



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez sez

Well, our Battle of Rogue River annual match is well on the way to becoming a reality. After several committee meetings, many of the delegated tasks have been accomplished. It's really great to have so many volunteers step up and do all the work necessary to put one of these shindigs on. Hopefully, we will have even more volunteers when the range work parties are scheduled. In the mean time, every Merlin Marauder member should be talking up our shoot ----more participants' equals more fun for all.

Most of you know that the ageless Merlin Maverick has undergone hip replacement surgery and is now out of the hospital and recuperating at home. I spoke with him today and he is doing really well for his youthful age. He gets around with the aid of a walker. No sissy wheelchair for this tough old bird. Maybe he can have Tim "the Tool Man" Taylor put a motor on his walker. Heal quickly Maverick---Molly doesn't want to do all the housework!

Thanks to Rascal, we now have a target trailer for setting up and tearing down our stages. It was put to good use at our last monthly match to the jubilation of all the cowboys and cowgirls. The next step is to have it modified so we can store our steel targets on it rather than having the targets taking up needed space in our range shed. Rascal also purchased a new laser jet printer for our club to the delight of Molly b' Dam. Boy howdy, Rascal sure does like spending the club's money.

Thought for the month: "Happiness is not real unless it is shared."--- 'nuff said fer now.

Yer pard,
Bear Bone Smith

Match Winners-February 2009

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| 1 st | Purgatory Smith |
| 2 nd | Bear Bone Smith |
| 3 rd | Humbug Hank |
| 4 th | Royal Flush |
| 5 th | Bloody Bill Anderson |

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, March 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, March 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 SHOOTING CLINIC
& MATCH**
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

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, please send your check to Molly b'Dam. (PO Box 202, GP 97528)

Membership: Merlin Marauders membership is at 71. New members are:

Humbug Hank, aka **Mark Pine** of Yreka.

Random Dottard, aka **Cecil Lesley** of Klamath Falls

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 March 16th @6:30 at the home of **Gaye Abandon, 479-6021**

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 - Imnaha Chuck

- The JCSA Radio ad has been tabled till March or April.
- JCSA e-board is reviewing on policy and procedures for steel targets.

Stage Setup for March 7th

- **Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith**
- **Stage 2 – Kidd Krystin**
- **Stage 3 – Rogue Rascal**
- **Stage 4 – Johnny Dingus**
- **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
Gunfight in the Badlands	Bend, OR	June 12-14, 2009	Cowboss	(541) 548-7325
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@jeffersonstateregulators.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@jeffersonstateregulators.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	Bend, OR	Pine Mountain Posse	Cowboss	[541] 548-7325	toevs@qwestoffice.net
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@jeffersonstateregulators.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 rd 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 February 7, 2008

