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The Prez Sez:

I would like to pass on a big “hi-ho silver welcome” to our two newest Merlin Marauder members. Let us welcome Wendy Long (a real life cowgirl) alias Buckaroo Long, and Willard Carlstedt, better known as SASS Regulator Will Bonner. Both hail from Northern California and have attended our annual matches in the past. We are proud to have you join us.

Good news on the recovery front. Both our own Katastrophe Kate and Tule Spud are doing much better, with Tule almost at 100 percent, with a few more baby steps needed, and Kate doing great. Our cowboy community proudly supports them and is cheering them on in their efforts. We applaud their positive attitudes.

We have once again approved having the Annual Family Yard Sale, which will be held March 22nd and 23rd, 2013. This is a great fundraiser for the Merlin Marauders and helps offset some of our annual match expenses. The club can never have enough targets, props, or shooter prizes, so start saving those miscellaneous items you no longer need for this upcoming event.

Please mark your calendars for the JCSA Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for **Saturday, November 17th at 2 P.M.** We, as Merlin Marauders, need to attend to support our status as JCSA’s most supportive and outstanding club. The meeting will be held in the Indoor Range. Hope to see you all there!

We are currently taking nominations for some of our Board positions. If interested in serving on the Merlin Marauder Board, please contact the Nominating Committee consisting of Rogue Rascal, Merlin Maverick and Johnny Eight Toes. The first

slate of nominations was presented and approved at this month’s monthly meeting. The slate will once again be brought to the floor in November. This is a great opportunity and an honor to represent your fellow members in the club’s decision making process.

Annual/OR State Match plans for 2013 are under way! Construction/expansion plans are being discussed for possible additional prop and target storage, as is the acquisition/location of a new 38 star flag and higher flag pole in conjunction with our 2013 OR State Match. Check our website – **Application info is forthcoming this weekend on our website (merlinmaraudercowboys.com – thank you Library Babbage) so get your space reserved early! Stayed tuned!**

Our Merlin Marauder 4-H club representative, Sgt. Buffalo informs us that the 4-H club members are ready to hit Ft. Swampy this coming Saturday, October 13th for their first SASS match. They will start at 10 a.m. Excitement is running at full steam, so if you have the time, come join them at Bay 2. Sgt. Buffalo did indicate that donations of slightly used cowboy attire would be welcome by the kids, so check your closets! Stay tuned... **Yer Prez...Molly b'Dam**

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, November 13th @ 6:30 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,
Nov. 3rd, 2012** Try to **arrive early to help set up stages @8:00 a.m. Sign-in is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting is at 8:30 AM. !I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park**

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 96!
Welcome aboard Powder River Rose!

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS REMINDER:

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Rogue Rascal, Johnny Eight Toes and Merlin Maverick, are currently 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)

Nominations have been received as follows so far:

Pres: Bobbin' Along Daisy

Sec.: Cinona Hawk

Match Director: Mtn. Grizz

1 Yr Director: Queen O' Clubs

2 Yr Director: Barbarosa Mike Sweetwater was nominated and accepted, but has had to decline due to personal business creating scheduling problems for a year.

If there is only one nominee for any position, all the positions will be confirmed 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-October, 2012

1st: Purgatory Smith 2nd: General Lee Goode 3rd: Bloody Bill Anderson

4th: Nick L. Ante 5th: Bear Bone Smith



Stage Setup for November 3rd

Stage 1– Kidd Krystin Stage 2 – Britt Ponsett Stage 3 – Bear Bone Smith, Stage 4 – Molly b'
Dam Stage 5: (Shot at berm 3) Bear Bone Smith

PLEASE NOTE That the November monthly match will start one (1) hour earlier in order to accommodate the RO II course that Bear Bone and Checotah will hold directly after the match.

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. Our "Theme" for the 2013 Battle of Rogue River will be "Outlaws of the Old West", and Doug Curtis, who made the great shooter badges for our 2012 BORR will once again produce the badges, which will reflect the theme. We are thinking "Wanted Posters". More on this as Sweetwater discusses the format with Mr. Curtis. Tell your fellow SASS members that, once again, we **WILL** be giving away over **THREE THOUSAND** Dollars worth of firearms to lucky shooters in door prize drawings. This year the guns will be: A modern Bersa Thunder 45 ultra compact semi-auto pistol, A Taylor's & Co. Burgess Carbine and a new-in-the box early model Uberti '73 Rifle that has a Pioneer Gun Works action job and all the bells and whistles that Will Shootem' could put into it.

