



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Newsletter

Sweetwater Jack
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The Prez Sez:

Hello again!

Wanted to take this opportunity to promote our Annual Match one final time. If you haven't sent in your application, etc., do it soon.

Here's why. Our theme: Famous Western Film Shootouts — and you are there! That's right, pilgrim, we've selected some of the greatest moments from a veritable cinematic history of Western movies. Crucial high points like:

- Facing down the lucky Ned Pepper gang from *True Grit*,
- Walking the streets of *Tombstone* with the Earps and Doc Holiday
- Alone in Hadleyville at *High Noon*, and
- Even standing tall as far-off Australia's *Quigley Down Under*.

There's plenty of film action in our ten different main stages and even more for the side, Plainsman, and Wild Bunch matches.

So, enjoy walking in the heroes' boots; facing down their challengers; saying their iconic, classic lines; and getting to save the day!

That was a sneak peak from our program. But wait! There's more!

- Delicious catered Main Match lunches and dinners
- Popular, Select Vendors
- The Ladies' Tea
- A Potluck Friday dinner with a Cowboy Garage Sale
- Raffles for Great Prizes
- Top gun Shoot-off
- Costume & Trivia Contests
- Commemorative Awards and Prizes

See you at the JCSA Range, May 15-17, 2015. For more details and the application form, go to <http://merlinmaraudercowboys.com/>

— Britt

May GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 9th, @ 6:30 PM,
at the Black Forest Family Restaurant
at 829 NE "E" Street, in the Grants
Pass Shopping Center near Staples.
Come early for dinner!

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH

Saturday, June 6th.

Stage set-up is typically on Friday (watch for an e-mail notice). **Sat. Sign-in** is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. **Shooter Meeting** is at 9:30 a.m. I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman's Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 53.

Welcome Newest Members: Ten Wolf 5-Shooter, Cimarron River Deacon, Twilight Kate

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, MAY 15-17, 2015 — Get Your Application from the Website! BoRR Work Parties are scheduled for: April 18 (at 9 am, checking & prepping targets), April 25, May 2, and May 9-12. Those working the match may possibly shoot Tues/Weds, May 12-13.

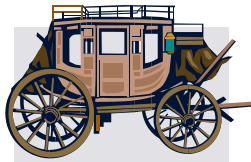
GRAVEL — An additional layer of gravel for Fort Swampy was laid down on April 11th with the help of several of our cowboys. Special thanks to New Hope Kid for his delivery of three loads as well as his back-saving "Kid Kubota" tractor and spreader and to Khelben, Long Henry's 17 year-old grandson, who ably helped the more senior folks with shoveling and spreading (BTW Due to LH's excellent supervisory skill's while leaning on a shovel, his new (pending a night shoot approval) alias is "Cal Trans Dammit").

YOUTH GROUP DAY — June 6 at the JCSA, Oregon Hunters Association. We will do a CAS Demo for the youngsters, following our monthly match.

NEW OFFICERS — Congratulations to Bear Bone Smith and Lonesome Rose for their taking on the positions of Territorial Governor (replacing Sweetwater Jack, who is stepping down) and Member at Large (replacing Bear Bone) respectively!

REMINDER: The 2015 Oregon State SASS Championship Match, "Shootout at Saddle Butte" — The OOWSS Annual Match for 2015 will be presented in Shedd (just south of Albany) on July 17-19. Per Match Director Tuffy Tumbleweed: The State Match theme will be "*Women of the West.*" **Save the dates: July 17, 18, and 19. More to come.**

NEXT CLUB MEETING ON JUNE 9TH & NO STAGE SETUP FOR MAY 2ND — Both the regular monthly May match and meeting are canceled in prep for the BoRR. See above for work party info.



STAGE SETUP FOR JUNE 6:

Stages 1 & 2: (Bay 1) - Bear Bone Smith

Stage 3: (Bay 2) - Barbarosa Mike

Stages 4 & 5: (Bay 3) - Britt Ponsett

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 are currently looking into finding a new source for club badges, as Lindholm Spurs is no longer in business.

