



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202, Grants Pass, OR 97528

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The Prez Sez:

Welcome Powder River Rose - our newest Merlin Marauder Member.

In honor of our "Clean Match Program", we gave out **Merlin Marauder Belt Buckles** at our September monthly match, to those who had at least three clean matches between the months of October 2011 and September 2012. I would like to congratulate Bear Bone Smith, Bloody Bill Anderson, Barbarosa Mike, Rogue Rascal, Imnaha Chuck, Johnny Eight Toes, Purgatory Smith, and Nick L Ante. **Congratulations one and all, and good shooting!**

Speaking of monthly matches, our October match will be held on Saturday, October 6, on our usual match day. The club opted **not to have the "Spook and Shoot" this year**, due to lack of interest. Some of us are hoping that Klamath will have their annual night shoot, so we can get our fill of brimfire and smoke. Jed I Knight volunteered to take a vanload of shooters up to Klamath Falls. Thanks Jed!

Plans are definitely under way for our 2013 SASS OR State Match. Survey results have been tabulated and we thank you – the members for your input. Our winning theme will be **"OUTLAWS OF THE WEST"**, and we will have **12 STAGES** (the more shooting the better). If you wish to help with the match, please contact either Bobbin Along Daisy, Operations Manager, Molly b'Dam, Match Chair, or Mountain Grizz, Match Director. We can use everyone's help to ensure another successful match. The camaraderie

developed amongst everyone and the satisfaction of the end result is priceless. We **plan to dispense with our second monthly meeting each month, and have a combination General/Annual Match Meeting through December, 2012.** We will commence with separate Annual Match Meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month), starting in January, 2013.

We have approved our annual fundraiser –the Cowboy Family Yard Sale, for 2013. Stay tuned for the date – most likely the weekend of March 23rd, 2013. Start cleaning our your barns and closets ☺.

One of our Directors – Marshal Law had to step down due to personal reasons. **Thank you Marshal for FOR SERVING ON OUR BOARD.** Barbarosa Mike has been appointed by the MM Board to fulfill his term until the end of 2012. **Congratulations Mike! And thank you.**

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

Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, October 9th 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: Saturday,
Oct. 6, 2012 Try to 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 94!
Welcome aboard Powder River Rose!

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS:

It's that time again and the Nominating Committee, consisting of Rogue Rascal, Johnny Eight Toes and Merlin Maverick, will be accepting nominations effective immediately, and continuing through November's meetings. The following positions are To be filled during this election:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MATCH DIRECTOR

And 2 **DIRECTORS** (One for a one year term and one for a 2 year term)

If there is only one nominee for any position, that position will be filled by appointment in November. If more than one, a ballot will be sent to all members for voting. All officers will be sworn in during the January 2013 General Meeting.

Match Winners-September, 2012

1st: Bloody Bill Anderson, 2nd: Purgatory Smith 3rd: General Lee Goode
4th: Bear Bone Smith 5th: Sgt. Buffalo BS



Stage Setup for October 6th

Stage 1 & 5 – Bear Bone Smith, Stage 2 – Molly Stage 3 – Britt Ponsett, Stage 4 – Lonesome Rose

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

Preparations for the match started with the first scheduled "Annual Match Meeting" which was held at the Black Bear Restaurant on the 23rd of August. The second meeting was held with the September regular monthly meeting on 11 September. One of the first things to be discussed and settled was the THEME for the 2013 match. Our "Theme" for the 2013 Battle of Rogue River will be "Outlaws of the Old West" We will include both male AND female outlaws and you might be surprised at some of these folks! Research has begun on their lives and "contributions" to Old West History..... Thanks to all of you who responded to the e-mailed "ballots" regarding the theme as well as whether to present a TEN or TWELVE stage match.

The "outlaws" theme was the highest-scoring of all, followed by "the movies of Jimmy Stewart", And we WILL hold a 12-stage match, the same as 2012.

AS WE HAVE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE MARAUDERS WILL HOLD A FUND-RAISING "GARAGE SALE" ONCE AGAIN. The tentative dates for the garage sale will be 22-23 March. Still a ways off, but start thinking about the things that you've been waiting for a good excuse to donate to a good cause... As before the "garage sale" will be held in the JCSA Indoor Range.

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

MERLIN MARAUDERS on the Lewis and Clark "Voyage of Discovery" !!

