



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Elections will be held at the next meeting in December. The club secretary has mailed the ballots to all members and needs to have the ballots returned prior to the meeting on December 9th. Please do not put your return address on the ballot envelope to ensure secrecy. Ballots will be opened at the meeting and tallied by an election committee, and the results announced.

The **Bylaws Committee** has been activated and the chairman is **Rogue Rascal**. This is an annual review to pick up the loose ends and modify the bylaws to keep them current.

Lastly, it is time to start the planning for the **Battle of Rogue River 2009**. **Library Babbage** has declined the position of Match Manager because of his schedule conflicts. I would like to thank **Library Babbage** or organizing the **Battle of Rogue River** for the last three years. This year, the Match Manager for BRR 2009 will be **Rogue Rascal**. The Match Director will be **Johnny Dingus**, assisted by **Bear Bone Smith**. **Molly b'Dam** and **Har Trigger** will be in charge of **Operations**. I would like to call on all members who are willing to help to attend these meetings.

- **Rogue Rascal**



Match Winners-November 2008

Match Canceled because of
Weather

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, December 9th
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, December 6th
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-2 CLASS
Scheduled for
10:00 AM on Saturday, November 22
is
Canceled Due to Lack of Interest

CLUB NEWS

Membership: Merlin Marauders membership is at 69.
No new members since last month

Election Ballots Due by December 9th. The ballots are in the mail. Complete them and return them ASAP. Do not put your return address on the envelope.

Election Nominations – New officers will be elected for 2009-2010. The term of office will be for two years.

Nominees for the offices are:

President – Rick Smith, aka Bear Bone Smith

Secretary – Heike Arnold, aka Molly b'Dam

Match Director – Vince Williams, aka Johnny Dingus

Director 1 – Mike Klosterman, aka Treacherous Jack.

-- Frank Mooney, aka Two Tone

Director 2 – Chuck Pool, aka Imnaha Chuck

RO2 Class Har Trigger, Sweetwater Jack, J D Walker

The class scheduled for RO-2 training is canceled because of lack of interest. Har had only two persons sign up for the class.

Bylaws Revision Committee – has been activated. Those on the committee are:

Chairman: **Rogue Rascal.**

Members: **Sweetwater Jack, Gaye Abandon, Bear Bone Smith, Johnny Dingus, Molly b'Dam, Two Tone.**

Contact any of these folks if you have any suggestions to improve out bylaws.

Battle of Rogue River 2009

The Main Match dates are **May 9-10, 2009.**

Committee appointments are:

Match Manager: **Rogue Rascal**

Match Directors: **Johnny Dingus & Bear Bone Smith**

Operations: **Molly b'Dam & Har Trigger**

The Kick-off meeting will be in December, date and place to be announced.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 13th

Like last year, we will have a joint **Christmas Party** including our five local clubs: **Merlin Marauders, Table Rock Rangers, Jefferson State Regulators, Klamath Cowboys and Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers.** The place will be the same as last year, the **IOOF Hall in Gold Hill.** The time is 6:00 p.m. beginning with a potluck dinner. Bring a cowboy related gift for the Steal-a-Gift Exchange.

Target Trailer – MM has authorized an expenditure of up to \$1000 to purchase a trailer to haul and store our targets. If you notice one for sale, contact either **Bear Bone Smith** or **Rogue Rascal.**

PRACTICE MATCHES

The practice matches for the 4th Thursday of the month have been placed on hold indefinitely.

JCSA NEWS - Imnaha Chuck

- Sports shooter deadline is Dec. 15th for the Jan. 09 issue.
- Sportsman show at the Expo dates are Feb. 20-22, JCSA is looking for help at booth and setup the 19th with tear down the 23rd.
- The advertising is working, memberships are holding above 1200.

Stage Setup for December 6th

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

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

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND 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

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)

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

Send any photos or information to Library Babbage at the website e-mail address or to: leevern_beck@hotmail.com

Dispatches from the Territorial Governor by Sweetwater Jack

Well, all the political hoopla is over with now, and all the available mud has been slung. I don't know who you voted for in the national elections and I don't care to know. I DO know that as gun owners and sports-persons (there I go, being Politically-Correct, again) we all are facing uncertain times in regard to the new administration. Rumors are already flying about gun grabbing, sources of ammo and reloading components becoming either unavailable or being taxed beyond belief. What can you and I as ordinary citizens do to help prevent these rumors from becoming facts? About the best thing we can do is to either become, or continue to be, a member of the National Rifle Association. Whether you see eye-to-eye with ALL of the NRA's policies or not, it is still the ONLY organization with enough "clout" and a loud enough voice in Washington to make a difference in protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights. Like a lot of us, I've been a Life Member for over 40 years, and just recently took a chunk of my Social Security check and plunked it down to upgrade to Endowment Member. Whether you feel that at "our" current age, a Life Membership is a good investment or not, Annual Membership is only \$35 a year, less than the price of one tank of gas these days. Think about it.

On a brighter note, the annual SASS Convention is just around the corner. If you have never attended the Convention I can only urge you to try to set aside the time and a few extra bucks for next year and take in this really fun event. Going to The Convention is more than just an opportunity to see and get together with your fellow SASS members, both ones you know and those you haven't met yet. It's also a chance to learn new techniques to improve YOUR shooting in SEMINARS conducted by some of the top shooters in our sport. You can also learn more about the history of the Old West, how you SHOULD be maintaining your guns and gear, and even how to MAKE some of the gear and costuming which is so important to Cowboy Action Shooting. Is there something that you've been just itching to buy and you haven't been able to find it? Well, it's probably lying out on the table of one of the HUNDREDS of vendors in the main convention hall! The entertainment goes non-stop from 9 in the morning until late at night, be it on the stage, at an evening dance or costume contest, or the grand finale; the Yesteryear Ball on Saturday night. It's also your last chance to try to persuade your Territorial Governor to VOTE YOUR way, at the T/G Summit! And if you ever step OUTSIDE of the Riviera Hotel, don't forget.... You're in LAS VEGAS! See ya down the trail... Sweetwater Jack