



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Battle of Rogue River '16 — Spreading the Legends, Pt. 2

Continuing our teasers for May's Battle of Rogue Rive, last month we presented a clip from one of the contributing fan clubs, an expanded storyline from Louis L'Amour. (from which we'll edit down for the actual match). This month, enjoy a submission from Zane Grey's team (with a little extra background you may appreciate). Enjoy.

From THE LAST OF THE DUANES

A gang of bank robbers rides into a trap set by the gunfighter Buck Duane, who had infiltrated their group, and the Texas Rangers. Buck Duane carried a pearl handled Colt 45 revolver he had inherited from his father, also a famed gunfighter, who had died in a gunfight. Buck's uncle told him that his father had fired two shots after being shot through the heart.

Note: *The Last of the Duanes* is the original version of this story. A severely edited novel entitled *The Lone Star Ranger* combined two novels, one of which was *The Last of the Duanes*, much to the chagrin of Zane Grey. This edited novel was published in 1915. The copyright for *The Last of the Duanes* was 1996 when the original manuscript was finally published.

STORY: At a few minutes before half past two, a dark, compact body of horsemen appear, turning into the road. They come at a sharp trot — a group that would have attracted attention anywhere at any time. They pull up in

front of the bank and you see Poggin speak to his companions then dismount. They have the look of ranchers about to conduct some business. No guns showed. Poggin starts leisurely for the door, quickening his step a little as he comes. The others, close together, come behind him. Blossum Kane has a bag in his hand. Poggin enters the vestibule first, with Kane on one side and Boldt on the other a little behind him. As the leader of the bank robbers strides in, he sees you.

LINE: "I'm waitin' on you, Poggin!"
Want More?

Get your application in and join in the fun. Let's bang some steel together!

Ride easy!

— Britt

GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. April 12th[®] 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, April 2nd

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 continues to stand at 53.

FUNDRAISER

The Marauders "Spring Garage Sale" is nearly here! Remember! The dates are: March 24 (setup) and 25, 26 (sales), in the JCSA Indoor Range as usual. Setup will be on Thursday 3/24, at 0900; Sales on 3/25 9 A.M.-4 P.M. and on the 26th 9 A.M.-3 P.M., and Tear-down after last sale on 3/26. Please set aside those dates to come to the JCSA Indoor range and help with the setup, sell stuff, buy stuff, and help tear-down.

2016 Merlin Marauder Annual Match Our 2016 Annual "Battle of Rogue River" will be 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 — Not bad for Prime Rib, Chicken, Scalloped 'Taters, Baked Beans salad, rolls, and cake! Lunches are hot, (rollers and sliders).. We need help in soliciting support (shooter prizes) from local merchants. Contact Molly and Maverick to volunteer your assistance. Anyone wishing to be a Match or Stage Sponsor for the Annual Match please contact Molly so that your name can be added to the shooters' handbook before it goes to the printer.

Update regarding 3-gun club using our range: Friendly negotiations continue, and our committee will meet with their reps again to continue the process. 3-gun is currently allowed by the JCSA to practice on the 2nd Saturday of the month on Bays 1 and 2 (but no "slugs" are allowed against our berms). For practice on other than those days, we will discuss the possibility of their using bays three and four, where none of our "town facades" are located. Further discussions are in process.

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL KIDS DAY is scheduled this year for June 4th, which is our regular match day. We have, in the past, supported this event, and we intend to do so again this year. The firearms we have loaned to the 4H group will be available for this day (.22 cal rifles, revolvers and a .410 gauge sxs shotgun). Anyone who can assist in donating some .22 (and .410) ammo for the kids to use on our range will be appreciated,

No March Match for Roseburg NOTE: Roseburg will NOT be shooting their regular monthly match this month (March) due to a schedule conflict.

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



STAGE WRITERS FOR APRIL 2ND:

Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1 Long Henry Stage #3 - at berm #2 Molly
 Stages #4, 5 - at berm #3 Britt Ponsett

We had SEVENTEEN shooters compete this month... OK! It MAY be starting to WARM UP! Has SPRING sprung??!! (Well, other than the DOWNPOUR.....)

