



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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"Who Are THOSE Guys?"

A Semi-Regular Spotlight on Our Members!

Howdy!

One of our recently inducted Merlin Marauder Rangers is Long Henry Thompson (aka Joe Peters), SASS #18117. Friendly and outgoing, this gentle giant (anyone over 5'7" meets that description to me) is always there to handle whatever is asked — along with his lovely wife Ima Loden (aka Janet), SASS #29931. They will celebrate their 23rd anniversary on June 20. They have two adult kids, six grandkids, and one great granddaughter.

L.H. has always had an interest in shooting and hunting from his Dad, a WWII Marine vet, beginning at age 9 with his first 410 single-shot shotgun — which he promptly took apart ("That was easy," he recounts) and reassembled ("Not so much.")

After enlisting at age 17 and serving 10 1/2 years as a Marine as well, L.H. joined a Medford CPA firm before founding his own company.

He got involved in CAS and SASS when two CPA clients and now friends, Old John and Silver Rogue introduced him to Ashland's JSR Club in the late '90s. "I fell into it and fell in love with it at the same time," he smiles. He began shooting in Merlin around 2005.

"For me, cowboy action is about the people: the friendships, openness,

and willingness to share," he continues, "Besides we all get to dress up and play cowboy!"

Always an active participant in organizations (including Kiwanis, Rotary, among others), L.H. is our MM secretary. "I believe in supporting clubs," he says simply. He is also an avid reader (would you believe anything to do with Zombies?!). L.H. also is fascinated with Montana and its history. He once read about a sometime gunfighter, sometime bank robber, and sometime cattle rustler who was 6'4" ("I'm 6'4."), was part-Cherokee ("I'm part-Cherokee."), carried two pistols ("I carry two pistols."), and was quite dangerous ("I'm 6'4."). And hence, an introduction to Long Henry Thompson.

Ride easy & hope to see you June 27,

— Britt

July GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 14th, @ 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, July 4th

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 55, with the return of Johnny Dingus!

June 6, Oregon Hunters Assoc. Youth Group Day at JCSA. The Marauders put on a full CAS Demo for the youngsters following the monthly match that they greatly appreciated. Good P/R & a free lunch!

June 27, The City of Rogue River Rooster Crow Parade. Yep, this was to what Britt referred on pg. 1! See the Campfire for how to sign up and join in. A lot of fun and a great promotional opportunity.

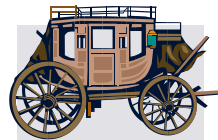
Planning for The Merlin Marauder 2016 Battle of Rogue River already has started due to the outstanding success of last month's Match. Stay tuned for confirmed dates and details, coming shortly.

Start saving your pennies for the trip to Henderson, Nevada, next December for the SASS Convention. Although SASS decided to hold the 2015 convention in the Las Vegas AREA this year, it will NOT be on "The Strip," but ten miles away. There will be shuttles from the Green Valley Ranch to the Strip, I am told. For those of you planning on flirting with "Lady Luck," the ranch does have a casino. The TG Summit will be held during the Convention, so start thinking about what rule changes or whatever, that you'd like your new TG, Bear Bone Smith, to submit to the Wild Bunch as a Summit Agenda Item. These "Item Suggestions" should be headed to SASS by the end of July.

The Latest edition of the SASS Shooters Handbook (April 2015) is now available for download and printout at: http://www.sassnet.com/Downloads/SASS%20Handbook%20Ver%2020_2.pdf . This edition now contains ALL the recent revisions and additions. Are you "up to snuff"?

Jed iTV's part 2 of the Battle of Rogue River 2015 can be seen here: http://youtu.be/Z_gukstlWlc
This video covers the Sunday stages, Top Gun Shoot-off, and the awards ceremony. Also of note is the 2-page spread in the Cowboy Chronicle this month on Jed I Knight. It covers all you ever wanted to know about the "Space Cowboy." (He's going to need a much bigger hat, now.) =-)

A ways off yet, but the **Marauder CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be December 5th at the Black Forest Restaurant. Stand by for more info.



STAGE SETUP FOR JULY 4TH

Stages 1 & 2: Long Henry Thompson

Stages 3-4-5: Britt Ponsett

Note: The July 4th Match will be a SPECIAL MATCH of 4 OR 5 stages, as we see fit on the day of the match, set up in 2 or 3 bays.

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & 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

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

JUNE Match Scores:

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	121.11	2	17.96	24.14	27.71	32.63	18.67
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	122.29	3	20.90	32.09	21.58	22.85	24.87
3	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	165.75	3	22.54	29.46	40.13	28.47	45.15
4	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	172.14	3	47.28	29.87	40.37	29.87	24.75
5	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	180.29	5	33.88	38.84	38.69	36.44	32.44
6	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	188.42	3	39.22	38.56	40.34	41.54	28.76
7	Britt Ponsett	Senior Gunfighter	198.30	3	30.59	47.44	36.97	55.06	28.24
8	Missouri Rogue	Silver Senior	210.47	1	36.63	44.16	50.06	46.13	33.49
9	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	225.47	8	33.75	48.38	47.40	66.58	29.36
10	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	252.52	2	49.94	46.50	45.42	67.96	42.70
11	Line Century	Veteran	264.07	5	45.95	50.73	62.93	56.02	48.44
12	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	271.95	4	35.46	55.83	51.52	65.18	63.96
13	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Satesman	271.99	2	49.60	56.60	51.68	64.85	49.26
14	Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	356.42	28	59.89	44.04	160.00	51.48	41.01
15	Twilight Kate	Buckarete	375.45	11	70.61	73.27	85.81	82.30	63.46
16	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	397.63	3	73.85	78.48	97.01	69.25	79.04
17	Cool Duckie Fish	Buckaroo	428.03	16	112.86	81.78	72.38	95.42	65.59
18	Long Henry Thompson	Duelist	2148.57	1	48.82	47.20	52.57	999.99	999.99
19	Barbarosa Mike	Frontiersman	3191.74	20	93.22	98.55	999.99	999.99	999.99
20	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	4107.37	11	107.41	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99
21	A Little Too Wild	Buckarete	4999.95	0	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99	999.99



There were no clean matches this month.

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

SASS Rule Clarification

De-cocking a firearm may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location once a round has gone down range. No gun may be de-cocked on the firing line except by pointing it down range and pulling the trigger or while under the direct supervision of a stage officer or timer/operator. Penalty for de-cocking is a stage DQ.

"Under the direct supervision" requires the TO's acknowledgement in an instructive or affirmative manner. In other words, there must be a positive indication to the shooter that the TO is giving his/her approval for the shooters action. There must be positive communication between the shooter and TO.

— (SHB p.21/ RO 1 p.16)

The RO 1 penalty overview specifically refers to "de-cocking a revolver, rifle or hammered shotgun with a live round under the hammer". It does not address de-cocking an empty firearm.

Clarification: If a shooter draws and cocks an empty revolver instead of a loaded one, shooter's best option is to simply pull the trigger while pointing firearm down range. The other option is to obtain approval from the TO to de-cock it. There is no **penalty** for either option.

— (TG Summit)

SASS RO 1 Class, Sunday June 21st at JCSA

Several cowboy action shooters have expressed interest in attending a SASS RO 1 class so I have reserved the Josephine County Sportsmans Association classroom for Sunday, June 21st. at 10:00 am. You must be a SASS member in good standing to attend and the cost for first time attendees is \$10, payable at the door. Current SASS certified RO 1's can audit the class for free. The RO 1 class is considered the most important as it deals with the majority of SASS rules and penalties.

If you plan to attend, I will need your complete SASS alias, real name, and SASS badge number for the registration list which I must submit to SASS one week prior to conducting the class.

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— **Bear Bone Smith**