



Merlin Marauders
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The Prez Sez: Howdy to you all! I just want to say that our thoughts and prayers go out to Juniper and the rest of Tule's family. We all loved him very much. The memorial services for Tule are this coming Saturday, February, 16 at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Arts & Crafts building at the Tule lake Fairgrounds. Very easy to find once you get to... Tule Lake, just follow the signs for the Fairgrounds, and the Arts & Crafts building is well marked to the right of the entrance driveway. Purgatory Smith will present the eulogy.

Don't forget about the State match meeting on Feb 19th at the Black Bear Dinner at 6:30. We have lots to talk about. Hope to see ya there

Thanks to all who shot this month and to Sweetwater we were able to donate \$219.00 to Misty Moonshine, to help

with the funeral expenses for her son. Thank You all!

Until next month Happy Trails to you Yer Prez,

Bobbin' Along Daisy

March GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 12th @ 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 St.

Next Monthly Match: **Saturday**, March 2nd, 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's Park



MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Membership stands at 92!

The Installation of the 2013 CLUB OFFICERS was held at the January General Meeting with the exception of Territorial Governor Sweetwater Jack, who was out with the flu and was installed this month.

MERLIN MARAUDERS WEBSITE:

Library Babbage has repaired the problems with the website and has it back up and running.

TARGETS: More targets have been, and continue to be, built in preparation for the Annual Match. Our target inventory is looking better and better.

February 2013 Match Winners:

1st: Purgatory Smith

2nd: General Lee Goode

3rd: Whisperin' Wade

4th: Bloody Bill Anderson

5th: Nick L. Ante



Stage Setup for March 2nd:

Stage 1 – Britt Ponsett

Stage 2 – Molly B'Dam

Stage 3 – Bear Bone Smith

Stage 4 – Mountain Grizz

Stage 5 – Mountain Grizz

It is with heavy heart that I report that our good friend and fellow Cowboy, Tule Spud (Tom Robison) passed away on February 9th... our hearts and prayers go out to his wife, Karen (Juniper Jewel). As Daisy has said in the Pres Sez column. The memorial service will be this Saturday. We hope that some of you can make the trip to Tule Lake for the service.

The 2013 SASS CONVENTION AND Territorial Governor's Summit will be held in BRANSON, Missouri, 4-8 December, at the "Chateau at the Lake Resort" this year. "Standard" room rates for SASS folks are \$119/night. Call the hotel directly for reservations. Nearest airport is SGF (Springfield, Missouri) 50 miles away. Start putting your nickels and dimes in a jar for this one! Yes, your T/G has booked flights AND his magnificent Presidential Suite.....)

THE 2013 BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER

Preparations are continuing.. Our "Theme" for 2013 is "Outlaws of the Old West" (mostly pretty much unknown characters, both male and female) Design of the "Wanted Posters".shooter badges is complete and shooters aliases are being sent to the badge-maker as applications come in... 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 be on the 3rd TUESDAY of each month, at the usual times at the Black Bear Diner (Grants Pass), starting with the February 19 meeting. We have 63 shooters signed up at this time.

REMINDER of the ANNUAL/STATE MATCH WORK PARTIES: Work parties at the range are scheduled for the following dates: May 18th, May 25th, and June 1st

REMEMBER: THAT THE TIME FOR THE MARAUDERS FUND-RAISING "GARAGE SALE" IS ALMOST HERE:. The the garage sale will be 15-16 March. 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.....and we WILL need help with the setup.

JCSA REPORT: Kidd Kristin will continue as Merlin Marauder rep with JCSA for 2013.

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.

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	Bobbin Along Daisy (253) 208-1105 rhonda5647@hotmail.com
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) ???-???
(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	oowssarpc@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	00wssarpc@gmail.com
4 th Saturday	Eureka/Arcata	Mad River Rangers	Kid Kneestone (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

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

This came up on the T/G Wire recently and I want to share the “problem” and “solution” with you.
The first part (Problem):

I'm sure we all know the P-SDQ-MDQ sequence for shooting out of category, but what do you do as posse marshal or match director when a shooter comes up and says, "Joe Blow shot Classic Cowboy today, and no one caught him using a Winchester '92 for the category during the entire match."

It is not really fair to MDQ the shooter, because they never got the penalty scenario of P-SDQ-MDQ.

But it is also not fair to other shooters in the category who complied with the requirements. Do you simply change the shooter to an aged-based or open category post-match? This seems to be the only fair way to deal with this situation. The following is from the ROI Appendix:

"Illegal equipment [penalties](#) are not awarded backwards. If a shooter is found to have illegal equipment, no [penalty](#) will be assessed for the stage(s) already completed.

If a Range Officer elects not to penalize a shooter that has not complied with a rule, the effect is penalizing all other match participants that did comply."

. **The second part (Solution): as evinced by “Chuckaroo” a very knowledgeable and wise T/G:**

Changing a shooter to the category that they really shot is in not a penalty. Odds are the shooter may have not known they were in violation or they were listed in the wrong category to start with. Many scoring systems “remember” a shooter’s category and if he/she changes category for the match, it may not be caught by the person entering the shooter in the program.

You cannot let it slide. But, putting them in a category that matched what they actually shot, corrects the situation, without assessing a penalty after the fact.

If the shooter used a '92 on purpose, knowing it was not allowed, I'd still change his category and then make plans to keep an eye on him/her in the future.

On another subject, I'm so very proud of the way our membership has pitched in to donate clothing, supplies and ammo, as well as friendship and technical support to the 4-H kids (and their families) These 4-H'ers are great kids and they are very appreciative of our support, as evidenced by the letters they've written to the club. Thank YOU ALL, so very much!! **Sweetwater Jack**

February 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	105.35	0	22.36	20.65	20.35	19.88	22.11
2	Gen. Lee Goode	Cowboy	118.46	1	20.50	19.45	22.32	23.57	32.62
3	Whisperin Wade	Gunfighter	122.73	2	26.19	26.28	21.71	21.45	27.10
4	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	126.99	1	24.05	19.68	26.15	27.99	29.12
5	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	147.42	3	29.72	30.63	23.50	30.76	32.81
6	Riverdog	Gunfighter	149.40	2	26.26	24.16	32.63	28.70	37.65
7	Badd Dawg Matt	Gunfighter	152.92	4	27.74	44.22	30.34	25.15	25.47
8	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	173.13	3	38.78	30.75	26.02	44.43	33.15
9	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfughter	189.03	1	37.85	34.74	32.44	37.07	46.93
10	Ruby Jim	Cattle Baron	194.08	1	42.47	31.33	44.41	36.92	38.95
11	Arctic Annie	Lady Duelist	212.33	0	38.63	33.44	38.21	49.37	52.68
12	Britt Ponsett	Gunfighter	213.52	4	42.59	63.40	30.39	40.80	36.34
13	Esther Jen Overload	Cowgirl	217.01	11	38.05	41.31	31.77	53.93	51.95
14	Wichita Belle	Lady Senior	228.22	7	52.58	41.47	46.18	42.12	45.87
15	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	233.92	4	61.21	43.76	30.51	39.74	58.70
16	Line Century	Mertlin Cowboy	243.37	7	61.98	51.34	38.61	41.48	49.96
17	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	263.16	1	60.41	42.45	43.95	62.25	54.10
18	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	255.09	3	69.38	46.51	48.44	42.61	48.15
19	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	281.27	10	73.74	50.34	44.45	58.31	54.43
20	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	283.12	8	61.67	55.69	45.33	55.50	64.93
21	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	321.03	1	68.31	60.16	53.54	67.12	71.90

Designates a "clean" match!!

