



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Cowboy Christmas Party**. The date is **Saturday, December 8th**, and the location will be the **VFW Hall in Rogue River (same as last year)**. Invitations will be coming to you shortly. This is a great time to meet in an informal setting to visit and renew friendships, as well as having the children (and adults) meet with Santa.

Please note also that our **December 1st Match** will resume with our original **starting time of 10 a.m.**

Everyone please mark your 2013 calendars for the Merlin Marauder Family Yard Sale. **The date has been changed to Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, 2013, per availability of the JCSA Indoor Range.** So...start now looking through those closets and barns, for items you no longer need. Remember also, that we have a storage locker available thanks to the generosity of Library Babbage and Family. This fundraiser benefits our club for the acquisition of targets and remodeling and prop projects.

A big thank you goes to Library Babbage for updating our Merlin Marauder Web Site. **2013 Annual OR Championship Match information is now available on line if you want to reserve early.** Our web address is merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

Our Merlin Marauder By-Laws Committee has been hard at work to incorporate proposed changes and additions, and said changes will be going

out shortly to the membership for ratification. These changes will benefit our club and help to simplify club procedures, so be sure to respond with your acceptance or suggestions.

Our Annual Match Committee for the 2013 OR State Championship Match is already hard at work. Merlin Maverick is sending out bids to representatives of the Young Marines, to solicit brass pickers for the match. He would like to also contact other youth organizations such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts (if allowed to participate in this type of shooting event) and possibly local schools. He needs specific contacts for the above mentioned groups. We will require 24 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and older on Saturday, June 8th and again on Sunday, June 9th, 2013. Deadline for submitting contracts will be January 1st. Contact Merlin Maverick at haha@budget.net or call 541-479-2928.

Till next month, ride tall and shoot straight...
Yer Prez Molly b'Dam

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13, Nov. as usual/

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 11th @ 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,
Dec. 1st, 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. !I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership now stands at 92!

Welcome aboard Will Bonner and Buckaroo Long!

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS RESULTS:

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)

And the nominated and unopposed officers for 2013 are:

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 had to decline) If there is only one nominee for any position, the position is being confirmed as of the November 13th general membership meeting. Nominations will be closed at the November meeting. If more than one, a ballot will be sent to all members for voting, and election results announced at the December meeting. All officers will be sworn in during the January 2013 General Meeting.

Match Winners–November, 2012

1st: Purgatory Smith 2nd: General Lee Goode 3rd: Royal Flush

4th: Bloody Bill Anderson 5th: Bear Bone Smith

Stage Setup for December 1st



Stage 1 – TBD 11/13/2012

Stage 2 – Molly b'Dam

Stage 3 – Bear Bone

Stage 4 – TBD 11/13/2012

Stage 5 -- TBD 11/13/2012

4H Club Shooters: Sgt. Buffalo BS reports that he had a really good turn-out for the first shooting and instruction session last month, and the "Match" held after our November 3rd monthly shoot, brought some of these youngsters out, wearing Merlin Marauder "Battle of Rogue River" tee-shirts!. These kids (and their parents and 4H leaders) had a fine time and Wes reports that some of the girls are going to become pretty hard to beat.

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.

REMINDER THAT THE MARAUDERS WILL HOLD A FUND-RAISING "GARAGE SALE" ONCE AGAIN. The dates for the garage sale will be 15-16 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 was held following the November Monthly Match, Bear Bone reports that 5 folks took the course. Congratulations to our newly-minted (and/or "refreshed") RO IIs. Remember that there is no charge to re-take the course as a refresher (and was encouraged due to many changes over the years).

THE ANNUAL JCSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00PM in the indoor range. This is a very important meeting.

Please attend this meeting if you possibly can, and represent the cowboys. You will have helped to protect the gains the Merlin Marauders have made over the years. We **ARE** a force to be reckoned with.

