



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Well, the Merlin Marauder club elections are over and we have a new President - Bobbin' Along Daisy. I know that Daisy and her new Board will do a fabulous job and I ask that all of you continue to provide support as you have in the past, so that the club's goals can be achieved. (and, as a side note - Sweetwater, no, you do not have to return the pocket watch). I would also like to thank those officers who have served in the past for a job well done.

A big thank you goes out to those who coordinated and helped put on this year's "Cowboy Christmas Party". Everyone had a great time, the food was wonderful, and we had the company of friends to pass the time. The Steal a Gift was fun, even though Sgt. Buffalo never could work out a trade for that Buffalo Umbrella. Santa (Riverdog) obviously stole the show. Good job!

I would like to welcome our **newest Merlin Marauder Member - Christine Eppler better known as La Ardilla**. She is Wupatki's better half, and now the whole family is shooting. Welcome aboard!

We have lots of things in the works as we move into the new year, and as the 2013 OR State Match gets closer. Plans are under way for a new "period correct" cotton flag with a taller flag pole and possible additional storage for props and targets is in the works. We are having additional targets made, and possibly new stands will be constructed as needed. Our

Spring Family Yard Sale (March 15 & 16) should help defray some of those expenses. Plans for the 2013 match are moving right along and we have some great things planned for the shooters, so that no one will walk away empty handed.

I do want to note that our web site will be under construction to streamline some of our pages. The Annual Match portion should be fine, but if you have trouble accessing the Annual Match information or in trying to get the application, please contact Bobbin' Along Daisy or Molly b'Dam and we will be happy to forward it to you.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members for the privilege of serving as your President for the past two years. May the new year bring warm memories, the love of family and friends, and lots of clean matches. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

... Yer Prez, Molly b'Dam

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 8th @ 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, January 5th, 2013 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 La Ardilla!

Confirmation votes were taken at the December Monthly Meeting for the 2013 CLUB OFFICERS and the ELECTION RESULTS are as follows for 2013:

Pres: Bobbin' Along Daisy

Vice Pres. Kidd Kristin

Sec.: Cinona Hawk

Treas. Johnny Eight-Toes

Match Director: Mtn. Grizz

Director: Queen O' Clubs

Director: Barbarosa Mike

Director: Imnaha Chuck

Member at Large: Merlin Maverick

Past Pres/Sgt at Arms: Molly b'Dam

Territorial Governor: Sweetwater Jack was re-appointed and accepted by e-mail confirmation, but refuses to return the watch..... ;-).

All officers will be sworn in during the January 2013 General Meeting.

CLUB BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The final version of the amendments to the Club By-Laws was accepted and confirmed by vote of the general membership at the December general meeting.

Match Winners-December, 2012

The December Monthly match was CANCELLED by Molly due to anticipated foul weather and the absence of Match Directors.



Stage Setup for January 5th:

Stage 1 – Kidd Kristin

Stage 2 – Molly b'Dam

Stage 3 – Bear Bone

Stage 4 – Britt Ponsett

Stage 5 – Bear Bone

THE 2013 OREGON STATE MATCH

Preparations are continuing.. Our "Theme" for 2013 will be "Outlaws of the Old West" (mostly pretty much unknown characters, both male and female) Design of the "Wanted Posters".shooter badges is underway. More on this as the design comes together. 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. Our Match planning meetings will separate from the monthly general meeting in February, and will continue on the 3rd TUESDAY of each month, at the usual times at the Black Bear Diner (Grants Pass).

ANNUAL/STATE MATCH WORK PARTIES

Work parties at the range are scheduled for the following dates: May 18th, May 25th, and June 1st

FLAG FOR FORT SWAMPY:

The decision was made to purchase a new 3'x5' flag of "period-correct" cotton, rather than one of synthetic material. Location and material for the new flag's 20 foot tall POLE is still under discussion.

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. Setup will be Thursday, 14 March.....

THE ANNUAL JCSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING was held on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00PM in the indoor range. This was a very important meeting. The cowboys tied for second place in "number of attendees" and received 45 bucks to go into the bank account from JCSA. Thank you for spending part of your Saturday supporting your club and providing a voice in the management of our range keeping the Merlin Marauders a force to be reckoned with.

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, who is rebuilding the website at this time. Please excuse any inconvenience during construction.

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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	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) ???-????	deputvanimal@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	owssarpcgmail.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

DECEMBER MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

The December monthly match was cancelled due to anticipated extremely foul weather.

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy Pards,

Recently, my old pard Sweetwater Jack expressed interest in having his old job back as T.G. Our Prez said that the job was still mine for 2013, but truth be told, I kinda missed having Sweetwater as our club T.G. as did many of our club members. So, I instructed Molly to re-appoint the old fart. Besides, he wuz gettin' on Gaye Abandon's nerves since he had little to do but get into trouble. All kiddin' aside, Sweetwater has been a tremendous benefactor and supporter of the Merlin club and we are very lucky to have him back as T.G. In closing, I'd like to thank our club members for allowing me the privilege and joy of serving as your T.G. this past year.

Happy Trails.....BEAR