



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

I would like to wish Riverdog a Happy Birthday. This great cowboy was born on July 7th. Mark - we missed you at our monthly match, so hope you had a great one. Darn, we wanted to have a CAKE.

Joining us on the 7th for the first time was Ocean Drifter. I would like to say welcome to our newest Merlin Marauder members – Ocean Drifter and Risky Business. They hail from Fairbanks, Alaska, and after retiring, spent the past four years “drifting” the oceans, finally settling down in Grants Pass, Oregon. We are happy to have you – and look out everyone –Ocean Drifter shot a clean match!

It was also great to see Alacrity Belle – one of our newest lady shooters, known as the better half of Westerly Wind. I always love to see ladies come out to try the sport – and she did great. Spread the word everyone, we need more of you out there. Not only is it fun to shoot, but the costuming presents endless possibilities.

I do believe we had record temperatures on Saturday the 7th. 23 shooters braved the weather. A **BIG Thank You** to all of the cowboys and cowgirls who pitched in to take down some of the targets. It was hot – hot – hot, but we still had fun, and the stages were great. We missed Mountain Grizz due to neck and back problems, but he worked all Friday afternoon to get

things set up. Thanks Grizz (and Daisy too). I also want to note that 5 shooters shot a clean match, to obtain that coveted shot glass. Guess it’s time to start tallying the scores – 3 clean matches and you get a buckle. We’ll go through past matches for the year to see who wins. We will make the presentations at the September Monthly Match.

Hopefully, we have all had a chance to wind down after the State Match. We had our review meeting Tuesday, July 10th at the Black Bear Diner. Thank you all for your input!

Special congratulations this month to Bear Bone Smith and his bride, Peggy for 26 years of wedded bliss!

Till next month, ride tall and shoot straight... Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, Aug 14th 6PM
At the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Take the Second Grants Pass exit and head south on 6th Street – you’ll see it on the right at 1900 NW 6th Street Next Monthly
Match: Saturday Aug. 4th 2012

“Winter Hours” are now permanent!
We will shoot our monthly matches EVERY month at these times: Arrive early to help set up stages @9:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 AM.
Directions: JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Then northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 97!

Welcome new members! **Jim and Ellen Johnson, Ocean Drifter and Risky Business !!**

Match Winners-July 2012 1st Purgatory Smith, 2nd General Lee Goode, 3rd Bloody Bill Anderson 4th Bear Bone Smith 5th Esther Gen Overload.

Stage Setup for August 4th



Stage 1 – Bear Bone
Stage 2 –Molly B’ Dam
Stage 3 –Sweetwater Jack
Stage 4 –Britt Ponsett
Stage 5 –Ocean Drifter

Book Review (New “feature”)

Every so often I read a book (usually a Western novel) that I just can’t put down. This is one of them: (Sweetwater Jack)

The SHERIFF’S LEGACY

By: Linn Keller, SASS #27332

A Story of “Then” and “NOW”

I’VE FOUND IT TO BE TRUE that the folks involved with Cowboy Action and Cowboy Mounted Shooting as well as those with a love of the “Old West” are a surprising bunch of folk, in many ways. The writing talents of some of “our” people continue to delight me. Linn Keller is no exception.

His first novel, in what I’m sure will become more than a “trilogy”, is entitled “The Sheriff’s Legacy”. Firelands County, Colorado has a newly elected Sheriff. Will Keller is a combat-tested Marine. Sheriff Keller is a reserve Lt. Colonel with combat experience in the “sand box” and a person who has a “legacy”. The sheriff’s great-grandfather was also the sheriff of Firelands. The first day on duty often “sets the tone” for just how effective a lawman is going to be in the job, whether in a big city or a rural western community, and sheriff Keller’s first day is a doozy... Called to stop a bar brawl while on the way to the Town of Firelands’ City Council Meeting, the good sheriff proved to be no slouch in “kicking butt and taking names,” No one killed, no PERMANENT injuries to the brawlers, either male OR female, although there was the ritual breaking of a beer bottle to discourage one participant, as well as a swift, and wholly accurate kick to the “slats” received by one gentleman. (Ed. Note: If you don’t know what “slats” are, ask your dad in what part of his anatomy he would least like to receive a high-speed shoe toe.) With the bar emptied of the “partiers” and jailed for at least one night... sheriff Keller continued to the council meeting where the order of the day (night, rather) was to arrest the town mayor..... Why? **Read the book.....**

