



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez sez

MM has redefined shooting fees for families. See the details in the Club News section

**Oregon SASS State Championship**  
Congratulations to the Merlin Marauders who won in the following categories:

- Gunfighter – Purgatory Smith**
- Ladies Senior – Molly B' Dam**
- Ladies B-Western – Gaye Abandon**
- BP Gunfighter – Jed I. Knight**

It was a good fun match, even though I finished 125 of 204 shooters. I need practice, practice, practice – and more practice.

**Dave Taylor, aka Ten Sleep Good Guy,** has resigned as MM Past President due to family commitments. **Merlin Maverick** has been appointed to replace Dave. I would like to thank Dave for his contributions over the last five years.

**RO-2 Class – Har Trigger** will instruct a RO-2 class and to be held on **November 22nd**. See the **Club News** for details.

**Elections** are coming. Offices to be filled for 2009-2010 are: President, Secretary, Match Director and Director (TJ). **Merlin Maverick** will be chairman of the nominating committee.

- **Rogue Rascal**



## Match Winners - August 2008

- 1<sup>st</sup> Purgatory Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wales Holiday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bear Bone Smith
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rogue Rascal
- 5<sup>th</sup> Johnny Eight Toes

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
At the **Black Forest Restaurant, 820 E Street "NE", Grants Pass, at 6:30 PM.**  
Arrive at 5:45 PM if you intend to eat dinner first. Directions: (541) 474-5323

**NEXT MONTHLY MERLIN MARAUDERS COWBOY ACTION POSSE MATCH**  
**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Arrive early to help set up stages @8:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting at 8:45 AM. Directions. JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Thence northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

**RO-1 CLASS**  
1:00 PM on Sunday, September 21  
Contact **Sweetwater Jack**

**RO-2 CLASS**  
10:00 AM on Saturday, November 22  
Contact **Har Trigger**

Read the details in Club News, page 2

## CLUB NEWS

**Membership:** Merlin Marauders membership is at 68.

**No New Members since July**

### NEW MONTHLY MATCH FEES

At the last general meeting the Executive Committee voted to redefine the match fees for families.

- A family is defined as those living in the same residence
- An adult is defined as a shooter age 18 and older.

#### MM Member Family

Primary Member \$10  
Additional Adults \$5

#### Non-MM Member Family

Primary Member \$13  
Additional Adults \$5

### RO-1 Class – Sweetwater Jack

For those wanting to take the **RO1 Course, Sweetwater Jack** will be teaching one on Sunday, September 21, at his place; 414 Colin Rd, Grants Pass. It will start at 1 p.m. and finish about 5 p.m. Course fee is \$5.00 per NEW student, which goes to SASS for your pin that is mailed to you.

There is no charge for the course materials.. Refresher may be taken at no charge. Call for reservations and info, (541) 474-7281 or e-mail [sweetwater@uci.net](mailto:sweetwater@uci.net)

### RO2 Class Har Trigger, Sweetwater Jack, J D Walker

There will be a RO2 Course at the JCSA Class Room at 10:00 am on **Saturday, November 22nd**. The course takes

about 4 hours and 1+ hour range exercise. Cost for each student is a \$25.00 SASS and course materials. There is a RO-1 prerequisite for taking this course and you must be a SASS member with a SASS membership number. Limited to the first 25 who sign up. Bring your own lunch and beverages. **Contact Har Trigger** – Drop a note to [HarTrigger@gmail.com](mailto:HarTrigger@gmail.com) with your name and SASS number or call him at (541) 956-1496 and leave a message.

### PRACTICE MATCHES

We have scheduled practice matches for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at least during the summer months, at 9 a.m. For information call **Rogue Rascal** or **Bear Bone Smith**

. This month the match is **cancelled** because of a conflict with Klamath Cowboys annual match

### JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

- “Machine Gun” shoot on Labor Day is cancelled.
- Tracy David is no longer a range manager. JCSA is looking for a replacement as more of a host rather than a manager.

