



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

I would like to extend a big “thank you” to those who helped set up and take down stages at our August Monthly match. It was hot – 107 degrees to be exact. Fortunately 2 smaller posses allowed us to finish much earlier than usual. Newest MM shooters participating in the match were Sawbuck Swede and Sweet Siskiyou Sage, and both shot great!

Speaking of monthly matches, we started a special “Clean Match Award Program” last October. If you have had 3 clean matches through September 2012, you will receive a Merlin Marauder buckle at the September 9th monthly match. Yours truly will be checking the monthly match scores for verification. Good luck to all.

It is time to start thinking about our annual Cowboy Christmas Celebration get together. I have contacted some of the surrounding clubs to confirm possible dates (December 8th or December 15th) amenable to everyone, as we have to think about reserving the VFW Hall in Rogue River. Hope to hear from everyone soon. It is a wonderful opportunity to share and visit with those we don't always see during the year.

Thank you to Sweetwater for giving his new “Pact” Brand timer to Twitchy Fingers from the Double R Bar Shooting Club from CA. Grizz had borrowed 6 of their timers, and only 5 were returned to us. Everyone, please check your gun carts to see if someone picked it up in

error. Their timer is black, where ours are blue. Thanks one and all for checking.

Please mark your calendars: Our September monthly match is scheduled for **Sunday, September 9th** (changed due to the Lead Daze at Linkville Annual Match at Klamath).

Our first 2013 OR State Match Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 23rd** at the Black Bear Diner (an exception as we normally have our match meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month). Key OR State Match positions confirmed by the Executive Board are Match Director, Mountain Grizz, Match Chair, Molly b'Dam, and Operations Manager, Bobbin Along Daisy. Be sure to bring some good theme ideas. **Hope to see everyone there!**

Till next month, ride tall and shoot straight...

Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 11th 6 PM

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 Match:

Sunday Sept. 9th, 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 93!

MERLIN MARAUDERS FRONT PAGE NEWS!

Those of you that receive the Grants Pass Daily Courier Newspaper probably got a real surprise when you unfolded the July 28-29 weekend edition to see your Club President, "Molly b' Dam"; Territorial Governor, "Bear Bone Smith"; and that infamous Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter, "Checotah" gracing the front page, DEAD CENTER! The Courier ran a really nice article on the Marauders, and sent out a photographer and videographer to capture the feel of Cowboy Action Shooting. The video footage was viewable on the Courier's website, and may still be there. Molly and Bear Bone gave a good accounting of themselves to the Courier folks in explaining what we are all about. Originally, the thought was to set up a full posse and a complete stage but time constraints on the part of the photographer put the kibosh on it at the last minute and those three had to scramble to the range on very short notice. An article was originally submitted to the Courier regarding our 2012 Battle of Rogue River/Oregon State Championship but was re-oriented by the newspaper. Great coverage for the Marauders and a great picture of Checotah wreathed in gunsmoke, Even if they DID airbrush out his safety glasses for publication... yes, Safety Officers! He WAS wearing them! I saw them!

Sweetwater Jack.

Match Winners - August, 2012

- 1st: Royal Flush,
- 2nd: Bloody Bill Anderson
- 3rd: General Lee Goode
- 4th: Hammerin' Hank
- 5th: Bear Bone Smith



Stage Setup for September 9th

- Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith
- Stage 2 – Britt Ponsett
- Stage 3 – Mountain Grizz & Bobbin' Along Daisy
- Stage 4 – Mountain Grizz & Bobbin' Along Daisy
- Stage 5 – Bear Bone Smith



MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB Bylaws (CORRECTION to information I posted last month.)

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. Our Merlin Marauder By-laws, must, as we are a sub-club of Josephine County Sportsman's Association, **MIRROR BE COMPATIBLE WITH-those of JCSA**. Our Bylaw Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Rogue Rascal's house.

AS YOU KNOW, THE MARAUDERS WILL HOLD THE 2013 OREGON STATE MATCH

Preparations for the match will start with the first scheduled "Annual Match Meeting" which will be held at the Black Bear Restaurant on THURSDAY, the 23nd of this month. The meeting has been moved from the 22nd as reported last month due to a schedule conflict with the restaurant. One of the first things to be discussed and settled will be the THEME for the 2013 match. Suggestions are duly appreciated, and we need the support and input from all of our members to make the State Match an even bigger success than in 2012!!

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>SHOOTING FEES</u>	
Individual Membership	\$25	Individual MM Member	\$10
Family* Membership	\$35	Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>		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
		(Note: So. Umpqua Vigilantes are NOT SASS-Affiliated as yet)			
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

Book Review (Semi)-New "feature"

Well, last month's book review went over well enough that I thought I'd try another. At least I've lent out the book to several of our Marauders and they've enjoyed it and passed it on. This month's novel is by Steve Shaw (Ellsworth T. Kincaid) with whom Gaye and I have traveled many times on steamboats down the Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio and Cumberland Rivers, and trod many of the famous battlefields of the Civil War.