Having convinced the council members and the Firelands City Police Department that the Firelands County Sheriff's Office would play no political games, and that all who played the game fair and square would receive the same deal from the new sheriff, Keller returned to the Sheriff's Office, dropped into a chair behind the large, scarred desk, drew up her legs and examined her high heel shoe..... **"Dang! Snagged a stocking!** Yep, **Willamina Keller is no ORDINARY Sheriff!!** *About the "Then" in "Then and Now"?* Great-Grandpa had some secrets, too...

Are you going to like this series? (Three books so far and promise of a fourth) Let me put it this way... when I read it I passed it on to my sweetheart, Gaye Abandon, who kept me up all night with her bed lamp on, reading it. The second novel in the series, "The Sheriff's Betrayal" never got to my hands until AFTER she read it,, and the third one, "The Sheriff's Journal" is currently hiding from her in my reloading shop, until **I finish it.** These moderately-large paperbacks are available either from Amazon.com or directly from the Publisher. Authorhouse, 1663 Liberty Dr., Bloomington, IN 47403

SWEET WATER JACK

Need The SASS R.O I and/or R.O. II course? Contact our Territorial Governor, Bear Bone Smith at 541-582-4144 or email him at: bearbonesmith@msn.com if you need these courses. (And if you haven't taken them,,,you DO!)



MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB Bylaws

The Bylaw Committee has been re-activated and appointed by Club President Molly b' Dam to review, correct and/or update the current club bylaws. The new committee will be comprised of 7 members; 3 from the exec board, 3 from the general membership and the Pres. Our Merlin Marauder By-laws, must, as we are a sub-club of Josephine County Sportsman's Association, MIRROR those of JCSA, per our insurance provider. Our Policies and Procedures, as delineated in Standing Orders, may and must, vary as we are engaged in different aspects of the shooting sports than the other sub-clubs. Our Bylaw Committee will be meeting in the very near future to insure that we are, indeed, in compliance with this mandate.

The MERLIN MARAUDERS WILL HOLD THE 2013 OREGON STATE MATCH

We have just received the official notification from SASS Headquarters that our club has been selected to host the Oregon State Championship Match for 2013. The first planning meeting for the 2013 Battle of Rogue River will be held at the Black Bear Restaurant, Grants pass, next month, on August 22nd. As usual we need the support and input from all of our members to make the State Match an even bigger success than in 2012!!

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>SHOOTING FEES</u>	
Individual Membership	\$25	Individual MM Member	\$10
Family* Membership	\$35	Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>		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			

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 for \$25.

Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is Library Babbage

www.merlinmaraudercowsboys.com

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

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Molly 'B Dam	[541] 479-2928	haha@budget.net
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@theincredibells.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@theincredibells.com
2 nd Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators-Hat Creek	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
2 nd Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
2 nd Sunday	Myrtle Creek	So. Umpqua Vigilantes	Dr. Ecchymosis	(541) ???-???	deputyanimal@yahoo.com
(Note: So. Umpqua Vigilantes are NOT SASS-Affiliated as yet)					
2 nd Sunday	Bend, OR	Pine Mountain Posse	Juniper Butch	[541] 416-0361	
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	H. Apple Bob	(541) 826-9140	
3 rd Saturday	Redding CA	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541]-990-7816	deafeagle@centurytel.net
3 rd Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
4 th Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
4 th Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541] 259-2774	deafeagle@centurytel.net
4 th Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Mad River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	clsnowden@aol.com
4 th Saturday	Yreka CA	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Humbug Hank	[530] 598-6969	mpine@snowcrest.net
4 th Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
4 th Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Oregon Gustaf	(541) 430-1021	swansonville@charter.net



