



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez! Howdy from your Prez!

I can't believe February is almost over! Hopefully the snow is behind us! I regret that I will not be there for the March meeting. Grizz and I will be at the Crescent City lighthouse, Battery Point. Check the tide, come out, and see us. Stay dry, come to the March 4 match and March 7 meeting, and I'll see you in April!

— Hugs: your president, *Bobbin' Along Daisy*

Here is the conclusion of a 3-part western tale begun in December and continued from last issue, authored by Editor Emeritus Sweetwater Jack.

"Bank Robbery in Jacksonville" Part III.

Back in the jailhouse, Marshal Hyde has propped the stiffening bank robbers into "natural" positions in a row of chairs, awaiting the appearance of the circuit judge, the infamous Judge Butch Brassidy. "Hanging" Judge Brassidy, known far and wide for being the most NEAR-SIGHTED (but hard-hearted) judge west of the Rogue River, has never quite lived down the morning he accidentally hanged the wrong man on a foggy Eagle Point morning, only to return to the jail to find the condemned man still eating his breakfast. Apparently, Eagle Point Marshal Oswald Chipshot was trying the noose on for size just as the good judge stagger.... I mean strode... up to the gallows and inadvertently grasped the lever releasing the trap door, and down he went. For some reason, it is taking some time for Eagle Point to find another Marshal.

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NOTE NEW MEETING DATE: NOW FIRST MONDAYS:
NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, March 6th @ 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! (5:00 PM or so)
NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, March 4th.
Sign-in - 9:00 to 9:30; Safety Mtg. - 9:30; First shot - 10:00
Setup on Friday morning 9:00 - 11:00 AM
 Take I-5 to exit 61 and North on frontage road to
 Josephine County Sportsman's Park.

“THE BANK ROBBERY IN JACKSONVILLE” PART 3, CONCLUDED

Marshal Hyde was depending on the judge’s less than acute vision and impatience to return to his blushing bride, Miss Violet, to get the “trial” over with quickly and the hanging started.... “Now,” gloated Hyde, “ if only Wimpy will get here with the “Apple Pie” shipment and we can get the town properly “likkered up” we can hold the biggest hangin’ Ol’ Jacksonville’s seen, ever... and I’ll be FAMOUS!!!!....

About that time an enormous cloud of dust rolled into town from the stage road. When it thinned you could barely make out the scrawny figure of Sweetwater Jack in the center, doggedly limping toward the Saloon (ACS).....clutching his bleeding chest and mumbling about seeing a buck-board being pulled toward town by a drunk mule. Wimpy Yoho and 2 nuns..... Stumbling to the marshal’s office, Sweetwater slumps into the only chair without a dead man in it and says:

“I lost my badger..... do I gotta’ pay fer it?!”... *Fini!*

Addendum: Actual persons alluded to (SASS Aliases, of course)

- Sidesaddle Smith: Bear Bone Smith (A very skilled knife-maker in Rogue River)
- Perforated Smith: Purgatory Smith SASS’s deadliest hair-dresser.
- JD Skipper: JD Walker (Actually DOES SKIP from place to place on occasion.
- Marshal Chapped Hyde (actually was his SASS alias, but wanted domething with more “CLASS” and changed it to “Guano” (You’d be surprised at the number of people who really don’t know guano)
- Rocky Meadows: IS Rocky Meadows, Blonde Saloon Gal (ACS) in Texas
- Bob Runnin’ Wild: Runnin’ Wild
- Wimpy or Wimp: Wimpy Hank Yoho
- Whiney: Whiney Henry Yoho (The “Yoho Bros” are actually Bill and Jim Lindholm, who made the finest bronze spurs in the country, in Bonanza, OR.)
- Reverend Mother: Ima Horsinaround
- Sister Mary Blast-femur: Vindictive Violet, Ima’s actual daughter
- Checotah IS Checotah
- Judge Butch Brassidy: Butch Brass
- Oswald Chipshot: CHPshot

Note: #1: “Apple Pie” refers to the local type of home-brewed Apple Jack or Hard Cider that is well-liked by a lot of the local cowboy action shooters in the West.

Note: #2: ACS stands for: Always Capitalize “Saloon”.

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
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			

QUICK CLUB UPDATES FROM MOLLY

Membership: It is time to renew your memberships for 2017. Dues notices were sent in December. Dues are \$25 for an individual membership, and \$35 for a family.

Merlin Marauder Officer Update: We want to thank Barbarosa Mike for serving as our Vice President for the past year. Mike had to step down due to personal reasons and we thank him for his terrific handling of the V.P. duties. President Daisy has appointed Merlin Maverick to finish out Mike's term. This also was approved by the Executive Board. Congratulations, Merlin Maverick!