Beyond the Rio Grande

By: Ellsworth T. Kincaid, SASS #6037

The hero of this novel of the Southwest is, oddly enough, Ellsworth T. Kincaid, but don't let THAT put you off....(sorry Steve). The book is well-researched, but also is a fast-paced adventure novel that will keep you turning those pages. Steve/Ellsworth has the knack of all good story-tellers in describing the scenes without going into minute detail and boring you with how many threads per inch are in the drapes. You may also find, sprinkled throughout the book, characters whose names are familiar to your fellow SASS members. Ellsworth's "beautiful blonde companion "Stetson" bears a remarkable resemblance to Steve's wife, Marcie, SASS alias" "Lady Stetson" (hmmm, coincidence?) **"SHOOT" Magazine wrote:** "This Western novel by Steve Shaw is a fast paced, action adventure with excitement on almost every page. Post-Civil War, it is set on the Texas border during the Grant Administration. One of the many heroes in this book is Jack Wood, an undercover agent of the Treasury Department's new investigation organization, The Secret Service. He is investigating counterfeit American \$20 gold pieces crossing the border from Mexico. Ellsworth T. Kincaid hears that his friend and Civil War buddy, Jack Wood, is being held in an El Paso jail. He and his lovely companion, Lady Stetson, decide to ride to El Paso to find out what's going on. They arrive only

to find out that he has been taken across the border in a jail break. Adding intrigue to this story are a group of Texas Rangers, also sent to rescue Jack Wood, but forbidden to cross the border into Mexico, plus Indians, spies, and counter-spies. This is a read you'll enjoy, and many will read it a second time and enjoy it just as much."

Sweetwater (No, not "Sweetwater", the horse – READ the BOOK!)

AUGUST 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	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	93.77	0	24.09	19.86	11.24	18.09	20.49
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Elder Statesman	114.04	0	22.84	23.87	18.05	22.95	26.33
3	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	134.66	1	22.06	21.07	16.74	25.60	49.19
4	Hammerin' Hank	Young Gun	139.27	2	27.46	35.01	23.60	27.22	25.98
5	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	149.46	1	27.01	45.00	22.49	26.44	28.52
6	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	171.71	1	31.12	33.88	35.79	34.64	36.28
7	Pugilist	Duelist	180.91	11	43.65	52.11	25.74	31.24	28.17
8	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	186.74	3	40.54	43.00	31.34	37.73	34.13
9	Esther Jen Overload	Cowgirl	190.69	9	31.75	39.91	47.16	42.78	29.09
10	Britt Ponnsett	Gunfighter	213.52	9	44.36	47.77	45.16	38.77	37.46
11	Ocean Drifter	Forty-Niner	229.58	0	46.55	50.09	43.02	46.10	43.82
12	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	235.75	0	37.21	48.92	44.54	58.32	46.76
13	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	252.06	4	40.31	46.67	36.75	73.88	54.45
14	Line Century	Cattle Baron	276.59	10	71.72	57.24	45.31	57.38	44.94
15	Lucky Rick O'Shea	Cattle Baron	279.95	0	62.48	64.34	47.47	50.27	55.39
16	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	289.28	11	41.89	42.82	34.43	127.52	42.62
17	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	301.92	4	45.37	63.73	53.26	60.44	79.12
18	Sawbuck Swede	Forty-Niner	322.39	3	78.14	44.78	62.91	61.27	75.29
19	Sweet Siskiyou Sage	Lady Forty-Niner	595.66	5	123.04	115.85	110.99	135.87	109.91
20	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	3075.97	1	32.95	43.05	999.99	999.99	999.99

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

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Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy pards,

Recently, there has been much discussion on the T.G. Wire concerning handing off a malfunctioning firearm while a shooter is on the line. It now appears that the R.O. Committee is currently reviewing this procedure and will possibly change the rule due to safety issues. According to SASS ROC member PaleWolf, the option to hand off a broken or malfunctioning firearm should be removed from the SASS rule books. PaleWolf stated "Doing so distracts the timer/operator from his responsibility on the firing line and sometimes involves a relay to the unloading table from the T/O to another helper. Often the closest person is a spotter, whose attention is then taken away from his/her duties on the line. Passing around a LOADED firearm in indeterminate condition (cocked? round under hammer?) is NOT the best practice for safe firearm handling.

PaleWolf recommends that the SASS RO I and RO II rule books be amended as follows:

Malfunctioning guns still containing rounds will not warrant penalties so long as the malfunction is declared and the gun made safe (eg. placed on a table or stable prop with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction). At this point, the firearm is still loaded, everybody knows it and the firearm can be handled in the appropriate manner. [proposed amendment to RO I, page 18]

"This simply removes the recommendation to hand off a malfunctioning firearm with no penalty for doing so. Training RO's to advise the shooter to ground it instead (as first/best option) should adequately address the issue." I couldn't agree more and hope that the ROC will implement this proposed change. This change will also benefit the shooter by saving precious time as a result of declaring the malfunction and quickly grounding the firearm.

On another note, several club members have requested the scheduling of another RO II class. So, I have tentative plans to schedule one in mid to late October, 2012. Please send an email to... bearbonesmith@msn.com or call 541-582-4144 if you are interested in attending this class---either as a refresher or on a first time basis. You must be a certified SASS RO I to attend this class. The class will be held at the Josephine Co. Sportsmans Park indoor range. The cost is \$25. , but current RO II's can audit the class at no cost. Time, date and more details in regards to this class will soon be announced.

Until we meet again...ride hard and shoot straight pards.

Bear Bone Smith

SASS Regulator # 10719 - Merlin Marauder T.G. and RO III