OREGON & Northern CALIFORNIA MONTHLY MATCHES

1 st Saturday	Canby	Mollala River Rangers	Barrelhouse Bob(503) 656-4967	robertscharbach@comcast.com
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	bigcasino@bendbroadband.com
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	Whisperin Wade[541] 318-8199	whisperinwade@hotmail.com
2 nd Sunday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Jasper Wayne (541) 884-2611	jasper_553@aol.com
3 rd Saturday	Ashland	Jefferson State Regulators	Jed I. Knightob (541) 944-2281	jed@theincredibells.com
3 rd Saturday	Redding CA	Shasta Regulators	Modoc (530) 365-1839	modocsass13826@sbcglobal.net
3 rd Sunday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Tuffy Tumbleweed 541-619-7381	owssarpc@gmail.com
3 rd Sunday	Bend	Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Big Casino (541) 389-2342	bigcasino@bendbroadband.com
4 th Saturday	Klamath Falls	Klamath Cowboys	Jasper Wayne(541)884-2611	jasper_553@aol.com
4 th Saturday	Shedd (Albany)	Oregon Old West Shooters	Tuffy Tumbleweed [541-619-7381	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

NOVEMBER 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	107.45	0	20.00	19.13	22.35	26.69	19.28
2	General Lee Goode	Cowboy	111.92	1	20.45	19.94	18.76	31.27	21.50
3	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	116.98	2	19.89	23.94	20.57	27.52	25.06
4	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	134.95	2	46.61	20.08	19.72	27.26	21.28
5	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	139.09	0	23.73	27.15	26.27	35.54	26.40
6	Sgt. Buffalo	Wrangler	152.85	0	25.86	33.00	24.34	43.72	25.93
7	Riverdog	Gunfighter	171.34	3	41.94	30.87	24.57	43.71	30.25
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	175.89	1	39.08	29.59	31.84	41.57	33.81
9	Esther Jen Overload	Cowgirl	179.02	7	38.22	31.64	37.37	39.32	32.47
10	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	181.62	1	36.51	30.73	32.45	44.40	37.53
11	Checotah	Senior Gunfighter	182.12	0	38.22	34.56	33.52	41.44	34.38
12	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	217.13	0	45.06	34.15	37.68	56.93	43.31
13	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	219.29	7	44.10	34.81	34.25	60.03	46.10
14	Line Century	Mertlin Cowboy	225.03	2	42.16	39.14	51.57	50.86	41.30
15	Sawbuck Swede	Forty-Niner	243.10	0	44.07	44.00	47.17	57.47	50.39
16	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	259.14	1	53.39	51.37	47.57	56.21	50.60

17	Ruby Jim	Silver Senior	262.20	0	51.53	55.50	51.96	62.49	40.72
18	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	273.47	3	70.67	67.03	43.84	51.48	40.45
19	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	294.62	7	42.48	61.81	40.44	105.40	44.49
20	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	301.86	27	42.51	27.48	42.13	160.00	29.74
21	Fairweather Kate	Grand Dame	307.69	1	49.84	42.78	44.81	123.10	47.16
22	Cinona Hawk	Lady Sr. Duelist	323.33	6	61.82	63.73	58.35	61.66	77.77
23	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	345.44	2	61.19	80.73	73.91	76.58	53.03
24	Sweet Siskiyou Sage	Lady Forty Niner	494.07	31	130.40	55.69	68.26	160.00	79.72

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

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy Pard,

A SASS RO II course was conducted after the November monthly shoot and was attended by five SASS members---three of which were taking the course for the first time. Congratulations go to River Dog, Westerly Wind and Ruby Jim upon passing the RO II test with flying colors. Special thanks to Checotah for assisting as co-instructor of the class. Also, Barbarosa Mike and Cinona Hawk took the class as a “refresher” course and are now updated on the current Version ‘M’ of the RO II Course manual. That’s all I have for now. Walk tall and shoot straight.

Bear Bone Smith, SASS Regulator #10719
Merlin T.G. SASS RO III

