be cleared is in HOW the cap is seated on the nipple. Current SASS rules state that all percussion caps will be seated with the aid of a "push stick" at the 90-degree position (the loading cutout at the right side) and NEVER with the hammer of the gun at the firing position. When this matter came up at the T/G Summit awhile back there was quite a bit of "lively" discussion about the wooden stick versus the gun hammer as a seating tool. My own old great-grand pappy used to say: "You blamed young idjit, ALWAYS seat yer caps with the hammer!! That way if the fool thing goes off the boolit goes right down the barrel as God intended it at do, and don't shave lead all over the dang place when she goes out the side door!!!" (Great grand-pappy called lots of folk "blamed young idjts", all you had to do to be a member of his target group was to disagree with his opinions-- -- the sole exception seemed to be my great grandma) HOWEVER,,, as modern (and not-so-modern) testing has proved, using the softer wooden push stick GREATLY decreases the chance of HAVING that loud BOOM occur in the first place. Should the unthinkable happen, what are the results? Well, If you really want to know, take a look at the testing conducted by the Brimstone Pistoleros:

<http://WWW.brimstonepistoleros.Com/articles/capping.HTML>

Until next month.....when maybe I'll tell you about my great-uncle Morphius who shot himself doing a "road-agent spin" with his Colt .44.....