APRIL Match Scores:

Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	123.83	2	21.51	24.69	21.50	22.95	33.18
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	128.58	2	19.11	22.36	33.82	26.51	26.78
3	Riverdog	Sr. Gunfighter	143.33	3	35.34	25.18	26.19	27.14	29.48
4	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	152.16	5	31.50	34.84	30.40	28.82	26.60
5	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	172.56	4	30.50	37.34	35.58	36.42	32.72
6	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	206.32	6	38.80	37.83	61.44	40.44	27.81
7	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	217.97	6	40.60	45.81	38.27	53.99	39.30
8	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	219.29	5	44.62	38.99	49.15	37.44	49.09
9	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	224.26	8	42.71	41.66	60.25	38.34	41.30
10	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	227.88	4	41.38	40.52	42.08	45.58	58.32
11	Ocean Drifter	Senior	234.48	2	57.79	44.74	44.78	41.12	46.05
12	Imanaha Chuck	Senior	237.70	0	48.37	53.56	45.69	46.04	44.04
13	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	239.21	6	41.97	43.81	55.83	53.63	43.97
14	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	247.99	0	49.67	50.57	59.11	46.61	42.03
15	Jay Hawk Kid	Forty-Niner	285.45	7	66.19	53.33	55.11	68.09	42.73
16	Line Century	Veteran	323.72	12	70.18	64.42	60.56	56.66	71.90
17	Rusty 'N Wornout	Senior	357.15	5	71.15	59.83	63.14	90.90	72.13
18	A Little Two Wild	Buckarette	378.48	7	53.40	85.83	63.61	90.59	85.05
19	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	399.98	3	108.41	81.50	63.79	86.60	59.68
20	Twilight Kate	Buckarette	475.58	25	113.11	108.78	69.72	116.17	67.80

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety)

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Our thanks to Sweetwater Jack for his years of service as the club's TG. He recently stepped down but not before submitting this dispatch. Looking forward to his return from that "near-deserted island" he references below.

Our resident "Black Pin" (Range Officer Course Instructor), Bear Bone Smith, Conducted the first RO II class to be held in a while on Sunday, March 22nd at the JCSA classroom. Ably assisted by SASS Territorial Governor Checotah, both lecturing AND acting as "Vanna" displaying what can and what cannot be worn/used in the various SASS shooting categories as a part of the final RO II Course exam (This in addition to the written exam).

Our newest RO II qualified Marauder is: Ima Loden (Janet Peters). All other students in the class were already RO II qualified, and taking the course as a much needed (in my case) "refresher". Attending a refresher course is a very good idea to keep abreast of the changes to the SASS rules and regulations. The course fee of \$25.00 is waived if you are taking the class as a refresher. If you wish to have the "YEAR Pin" which is attached to the basic RO II pin to show that you have "refreshed", there is a \$5.00 charge for the pin, which will be mailed to you from SASS HQ. In preparation for the course I downloaded all of the SASS Manuals for: RO I and RO II, as well as the CURRENT Shooter's Handbook, all free of charge from the SASS website www.sassnet.com. I found that all of my previously downloaded and printed manuals were a couple of years out of date. Bear Bone is going to hold an RO I course in the near future, probably after we recover from the Battle of Rogue River, 2015.

Gaye Abandon and I are currently about 2500 miles SW of Merlin in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on a near-deserted island called Kauai, by the locals. We are safe and unharmed, so there is no need to rescue us. We are safe as long as we have many greenbacks to exchange with the locals for food and shelter. If we run short we will send up a flare. In that case come quickly. Bring much cash and rum. (I HATE weak Mai-Tais).... Actually I'm hiding from my surgeon who wants to cut on me next month. I think he needs new golf clubs. — swj



Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack