



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez sez

In a recent discussion I had with the JCSA Executive Vice President, Lura Johnson, she advised me that our Merlin Marauder cowboy club is now responsible for mowing, weeding and maintaining our cowboy range. In the past, JCSA employees Tracy and Joe had been occasionally mowing and trimming the grass as a courtesy to our club. Lura stated our club would be able to utilize JCSA equipment to perform the necessary range maintenance. This will include their riding lawn mower and weed-eater.

It would be really helpful if one or more club members volunteered to maintain our cowboy range on an as needed basis. The best time to perform this maintenance would probably be on our stage set-up day (Friday before our monthly match). JCSA Officers are now referring to it as the "cowboy range" so it can be assumed we now have "pride of ownership"---at least on a proprietary basis. Please let me know if you would like to share this responsibility with other interested club members.

Once again, the Battle of Rogue River is coming to fruition. We are on track and on schedule. We will post a sign-up sheet for the scheduled work parties soon so keep an eye out and get your tools ready.

Finally, I would like to know if there are any MM members still interested in attending monthly practice matches where coaching by an experienced SASS shooter would be provided. Please contact me or MD Johnny Dingus if interested.

That's all for now---happy trails.

Yer pard,
Bear Bone Smith

Match Winners-March 2009

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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, April 14th

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, April 4th

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: After all the dust has settled, the Merlin Marauders membership now stands at 59. About 12 members decided not to renew. No new members for last month

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 **April 6th** @6:30 at the home of **Lonesome Rose**, 223 Gary Lane, Merlin 476-5490, and on **April 27th** @6:30 at the home of **Molly b'Dam**, 3217 Riverbanks Road, Merlin 479-2928

LADIES ONLY - MATCH and SHOOTING CLINIC, Sunday, March 29th, 9 am. White City Range. Come join us for our "Ladies Match", scheduled for Sunday, April 15th, 9 a.m., at the White City Range. We plan to give 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 some stages. Seasoned shooters are welcome, as well those who have never shot before (spouses, significant others, etc). 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. If interested we'll be happy to provide you with all the juicy details as well as directions to the White City Range. Guns and ammo will be provided for newcomers. Contact: **Molly b'Dam, 479-2928, or Derringer Donna, 773-7428.**

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

- E-Board thanked Merlin Marauders for their \$175.00 donation for radio advertising
- E-Board has formed a committee to review policies and procedures for JCSA

Stage Setup for April 4th

- **Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith**
- **Stage 2 – Johnny Eight Toes**
- **Stage 3 – Rogue Rascal**
- **Stage 4 – Johnny Dingus**
- **Stage 5 (Shotgun) Har Trigger**

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
Ambush at Hat Creek	Burney, CA	June 19-21, 2009	Modoc	(530) 365-1839
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 March 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	31.95	32.77	20.88	26.17	31.87	143.64	GF	1	2
2	Bear Bone Smith	31.29	39.04	35.33	40.44	33.08	179.18	T	1	3
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	46.41	34.78	33.53	29.28	37.26	181.26	ES	1	4
4	Royal Flush	36.44	43.71	41.62	33.04	27.88	182.69	T	2	6
5	Humbug Hank	34.33	52.94	30.81	42.51	33.54	194.13	49	1	5
6	General Lee Goode	39.94	47.93	35.88	44.60	38.71	207.06	T	3	3
7	Jed I. Knight	41.70	41.20	49.92	54.76	25.19	212.77	FCCG	1	6
8	Wales Holiday	44.15	51.34	43.49	42.07	37.14	218.19	T	4	4
9	Venison Stu	39.98	54.72	42.40	46.57	35.08	218.75	49	2	1
10	Molly B' Dam	48.10	55.93	35.01	51.20	40.31	230.55	LS	1	9
11	Konocti	55.02	47.77	43.15	49.95	40.20	236.09	T	5	3
12	Kidd Krystin	43.30	48.67	65.63	44.50	36.50	238.60	SGF	1	4
13	Scattergun Scotty	54.46	60.53	51.92	47.96	36.70	251.57	49	3	2
14	Runnin' Wild	46.10	38.47	87.12	46.07	38.04	255.80	GF	2	6
15	Johnny Eight Toes	45.21	64.04	52.64	48.07	46.95	256.91	SS	1	2
16	Badd Dog Matt	47.89	64.28	55.66	62.74	31.96	262.53	GF	3	9
17	Charlie Parkhurst	52.42	47.67	62.12	63.18	54.08	279.47	L49	1	4
18	Deputy Ray	47.24	44.69	95.42	54.45	38.16	279.96	49	4	14
19	Rogue Rascal	47.00	57.82	73.47	72.40	41.50	292.19	ES	2	4
20	Rolando Nomorales	59.79	69.38	62.39	58.92	45.05	295.53	49	5	5
21	CHP Shot	50.24	81.81	61.07	53.26	49.57	295.95	SS	2	4
22	Johnny Dingus	51.10	51.55	39.54	130.55	30.84	303.58	49	6	7
23	JD Walker	65.19	63.69	66.87	91.63	45.17	332.55	ES	3	10
24	Fairweather Kate	59.97	62.90	95.32	66.90	60.15	345.24	LSS	1	0
25	Rifle 'en Rebecca	89.68	64.86	84.26	68.06	54.79	361.65	LT	1	14
26	Line Century	72.96	80.26	79.31	87.21	54.47	374.21	ES	4	12
27	Sweetwater Jack	76.60	132.91	62.35	58.45	59.09	389.40	CL	1	13
28	Barbarosa Mike	88.71	83.72	90.00	99.92	47.46	409.81	F	1	9
29	Gaye Abandon	147.23	90.66	115.65	123.11	99.46	576.11	LSS	2	16

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 Bear Bone Smith 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

This month's article is going to be a REAL mish-mash of subjects. The main source of the "stew" this month what transpired at Winter Range this year, and what was discussed at the Territorial Governors' Meeting there..

Breaking news from WR. Shooters were having the cant on their cross draws measured. The story I heard was that a shooter who had been wearing the same (style) holster since??? (he has a SASS number less than 100), was told his cross draw was illegal as it was canted beyond the legal 30 degrees from the vertical. (The rumors were that it was 32 degrees, and that although he attempted to adjust it before shooting, it moved back while he was shooting, receiving a stage DQ.

Enforcement of the 30 degree from the vertical "cant" is becoming stronger and stronger at major matches and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. A problem among us "mature males" is the old "taper factor". Back in the day when we bought "tapered" shirts to match our "manly physiques" that "tapered" from our broad shoulders to our slim waists, it was not a problem. Then, one day we noticed that our shirts and our bodies were "tapering" in opposite directions..... As we developed "manly waist/bellies" the belt "dunlaps" appeared, and our cross-draw rigs were affected also. Our carefully constructed-at-exactly-thirty-degrees cross-draw holsters move from the legal 30 degrees to as much as 40 degrees when we strap on the gun belts.

Remember, that the rules state that the 30 degrees from vertical cant must be maintained while the guns are in the holsters and ON OUR BODIES. Might it be time to rethink our cross-draw "tilt"? Also, some of us slide the cross-draw holster on the belt from the side, where it's generally more comfortable to walk around with, toward the "centerline" as we move to the firing line. This can also add to the cant. Harbor Freight sells a fine protractor for checking angles for around ten bucks. Maybe I'll buy one for the club to keep in the range house so we can check our rigs.

The only other things discussed during the meeting were the disabling of the locking bar on Side-by-Side shotguns so that they do NOT lock closed, and will drop open without working the release lever! Certain shooters in Arizona were found to be shooting the double gun by

HOLDING IT CLOSED WHILE FIRING, then just letting go of the fore end to let it drop open and shuck the empties while stuffing new shells in, closing it and holding it closed again while the next shots were fired! UNBELIEVEABLE!!! (Probably the same guys that were "coning" their 12 gauge shells in 20 gauge crimp dies to make it easier to load then in their guns.....) This is a COMPLETELY ILLEGAL and STUPID thing to do... The seconds gained are NOT worth your life!!! Gamers? No, IDIOTS!!

The other thing discussed was the Ruger Montado revolver and the Montado hammer. A Montado shaped hammer is legal in all large frame guns including old model Vaqueros, new model Vaqueros, Colts and Colt clones. A similar Bisley hammer can only be installed in a Bisley framed gun at this time. The Montado Revolver itself is legal for SASS but the serrations on the front of the grip frame must be removed first.

And now for something completely different:

Marbles showed a new rear sight for rifles, at the SHOT show in January and it has now been shipped to suppliers. This is NOT a legal rear sight on SASS main match rifles, or on, long-range rifles, at this time. Contrary to what the advertising says, it has NOT been approved by SASS for use in Cowboy Action Shooting... (Shades of the Henry "Big Boy") Click on the link

<http://www.marblearms.com/bullseyeSights.html>

Why not legal?.....peep sights are legal on the tang, but **not** legal on the barrel because the barrel mounted peep sight has not been specifically covered/approved in the rules/mods...

QUOTE

Original and replicas may be used in competition provided they are in good, safe working order. In each of the respective sections, allowed modifications are listed. Just because a manufacturer designs a part or firearm for this sport or just because a firearm was available, does not necessarily mean it is legal for competition. Only the modifications referenced here as allowed are approved. All others are illegal. Shooters Hand Book, page 3.

You all keep your powder dry, and remember: "De inimico non loquaris male, sed cogites" (Do not **wish** ill for your enemy, **plan it**)



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