Match Final	ALIAS	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total	Class	Class Final	Total Misses
		1	2	3	4	5	Time			
1	Purgatory Smith	30.38	26.55	27.37	24.83	25.30	134.43	GF	1	0
2	Bear Bone Smith	40.23	29.86	47.85	34.32	30.07	182.33	T	1	3
3	Humbug Hank	33.20	44.19	47.35	31.91	27.47	184.12	49	1	3
4	Royal Flush	34.88	32.61	61.33	32.32	32.54	193.68	49	2	5
5	Bloody Bill Anderson	42.38	31.46	58.94	31.84	34.62	199.24	ES	1	5
6	Molly B' Dam	37.22	49.27	42.92	45.46	35.31	210.18	LS	1	6
7	Treacherous Jack	37.12	40.65	65.20	34.95	38.50	216.42	T	2	1
8	Wales Holiday	41.95	33.85	55.86	51.29	36.05	219.00	T	3	2
9	Deputy Ray	45.65	33.20	56.32	42.78	41.74	219.69	49	3	3
10	Har Trigger	45.84	37.69	59.56	41.35	41.48	225.92	S	1	3
11	Konocti	38.80	52.56	59.58	34.79	43.89	229.62	T	4	4
12	Jed I. Knight	46.58	41.81	68.56	33.19	41.73	231.87	FCG	1	3
13	Johnny Dingus	42.27	48.15	66.59	40.80	38.74	236.55	49	4	1
14	Ferris Wheel	42.15	42.50	56.71	56.47	39.80	237.63	T	5	7
15	General Lee Goode	38.36	59.37	61.22	47.70	36.56	243.21	T	6	9
16	Merlin Maverick	56.45	44.75	73.28	45.59	58.72	278.79	ES	2	1
17	Kidd Krystin	49.20	54.08	76.56	45.09	63.05	287.98	SGF	1	10
18	Barbarosa Mike	63.32	55.44	70.57	49.76	53.78	292.87	SD	1	1
19	Badd Dog Matt	58.45	61.59	83.42	55.79	45.95	305.20	GF	2	10
20	Rogue Rascal	56.85	47.11	87.72	56.02	59.15	306.85	SFC	1	3
21	Checotah	56.26	59.01	98.15	40.95	52.94	307.31	SGF	2	10
22	Sweetwater Jack	55.32	63.22	96.81	52.65	49.22	317.22	CL	1	5
23	Line Century	66.20	55.31	81.81	59.20	56.00	318.52	ES	3	10+
24	JD Walker	64.47	62.61	88.44	57.12	48.61	321.25	ES	4	8
25	CHP Shot	63.31	52.22	82.16	53.93	81.71	333.33	SS	1	5
26	Charlie Parkhurst	67.52	54.81	107.96	62.59	49.57	342.45	L49	1	9
27	ImnahaChuck	72.53	69.48	92.42	60.66	65.00	360.09	S	2	8
28	Ten Sleep Good Guy	74.17	51.57	86.40	81.84	67.81	361.79	CC	1	1
29	Two Tone	78.94	69.49	99.10	75.60	59.49	382.62	SS	2	8
30	Gaye Abandon	83.53	99.74	120.06	75.52	81.59	460.44	LSS	1	9
31	Rifle 'en Rebecca	122.64	67.61	140.69	72.90	62.94	466.78	LT	1	10+

CLEAN MATCH Purgatory Smith

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

Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

OK! As the duly railroad--- Shanghai- uh...APPOINTED... "Coordinator" for the "State of Jefferson Vigilance Committee", it is my pleasure to announce that the Oregon 150th Birthday Celebration in Jacksonville is a definite GO, and our part will take place from 1-4 PM on Saturday, 13 June, 2009.... Current scenarios are "sketchy" but thought is being given to having THREE gangs of "desperados" instead of our usual one gang for the forces of law and order to suppress. Take up arms with the "Evil Jed" gang, the "Purgatory Pistoleros" OR if you normally dress as a lady..... (No! Wimpy, don't even ASK!!) Derringer Donna's Pistolettes?. The thought being that an all-girl outlaw gang would bring a little "class" to what usually turns into an uncouth brawl.... My initial idea is for each "gang" to announce their intention of "taking over the town", and gunfights erupting between the rival gangs, with the "Lawdogs" mopping up (or "reconciling" if the gals win) at the end. In any case, please drop me a short e-mail, letting me know whether or not you'll be attending this shindig, and which gang you want to be a part of.... (No, Wimpy, I haven't changed my mind....) or if you want to be on the winning side with the cops.....

(You can show up earlier to parade about the town in your finery, but our shooting part doesn't start until 1:00.....)

AND THEN..... One week later,,,,, The Yreka "Gold Rush Days" celebration is also a GO! This is going to be on June 20th, the Saturday following the Jacksonville shootout. I have just been in conversation with White Jack Stillwater and he informed me that we will have a FULL CITY BLOCK on 4th Street, plus the Franco-American Hotel and Palace Barbershop on Miner St. He tells me that there is a rumor that the Yreka Western Railroad has been sold, so the usual train robbery is in question, but if it's not running we'll just add more activity in town.

More info on scenarios, scripts, props, etc. will be passed on as I get it. The "action" in Yreka usually starts around 10AM and runs through 4 or 5PM.



For those of you who haven't done any of our "shootouts" before, here are the general rules/guidelines. Common Sense....

1. Dress as you would if you were going to be an "extra" or main character actor in a good western movie of the 1870-to 1880s. (Not only "townies" and "lawmen/women" but range cowpokes, too.) In other words like we normally dress for a match or SASS Costume contest.....

