



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Howdy!

What an event – The Battle of Rogue River 2015: Famous Western Film Shootouts!

It was my honor to hear from many of the participants their unsolicited appreciation for an enjoyable shoot, good match, and the terrific food.

There are lots of folks who gave of their time, skill, and efforts to make it all possible – from the tiniest of details to some pretty amazing grueling, down-and-dirty work.

I'd like to recognize each of them in this column but that inevitably would miss someone so let's just highlight a few.

We could not have had a better crew in charge of the stage design and prep – our current and past Match Directors Imnaha Chuck and Mountain Grizz. They made the shoot a literal blast – with a nice balance of competition and fun as evidenced in their sequences and target arrangements.

Of course, all the planning and organization in the background right from the start months ago through score tracking and closing details came under the meticulous eye (and dedication) of Molly b'Dam.

Besides the rest of the officer team, many, many people stepped up and lent a hand (and often, a great deal

more) to set up, maintain, and take it down (in record time, one might add).

Kindly allow me to spotlight four of those stellar individuals: our new MM Rangers – Derringer Donna, Long Henry Thompson, and New Hope Kid and our newest Regulator – Kidd Krystin. Not only are they dedicated partners but outstanding folks. They are each “good to river the river with.”

One more accolade, if you would indulge me: to our outgoing Territorial Governor: Sweetwater Jack. Thanks for keeping us up to date and representing the club so well for so many years (but you're still not off the hook creating this newsletter, pard). ;-)

Ride easy & hope to see you June 6,
— Britt

June 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 - 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 54.

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER 2015 — MAY 15-17: The 2015 Battle of Rogue River is now in the history books, and if anyone didn't have a great time with us there's something **WRONG** with 'em!

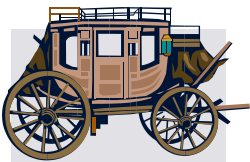
I heard **NO** complaints about the stages, the range, the target placement, the weather, the hot lunches **OR** the food at the Saturday night banquet. It could be that wearing my ear plugs for the whole weekend may have had something to do with that, but I don't think so. The food (lunches and banquet, both) was catered by the Black Forest Restaurant (on "E" Street, in Grants Pass) and most of the comments I heard said it was some of the best chow they'd ever had at a cowboy action match. A couple of folks (out of about 140) nitpicked a bit, but I think they'd had their taste buds surgically removed. Here's a link to a fun video clip from "JED I TV" reviewing the match (Part 1, covering the Pre-match and Saturday's 6 stages). Part 2 will be coming out in a few days and I'll insert a link to it in the June newsletter. Thank you, Jed, for the coverage!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj-qRKwxveQ&feature=youtu.be>

JUNE 6, Oregon Hunters Association Youth Group Day at JCSA: We will do a CAS Demo for the youngsters, following our monthly match.

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.**

Stage Setup for June 6th



Stages 1 & 2: (Bay 1) Bear Bone
Stage 3: (Bay 2) Molly B' Dam
Stages 4 & 5: (Bay 3) Britt

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & 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.

BoRR Annual Match Scores:

