



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Battle of Rogue River '16 — Spreading the Legends

Last month we told you a bit about our upcoming Battle of Rogue River and that we are honored to have the two fan clubs for Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey contributing the basis for our stage storylines. This month, thought you might enjoy a taste of their great works with one of the extended tales (from which we'll edit for the actual match). This one is from Louis L'Amour. Enjoy.

From THE SACKETT BRAND

"Dodie. He started it. He had two tough men with him, and I guess he figured he was safe. Or maybe he figured he'd been growin' more hair on his chest. Anyway, he said those two looked like they come right out of the hills."

"One of them fellers, he just looked over at him an' said 'Mebbe.'"

"Then Dodie said this here was a rough country on folks from Tennessee - that they had one cornered up in the hills, and they were going to stretch rope with his neck come daylight."

"This here tallest one, he said, 'You-all huntin' a man name of Sackett?' And Dodie, he said he sure was. Collins, he was nudgin' Dodie to shut up, but you know that kid. He's bull-headed as an ornery calf. Dodie said he sure was, and this feller just pulled back an' said, 'You found yourselves two of 'em. You goin' to draw that gun, or suck aigs?'"

"Well, sir, Dodie he didn't know what to do. All of a sudden his loud mouth had

talked him right into it, and he showed what he was made of. He just stood there swallowin' air and tumin' greener by the minute.

"Ryland, he cut in and said Dodie meant nothin' by it, but they wouldn't let him be."

"'He said you-all was huntin' Sacketts,' the tall one said. 'Well, you found two. I'm Flagan Sackett, and this here's Galloway. You goin' to start shootin', or runnin'?' So they started shootin'."

Want More?

Get your application in and join in the fun. P.S. Next month: Zane Grey!

Ride easy!

— Britt

GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. March 8th @ 6:00 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, March 5th

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

Saturday Sign-in is 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 stands at 53.

2016 MERLIN MARAUDER OFFICER ELECTIONS

Welcome to our new club officers for 2016! The full list of officers for 2016 is now displayed on this newsletters' masthead. The final two officers, the VP and TG were sworn in at the February meeting on the 9th.

DATE CHANGE! TAKE NOTE! — FUNDRAISER TIME AGAIN!!

The Merlin Marauders will hold a "Spring Garage Sale" in March. Due to a conflict with the JCSA calendar, we have moved the event one week forward. New Dates are: March 24, 25, & 26, in the JCSA Indoor Range. Setup will be on Thursday 3/24, Sales on 3/25-26. Teardown is after last sale on 3/26. (Note: the recently issued JCSA Calendar incorrectly still reflects the old dates, having gone to press before the switch.) More info as the event draws nearer, but start thinking of items you'd like to donate to the cause. (Used husbands are not acceptable.)

This year we will have tables sorted by price range, so please sort your items accordingly. It'd be great if you can tag/mark your items with a "ballpark" price you'd like to see us receive.

2016 Merlin Marauder Annual Match dates: Our 2016 Annual "Battle of Rogue River" will be held on the weekend of 13-15 May. It will be a ten-stage main match with the usual side matches. The theme will be from the Western thrillers of Zane Grey & Louis L'Amour. The applications are on the website!!!! Match pricing (including 3 meals) is:

1st shooter: - \$90, Spouse - \$75, Young Adult - \$70, Young Gun - \$40, Buckaroo/Buckarette - No Fee Charged. Complete extra meal package (2 lunches and Saturday night dinner) will be \$40.

Side Matches: Wild Bunch - \$10, Plainsman - \$5. Start getting you applications in for the Annual Match! Apps are available both on the Merlin Marauder website AND attached to this newsletter!

Update regarding the 3-Gun club using our range:

A committee was appointed to meet with the 3-Gun leadership to discuss our concerns with them using our bays and town façades for their practice sessions. There are issues to be hammered out as they have been given access to our Ft. Swampy bays per the JCSA Board in February, 2015. At the MM February meeting the membership questions and concerns were solicited, noted, and will be addressed with 3-Gun. After that, the results of that discussion will be reviewed by the club and our next steps will be decided. Stay tuned.

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>	

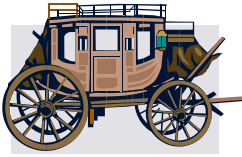
SHOOTING FEES

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



STAGE WRITERS FOR FEBRUARY 6TH:

Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1 Mountain Grizz

Stage #3 - at berm #2 Barbarosa Mike

Stages #4, 5 - at berm #3 Britt Ponsett

We had FIFTEEN shooters compete this month...

OK! It MAY be starting to WARM UP! Has SPRING sprung??!!

DID YOU KNOW?

In the old west, a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, and so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot of whiskey."

FEBRUARY Match Scores

February 6, 2017 Scores									
Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	130.70	1	32.35	24.14	22.84	23.39	27.98
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	134.74	1	28.47	28.12	23.89	31.50	22.76
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	183.61	9	34.99	41.60	34.09	33.05	39.88
4	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	219.35	4	47.49	41.16	50.41	43.57	36.72
5	Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	240.90	6	46.55	41.77	43.18	64.90	44.50
6	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	241.56	4	46.54	54.10	50.71	49.90	40.31
7	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	258.03	11	64.51	57.31	40.73	53.16	42.32
8	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	266.86	6	61.82	58.74	44.05	52.62	49.63
9	Imanaha Chuck	Senior	272.43	2	55.88	56.27	44.69	53.97	61.62
10	Barbarosa Mike	Elder Statesman	345.53	4	67.19	69.84	59.51	80.85	68.14
11	32 Bit Bill	Senior	350.54	7	81.39	64.74	60.20	85.39	58.82
12	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Statesman	357.08	7	77.78	84.13	58.08	73.07	64.02
13	Rogue Rascal	Cattle Baron	382.91	2	90.79	82.76	56.94	79.10	73.32
14	A Little Too Wild	Buckarett	397.11	13	108.78	81.08	74.36	72.67	60.22
15	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	402.32	31	57.10	64.43	61.60	59.19	160.00
No Clean Match This Month									

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy All ... For those who have not yet caught up on a recent 2016 SASS rule change the following was offered by Northwest Chief R.O. Pale Wolf Brunelle.

The following standard should be applied for all style/costume categories when breaking them down by age:

The regulations for the base category will be applied first; Then the age limits.

- AGE BASED
- May use any MAIN MATCH revolver.
- Revolvers may be shot in any SASS legal shooting style except Gunfighter.
- May use any SASS legal MAIN MATCH shotgun and any MAIN MATCH rifle.
- May use any SASS legal ammunition.
- Note: Seniors are competitors 60 years or greater. Senior Duelist is a recognized Duelist category. (See Duelist description for the equipment restrictions and shooting techniques---SHB p. 13)

That's all for now pards. See ya on down the trail if I can get back in the saddle.

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