



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Well many of us went to Lead Daze at Linkville; the Klamath Cowboys annual match and had an enjoyable match.

One of our members, **Jed I. Knight** managed to shoot two holes in the ore cart. He claimed he had smoke in his eyes, but we all know he shoots better than that.

Oregon SASS State Championship
Our **Bloody Bill Anderson** aka **Sam English**, deserves an honorable mention. Sam placed first in the Oregon Elder Statesman category, but since he lives in the People's Republik of Kalifornia, he cannot be an Oregon State champion.

RO-1 Class going on this coming Sunday, September 21. Still time to get in, contact **Sweetwater Jack** at (541) 474-7281

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 two Directors. **Merlin Maverick** will be chairman of the nominating committee.

- **Rogue Rascal**



Match Winners-September 2008

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | Bear Bone Smith |
| 2 nd | Bloody Bill Anderson |
| 3 rd | Molly b'Dam |
| 4 th | Har Trigger |
| 5 th | Whiney Henry Yoho |

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, October 14th
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, October 4th
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 69.
Roger Esplin, aka **Butch Brass**, has been added as a family member. Roger is the husband of **Vindictive Violet**.

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

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 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 4th 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

- “JCSA annual meeting will be on Nov. 8, 2008
- A new range manager has been hired and will soon start.
- JCSA E-Board is working on a new Wavier & Release Agreement form that will be included on all sign-in sheets. This is required by their insurance carrier.

Stage Setup for October 4th

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

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

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

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

- The Constitution of the United States – Second Amendment

MERLIN MARAUDERS MATCH FINAL, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

| Match Final | ALIAS | STAGE | STAGE | STAGE | STAGE | STAGE | Total Time | Class | Class Final | Total Misses |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| 1 | Bear Bone Smith | 26.99 | 32.72 | 31.71 | 25.27 | 12.00 | 128.69 | T | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | Bloody Bill Anderson | 33.63 | 31.11 | 35.34 | 28.34 | 7.79 | 136.21 | ES | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | Molly B' Dam | 34.41 | 30.27 | 37.07 | 21.55 | 16.98 | 140.28 | LS | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | Har Trigger | 38.43 | 30.53 | 37.91 | 34.12 | 14.67 | 155.66 | S | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | Whiny Henry Yoho | 40.35 | 33.85 | 32.95 | 33.83 | 15.58 | 156.56 | T | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | Venison Stu | 37.20 | 44.21 | 40.64 | 26.15 | 14.42 | 162.62 | 49 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | Kidd Krystin | 35.20 | 35.66 | 36.84 | 38.68 | 17.75 | 164.13 | SGF | 1 | 2 |
| 8 | Johnny Dingus | 43.06 | 36.53 | 39.39 | 27.47 | 24.27 | 170.72 | 49 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | Jed I. Knight | 32.03 | 35.47 | 51.11 | 46.68 | 17.96 | 183.25 | FCG | 1 | 6 |
| 10 | Wimpy Hank Yoho | 41.28 | 34.65 | 50.57 | 33.07 | 32.92 | 192.49 | T | 3 | 9 |
| 11 | Ojai | 48.36 | 35.32 | 45.18 | 46.91 | 25.36 | 201.13 | SS | 1 | 9 |
| 12 | Wild Side | 45.68 | 44.84 | 60.54 | 41.26 | 21.13 | 213.45 | LT | 1 | 5 |
| 13 | Rogue Rascal | 39.57 | 51.92 | 54.52 | 46.85 | 38.64 | 231.50 | SFC | 1 | 4 |
| 14 | Arizona Gaucho | 53.51 | 51.50 | 76.52 | 70.20 | 33.55 | 285.28 | S | 2 | 3 |
| 15 | Mountain Grizz | 47.97 | 40.78 | 106.87 | 100.80 | 26.90 | 323.32 | S | 3 | 8 |
| 16 | Barbarosa Mike | 67.08 | 57.28 | 98.44 | 77.68 | 38.87 | 339.35 | F | 1 | 12 |
| 17 | California Calico | 93.11 | 92.27 | 121.88 | 84.59 | 58.73 | 450.58 | LS | 2 | 4 |
| 18 | Gracious Grace | 96.00 | 92.45 | 111.99 | 99.96 | 54.37 | 454.77 | LSS | 1 | 12 |
| 19 | Checotah | 48.35 | 42.60 | 59.62 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 550.57 | SGF | 2 | 6 |

