



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

I would like to extend a big "thank you" to CHPshot for the donation of a pop-up tent. Thanks for your generosity. It will come in very handy during the hot summer months and for our OR State Match in June.

Speaking of the Upcoming OR State Match, 90 shooters have already reserved their spot. RV spaces with power have been filled, but we have tons of dry camping (water available) spaces left. Stay tuned by checking out your competition, match schedules, prizes, etc., by visiting our website merlinmaraudercowboys.com. Don't forget – Mid Valley Drifter and gang will once again be holding a shooting class, which this year is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th. The application can be found on our web site. Why not plan to join us at the **next Annual Match Meeting**, scheduled for **March 21st at the Black Bear Diner, starting at 6:30 p.m.** Come earlier if you wish to eat.

Congratulations to **Law Dawg Rick** and **Marshal Law**, who were installed as new **Directors** to the Executive Board. We appreciate your support.

A big thank you, once again, was extended to Sweetwater Jack who served as the Merlin Marauder Terri-

torial Governor for the past 10 years. To show their appreciation, the Merlin Marauders presented him with an engraved pocket watch at the February monthly meeting. So Sweetwater, finally you got your retirement watch.

Till next month, ride tall and shoot straight...Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-February 2012

- 1st Lead Ringer
- 2nd Bloody Bill Anderson
- 3rd Whisperin' Wade
- 4th Royal Flush
- 5th Purgatory Smith

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, March 13th 6PM
At the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass.
Take the Second Grants Pass exit and head south on 6th Street - you'll see it on the right at 1900 NW 6th Street.

**NEXT MONTHLY MERLIN MARAUDERS
COWBOY ACTION POSSE MATCH**
Saturday, March 3rd
"Winter Hours" are now permanent! We will shoot our monthly matches EVERY month at these times: Arrive early to help set up stages @9:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 AM.
Directions: JCSA Range, I-5 Exit 61 Merlin, Then northbound on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 84.

Welcome to the executive board new Directors
Law Dawg Rick and Marshal Law!

Annual Merlin Club Dues notices were sent out by Bobbin' Along Daisy last month. If you have not received the notice please contact her by sending an e-mail to rhondapeltier@ymail.com.

JCSA NEWS

Lura Johnson has asked the Marauders to set up and demonstrate a Cowboy Action Shooting Stage on Saturday, 19 May for the Boy Scouts from 0900 to approximately 1300. Scouts aged 12-15 will be allowed to try their hand at shooting the Rifles and Shotguns of the Old West. Unfortunately, the BSA rules will not allow them to fire hand guns. We need a few Marauders (3-6 or so) dressed as you would for any cowboy match to set up, demonstrate with all guns, and assist the scouts in shooting our long guns. Let Molly or Mountain Grizz know if you will be available to help out.

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creeks don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creeks don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creeks" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water..



WINCHESTER '93/97 INFO

The Wild Bunch Action Shooting Committee is pleased to announce that the IAC 93/97 shotgun is LEGAL for use in WBAS sanctioned competitions. The shotgun is LEGAL for all sanctioned WBAS matches effective Jan. 14, 2012. The WBAS Shooters Handbook is only updated once a year so this approval is not shown in the current version. The following wording will be added to the next revision of the WBAS Shooters Handbook to be released in November 2012 under the section: "Shotgun Requirements". The IAC 93/97 reproduction Winchester is also approved. The shotgun may be identified by the numbers 93/97 on the left side of the barrel and the words IAC Billerica, MA on the right side of the barrel. Original Winchester 1893 shotguns were declared unsafe by the manufacturer and are NOT legal for use in WBAS sanctioned matches.

*Note- this is approved and legal for WILD BUNCH ONLY! Not Regular CAS. Matches - Sweetwater

Battle of Rogue River 2012, The OREGON STATE SASS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The Main Match dates are **9-10 June, 2012**

Side Matches on Friday, 8 June

Committee appointments are:

Match Manager: Marshal Law
Match Director: Mountain Grizz
Operations Manager: Molly b'Dam

REMINDER! The weekend of the Merlin Marauder GARAGE Sale is getting near! We'll be needing folks to help with the setup on Thursday, 29 March, and for the sale itself, Friday and Saturday, as well as cleanup on Sunday, April 1st... Start rummaging around in closets, the garage and the shop for stuff you no longer need that someone else will treasure!