Well, not EXACTLY..... we missed the Boat (and canoe) by about a hundred years. Joining with 14 other Cowboy Action Shooters, including Great American Adventures owners Ellsworth T. Kincaid and Lady Stetson (Steve and Marcie Shaw) Delta Queen, CHPShot, Gaye Abandon, and I boarded the stern-wheel paddle steamer "Queen of the West" in Portland and proceeded toward the Columbia Bar (No, it's NOT a Saloon (ACS) Virginia) and Fort Klatsop, where Lewis and Clark wintered over. After a shore excursion there we headed back past Portland and upriver to our final destination, Clarkston, Washington. Oddly enough Clarkston is adjacent to Lewiston, Idaho. Is THAT a coincidence, or what? Anyway, after 8 days and 7 nights of "steam-boatin" we headed home, well-stuffed by the excellent chefs aboard the Queen of the West, and well-informed by the folks at our stops along the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Just SOME of the highlights of the trip were Pendleton's underground tour and of course the stop at the Pendleton Mills factory, as well as our visit to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation and Museum. Our Nez Perce guide still has some issues with the "Great White Father's" Government.....as many of us do... Oh, and if you think you know how to pronounce Sacajawea..... You're probably wrong.....
Lots of fun trip options at: www.great-american-adventures.com

Sweetwater Jack (Scribe for Kincaid's Irregulars)

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

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

			OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	110.53	0	21.37	21.28	19.17	23.4	25.31
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	110.99	1	19.61	17.11	20.61	27.05	26.61
3	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	131.09	4	18.75	33.00	20.38	28.70	30.26
4	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	153.11	1	25.47	23.27	25.90	44.36	34.11
5	Sgt. Buffalo	Wrangler	155.28	1	26.55	26.41	39.88	27.33	35.11
6	Nick L. Ante	Gunfighter	155.59	0	26.27	26.75	27.52	31.92	43.13
7	Jed I. Knight	BP Gunfighter	157.89	0	31.05	28.26	26.09	32.18	40.31
8	Treacherous Jack	Senior	168.18	0	28.35	43.43	27.22	34.94	34.24
9	Esther Jen Overload	Cowgirl	182.53	3	32.63	35.64	42.31	37.25	34.70
10	Ruby Jim	Elder Statesman	185.29	1	37.32	31.79	35.92	39.55	40.71
11	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	187.33	5	45.16	27.40	27.14	53.33	34.30
12	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	189.24	4	34.04	36.24	35.81	45.56	37.59
13	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	222.54	8	49.70	32.27	37.64	47.15	55.78
14	Line Cnetury	Merlin Cowboy	235.82	4	46.52	42.86	47.79	53.15	45.50
15	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Duelist	243.19	0	45.73	47.85	49.49	51.13	48.99

16	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	270.10	8	57.98	55.72	47.52	56.61	52.27
17	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	274.16	5	47.31	35.12	82.55	57.65	51.53
18	Bobbin Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	280.36	7	51.34	50.97	54.53	70.29	53.23
19	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	287.36	5	51.13	63.07	44.97	49.07	79.12
20	Derringer Donna	Lady Senior	357.86	1	69.82	68.00	81.39	68.71	69.94
21	Alacrity Belle	Lady Wrangler	373.08	7	62.98	36.16	119.40	84.22	70.32
22	J.D. Walker	Cattle Baron	444.51	34	57.03	160.00	89.12	58.94	79.42

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals,)
Or safety violations.

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy Pard,

Well, there has been very little news on the T.G. wire of late. According to PaleWolf, the RO committee is considering some rule changes, but no changes are forthcoming at this time. A date has finally been decided on for the next RO II class. It is scheduled for November 3rd. (Sat) after our Merlin monthly shoot. You must be a SASS certified RO I to attend this class. The pay-at-the-door cost is \$25. However, current RO II's can audit the class free of charge.

The class will be held at the JCSA indoor range upon conclusion of the monthly shoot. If you plan to attend the class, please RSVP [BearBoneSmith@msn.com](mailto: BearBoneSmith@msn.com) or call 541-582-4144.

Attendees should also download a copy of the current ROII course book from the SASS website prior to attending class. Until then, Happy Trails amigos.

Bear Bone, SASS Life 10719 - Merlin Marauder TG & RO Instructor

