



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

We got some great and positive news pertaining to Tule Spud's health issues. For those of you that are not aware of Tule having been diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia, and do not normally sign on to the Cowboy Fire, Tule has relayed that *after only 3 weeks his white blood cell count has dropped from 211,000 to 5,800 which is great and also makes him feel 100% better. Also, the Bone Marrow Registry has found a number of matches for Tule, 5 of which will be tested further for match confirmation.* This is the best news he has received to date. We will continue our prayers Tule, and provide support in any way we can.

Our club has received a **free entry from SASS to the 2012 End of Trail Match.** The certificate includes one "Shoot it all" package, and is valid when accompanied by one paid entry into the main match. **Watch for an e-mail coming shortly to all Merlin Marauder members pertaining to a drawing to win this free entry.**

Our **Family Yard Sale** is at the end of this month. Be sure to clean out your closets and barns. **This is one of our club's major fun raisers. Please join us for set up on March 29th, and the sale on the 30th and 31st.** Call **LONESOME ROSE FOR DETAILS 541-476-5490.**

Our upcoming OR State Match has 116 shooters signed up. Stay tuned by checking out your competition, match schedules, prizes, etc., by visiting our website merlinmarauder.cowboys.com. Be sure to sign up for Mid Valley Drifter's shooting

class, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th. The application can be found on our web site. 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.

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

Match Winners-March 2012

- 1st Purgatory Smith
- 2nd Bloody Bill Anderson
- 3rd Wales Holiday
- 4th General Lee Goode
- 5th Bear Bone Smith

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING Tuesday, April 10th 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, April 7th

"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.

Lura Johnson, JCSA Exec VP, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and an Honorary Merlin Marauder Membership at the March 13th general meeting, along with an official Merlin Marauder Bronze Badge. This presentation was to honor selfless support and assistance to the Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Posse over the past years, and her assistance pertaining to this year's Annual Match.

Annual Merlin Club Dues notices were again 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

Continuing Reminder:

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.

SASS R.O. I course. Possible date to be set in late April or early May. Contact Bear Bone Smith at 541-582-4144 or email if interested.



MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB Bylaws

The Bylaw Committee has been re-activated and appointed by Club President Molly b' Dam to review, correct and/or update the current club bylaws. The new committee will be comprised of 7 members; 3 from the exec board, 3 from the general membership and the Pres.

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 Director: Mountain Grizz

Match Manager: Marshal Law

Operations Manager: Molly b'Dam

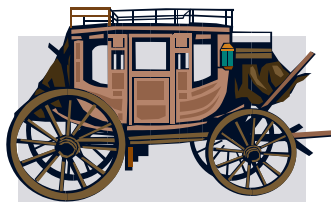
116 Shooters signed up so far...

REMINDER! The weekend of the Merlin Marauder GARAGE Sale is almost here! We'll be needing folks to help with the setup on Thursday, 29 March, and for the sale itself on 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, 6:30 PM, at The Black Bear Diner, as usual. Come early if you wish to dine.

Stage Setup for April 7th

- Stage 1 – Bear Bone
- Stage 2 – Molly B' Dam
- Stage 3 – Bear Bone
- Stage 4 – Bear Bone
- Stage 5 –Britt Ponsett



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

Calvin (Snowball Action Shooter) and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



MARCH MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	123.89	2	27.04	26.24	19.95	22.89	27.77
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	124.66	2	30.33	21.26	18.56	30.36	24.15
3	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	157.58	3	31.43	32.07	27.06	28.11	38.91
4	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	160.53	5	32.44	52.85	22.69	29.53	23.02
5	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	166.19	3	41.30	27.17	22.98	34.58	40.16
6	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	166.87	0	36.94	28.58	30.02	32.04	39.29
7	Riverdog	Forty-Niner	170.76	2	35.31	36.80	29.13	30.05	39.47
8	Jed I. Knight	FC Gunfighter	185.94	4	51.20	30.39	27.77	34.92	41.66
9	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	186.81	3	38.19	37.17	31.18	35.71	44.56
10	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	195.05	2	44.88	39.99	30.32	39.34	40.52
11	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	198.34	0	39.13	37.18	43.47	38.19	40.37
12	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	205.42	1	47.10	38.38	32.62	45.88	41.44
13	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	208.53	6	49.36	58.48	29.08	35.26	36.35
14	Treacherous Jack	Senior	226.33	4	43.46	59.04	28.09	49.78	45.96
15	Badd Dawg Matt	Gunfighter	229.93	14	38.60	62.78	49.13	27.75	51.67
16	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	231.90	2	47.82	41.11	39.33	52.09	51.55
17	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	244.54	0	46.53	50.24	36.86	41.43	69.48
18	Barbarosa Mike	Senior FC	249.44	2	49.23	43.63	40.62	55.73	60.23
19	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	250.27	1	47.26	45.23	40.74	69.38	47.66
20	Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	267.59	7	60.01	50.95	46.80	60.93	48.90
21	Sweetwater Jack	Merlin Cowboy	268.30	5	71.04	43.17	41.60	52.51	59.98
22	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	271.32	3	72.15	42.38	52.04	48.52	56.23
23	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	272.81	5	47.00	41.99	43.92	96.60	43.30
24	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	278.95	3	61.21	51.13	53.69	55.62	57.30
25	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	279.46	8	60.67	62.01	41.78	68.10	46.90
26	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	292.75	0	84.94	48.95	46.17	52.03	60.66
27	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	305.45	26	69.61	58.29	38.49	74.63	64.43
28	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	314.00	4	70.25	63.22	47.20	54.55	78.78
29	Bobbin' Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	340.33	5	70.53	67.74	54.05	81.18	66.83
30	Gaye Abandon	Grand Dame	388.86	7	94.28	63.45	75.52	71.98	83.63

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 ½" original model Vaquero revolver w/custom action job. \$500.00 OBO

RUGER NEW MODEL SUPER BLACKHAWK .44/.44 Mag w/ 10 ½" "Buntline Barrel", Pachmeyer presentation grips, Adjustable sights, and custom action job. \$400.00 OBO

RUGER OLD ARMY PERCUSSION BLACK POWDER REVOLVER WITH 7 ½" barrel.
Custom action job. \$400.00 OB

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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

Stage DQ & Total Time Match Scoring

When a shooter commits a SDQ during a total time scoring match, SASS recommends that the shooter be given a total score equal to "all available targets/miss penalties plus 30 seconds". This should be the standard maximum time allowed for a single stage. So, if the target ammo requirement for a stage is 10 pistol, 10 rifle, 4 shotgun, the maximum score would be 150.

What this also means is that when a very slow shooter shoots a score that is higher than the maximum allowed on any given stage, the shooter should be given the lower score or the maximum allowed score. Some clubs and MDs do not follow this SASS recommendation or may not be aware of it.

Rank scoring (required in SASS sponsored regionals and above matches) requires that the shooter who commits a SDQ be given a score of 999.99. This scoring system is more harsh because SASS believes a shooter should be rewarded for being more consistent in shooting the required stages without penalty.

Source:

T.G. Wire and RO I course book, page 23

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