JULY MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

Rank	Alias	Category	Stage 1		Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	104.00	18.79	17.32	21.33	27.71	18.85
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	109.22	18.56	17.78	22.51	22.62	27.75
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	116.28	22.75	20.90	24.28	22.21	26.14
4	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	140.09	28.42	21.96	26.41	34.37	28.93
5	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	160.55	25.08	31.80	31.91	31.88	39.88
6	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	176.48	27.69	35.73	41.87	37.70	33.49
7	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	181.39	34.31	40.39	36.38	34.21	36.1
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	181.60	30.81	31.79	49.96	39.53	29.51
9	Vendetta	Lady Gunfighter	185.62	34.32	26.22	39.32	49.41	36.35
10	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	191.59	35.56	35.23	36.64	43.84	40.32
11	Pugilist	Merlin Cowboy	199.53	33.32	50.72	47.04	31.51	36.94
12	Line Century	Cattle Baron	205.88	37.51	35.65	42.58	45.10	45.04
13	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	219.24	63.55	28.97	46.42	46.11	34.19
14	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	219.62	50.29	44.29	46.65	41.47	36.92
12	Ruby Jim	Silver Sr.	228.23	46.68	41.45	41.64	44.56	53.90
16	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	230.72	39.14	49.14	41.16	58.38	42.90
17	Barbarosa Mike	Fr. Cart. Duelist	242.30	45.55	45.84	49.20	56.33	45.38
18	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	242.48	40.23	38.91	52.94	47.22	63.18
19	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	248.86	55.52	51.60	51.38	44.69	45.67
20	Fairweather Kate	Grand Dame	262.98	58.13	63.43	46.47	47.55	47.40
21	Ocean Drifter	Forty Niner	267.21	47.90	42.73	68.70	55.15	52.73
22	Bobbin Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	289.32	53.04	48.39	69.27	63.28	55.34
23	Alacrity Belle	Lady Wrangler	512.71	88.96	160.00	116.22	61.56	85.97

Highlight indicates clean match

FOR SALE

MARLIN 1894 COWBOY II .38/.357 CAL. Rifle w/Marble Tang sight and custom action job. Stock has been proportioned to fit female, young adult, or adult w/short arms. \$680.00 OBO
RUGER .38/.357, 5 ½" original model Vaquero revolver w/custom action job. \$500.00 OBO

RUGER NEW MODEL SUPER BLACKHAWK .44/.44 Mag w/ 10 ½” “Buntline Barrel”, Pachmayer presentation grips, Adjustable sights, and custom action job. \$400.00 OBO

RUGER OLD ARMY BLACK POWDER REVOLVER: 7 ½” barrel. Custom action job. \$400.00 OBO
S & W .22 A, .22 caliber semi-auto pistol w/ Bushnell Trophy Red Dot w/ 4 interchangeable reticles. Carrying case, 4 S&W magazines, and extra springs. Like new in box – fired only 800 rounds. \$380.00 .
S & W Model 686-4, stainless double action revolver 38/357 . Includes Hogue rubber grips, Original wood grips, adjustable sights- LIKE NEW. \$675.00.

SEE MOLLY b’ DAM OR MERLIN MAVERICK OR CALL 541-479-2928

EMF-PIETTA Great Western II "Alchimista" .45LC 4 3/4" bbl CCH/Blue NON-FLUTED Cyl.
ONE OF A KIND! Never Fired! \$400 Sweetwater Jack at sweetwater@uci.net 541-479-6021
For a full description of this unique six-shooter, see the ad on the NorthWest Cowboy Campfire.

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy pards,

Well, there is not much going on within SASS concerning possible upcoming rule changes. Recently, there has been some discussions on the T.G. Wire about eliminating the penalty for leaving an empty case in a long gun. SASS T.G.’s have voted on this issue in the past and it failed. So, there is no reason to expect it will pass this time despite the fact that it is not really unsafe to do so. An empty case in a long gun simply does not pose a threat to anyone.

At this point, in order to change the standing rule, it would have to come by way of a SASS Wild Bunch mandate since there is no SASS Convention and annual T.G. gathering this year. It’s possible SASS could have an email vote among T.G.’s on proposed rule changes, but no procedure to accommodate this has been devised or proffered by SASS.

If there are any RO I’s who would like to become RO II’s, please contact me and I will schedule and set up an RO II class some time this fall. It is recommended that current RO II’s audit the class ---especially if it has been some time since you attended an RO II course. There were a lot of SASS rule changes this past year and a refresher course might be in order. Current RO II’s can attend for free. I can be reached at:

www.bearbone.com or phone 541-582-4144

Hope to see ya on the range pards,

Bear Bone Smith

SASS Regulator # 10719 - Merlin Marauder T.G. and RO III