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

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

SHOOTING FEES

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| 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

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

Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

Recently posted on the T/G Wire was something that caught my attention. It has to do with "really getting back to basics", and the "I never thought of that" or "HUH?!" factor. A few days ago, on a planet far, far away.....(Oops!, Sorry!) ,. A fairly new shooter asked why a **traditional, two-handed** shooter had to cock his revolver with the off (or support) hand, I.e.. The hand not directly holding the grip. Apparently he was shooting at a major match and was directed by the **RO** not to cock his pistol with his strong hand as it was against the rules. That's right, the shooter confirmed he was told he had to stop cocking his gun with his right, "strong" thumb as being against the rules. What he had been doing was to bring the gun up to the target one handed (right) and then cocking the gun with his right thumb as he grasped the gun with his left hand for support. He said that on the rest of his shots he used his left thumb to cock his revolver. He said he had the gun safely pointed at the target as he cocked it for his first shot. Sorta like how a right-handed duelist would cock the gun but before he shot, he supported the gun with his left hand. Probably not the fastest way to shoot but in my mind, as well as the minds of all of the T/G's who responded to this post, perfectly legal.

The Shooter's Handbook, pg 12 says: TRADITIONAL Category:

- Any Main Match revolver with non-adjustable, traditional sights.
- **Revolvers may be shot two handed or one handed (duelist style)**
- May use any SASS–legal main match shotgun and any main match rifle.
- May use any SASS–legal ammunition.

NOTHING requires that the weak-side hand be used to cock the revolver. I'd suggest a little refresher with RO involved...

Section Two: We have, just recently, had the opportunity to deviate a bit from our usual modus operandi, or as everyone who has ever read a detective novel calls it, "M.O.", as Cowboy Action Shooters, and delve into the realm of "Old West Re-enactors". Leaving our live rounds at home and replacing them with black-powder blanks, many of us here in the State of Jefferson have ventured to Yreka (twice), and most recently up I-5 to the "ghost town" of Golden, to rob banks, hold up trains, and lay waste to gangs of outlaws

(some of whom were US!) and generally fill the air with clouds of sulfurous smoke, spit flame and sparks and overload and detune various hearing aids. Aside from the obvious factors of outrageous **FUN**, what does all this have to do with **Cowboy Action Shooting**? Well, I'll TELL you. It has to do with **RECRUITING!** We ALL do whatever we can to promote CAS, SASS and the Cowboy way of life, but it quite often boils down to a situation where we are at the range, shooting a match, be it a monthly club match or larger one, and taking a few minutes to approach and talk to a stranger that has wandered over to watch a stage being shot. And, of course, the stranger is amazed at how friendly and outgoing we all are, and what obvious fun we are having, and we may even be able to find him/her an old copy of the Chronicle to take home. But, this person was already AT THE RANGE, probably a shotgunner, hunter, or target shooter. When we step out to these city/town celebrations we are given the opportunity to come in contact with people who may have **never** stepped foot into a shooting range. Here we are, dressed in 19th Century clothing, sporting the "Guns of the Old West", saying "lines" from old Western Movies that have been locked up in studio vaults for 50 years, and ENTERTAINING these FAMILIES. And they ARE paying attention!

Our excursion to Golden, Oregon on September 6th was a perfect example. We did a short "briefing" before the gunfire started, explaining that we are all competition Cowboy Action Shooters, and that the guns are real, and even though now loaded with "Old-Time" blanks, can be dangerous. We pointed out the pile of Cowboy Chronicles and other handouts and explained just a bit about cowboy action shooting and SASS. When the shoot-outs were over, Line Century was the big attraction for the kids. They all wanted to talk to a "real cowboy" and as you know, there isn't a more "classic cowboy" than Line. You should have seen him, hunkered down and talking straight talk to those young kids, letting one young buckaroo actually hold his still-warm Colt .45.....He even knows how to squat with spurs on..... So that's it. The kids these days don't have the heroes we had as kids. Roy, Gene, Hoppy, Lash Larue, Johnnie Mack Brown, Cisco and Pancho....."The Duke".....they're all gone, now. SO... YOU and I have to be Roy, Dale, Gene and Hoppy.....we can do this! (And have a GREAT time doing it!)

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

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