March Monthly Magnificent Marauder Match

| Rank | Alias | Category | OVERALL | | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 | |
|------|-----------------------|------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | | | TIME | Misses | Net | Net | Net | Net | |
| 1 | Purgatory Smith | Gunfighter | 81.87 | 0 | 20.93 | 22.87 | 20.04 | 18.03 | |
| 2 | Butch Brass | Gunfighter | 112.78 | 1 | 30.05 | 25.74 | 33.39 | 23.60 | |
| 3 | Britt Ponsett | Sr. Gunfighter | 133.23 | 0 | 38.95 | 29.63 | 32.07 | 32.58 | |
| 4 | Kidd Krystin | Sr. Gunfighter | 140.46 | 0 | 33.31 | 34.23 | 41.53 | 31.39 | |
| 5 | Johnny Dingus | Sr. Gunfighter | 149.45 | 1 | 30.64 | 36.52 | 39.33 | 42.96 | |
| 6 | Wichita Belle | Lady Silver Sr. | 159.94 | 2 | 39.62 | 45.27 | 40.75 | 34.30 | |
| 7 | Imanaha Chuck | Senior | 182.44 | 1 | 46.45 | 55.46 | 44.78 | 35.75 | |
| 8 | Gadsden | Forty-Niner | 187.51 | 1 | 47.14 | 48.92 | 53.74 | 37.71 | |
| 9 | 32 Bit Bill | Senior | 205.54 | 5 | 69.40 | 60.57 | 43.68 | 31.89 | |
| 10 | A Little Too Wild | Buckarette | 207.88 | 4 | 43.57 | 59.08 | 56.68 | 48.55 | |
| 11 | Long Henry Thonpson | Sr. Duelist | 217.06 | 3 | 70.34 | 59.08 | 48.35 | 39.29 | |
| 12 | Ima Loden | Lady Forty-Niner | 246.63 | 5 | 62.16 | 53.15 | 82.01 | 49.31 | |
| 13 | Cool Ducki Fish | Buckaroo | 271.31 | 3 | 68.86 | 85.57 | 59.97 | 56.91 | |
| 14 | Cimarron River Deacon | Forty-Niner | 274.61 | 6 | 68.90 | 103.13 | 54.61 | 47.97 | |
| 15 | Drason | Buckaroo | 278.84 | 6 | 72.42 | 86.88 | 59.64 | 59.90 | |
| 16 | Bloody Bill Anderson | Veteran | 1077.75 | 1 | 22.59 | 24.31 | 30.86 | 999.99 | |
| 17 | Molly b'Dam | Grand Dame | 1191.95 | 16 | 46.04 | 86.00 | 59.92 | 999.99 | |

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety) Hmmmmm. Looks like there was a "GUNFIGHTER Conspiracy!"

Stage FIVE was "RAINED OUT"

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy Pardsl!

For this month I thought it might be worthwhile to review a couple of recent SASS rule clarifications that went into effect this year.

Section 21 & 22, page 20 of the RO I Basic Safety Course:

...."holstered revolvers that remain 'in leather' in the event of an equipment failure (eg. broken belt buckle) causing the gun/ammo belt to fall, the shooter may safely recover the fallen gun/ammo belt and continue finishing the stage without penalty — or, may wait until finishing the stage for retrieval."

Section 22:

"Ammunition dropped by a shooter in the course of reloading any firearm during a stage or 'ejected' from any firearm may be retrieved and replaced, or, alternately, must be replaced from the shooter's person or other area as allowed by the stage description. If the round is not fired, it is counted the same as a missed shot. Dropped rounds or rounds safely placed onto a prop from their original loading area may be recovered and used as long as recovering these rounds does not create loss of muzzle control."

If any of you cowboys/cowgirls have any questions about recent SASS rule changes or any rules for that matter, feel free to harass old Bear at ...[BearBoneSmith@msn.com](mailto: BearBoneSmith@msn.com)

Stay healthy and happy trails,

My contact info: . email: [BearBoneSmith@msn.com](mailto: BearBoneSmith@msn.com)
Phone: 541-582-4144

Hope to see ya on the range, pardsl!

Bear Bone Smith

A Bit o' Western Lore: According to "This Week in the West," an habitual train and stage robber, Bill Miner on March 18, 1881 made sure the passengers would not reach for their hardware on a stage he was acosting by commanding "hands up!" Author Dakota Livesay reports that this was the first time that phrase was used. He states, " Later robbers varied the phrase by telling their victims, "hold your hands up" which later identified their activity as a "hold up." So now you know.