### Stage Setup for September 6<sup>th</sup>

- **Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith**
- **Stage 2 – Johnny Dingus**
- **Stage 3 – Rogue Rascal**
- **Stage 4 – Molly b’Dam**
- **Stage 5 (Shotgun) Har Trigger**

## Upcoming Nearby Annual Matches - Match Directors, send Annual Shoot info to Rogue Rascal to be listed

Name	Where	When	Contact	Phone
Lead Daze at Linkville	Klamath Falls, OR	Aug 29- Sep 1, 2008	Ramblin Dave	(541) 273-1055
Table Rock Rangers Invitational	White City, OR	September 13, 2008	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281

## OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Rogue Rascal	[541] 472-8585	<a href="mailto:oregonjohn@oigp.net">oregonjohn@oigp.net</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	<a href="mailto:bartstar5885@aol.com">bartstar5885@aol.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Cowboss	(541) 548-7325	<a href="mailto:toevs@bendnet.com">toevs@bendnet.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	<a href="mailto:johnnyjingos@yahoo.com">johnnyjingos@yahoo.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	<a href="mailto:rdroth@fireserve.net">rdroth@fireserve.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Bart Starr	(503) 391-8917	<a href="mailto:bartstar5885@aol.com">bartstar5885@aol.com</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	<a href="mailto:jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com">jed_1_knight@jeffersonstateregulators.com</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Redding	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	<a href="mailto:modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net">modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Portland	Orygun Cowboys	Lode'n B Kwick		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	<a href="mailto:MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net">MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Ramblin' Dave	(541) 273-1055	<a href="mailto:rdroth@fireserve.net">rdroth@fireserve.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Mid Valley Drifter	[541] 259-2774	<a href="mailto:MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net">MidValleyDrifter@outdrs.net</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Madd River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	<a href="mailto:clsnowden@aol.com">clsnowden@aol.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Yreka	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Deacon Doug	(530) 926-5270	<a href="mailto:napa198@juno.com">napa198@juno.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Mallard	(541) 993-3663	?
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Big Lou	(541) 484-5900	<a href="mailto:dr97@qwest.net">dr97@qwest.net</a>

## MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL AUGUST 2, 2008

Match		STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	STAGE	Total		Class	Total
Final	ALIAS	1	2	3	4	5	Time	Class	Final	Misses
1	Purgatory Smith	<b>21.81</b>	30.11	<b>29.48</b>	<b>24.40</b>	<b>19.06</b>	124.86	GF	1	2
2	Wales Holiday	37.52	<b>22.18</b>	41.56	40.52	32.74	174.52	T	1	4
3	Bear Bone Smith	40.98	44.62	41.19	27.69	33.16	187.64	T	2	5
4	<b>Rogue Rascal</b>	35.26	32.21	42.46	36.86	41.79	188.58	SS	1	0
5	Johnny Eight Toes	29.41	37.75	43.61	42.48	37.49	190.74	SS	2	1
6	Venison Stu	32.90	33.53	50.85	40.79	34.98	193.05	49	1	2
7	Molly B' Dam	43.71	33.63	56.84	32.35	36.69	203.22	LS	1	8
8	General Lee Goode	34.75	35.90	55.82	36.55	41.16	204.18	T	3	3
9	Har Trigger	30.93	42.00	53.39	39.30	44.77	210.39	S	1	3
10	Johnny Dingus	32.79	59.44	53.11	36.99	41.58	223.91	49	2	2
11	Jed I. Knight	47.96	33.28	64.51	45.19	39.05	229.99	FCG	1	11
12	Runnin' Wild	36.05	46.63	54.47	48.43	59.01	244.59	GF	2	7
13	CHP Shot	41.25	33.71	62.35	58.03	51.55	246.89	SS	3	4
14	Butch Brass	56.40	44.98	71.63	37.04	43.62	253.67	GF	3	9
15	Kidd Krystin	49.53	68.97	60.86	38.79	37.03	255.18	SGF	1	9
16	Sweetwater Jack	57.87	33.07	60.27	63.25	43.58	258.04	SS	4	4
17	JD Walker	48.27	42.44	81.42	42.41	49.54	264.08	ES	1	3
18	Young Dr. McLain	58.91	40.63	62.42	48.10	59.29	269.35	BB	1	8
19	ImnahaChuck	50.47	57.01	61.92	50.43	50.56	270.39	S	2	4
20	Mountain Grizz	49.28	48.08	69.00	50.72	66.49	283.57	S	3	5
21	Ten Sleep Good Guy	57.69	58.40	68.60	53.04	51.23	288.96	CC	1	3
22	Checotah	47.06	57.68	64.61	59.52	61.20	290.07	SGF	2	7
23	Line Century	62.24	63.90	63.65	49.69	52.58	292.06	ES	2	8
24	Barbarosa Mike	67.36	56.77	72.48	76.62	54.04	327.27	CC	2	8
25	Merlin Maverick	55.13	51.28	70.06	60.82	96.22	333.51	ES	3	11
26	Cousin Max	85.46	66.29	81.42	54.79	46.11	334.07	T	4	16
27	Badd Dog Matt	67.35	54.23	92.39	67.25	58.23	339.45	GF	4	15
28	Will I Kickyourbucket	55.32	71.79	60.68	73.50	82.33	343.62	T	5	11
29	Kid Gunslinger	89.88	48.81	86.51	64.95	79.97	370.12	BB	2	9
30	Rifle 'en Rebecca	88.64	76.90	114.02	58.53	63.24	401.33	LT	1	21
31	Fairweather Kate	55.00	81.53	73.78	112.35	80.18	402.84	LSS	1	13
32	Gaye Abandon	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	LSS	2	

