



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez sez

Well, it's the start of a new year and we have installed all of the newly elected club officers. I think we all need to convey our appreciation to our outgoing president, **Rogue Rascal** aka **John Hudick** for a job well done. In the past four years, our club has come a long ways and accomplished many things thanks to the diligence and hard work done by John. He put in many hours most of us are unaware of in order to make our cowboy club a success. He will continue to serve on our Board of Directors as Past President. Job well done Rascal!

We also need to express our appreciation to Sweetwater Jack for recently donating two very nice shotgun knockdown targets to our cowboy club. Thanks pard!

This year will undoubtedly prove to be very challenging under a liberal, anti-gun agenda proposed by the Obama administration. I beseech all freedom loving gun owners to continue their support of the NRA and second amendment rights by writing to their congressmen and making contributions to organizations that support this vital issue.

"The Constitution does not say government shall decree the right to keep and bear arms. The Constitution says 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed'". - Ronald Reagan, President

- Bear Bone Smith

Match Winners-January 2009

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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, February 10th
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, February 7th
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

**LADIES MATCH & SHOOTING
CLINIC**
For women, by women!
Sunday, March 29th, 9 am
at the White City Range. FREE!
See details on page 2



MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Merlin Marauders membership is on the calendar year. It is time to renew your membership for 2009. **Molly b'Dam** has already sent out the statements and you should either send your check to the club address at P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass 97528, bring it to a meeting, or a match. Membership dues are:

Single \$25; Family \$35. A family is defined as everyone living under the same roof. Renewals can be for any multiple number of years.

Membership: Merlin Marauders membership is at 69. No new members since last month

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

The new officers installed on January 13th are:

President – Rick Smith, aka Bear Bone Smith
Secretary – Heike Arnold, aka Molly b'Dam
Match Director – Vince Williams, aka Johnny Dingus
Director 1 – Mike Klosterman, aka Treacherous Jack.
Director 2 – Chuck Pool, aka Innaha Chuck

Battle of Rogue River 2009

The Main Match dates are **May 9-10, 2009.**

Committee appointments are:

Match Manager: **Rogue Rascal**
 Match Directors: **Johnny Dingus & Bear Bone Smith**
 Operations: **Har Trigger**
 Operations/Reservations: **Molly b'Dam**

The next meeting will be on January 27th @6:30 at the home of **Molly b'Dam, 479-2928**

LADIES ONLY - MATCH and SHOOTING CLINIC, Sunday, March 29th, 9 am. White City Range. FREE

Join us for our second "Ladies Match", we plan to teach you some good pointers pertaining to safety, the workings of each weapon and how to shoot a stage more successfully, and you'll also get to shoot stages. Seasoned shooters are welcome, as well those who have never shot before (spouses, significant others, family and friends). Ladies, this is your chance to try the sport of cowboy action shooting, assist a new shooter, and have a good time doing it in the company of your peers and away from the criticizing men. We'll be happy to provide you with all the juicy details as well as directions to the White City Range. Hope to see you there! Guns and ammo will be provided for newcomers. Contact: **Molly b'Dam, 479-2928, or Derringer Donna, 773-7428**

JCSA NEWS - Innaha Chuck

- Sportsman Show at the Expo dates are Feb. 20-22, JCSA is looking for help at booth and setup the 19th with tear down the 23rd. Sign-up at the JCSA office or contact **Rogue Rascal**

Stage Setup for February 7th

- **Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith**
- **Stage 2 – Johnny Dingus**
- **Stage 3 – Rogue Rascal**
- **Stage 4 – Molly b'Dam**
- **Stage 5 (Shotgun) Sweetwater Jack**

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

Name	Where	When	Contact	Phone
Battle of Rogue River 2009	Merlin, (Grants Pass) OR	May 8-10, 2009	Molly b'Dam	(541) 479-2928
True Grit	Roseburg, OR	May 23-24, 2009	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900
Guns of the Timberland	Blue Lake, CA	CANCELLED	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981
Shootout at Saddle Butte, (OR STATE)	Albany, OR	August 14-16, 2009	Mid Valley Drifter	(541) 259-2774
Lead Daze at Linkville	Klamath Falls, OR	TBD	Ramblin Dave	(541) 273-1055

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Bear Bone Smith	[541] 582-4144	ricksmith@bearbone.com
1 st Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Gold Dust Bill	(503) 705-1211	
1 st Sunday	White City	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstaterregulators.com
1 st Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
1 st Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	johnnyjingos@yahoo.com
2 nd Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstaterregulators.com
2 nd Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
2 nd Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	rdroth@fireserve.net
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed_i_knight@jeffersonstaterregulators.com
3 rd Saturday	Redding	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net
3 st Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
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	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
4 th Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900	dr97@qwest.net

MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL January 3, 2008

Match Final	ALIAS	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total	Class	Class Final	Total Misses
		1	2	3	4	5	Time			
1	Purgatory Smith	22.12	20.51	34.33	32.14	26.03	135.13	GF	1	4
2	Bear Bone Smith	32.66	21.42	29.40	42.28	21.69	147.45	T	1	1
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	35.29	27.65	34.11	28.66	32.22	157.93	ES	1	3
4	Wales Holiday	38.76	38.79	52.46	18.73	27.19	175.93	T	2	4
5	Johnny Dingus	44.69	25.96	44.63	29.01	33.37	177.66	49	1	1
6	Venison Stu	37.31	35.56	46.16	26.93	38.80	184.76	49	2	2
7	General Lee Goode	49.00	27.63	53.94	47.82	31.04	209.43	T	3	6
8	Jed I. Knight	38.80	48.59	39.56	43.56	40.87	211.38	FCG	1	3
9	Johnny Eight Toes	48.00	37.87	43.17	34.92	57.94	221.90	SS	1	6
10	Barbarosa Mike	47.79	45.06	48.31	40.05	47.89	229.10	SD	1	0
11	Sweetwater Jack	49.76	47.22	50.04	45.60	46.41	239.03	SS	2	2
12	Merlin Maverick	59.89	48.69	63.95	44.36	53.26	270.15	ES	2	6
13	Line Century	55.16	42.73	61.55	50.09	61.23	270.76	ES	3	4
14	ImnahaChuck	61.07	60.47	57.56	47.29	48.42	274.81	S	1	3
15	Rifle 'en Rebecca	59.52	60.42	70.96	73.69	59.25	323.84	LT	1	8
16	Rogue Rascal	95.28	29.45	96.60	52.47	70.04	343.84	ES	4	19
17	Two Tone	64.20	75.20	78.60	64.51	61.36	343.87	SS	3	6
18	Molly B' Dam	200.00	53.26	45.50	31.42	41.77	371.95	LS	1	5
19	Kidd Krystin	51.93	30.55	200.00	44.53	46.45	373.46	SGF	1	5
20	Tween Theyes	51.50	68.86	82.19	73.75	200.00	476.30	T	4	7
21	Gaye Abandon	106.43	115.12	100.43	96.39	129.36	547.73	LSS	1	12
22	Calamity Jones	138.75	149.04	142.81	92.78	200.00	723.38	LT	2	5

CLEAN MATCH = NONE

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

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

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member \$10
 Additional MM Family Adults \$5 each
 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

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

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

FOR SALE

1873 Taylor's Uberti Rifle, Cal 44 WCF

1873 Winchester Taylors/Uberti, Cal 44-40. 18" barrel, blued finish, stock condition. Excellent condition, not used much. \$900/or trade?? Venison Stu, (541) 415-0022

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)

Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

POTPOURRI: (Which I understand is: **PO-PURR-EE**, not **POT- POREY**)

Anyway, this month will be a jumble of stuff that's been kicking around. The current issue of Cowboy Chronicle (January 2009) included some words from TEX about the results of the 2008 T/G Summit Item Votes, and I think, helped to clear up some of the "confusion" that seemed to be attached to several of the items. As we all know, the written word, especially in English, may not truly convey the writer's thoughts and intentions clearly and concisely. This goes double for writing changes and "clarifications" to rules and regulations. One of the items of contention seems to be the one regarding "Logos" and Manufacturer's Labels on our period clothing. As previously worded, many folks were under the impression that they had to remove the ubiquitous "WahMaker" label from the back of their pants, as well as the "Frontier Classics" tabs from their vests and other items of wear. NO, that was NOT the intent...The little manufacturer's labels are not and were not a problem, and no "clothing police" are going to run around with scissors, knives and/or pliers to divest your costume of them. I mention pliers, as when I was a kid the little red "Levis" tags were a popular target for "collector" (Who in the hell really wanted a pile of little red tags to display on their dresser, anyway?) and a few of my friends wound up "showing their butts" when they lost not only the tag but the pocket and a small patch of skin as well.... Well, how about my multi-million dollar, fancy, embroidered SASS Jacket with the huge SASS Marshal on the back? Can I wear that on the firing line? Nope.... that's a BIG Logo, whether it says "SASS" on it or "Glock" or "Ruger" or "Cimarron", etc. It's a LOGO, and NOT a Manufacturer's Label. The idea is that we (the members of SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting) want to keep the actual shooting area "clean" of advertising, especially if there are TV cameras or newsprint media folks about. I wear my NRA jacket to the movies, the grocery store, etc., but when I shoot a match I want to be "cowboy", and I want to LOOK "cowboy".

The second item has to deal with the "wearing clothing and equipment as it was meant to be worn in the Old West". No, we DON'T know that cowboys NEVER wore their holsters at their crotch, in fact, while mounted, depending on the length of the barrel, sliding the rig "inboard" a bit might have been more comfortable rather than having it catch on something in tight quarters. What we ARE talking about is, for instance, the requirement in a couple of categories to wear spurs. One "sporty" gentleman (I'd NEVER say "GAMEY") elected to wear them on his ARMS at the ELBOW!!! Question was asked: "WHY???" ANSWER: "These things are DANGEROUS an' yer **makin'** me wear 'em an' I didn't wanna' TRIP over 'em." HONEST to GOD!! I couldn't make this stuff up if I TRIED!! Along the same line is another shooter that, when the stage starting position was

described as: "Start with both hands on your hat", placed both hands on his hat, which he had just laid down on the table, between his staged revolvers.

But, it's not ALL weirdness this month. (Well, maybe, KINDA) JSR just held their monthly match and included the option of shooting the match "Josey Wales" style. For those that don't know, you leave your rifle at home and arrive for the match with FOUR pistols and a SxS or lever-action shotgun. The rifle targets are shot at normal rifle target distances with two of your revolvers. Your pistols may either be carried in four holsters, two to a side, or two holsters with the other two pistols staged. I was surprised at the number of shooters at the match who opted to try this. (Nearly half!) All the comments I heard were positive, and it seemed to be a fun match for all involved. One of the great things about our sport is that at our monthly matches at the club level we are free to do just this kind of thing, as long as the rules and "how to's" are posted in advance so everyone will know what's happening. So, we shoot "Wild Bunch" categories, Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter, Senior Gunfighter, etc. Now, if someone will come up with an "Elder Statesman, Left-handed, Swedish-German, Frontier Cartridge Merlin Cowboy" category, I'm IN!!!

Well, back to loading up black powder blanks for the upcoming shootouts in:

- Jacksonville 13 June
- Yreka 20 June
- Golden 5 September

See y'all on the trail!



Rogue Rascal in his new Office as Past President