Alias	Category	OA Time	Total Misses
1 Fast Enuff	Cowboy	160.29	0
2 Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	192.06	0
3 Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	202.27	0
4 Kansan	Senior	222.45	0
5 Quickly Downunder	Forty-Niner	229.02	2
6 Territorial Rider	Senior	233.10	1
7 Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	244.08	4
8 Lawman's Bullitt	Silver Senior	256.48	2
9 Riverdog	Senior Gunfighter	266.96	2
10 Rico Kid	Senior Gunfighter	277.15	0
11 Deadwood Pete	Senior	282.37	4
12 Jed I. Knight	Black Powder Gunfighter	291.10	3
13 Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	294.24	2
14 Prussian Pete	B-Western	296.12	6
15 Mountain Rider	Elder Statesman	296.62	1
16 Holy Rider	Classic Cowboy	309.12	0
17 Truly Goode	Lady Senior	310.52	0
18 Lucky Lycurgus	Wrangler	313.11	5
19 Biffer Jones	Wrangler	328.99	17
20 Sawmill Slim	Elder Statesman	344.92	4
21 Treacherous Jack	Senior	356.25	2
22 Rough Rider Rich	B-Western	371.32	1
23 Buckshot Pete	Senior Duelist	371.80	4
24 Renegade Jake	Silver Senior	374.40	6
25 Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	377.67	2
26 Handy Chambers	Silver Senior	383.13	0
27 Big Boy Brown	Gunfighter	384.01	5
28 Squirt Gun Miss	Cowgirl	388.51	3
29 Wyatt B. Wright	Black Powder Gunfighter	394.96	4
30 Miner 49er Todd	Senior Duelist	398.86	1
31 Sassy Parilla	Lady B-Western	400.08	1
32 Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Senior	403.71	5
33 Kid Kneestone	Senior Duelist	403.81	0
34 Jasper Wayne	Senior Frontier Cartridge	405.66	4
35 Cascades Annie	Lady Frontier Cartiridge	410.60	5
36 Silver Sage Outlaw	Senior Duelist	413.14	2
37 Navajo Annie	Lady Gunfighter	429.60	3
38 Meadow Patty	Lady Senior	430.03	4
39 Mad River Mongo	Senior Duelist	438.12	7
40 Estado D. Jefferson	Cowboy	440.76	3
41 Ocean Drifter	Senior	449.77	2
42 Lefty Lem	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	450.89	2
43 High Road	Senior Gunfighter	474.92	27
44 Little Dougy	B-Western	482.92	5
45 Rattleback Will	Senior Frontier Cartridge	509.27	13
46 Brothel Bill Repute	Frontier Cartridge	517.27	16

47 Blackhorse	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	519.36	3
48 Imnaha Chuck	Senior	531.80	2
49 Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	532.63	1
50 Wupatki	Duelist	532.67	2
51 CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	537.20	11
52 Kookanadude	Lady Black Powder Gunfighter	552.79	24
53 New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	555.12	13
54 Drifter Jake	Black Powder Gunfighter	560.59	13
55 Line Century	Veteran	565.29	7
56 Sierra Sage Sue	Classic Cowgirl	565.91	4
57 Snake Eye Slim	Elder Statesman	579.09	11
58 Long Henry Thompson	Duelist	581.18	9
59 Britt Ponsett	Senior Gunfighter	593.43	30
60 Rogue Rascal	Senior Frontier Cartridge	605.29	0
61 Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Statesman	616.15	0
62 Buckaroo Long	Lady Silver Senior	617.08	0
63 Barbarosa Mike	Senior Frontier Cartridge	645.80	9
64 Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	648.17	6
65 Miner's Angel	Lady Senior	662.20	15
66 Cowgirl Jessica Jane Pride	Cowgirl	684.40	41
67 Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	724.08	7
68 Anita Magnum	Lady Senior	742.87	15
69 Twilight Kate	Buckarett	848.52	23
70 La Ardilla	Lady Forty-Niner	1,008.85	34
71 Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Senior	10,120.00	27

For individual stage times and stage rank scores please go to the NW Cowboy Campfire scores provided by Jed. I. Knight

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Adios, Compadres!! from Sweetwater Jack

I had my belly surgery on the 6th of this month. (Couldn't avoid Dr. Schulte forever, I guess - Hope he enjoys his new "Ping" golf clubs.) I'd apparently sprung a leak somewhere and he "sewed me back up" – and with a STAPLER, no less. With my artificial shoulder, I'm mostly "Ace Hardware" now. I hope everyone had a great time at the 2015 Battle of Rogue River and you're already looking forward to 2016. From this point on, I'm turning the reins over to my old pard, Bear Bone Smith. I'm sure he'll do us all proud as Territorial Governor, and maintain the Merlin Marauders rep at the T/G Summit as we have since 2002.

— Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack



Special Tribute For Sweetwater Jack

Well...It's going to be mighty hard to follow in the footsteps of a living legend within the Merlin Marauder Cowboy club like Sweetwater Jack. For many years he has been a tremendous benefactor for our club and contributed to our club's success in more ways than we can ever count. I'm especially glad he will still be around to lean on for his words of wisdom and knowledge of S.A.S.S. Sweetwater truly exemplifies the spirit of the "Cowboy Way" we all aspire to live by. My hat's off to a good, honorable pard who's generosity and devotion to our sport is unmatched.

— Bear Bone Smith, SASS Regulator 10719