



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Well pards, our annual match is fast approaching so get ready with them tools. Rascal will be posting sign ups for the work parties very soon. Just a reminder---**NO MONTHLY SHOOT on May 2nd**. There will be a work party instead.

On April 14th, our Executive Board met to discuss recent safety issues raised by JCSA and Trap & Skeet. As a result, I drafted an action letter to JCSA President Bob Kurilow and EVP Lura Johnson suggesting the formation of a Safety Committee comprised of one representative from each JCSA affiliated club to address all safety issues occurring on the JCSA ranges. Included were several suggestions on how to improve safety at JCSA. If you would like a copy to read, just send me an email requesting one. I will try to keep everyone posted on any new developments in this matter.

At our last monthly shoot, we had a chance to try out our new stationary shotgun clay target devices. Everyone thought they worked great! ---and they did! Our thanks to **Har Trigger** for a job well done.

Finally, be sure to keep **Lucky Rick O'Shay, Patty Taylor** and **Bill Lindholm** in your thoughts and prayers. They are all keeping up the good fight and need our continued support.

Happy trails,

Yer pard,
Bear Bone Smith

Match Winners-April 2009

1 st	Purgatory Smith
2 nd	Bloody Bill Anderson
3 rd	Bear Bone Smith
4 th	Wales Holiday
5 th	Treacherous Jack

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, May 12th

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 Battle of Rogue River 2009 May 9-10

Pre-registration required.
Directions. JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Thence northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

Battle of Rogue River 2009 Work Party

Saturday May 2nd -0900
We need all the help we can get for the **Annual Match.**
Bring your tools and paint brush to make and fix props.

Battle of Rogue River IS FILLED as of April 22. Applications received after today will be placed on the waiting list.!

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 61.
New members are **Zane** and **Tamra Smith**, aka **Rocky Hill Rustler** and **Calamity Tam** of **Butte 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 **April 27th** @6:30 at the home of **Molly b'Dam**, 3217 Riverbanks Road, Merlin 479-2928

Ladies Shooting Clinic Held on March 29, 2009

Neither rain, nor sleet nor snow can keep the ladies away from their guns. 15 ladies met on a cold and blustery day (it even snowed and hailed for a brief period of time), at the Table Rock Ranger range to learn the ins and outs of cowboy action shooting.

I would like to extend a big thanks to **Derringer Donna**, **Fairweather Kate**, **Gaye Abandon**, **Harley Davidson**, **Ima Horsinaround**, and **Shooting Silver Star** who helped me guide those ladies who were not experienced in the fine art of cowboy action shooting. Everyone learned what this shooting sport is all about, from safety to costuming, to selecting a weapon suited to their preference. Thanks to **Treacherous Jack** and **Runnin' Wild**, targets were set up (and taken down), so that real stages could be tried out. As the day warmed up, much laughter was heard. I must say that **Kookanadude** set a fine example of how those stages should be shot. Good job Kook

Again, thank you ladies for your help. We will definitely plan to make this an annual event.

- **Molly b' Dam**

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

- Nothing to report

Work Party Saturday, May 2nd in preparation for the Battle of Rogue River 2009. Meet at 0900 at the range.

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	September 4-7, 2009	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

"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

MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL April 4, 2009

Match Final	ALIAS	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total	Class	Class Final	Total Misses	
		1	2	3	4	5	Time				
1	Purgatory Smith	31.25	22.97	24.85	25.11	30.58	134.76	GF	1	1	
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	28.79	28.25	36.49	27.04	30.66	151.23	ES	1	0	
3	Bear Bone Smith	32.52	34.90	31.02	31.05	33.27	162.76	T	1	2	
4	Wales Holiday	36.60	33.91	44.27	35.92	40.38	191.08	T	2	4	
5	Treacherous Jack	43.93	38.01	37.24	38.96	41.56	199.70	T	3	3	
6	Jed I. Knight	45.68	39.66	39.53	50.04	47.54	222.45	FCG	1	4	
7	Molly B' Dam	41.60	55.70	33.66	42.68	50.36	224.00	LS	1	9	
8	Rocky Hill Rustler	39.55	40.57	64.83	30.68	49.52	225.15	D	1	6	
9	Kidd Krystin	48.49	38.32	45.19	45.82	53.23	231.05	SGF	1	1	
10	Johnny Eight Toes	40.51	45.51	48.62	42.57	62.50	239.71	SS	1	3	
11	Runnin' Wild	42.84	64.57	37.73	40.83	65.58	251.55	GF	2	8	
12	Rogue Rascal	60.23	41.58	49.34	41.13	67.86	260.14	ES	2	3	
13	Checotah	50.91	39.46	55.73	53.67	64.21	263.98	SGF	2	5	
14	CHP Shot	52.84	47.65	56.69	59.71	56.20	273.09	SS	2	4	
15	Iron Slinger	47.35	67.88	61.44	47.00	59.51	283.18	D	2	4	
16	Lonesome Rose	58.11	58.70	60.73	57.14	61.05	295.73	LS	2	5	
17	ImnahaChuck	61.73	50.43	69.99	59.79	63.43	305.37	S	1	3	
18	Fairweather Kate	53.25	51.34	71.38	60.70	70.85	307.52	LSS	1	3	
19	Sweetwater Jack	64.14	57.95	58.84	55.71	90.35	326.99	CL	1	>10	
20	Line Century	74.11	54.30	72.78	69.62	69.28	340.09	ES	3	>10	
21	Two Tone	67.38	65.38	72.20	62.30	75.94	343.20	SS	3	0	
22	Ima Horsinaround	69.27	53.10	51.47	102.48	92.02	368.34	L49	1	6	
23	Barbarosa Mike	87.59	59.03	94.47	77.07	73.70	391.86	F	1	>10	
24	Random Doddard	97.23	68.24	100.95	72.00	100.28	438.70	CC	1	>10	
25	Gaye Abandon	80.12	70.49	90.56	116.76	100.95	458.88	LSS	2	5	
26	Witchita Belle	166.80	126.37	114.01	117.23	139.40	663.81	LS	3	>10	
Clean Match		Bloody Bill Anderson, Two Tone									

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
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

Though it's NOT NEWS anymore I want to remind those of you that just HAVE to make modifications to your Rugers, that it IS OK to replace the stock hammers on those guns with the "Ruger Montado" hammer. This can be done on the Vaquero, The Black Hawk or Super Blackhawk. With "regular" frames. It's a no-go on the Bisley models, as well as the Super Six .32s...Now the question is whether or not you can GET one of these Montado hammers. As you know, the Montado revolver itself was designed by Ruger for the Mounted Shooter, and has a couple of features designed to help those stalwart hoss-back shooters to hang on to their guns while bouncing around in a saddle..... The main "feature" is the deep line grooving on the grip frame. The Montado was OK'ed by the T/G's at the last Summit ONLY if that grip enhancement was ELIMINATED (ground down and smoothed out) It is my understanding that Ruger has now produced a variation of the Montado WITHOUT the scribing. If you decide to order one of these make sure your dealer knows it must one of the "modified" Montados.

Squibs, squibs, squibs....ugly little things that really can ruin your day when they raise their pointy little heads. OK, question was raised on the "wire" as follows: Shooter is on the line hears the beep and pulls his first gun, a revolver, and the first cartridge was apparently in the "John" when the powder was passed out..... SQUIB! Definite SQUIB! He dutifully hands off the errant firearm to Range Safety Officer. Now....what does he do? Pull second pistol, shoot five, take the five misses on the first pistol and complete the stage?? OR,, does he (politely) ask for a "restart"? We all know the answer to this one.....don't we? Don't we? For purposes of "restarts", when does the "stage commitment" begin? When the first shot goes down-range, of course... Did his first shot GO downrange? Nope.. It went about 2 inches into his 4 3/4 inch barrel..... Yes, the bullet DID leave the confines of the case, jump the gap to the forcing cone and start on its merry way down the barrel, but it sure as shootin' (pardon the expression) didn't go downrange. (My warped mind just brought up the thought of: "What if it had JUST enough oomph to go all the way down the barrel and exit the muzzle, then dropped to the ground two feet ahead of the shooter's two feet...(sorry, couldn't resist) ???

Is THAT considered "downrange"??? I sure wouldn't consider it "downrange", and if that DID happen...I'd probably be rolling around on the ground laughing my butt off in the FIRST place....

BUT..... Keep in mind that ALL SASS matches above the club level are "no alibi" matches. Once the first round goes down range, the competitor is committed to the stage and must finish the stage to the best of his or her ability. Reshoots/restarts are not awarded for ammunition or firearm malfunctions. (Shooters Hand Book p.20) What to do in a "higher" match?

Classic (worst case?) scenario: Shooter fired first five revolver shots, then had a "squib" on the first round of the second pistol.

Shooter safely grounded the disabled firearm; then emptied and reloaded the first one (a full 5-round reload) to finish the stage. (You DO have a second, fully functional revolver on your person, right? - slow, but a reload on the clock and hitting all ten revolver targets is better than taking the five misses and blowing your "clean match", no?

Last item: Many clubs have a formal "new shooter orientation" class that the brand new cowboy action shooter must complete before competing in a match. I think we've been a little lax in this regard, and although we DO a pretty good job of "coaching" a new shooter and assigning an "Old Hand" to work with them, I feel that a formal classroom course would be very beneficial. Bear Bone has a couple of course outlines that are very good. This course would be more than just a safety orientation, but would get a little into selecting suitable guns and ammo, clothing, maybe even tips on selecting their new SASS Alias. The Ladies-Only Clinic run on 29 March down at Table Rock was a really good start and though everyone there about froze their patookies off, it was very well received. (Look for an article in the Cowboy Chronicle in a couple of months)

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



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