



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Talked to Sweetwater yesterday and he is doing much better. For those that don't know, Sweetwater had shoulder replacement surgery last week, and he is at home recuperating. I think it will be a while before he drives that new corvette. I offered to be his personal driver, but I think he has already had numerous offers, so I guess we will all have to take turns.

We had our first work party this past Saturday and we got a lot accomplished. Thank you Mnt. Grizz, Bobbin' Along Daisy, Kidd Krystin, Sweet Siskiyou Sage, Sawbuck Swede, Bear Bone Smith, Mean Lean Betty Jean, Four Gun Confusion, Molly b'Dam, Merlin Maverick, Johnny Eight Toes and Fairweather Kate. Boy was it hot. Got some props painted and the Range House is good to go. **Please note Kidd was missing when Grizz took the picture.**



Please mark your calendars for the remaining work parties: Sunday, May 20th, and Saturday, June 2nd, at 9:30 A.M. We start setting up for the match on Sunday June 3rd and are scheduled to have the local 4 H group help us set up that day. 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".

Our upcoming **OR State Match** has **212 shooters signed up so far**. Stay tuned by checking out your competition, match schedules, prizes, side match needs, etc., by visiting our website merlinmaraudercowboys.com. Plan to join us at the **LAST Annual Match Meeting**, scheduled for **May 16th 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 Gen. Lee Goode
- 3rd Bear Bone Smith
- 4th Wales Holiday
- 5th Nick L Ante

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, July 10 at 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, July 7th, 2012

"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 95.

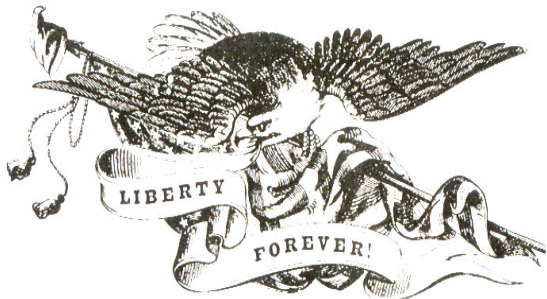
I would officially like to welcome our newest Merlin Marauder members: Joe and Janet Peters, better known as **Long Henry Thompson** and **Ima Loden**. Joe and Janet were members a number of years ago and have decided to rejoin the Merlin Marauders. We say – WELCOME BACK. Long Henry has already stepped up to be a Stage Driver at our OR State Match. Thank you for your support Long Henry.

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.



June Meetings Cancelled - Normal schedule will resume in July – 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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

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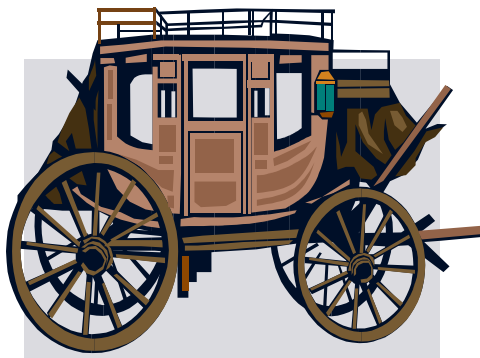
MERLIN MARAUDER Support 4H Cowboy Shooting Program:

Special thanks and Kudos go to: Sgt. Buffalo B.S. for volunteering to help run the 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting Program. **Thank you Sgt. Buffalo.**

The next Annual Match Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30 PM, at The Black Bear Diner, as usual. Please note – this is our last meeting before the annual match. Come early if you wish to eat.

Stage Setup for July 7th

- Stage 1 – Bear Bone
- Stage 2 – Molly b'Dam
- Stage 3 – Mnt. Grizz
- Stage 4 – Mnt. Grizz
- Stage 5 – Kidd Krystin



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



You can't sit on two horses
with one behind.



MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

Merlin Marauder May 5, 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	107.80	0	19.51	20.06	21.56	23.07	23.60
2	General Lee Goode	19390	125.18	1	19.90	20.21	26.92	28.52	29.63
3	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	136.64	0	25.22	26.80	26.65	27.03	30.94
4	Wales Holiday	Wrangler	139.69	3	25.78	27.48	26.50	31.90	28.03
5	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	153.99	0	32.12	31.02	31.70	29.26	29.89
6	Riverdog	Merlin Cowboy	154.47	0	34.64	29.95	31.25	29.49	29.14
7	Esther Jen Overload	Lady Wrangler	170.42	4	34.97	26.97	37.19	27.61	43.68
8	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	173.05	0	32.65	35.58	32.81	34.40	37.61
9	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	178.49	1	33.98	31.99	37.13	43.21	32.18
10	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	211.00	2	27.64	54.39	33.76	40.50	54.71
11	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	225.77	1	37.05	47.65	44.11	42.37	54.59
12	Ruby Jim	Silver Sr.	240.65	5	42.22	46.34	65.61	45.25	41.23
13	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	241.19	3	44.49	45.21	42.49	46.62	62.38
14	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	248.01	0	43.80	45.04	56.02	52.52	50.63
15	Line Century	Merlin Cowboy	250.34	9	43.67	43.10	56.52	50.82	56.23
16	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	261.93	1	59.94	40.60	41.80	53.63	65.96
17	Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	263.47	4	47.22	49.36	49.63	64.41	52.85
18	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Front. Cartr.	266.19	2	47.21	61.94	60.46	43.26	53.32
19	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	268.28	3	43.86	37.23	65.83	59.28	62.08
20	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	268.33	1	52.58	43.13	64.58	61.00	47.04
21	Fairweather Kate	Grand Dame	275.41	1	45.65	52.09	51.03	60.28	66.36
22	Lucky RickO'Shea	Cattle Baron	292.54	3	53.06	45.93	69.53	66.55	57.47
23	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	297.10	3	54.80	50.78	58.38	45.83	87.31
24	Rowdy Red Horse	Senior	316.57	4	57.12	54.17	81.04	71.66	52.58
25	Bobbin Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	413.41	27	160.00	83.26	59.68	58.08	52.39

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 pards,

Not much to report this month. Looks like SASS will be instituting some category changes/additions in the near future so stand by. Not all details have been provided to date. Although, some of these changes will take place at End of Trail this year. Check out Tex's article in the May issue of the SASS Chronicle. If you have any suggestions, I'll be glad to inform SASS and the Wild Bunch and perhaps get them on the TG meeting agenda.

On May 5th, myself and Checotah taught a SASS RO I course following the Merlin shoot at JCSA. All five SASS members who attended passed the course with flying colors. The new RO I's are:

River Dog, Westerly Wind, Painted Ponies, Rowdy Red Horse, Ruby Jim

All pertinent information was sent to SASS and the new RO's should receive their RO pins in the mail soon. Congratulations!

Finally, if you have not already done so, check out the great steamboat article that our own Sweetwater Jack wrote which was published in the May issue of the Chronicle. Our official club scribe has made us proud once again. You might also want to wish the ol' cuss a speedy recovery from his recent shoulder surgery. Hang in there Sweetwater.

Your pard,

Bear Bone, Merlin Marauder TG