



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com

Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass, OR 97528

Merlin Marauders Officers for 2015

President

Art Ferranti - Britt Ponsett
(541) 582-6195
aferranti@aol.com

Vice-President

Ron Dreher - CHPSHOT
(541) 592-6994

Treasurer

John Stubbe - Johnny Eight Toes

Secretary & Membership

Joe Peters - Long Henry Thompson
(541) 218-3137

Match Director/Range Officer

Chuck Pool - Imnaha Chuck
(541) 474-7677

Territorial Governor

Rick Smith - Bear Bone Smith
(541) 582-4144
bearbonesmith@msn.com

Past President

Rhonda Peltier - Bobbin' Along Daisy

Directors

Rick Peltier - Mountain Grizz

Heike Arnold - Molly b'Dam

Karen Crume - Queen 'O Clubs

Member-at-Large

Chris Holley - Lonesome Rose
(541)476-5490

Webmaster

Christy Kiltz
christy@designbykiltz.com

Newsletter

Editor: Gary Hanson - Sweetwater Jack



Assistant: Heike Arnold - Molly b'Dam

"Who Are THOSE Guys?" – A Semi-Regular Spotlight on Our Members!

Howdy!

This month's column is a quick report and formal thank you to a dedicated posse who joined me and braved record heat to march in the Rogue River Rooster Crow parade and staff a non-profit booth on June 27th. We arrived around 8 am, marched at 10, and finished the route about 11 – with a certain knight-errant being the roving goodwill ambassador par excellence! On top of that, they stayed in heavy costume while yours truly reverted back to shorts and T-shirt to help with the rest of the day's non-cowboy doings. They posed for photos with kids (and a few bemused adults), got one or two potential CAS phone numbers, had a great time, and look forward to next year – with even more pardos hopefully joining in the fun. Great job and kudos to all!



L to r: some ne'er-do-well, Mountain Grizz (see p 2 about a special recognition for he and his lady), Ima Loden, Jed I. Knight, Kookandude, Long Henry Thompson, Harley Davidson, Bear Bone Smith, New Hope Kid. Not pictured: Butch Brass, who was the final shift booth staffer supreme.

— Britt

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Aug. 11th. @ 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, August 1st

Stage set-up is typically on Friday (watch for an e-mail notice).

Saturday 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 56

NEW SASS REGULATORS!

As **Marion Morrison** used to say: **"Well, PILGRIM, Hold it right there!"** Do you have any idea of how few of our over 100,000 SASS members carry a SASS "Regulator" badge these days? NOPE? Hmmm,,, neither do I, but it ain't very dang many! Well, you can tote up TWO MORE of them galoots now, and they're Merlin Marauders! "Bobbin' Along Daisy" and "Mountain Grizz" were named at End of Trail and we received their badges a few days ago! Said badges have been to our local engravers' shop for personalization, and were awarded at this month's general membership meeting. Congratulations Grizz and Daisy! Well deserved: for all you've done to reach out and support our sport!

You've shown that Cowboy Action Shooting ISN'T just "all about the BUCKLE!!"

2015 SASS CONVENTION NEWS

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, also. **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 this month. If you think a rule needs to be changed or eliminated, don't keep it to yourself, or complain about it. Tell Bear Bone, and get it on the Territorial Governor Agenda!!

GREAT LINKS!

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 1 of the Roseburg "True Grit" Match can be seen here:

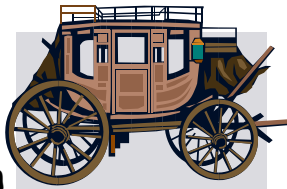
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFy6y1_5mPo&feature=youtu.be A fine job by Jed and his production staff., and **here's Part 2:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4YmT-7f56k> **Can't wait for part 3.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

It IS 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 AUGUST 1ST



Stages 1 - 2 (Bay 1): Long Henry Thompson

Stages 3 - 4 - 5 (Bay 2): Molly b'Dam

Hmmm. Seems like the same folks have been stuck with writin' all the monthly match stages lately, , , , and doin' a great job of it..... **HOWEVER**, how about some of you shooters stickin' yer toe in the water and trying your hand at "stage production"? It doesn't hurt a bit, and here's your chance to belly up to the bar and show us what's on your devious minds? Any of the current stage writers would be happy to share the how-tos with you. You don't need to be an RO2 to do it.

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.

JULY Match Scores:

Rank	Alias	Category	TOTAL	TOTAL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	106.11	1	18.62	27.18	25.02	17.70	17.59
2	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	157.88	2	27.01	47.56	24.46	31.31	27.54
3	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	179.96	3	36.40	36.84	41.06	33.70	31.96
4	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	205.49	5	38.72	40.48	54.92	41.58	29.79

5	Mountain Grizz	Duelist	229.01	4	50.71	52.83	47.11	44.41	33.95
6	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	259.22	2	55.06	53.76	48.26	54.67	47.47
7	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	265.52	2	56.12	50.92	51.69	55.79	51.00
8	Gadsden	Forty-Niner	276.98	3	74.06	55.61	46.90	57.73	42.68
9	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	285.51	15	49.85	45.05	62.75	94.32	33.54
10	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	301.76	28	160.00	39.36	31.86	34.34	36.20
11	Long Henry Thompson	Duelist	2143.81	1	49.23	54.99	39.61	999.99	999.99



NO Clean Matches this month



Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

On June 21, 2015, an RO 1 course was conducted in the J.C.S.A. range class room. It was attended by 9 SASS members; four of whom were attending the class for the first time. As a result, we now have four new RO 1's as follows:

Kookanadude (Kira Bell), Newhope Kid (Craig Bain), Twilight Kate (Kaitlyn Schawn), and Cimaron River Deacon (Derrick Schawn). Their RO 1 pins were awarded upon completion of the course. Congratulations to our new RO 1's!

During class discussions, a safety issue arose concerning a shooter at a recent match who temporarily lost control of his rifle when attempting to re-stage it. In this case, the shooter was able to safely catch the rifle before it hit the ground and the muzzle of the firearm never broke the 170 degree rule or swept anyone. While shooters are required to control their firearms at all times, this particular shooter was able to re-establish control without committing any specific SASS rule violation. Therefore, it is a "no call."

If the unloaded rifle had been dropped on the ground, a stage DQ penalty would be assessed. Barring a prop failure, had the unloaded rifle slipped and fallen to the ground after the shooter re-staged it, a minor safety penalty would apply.

My contact info is as follows.

email: [BearBoneSmith@msn.com](mailto: BearBoneSmith@msn.com)

Phone: 541-582-4144

Your pard,

– Bear Bone Smith