Annual Match: Preparations for the 2017 Battle of Rogue River are under way. Mark your calendars for May 19, 20, and 21, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Western Film Comedies" which should make for some hilarious, fun stage scenarios. We are once again asking shooters to wear red on Friday in honor of our troops. We are hoping that our match schedule will allow participants to attend both the Battle of Rogue River and then proceed to True Grit for the following weekends.

Annual Match cont.

- We are dedicating the match to a well known Cowgirl - **Candy Johnson**. Candy passed away in December from cancer. She has done our award medals for the past 5 years, and she will be greatly missed.
- Also, please note that Sweetwater is donating a "Pre Ban" 1985 Colt AR-15 "Sporter II" Rifle plus a matching 3x20 Colt scope plus dies and over 700 rounds of ammunition, a package worth \$2,700. We will be selling raffle tickets at \$20 each, both before and during the annual match. Thank you so much Sweetwater for your generosity and support, I don't know what we would do without you.
- Our Match Application can be found on our website at merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

Merlin Marauder Yard Sale: Mark your calendars! We have scheduled our Annual Merlin Marauder Yard Sale for April 7, 8, and 9th, 2017, at the Josephine County Sportsman Indoor Range. Set-up will be on Thursday, April 6th. Start going through your barns and garages to see what you can contribute. Your item may be someone else's treasure. We will keep you posted.

Remember our New Merlin Marauder Meeting Date: Our monthly Merlin Marauder meetings have been changed to the first Monday of the month. Mark your calendars for the **March meeting on March the 6th, 2017**. We still meet the Black Forest Restaurant; the meeting starts at 6 p.m. We welcome all of our members and their guests to join us.



March Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Long Henry Thompson Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Molly b'Dam

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Britt Ponsett



Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy Pards,

It's good to be back among the living again. I still can't shoot yet, but I'll get there with the help of physical therapy. The following SASS rule clarifications were recently discussed on the SASS Instructors' Wire.

Re. SASS approved clothing attire:

The SASS ROC recently ruled that denim "carpenter pants" are legal to wear at SASS sanctioned events, but it was suggested that the hammer loop be removed.

On the other hand, "cargo pants" with the large flapped pockets running down the thighs and knees are not SASS approved.

Re: pistol that slips and falls from prop (example):

Stage directions called for shooter to restage pistol on bale after it was fired. Shooter in this case placed pistol on bale, but it immediately slid off and fell to ground.

Ruling: If prop (bale) was determined not to be a factor, shooter is deemed to be responsible and his/her actions merit a Stage DQ re. a dropped firearm. Had the firearm been loaded, it would result in a Match DQ.

Re. clearing action of long gun (example):

Shooter fires Marlin rifle, clears action, and restages rifle on prop (table). Before shooter begins firing next firearm on the stage, an empty rifle case rolls off shooter's hat and falls into the action of the restaged rifle. While this was observed by the timer RO, shooter had already started firing the next firearm before anyone could bring it to the shooter's attention.

Ruling: In this case, shooter was awarded a MSV per the SASS rule that all long guns must be cleared prior to shooting the next firearm. Same penalty applies to shotgun. While this is a rare instance, the standing rule must be applied.

Well pards....that's it for February.

Happy Trails!

Bear Bone Smith, SASS Reg. 10719, Merlin Marauder T.G.
And we welcome back, Pard!

MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

February 4, 2017

Rank	Alias	Category	QA Time	Total Misses	Net Stage 1	Rank Stage 1	Net Stage 2	Rank Stage 2	Net Stage 3	Rank Stage 3	Net Stage 4	Rank Stage 4	Net Stage 5	Rank Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Senior	88.38	0.00	24.82	1.00	17.78	1.00	14.85	1.00	17.42	1.00	13.51	1.00
2	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	144.16	2.00	29.84	2.00	26.06	2.00	28.69	2.00	34.24	2.00	25.33	2.00
3	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	221.08	5.00	40.37	4.00	32.81	4.00	53.12	5.00	42.71	4.00	52.07	5.00
4	Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	233.15	7.00	38.28	3.00	33.33	3.00	36.70	3.00	59.85	5.00	64.99	6.00
5	Cool Duckie Fish	Buckaroo	272.43	13.00	56.33	5.00	45.57	6.00	56.31	6.00	64.15	6.00	50.07	4.00
6	Britt Ponsett	Senior Gunfighter	293.85	27.00	160.00	7.00	27.69	3.00	40.18	4.00	36.20	3.00	29.78	3.00
7	Tough D. Fish	Buckaroo	631.67	14.00	158.31	6.00	151.25	7.00	135.12	7.00	99.40	7.00	87.59	7.00