



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Sweetwater is probably reclining under a palm tree by now, sipping something refreshing, basking in the sunshine. Yea – I know, he deserves it. Well, yours truly, as a result, is doing this month's "Gazette."

A huge thank you goes to Britt Ponsett and Julie Chase. Britt organized us all; even down to the costumes and props, for the picture taking show which will benefit our Annual Match Shooters Program. Julie, of course is our favorite photographer. Thanks also to Sweet Siskyou Sage's brother Walter, for stepping in to finish taking pictures. Can't wait to see the proofs.

Thank you Sgt. Buffalo B.S. for setting up the "Pink Stage" at our April monthly match. The stage was done in support of Katastrophe Kate – this one was for you Kate.

Please mark your calendars.: We have scheduled numerous **range work parties** **May 12th, May 20th, and June 2nd.** These work parties will benefit our 8th Annual Battle of Rogue River/OR State Match. According to Match Director Mountain Grizz, "we have lots to accomplish; everyone's help is needed and welcome".

We'll be sending out another message to club members regarding 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. No takers yet, but a 2nd notification will go out shortly.

Our upcoming OR State Match has 154 shooters signed up. Stay tuned by checking out your competition, match schedules, prizes, side match needs, etc., by visiting our website merlinmaraudercowboys.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 **April 18th 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-April 2012

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

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, May 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, May 8th

"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 93.

I would officially like to welcome our newest Merlin Marauder members: David and Judy Cass, better known as **Sawbuck Swede** and **Sweet Siskyou Sage**, Michael Eppler, alias **Wupatki** from AZ (**Wupatki** has already stepped up to make a gun cart for us as an annual match shooter's prize – we thank you for your support), Bob Gilmore aka **Pollock Kid** from Brookings, and Bob Manning, better known as **Rowdy Redhorse**. Welcome one and all to our cowboy family, and we look forward to shooting with you.

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. To be held after the monthly match on May 5th. Contact Bear Bone Smith for additional info at 541-582-4144 or email if interested bearbonesmith@msn.com.



NEW MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB Pictures

were taken by Julie Chase after the April monthly match – we will shortly have new club group photos for our website. Thanks Julie.

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

154 Shooters signed up so far...

MERLIN MARAUDER FAMILY YARD

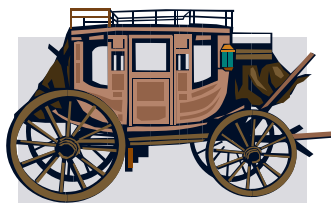
SALE was held the weekend of March 30-31.

Special thanks and Kudos go to: Lonesome Rose, Johnny Eight Toes, Mountain Grizz, Merlin Maverick, Bobbin' Along Daisy, Cinona Hawk, Barbarosa Mike, Queen o' Clubs, Molly b'Dam, Line Century, Fairweather Kate, Sweetwater Jack, Gaye Abandon, and Kate Brinning. **That had to be the wettest weekend in our club's history.** It did somewhat curtail the crowds, but the workers sure ate well, thanks to a planned potluck. **Thank you one and all!**

The next Annual Match Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8th, 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 – Bear Bone
- Stage 3 – Bobbin' Along Daisy
- Stage 4 – Mnt. Grizz
- Stage 5 – Mnt. 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

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



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MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

Merlin Marauder April 7, 2012 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	104.80	0	20.48	19.64	22.59	21.24	20.85
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	111.21	0	22.61	20.48	22.46	23.14	22.52
3	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	121.91	2	21.12	26.83	31.58	18.51	23.87
4	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	121.91	3	25.08	24.10	31.23	18.51	23.87
5	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	140.33	2	27.05	24.97	28.73	29.48	30.10
6	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	146.72	1	30.33	33.84	31.04	24.55	26.96
7	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	156.96	1	37.03	26.28	33.10	27.14	33.41
8	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	158.71	0	30.79	27.28	34.72	32.18	33.74
9	Young Doc McLain	Junior	166.37	2	30.41	26.90	49.61	30.34	29.11
10	Ruby Jim	Silver Senior	172.44	1	34.99	35.14	34.94	32.17	35.20
11	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	172.87	1	38.33	30.55	40.04	34.70	29.25
12	Riverdog	Forty-Niner	174.32	2	37.26	26.78	34.10	36.19	39.99
13	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	178.00	0	36.23	32.48	39.58	35.85	33.86
14	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	179.16	0	34.81	34.05	40.77	33.75	35.78
15	Kidd Buffalo	Cowboy	182.89	5	34.45	31.36	54.04	33.61	29.43
16	Pugilist	Duelist	186.33	5	33.03	39.73	45.20	26.32	42.05
17	Checotah	Senior Gunfighter	212.17	7	50.76	44.09	42.99	40.34	33.99
18	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	224.02	0	44.21	45.95	43.90	36.46	53.50
19	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	226.15	2	41.32	39.84	56.19	42.88	45.92
20	Marshalk Law	Senior Gunfighter	230.75	7	63.54	62.19	35.14	36.05	33.83
21	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	232.37	8	41.96	55.90	42.94	41.20	50.37
22	Lady Hawk	Lady Senior	234.98	2	57.67	45.13	40.57	43.21	48.4
23	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	238.12	1	54.74	41.86	58.39	38.52	44.61
24	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	238.50	4	40.89	60.60	51.42	38.31	47.28
25	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	244.40	2	46.23	40.61	61.07	55.89	40.60
26	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	255.77	0	47.53	53.74	49.70	54.90	49.90
27	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	265.27	1	52.15	53.71	59.94	44.03	55.44
28	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Front. Cartr.	267.93	4	49.62	55.54	52.01	52.26	58.5
29	Lucky RickO'Shea	Cattle Baron	269.72	1	48.17	50.80	53.17	51.73	65.85
30	Lonesome Rose	Lady Silver Senior	280.44	2	55.21	50.91	65.42	65.55	43.35
31	Rowdy Red Horse	Senior	301.21	0	60.57	53.45	74.23	55.43	57.53

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 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.

SMITH & WESSON Model 686-4, stainless double action revolver' 38/357 caliber. Includes Hogue rubber grips, Original wood grips, adjustable sights- LIKE NEW. #675.00.

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

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy Pard.....

As you may have already read, SASS is instituting a new category system for this year's End of Trail. There will be a total of 40 categories, but for a category to be "official" it must go 10 deep for men categories and 5 deep for the counterpart women categories. Of course this does not apply to the kid categories. Some shooters will be happy to know that Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter and Cattle Baron will now be official if there are at least 10 shooters signed up in these categories.

SASS has also approved elastic cartridge loops on gun belts. Both pistol and shotgun cartridge loops are included in this new rule.

If you have not attended a SASS RO I course and would like to, please contact me as soon as possible for complete details. I am anticipating putting on the RO I class right after the Merlin Marauder monthly shoot on Sat. May 5th beginning at 2:00pm. The class will cost \$10. and will be held in the indoor range facility at JCSA. Pre-registration is required so SASS can verify your membership status prior to the date of the class. You do not have to pay until you sign in on the day of the class. Also, anyone who is already a SASS RO I may audit the class for free. There have been many rule changes affecting the SASS RO I course so a refresher course could be very beneficial.

Contact information: www.BearBoneSmith@msn.com or 541-582-4144

Hope to see ya on the range pards. Bear Bone, Merlin Marauder T.G.