AS WE HAVE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE MARAUDERS WILL HOLD A FUND-RAISING "GARAGE SALE" ONCE AGAIN. The 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			

AN RO II COURSE will be held following the November Monthly Match, Contact Bear Bone Smith to sign up. Course fee is \$25 and includes the issuance of the RO2 pin from SASS.

There is no charge to take the course as a refresher (and is encouraged due to many changes over the years) if you already hold RO II status. Contact Bear Bone at: bearbonesmith@msn.com

THE ANNUAL JCSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00PM in the indoor range. Please, please come to this meeting and represent the cowboys if you can possibly make it. Help protect the gains the Merlin Marauders have made over the years. I am told we have become the biggest money-maker for JCSA and need to continue to be a force to be reckoned with.

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	Tuffy Tumbleweeds	[541	oowssarpc@gmail.com
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

OCTOBER 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	103.92	0	18.68	18.73	21.52	20.57	24.42
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	105.92	1	20.74	23.10	20.55	18.55	22.98
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	105.94	0	19.74	17.47	21.06	23.89	23.78
4	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	126.54	0	24.80	22.11	26.21	25.85	27.57
5	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	130.59	0	26.46	23.58	26.49	26.08	27.98
6	Riverdog	Forty-Niner	132.40	2	23.90	18.90	29.97	30.50	29.13
7	Lethal Les L'Amour	Senior	143.38	1	25.72	21.48	33.26	27.55	35.37
8	Jed I Knight	BP Gunfighter	155.97	4	38.46	21.98	28.30	40.21	27.02
9	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	169.21	0	34.35	26.45	35.98	36.04	36.39
10	Esther Jen Overload	Cowgirl	170.13	5	39.17	23.00	39.56	31.63	36.77
11	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	178.09	0	29.92	43.83	40.43	31.43	32.48
12	Ruby Jim	Silver Senior	197.74	1	47.43	37.14	36.95	33.82	42.40
13	Checotah	Senior Gunfighter	198.64	3	57.57	32.44	36.38	37.90	34.35
14	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	202.09	5	44.86	27.31	48.56	39.30	42.06
15	Missouri Rogue	Silver Sr.	203.18	4	39.18	41.41	47.03	35.44	40.12

16	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Fr. Cartridge	204.37	1	42.85	32.86	39.41	39.67	49.58
17	Westerly Wind	Fort-Niner	210.64	2	46.91	36.71	39.23	38.29	49.50
18	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	222.64	1	48.73	38.71	49.27	42.66	43.27
19	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	231.98	1	61.54	36.57	41.14	46.78	45.95
20	Pugilist	Duelist	232.49	14	43.73	51.10	55.03	37.04	45.59
21	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	238.12	6	45.90	29.62	35.23	69.92	57.45
22	Lucky Rick O'Shea	Cattle Baron	240.47	0	49.84	38.09	51.60	50.14	50.80
23	Sawbuck Swede	Forty-Niner	267.40	2	58.05	42.30	59.50	47.09	60.46
24	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	282.95	0	51.65	64.32	64.11	50.33	52.54
25	Cinona Hawk	Lady Sr. Duelist	300.39	5	64.99	49.67	69.68	52.91	63.14
26	Wupatki	Duelist	307.84	7	61.18	58.86	54.03	77.58	56.19
27	Fairweather Kate	Grand Dame	389.37	9	76.77	39.78	70.14	90.95	111.73
28	Sweet Siskiyou Sage	Lady Forty Niner	479.27	7	134.79	63.85	100.23	71.31	109.09
29	La Ardilla	Lady Forty-Niner	566.07	12	110.67	72.88	153.43	126.92	102.17

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

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy All,

A recent major change to the SASS RO course materials concerns how to properly handle squibs and firearm malfunctions. The first course of action will now be to ground a malfunctioning firearm on a table or suitable prop. As a last resort, if neither is available, the shooter can hand off the firearm under the direction of the timer/operator. However, the primary method will be to safely ground the firearm. The reasons the SASS RO Comm. is not recommending a "hand off" is because:

1. Condition of firearm is often unknown
2. Handing off distracts the T/O away from main duty of watching shooter
3. Distracts the person who takes the firearm from the T/O (spotter)
4. Danger of dropping a loaded firearm while being passed off

Just a reminder.....those planning to attend the next RO II course at JCSA on November 3rd. after the Merlin Marauder monthly match need to contact me prior to the course date and provide your SASS alias, badge number and true name. The cost is \$25. at the door, but there is no cost for RO II's taking it as a refresher course. It is highly recommended that attendees download a copy of the latest version of the RO II course book from the SASS website. The Merlin monthly match will start one hour earlier to accommodate this class (Shooters meeting at 8:45 am and shoot at 9:00 am)

Until then pard...HAPPY TRAILS!

Bear Bone Smith

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