**CLEAN MATCH: ROGUE RASCAL**

### MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND 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

**Monthly match stage design and setup gets a \$5 discount**

# FOR SALE

## Rifle - Shotgun Case

SKB ATA 50" x 9-1/2" x 6" hard case, weather-resistant O-ring seal, lockable, fully padded. Will hold four cowboy long guns up to 48" in length or a mix of long guns and pistols. Case used less than a dozen times and is in new condition. Price new from Midway is \$174.99

Kidd Krystin, (541) 479-6104 or e-mail: [edreajr@yahoo.com](mailto:edreajr@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE** Items are listed free for club members. Items must be submitted prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and **MUST** be in electronic form, e.g. e-mail or attached files. (No handwritten submissions)

### Merlin Marauder Badges

We have club badges for sale. They are high quality polished brass badges made by the **Lindholm Brothers, Whiney Henry and Wimpy Hank Yoho**, and are available from Molly b'Dam or Rogue Rascal for \$25.

### Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is Library Babbage

[www.merlinmarauders.com](http://www.merlinmarauders.com)

Send any photos or information to Library Babbage at the website e-mail address or to: [leevern\\_beck@hotmail.com](mailto:leevern_beck@hotmail.com)

### Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

As you know, one of the key reasons Gaye Abandon and I make the annual trek to Las Vegas in December (three different times driving about a hundred miles through snowstorms - with 2-wheel drive pickup truck and no "traction tires") is for me to attend the Territorial Governor Summit and bring back the "WORD" from on high, regarding new and/or revised regulations affecting our sport. The rest of the SASS Convention, with all its' seminars, stage shows, vendors' booths, conviviality, pajama parties, the "Splash" Bar and general FUN, has little or nothing to do with it.....nor has the town of Las Vegas itself, with its' lack of entertainment, ugly showgirls and horrid buffet food.....in a pig's eye...! I'm quite often asked ....well. Ok,,,,twice this year, "Why can't we, as members of a SASS-affiliated club, have more say in what the new rules and regulations are going to be? "Why can't we get a new shooting category called: "Left-handed Swedish Immigrant Frontier Cartridge Senior Gunfighter" established as an Official, Approved and Blessed Category? Well,,,, the answer is YOU CAN!!! But, much like the military, ya have to go through CHANNELS! (Note that I didn't say "chain of command" as that would entail, for the guys, asking permission from their wives.....) And the way, as I've mentioned here before, is to talk to your Territorial Governor and ask him/her to write up a request for your pet project on his Official, Home-made Territorial Governor Letterhead paper and mail it in to the Wild Bunch, requesting that your idea be made an agenda item for discussion and voting at the next T/G Summit (which happens every year at the SASS Convention in Las Vegas

during the first part of December - Hint, Hint, Wink, Nudge, Nudge) I have created nearly a ream of "Official Home-made Territorial Governor Letterhead Paper" and only used three sheets of it so far. One was to advance the idea of creating "Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter" (which actually seems to be getting some support). The second was to request creation of a "Senior Gunfighter" Category - (The "gun-in-each-hand" guys seem to be getting restless, both the smokey-less ones AND the darksiders). The other sheet I used to wipe up a coffee spill when our cat made a sudden decision to use my leg as a scratching post. The Official Agenda Items for the T/G Summit are sent to us just about the same time every year, in mid-SEPTEMBER! SO.....there is still time to get YOUR item sent in to the Wild Bunch for consideration, but NOT MUCH. If you have something you'd like to see discussed, PLEASE email me at [sweetwater@uci.net](mailto:sweetwater@uci.net) or phone me on my Applegate Arsenal line at 541/474-7281 and I'll write it up and submit it.

Though this next subject has nothing to do with my actions as your Territorial Governor, I do want to take a moment to thank those of you who initiated, signed, or had anything at all to do with nominating me for the great honor of becoming a SASS Regulator.... I was pleased, shocked, overwhelmed and even speechless when informed of it. Please believe me when I say that it is much, much more appreciated than I have words for and much more appreciated than deserved. Thank you all.....

Sweetwater Jack