The next Annual Match Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21st, 6:30PM, at The Black Bear Diner, as usual. Come early if you wish to dine.

Stage Setup for March 3rd

- Stage 1 – Marshal Law
- Stage 2 – Molly B' Dam
- Stage 3 – Bobbin' Along Daisy
- Stage 4 – Mountain Grizz
- Stage 5 – Mountain Grizz,

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

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 for \$25.

Merlin Marauder Website

The Webmaster is Library Babbage

www.merlinmaraudercowsboys.com

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

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Grants Pass	Merlin Marauders	Molly 'B Dam	[541] 479-2928	haha@budget.net
1 st Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Gold Dust Bill	(503) 705-1211	
1 st Sunday	White City	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed@theincredibells.com
1 st Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
1 st Sunday	Florence	Siuslaw River Rangers	Johnny Jingos	(541) 997-6313	johnnyjingos@yahoo.com
2 nd Saturday	Medford	Table Rock Rangers	Jed I. Knight	(541) 944-2281	jed@theincredibells.com
2 nd Saturday	Burney	Shasta Regulators-Hat Creek	Cayenne Pepper	(530) 275-3158	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
2 nd Saturday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
2 nd Sunday	Myrtle Creek	So. Umpqua Vigilantes	Dr. Ecchymosis	(541) ???-????	deputyanimal@yahoo.com
<small>(Note: So. Umpqua Vigilantes are NOT SASS-Affiliated as yet)</small>					
2 nd Sunday	Bend, OR	Pine Mountain Posse	Juniper Butch	[541] 416-0361	
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	H. Apple Bob	(541) 826-9140	
3 rd Saturday	Redding CA	Shasta Regulators	Modoc	(530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541-990-7816	deafeagle@centurytel.net
3 rd Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino	(541) 389-2342	
4 th Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Tule Spud	(541)	
4 th Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Deaf Eagle	[541] 259-2774	deafeagle@centurytel.net
4 th Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Mad River Rangers	Kid Knee Stone	(707) 445-1981	clsnowden@aol.com
4 th Saturday	Yreka CA	Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Humbug Hank	[530] 598-6969	mpine@snowcrest.net
4 th Sunday	The Dalles	Fort Dalles Defenders	Frisco Nell	(541) 835-5630	
4 th Sunday	Roseburg	Umpqua Regulators.	Oregon Gustaf	(541) 430-1021	swansonville@charter.net



MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

Merlin Marauder February 4, 2012 Scores

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Lead Ringer	Frontier Cartridge	109.53	1	16.88	18.16	19.76	26.05	28.68
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	121.38	1	19.78	18.53	25.94	27.55	29.58
3	Whisperin Wade	Gunfighter	122.26	2	24.91	18.53	23.14	31.23	24.45
4	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	124.62	4	27.01	19.44	19.57	28.61	29.99
5	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	129.59	2	20.04	23.63	30.75	32.17	23.00
6	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	138.35	6	27.16	23.98	21.92	42.73	22.56
7	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	147.04	0	23.21	23.17	28.41	32.45	39.80
8	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	150.60	2	30.38	30.08	27.12	32.02	31.00
9	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	170.53	2	29.96	36.51	31.48	35.96	36.62
10	Arctic Annie	Lady Wrangler	174.37	2	27.20	30.55	27.75	55.99	32.88
11	Jed I. Knight	Black Powder GF	174.43	4	25.86	23.00	31.99	36.61	56.97
12	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	174.69	4	25.70	27.32	35.20	46.15	40.32
13	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	177.12	2	27.84	33.92	44.56	38.50	32.30
14	Miss Behavin	Lady Wrangler	190.00	1	33.01	27.25	35.20	41.34	53.20
15	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	197.36	4	44.22	27.63	35.79	39.80	49.92
16	Checotah	Sr. Gunfighter	202.73	0	37.39	31.87	38.13	51.26	44.08
17	Ruby Jim	Silver Sr.	204.82	1	38.04	31.78	41.69	47.64	45.67
18	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	212.10	4	36.78	33.53	41.73	45.56	54.50
19	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	215.32	6	46.04	33.83	45.81	47.40	42.24
20	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	217.41	2	38.98	33.06	43.11	59.08	43.18
21	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	219.35	0	37.57	47.81	36.39	52.54	45.04
22	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	226.81	1	48.07	35.07	44.91	50.94	47.82
23	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	229.67	8	35.06	36.54	44.88	49.31	63.88
24	Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	230.38	1	41.49	43.85	46.94	50.08	48.02
25	Kid Buffalo	Cowboy	247.12	11	64.56	30.91	63.69	43.56	44.40
26	Rocky Retire	Cattel Baron	254.40	2	46.92	42.25	50.43	62.49	52.31
27	Barbarosa Mike	S. Duelist	257.43	1	43.46	39.82	55.37	63.61	55.17
28	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	263.17	9	36.37	47.76	54.91	57.72	66.41
29	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	288.49	0	44.09	38.86	59.13	71.86	74.55
30	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	306.38	4	38.45	36.15	42.33	72.40	117.05
31	Bobbin' Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	344.72	0/P	55.37	50.50	68.16	83.31	87.38

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety)

FOR SALE

MARLIN 1894 COWBOY II .38/.357 CAL. Rifle w/Marble Tang sight and custom action job. Stock has been proportioned to fit female, young adult, or adult w/short arms. \$680.00 OBO

RUGER .38/.357, 5 1/2" original model Vaquero revolver w/custom action job. \$500.00 OBO

RUGER NEW MODEL SUPER BLACKHAWK .44/.44 Mag w/ 10 1/2" "Buntline Barrel", Pachmeyer presentation grips, Adjustable sights, and custom action job. \$400.00 OBO

RUGER OLD ARMY PERCUSSION BLACK POWDER REVOLVER WITH 7 1/2" barrel.
Custom action job. \$400.00 OBO

SMITH & WESSON .22 A, .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol w/Bushnell Trophy Red Dot w/ 4 interchangeable reticles. Carrying case, 4 S&W magazines, and extra springs. Like new in box – fired only 800 rounds. \$380.00 OBO.

SEE MOLLY b' DAM OR MERLIN MAVERICK OR CALL 541-479-2928

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy pard. The following was recently discussed on the SASS Territorial Governor's Wire and I thought it might be of interest in regards to clarifying the SASS rule governing procedural calls.

As most of you know, the spotters are the authority when it comes to determining a shooter's misses on a stage. The spotters can be polled and questioned by the Timer/Operator, but the spotters have the final say. However, it's another matter when it comes to procedurals. In that case, the spotters assist the T/O by offering their input. It is the T/O who decides if a shooter should be awarded a procedural or not. The T/O arrives at his decision by considering the input from spotters and his/her own observations.

The rule governing misses requires a majority vote of the three spotters to be a miss. However, the majority rule does not apply to procedurals. One spotter, who is certain of his call, can award a shooter a procedural or the T/O can award a procedural based on his own observations alone. For the most part, the T/O will normally rely on the spotters input, but that might not be the case if the T/O was in a better position to view the shooters actions. It is the T/O who has the final say when it comes to awarding procedurals unless the call is appealed to a higher authority (ie. Match Director)

SASS course manuals cited: Range Officer Basic Safety Course (Level I)

The Timer/Operator polls the 3 spotters to determine the number of misses and/or procedural penalties input and then calls those numbers to the scorekeeper and the competitor in a loud, clear voice.

Range Officer Training Course (Level II) The Chief Range Officer (or T/O) shall determine any misses by polling the assigned spotters and communicate the misses and any procedural and safety penalties to the score keeper as well as the shooter.

Per Palewolf, the latest editions of the SASS Handbook and RO Instructor versions are now posted on the SASS website,

Bear Bone Smith Merlin Marauder TG