2. Don't bring ANY live ammo.... Dummy rounds in gun belts for "show" ? OK,,,,,make sure they're inspected by the safety officers when we do the safety inspection, before any shooting is done. Yes, we DO inspect ALL guns, including derringers, before any shooting is done. If you show up late, please see me or whomever we designate the "official" safety officer for the day, before joining the fracas...

3. I will be loading or buying BLACK POWDER blanks for the events. If you have a strong dislike for shooting black powder in your pistol or shotgun, contact me and I'll show you how to make safe smokeless blanks using florist foam as the "wadding".

4. When the shooting commences, DO NOT point directly at your intended victim (and only shoot at one of US!), but slight to one side or the other, and for pistols no closer than about 15 feet away; shotguns 20-25 feet. (Don't want to set fire to Treacherous Jack's back pocket again....) We don't use rifles for a couple of reasons....we stay in pretty close proximity, muzzle control sometimes becomes a problem (plus, most rifles don't feed the blank ammo very well and shaking and gyrating to make the blank cartridge go into the hole adds to the muzzle control/sweeping problem). And last, if you use the expensive commercial 5-in-1 blanks that DO feed and eject ok. You have empties laying on the ground that retrieving creates the muzzle control thing. And if you DON'T pick them up a spectator sure as hell will, as a souvenir.

So.... Plan and get ready. Let me know who's attending. (Which event or both, so White Jack can inform the caterer in Yreka (Yeah, they're planning to feed us another BBQ dinner!) , and I can plan on how much blank ammo to make and buy....

Thanks.

Sweetwater Jack

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)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MERLIN MARAUDERS

To all Merlin Marauder Cowboys & Cowgirls,

At our February general MM meeting, it was brought to my attention that the new JCSA Range Manager (John) had written instructions not to let cowboy club members practice on steel targets if the Walker Mt. range was being used. This was a concession I never made in my meetings with Lura Johnson and Bob Kurilow. Originally, I conceded to only having our club members shoot on Cowboy Bay #1 and #2 if they were going to practice on steel targets outside our scheduled monthly shoot. This concession was made due to safety concerns if cowboys set up to shoot steel targets on Bays 3,4 & 5.

Today, February 11, 2009, I contacted EVP Lura Johnson and expressed our club's concern over this recent JCSA range policy. After she looked into the matter, she agreed with my understanding of the original agreement which allowed qualified Merlin Marauder cowboys to practice on steel targets on Bay #1 and #2. She further advised that the posted range officer instructions were in error and that she had corrected the instructions. Remember, only SASS certified RO-I and 2 are allowed to set up and supervise practice shooting on steel targets. The JCSA Range Manager has an updated list of all Merlin Marauder ROs. If you are a SASS certified RO and are not on the list, contact me or Molly and we will add you to the list.

In my diplomatic dealings with Lura Johnson, I would like to add that Lura has been fair and attentive to our needs and I am devoted to fostering better relations with the JCSA staff and E-Board. Lura was very helpful in resolving this recent issue and she is to be commended for her actions on our behalf.

Bear Bone Smith (Rick Smith), President, Merlin Marauders

NEW COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING CLUB - Pine Mountain Posse

Just wanted to let everyone know that there's a new Cowboy Shooting club in town, we're called the Pine Mountain Posse and shoot at the COSSA Range (Millican) in Bend. We're having our very first annual match "Gunfight in the Badlands" .in June - June 12-14 to be exact, SASS rules apply. Drifter has been kind enough to post a link on the OOWSS site for Annuals, so you can download the forms from there. We're trying to keep costs down and the fun factor up!! Our theme for our first annual is "A Tribute to Blazing Saddles" (so that should tell ya somethin'). Lunches & Saturday dinner, first round Friday side matches, camping, vendors & posse picture are all included in the shooters fees. Saturday night is the campfire sing-a-long and Sunday morning is Cowboy Church. We'd love to have ya come and shoot with us. If you have any questions, contacts are:

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Cascades Annie (outlawandannie@yahoo.com)

Here's a link to the COSSA Cowboys:

<http://cosa.netgarage.net/PineMountainPosse.htm>

And a link to the Application for their Annual Match "Gunfight in the Badlands":

<http://www.owss.com/Annual%20Matches/Pine%20Mountain%20Annual.pdf>