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Officers for 2013

# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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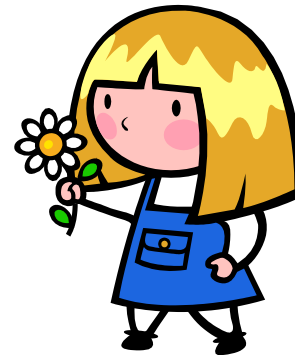
The club has decided to add an "honorary" member status. We approved a "standing order" last night at the general club meeting. A Bylaw change will be made when the Bylaw Committee next meets. The club has made Library Babbage, Wimpy Hank Yoho, Whiney Henry Yoho, and Kate Brinning Honorary members. They have all donated so much to our club and continue to do so even though they do not shoot or shoot very little. Thank you all so very much for all that you do!

Merlin Maverick is in charge of the shooter prizes, and has asked me to remind everyone to bring to the state Match meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> any prizes you may have at this point. This is so that he can take a count to see what we still need.

The yard sale went very well and we made quite a bit of money. Thanks to all those that donated, and to all that helped with the setting up and taking down. It makes it so

much easier when we have so much help! So, a GREAT BIG "Thank You All" from me to you!!

... Yer Prez  
Bobbin' along Daisy



**May GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM,  
at the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Take the Second Grants Pass exit and head south on 6<sup>th</sup> Street – you'll see it on the right at 1900 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Next Monthly Match: **Saturday**, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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! Cinona is in the process of sending out the final requests for payment of dues. Don't let yourself be dropped from the club roster!

**THE MARAUDERS FUND-RAISING "GARAGE SALE" IN MARCH WAS A SUCCESS!:**

The "garage sale" at the JCSA Indoor Range was held 15-16 March. and the club exceeded 2012's intake by Over \$300.00 Johnny 8-toes reports: **The Garage/Yard Sale took in \$608.05 last year, and \$921.76 this year. No, I cannot explain the nickel last year or the penny this year! J8T**

**Thank You ALL for your donations, as well as your participation in setting up on Thursday, selling on Friday and Saturday and "tearing down".**

**April 2013 Match Winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup>: General Lee Goode**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Sgt Buffalo B.S.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Nick L. Ante**

**4<sup>th</sup>: Bear Bone Smith**

**5<sup>th</sup>: Molly B' Dam**



## **Stage Setup for May 4th:**

**Stage 1 – Bear Bone Smith**

**Stage 2 - Molly B' Dam**

**Stage 3 – Britt Ponsett**

**Stage 4 – Grizz/Sweetwater**

**Stage 5 – Grizz/Sweetwater**

## **THE 2013 OREGON STATE MATCH**

Our Annual Match is nearly upon us!. Our final planning meetings, which are separate from the monthly general meeting, will be conducted on April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>. at the usual time (6:30) at the Black Bear Diner (Grants Pass).

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

**FLAG FOR FORT SWAMPY:**The decision was made to purchase a new 33 star embroidered 3'x5' flag of synthetic material.Long Henry Thompson is handling the flag purchase. Location and material for the new flag's 20 foot tall POLE is still under discussion.

**JCSA REPORT:** Kidd Kristin: Sweetwater submitted an article to the JCSA Sport Shooter Newsletter publicizing our 2013 Battle of Rogue River for the current edition (April - July). Update: The Issue has been printed and mailed out to all JCSA Members. We garnered the entire front cover page as well as all of the back.below the mailing fold, including a color photo of the Marauders and a reproduction of the 2013 shooter badge. Woo Hoo! Copies are available at the JCSA office.

The SASS CONVENTION and Cowboy Christmas is returning and will be held 4-8 December, in Branson, Missouri, at the "The Chateau on the Lake" at Table Rock Lake. The nearest airline service is through Springfield, MO, where you will need to rent a car for the final 50 miles to the resort. SASS has gotten a ten dollar discount off the standard room rates. As the Wild Bunch has "blocked out" the entire hotel you can make reservations by telephone but NOT on the "Chateau On The Lake" website. Tell them you are with SASS. SASS has begun accepting Convention Reservations for SASS members on the SASS website [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) as of March 1. Fees vary, and there is a discounted registration fee if you are staying at the "Chateau", so call the hotel Toll Free: 1-888-333-5253 and book your room first and get the confirmation number. This year there will be, in addition to the usual Saturday night banquet and Yesteryear Ball, a special "riverboat" cruise and dinner on Friday. Branson has many entertainment venues featuring world-class acts, both "Country" and others.

**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](http://www.merlinmaraudercowsboys.com)

Send any photos or information to Library Babbage at the website e-mail address or to: [Leevern\\_beck@hotmail.com](mailto:Leevern_beck@hotmail.com)

# APRIL 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	Gen. Lee Goode	Cowboy	138.50	1	25.41	44.19	25.87	22.09	20.94
2	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	162.98	1	34.73	37.77	28.50	30.65	31.33
3	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	170.66	4	34.84	39.84	27.73	29.66	38.59
4	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	176.53	1	30.06	48.15	33.87	34.34	30.11
5	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	194.08	4	39.15	47.56	34.71	32.00	40.66
6	Badd Dawg Matt	Gunfighter	205.58	10	34.44	44.25	39.77	57.46	29.66
7	Ruby Jim	Cattle Baron	209.45	0	46.18	49.92	34.64	43.59	35.12
8	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfughter	216.49	4	45.23	52.40	32.61	42.74	43.51
9	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	220.14	0	35.19	59.64	43.19	40.36	41.76
10	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	234.39	9	36.86	69.84	58.33	32.06	37.30
11	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	244.56	1	27.66	73.13	47.87	50.28	45.62
12	Sweetwater Jack	Elder Statesman	262.59	0	47.48	62.40	45.39	52.83	54.49
13	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	263.47	0	57.10	60.72	47.23	50.10	48.32
14	Line Century	Mertlin Cowboy	274.66	5	50.35	67.63	55.79	54.09	46.80
15	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	287.05	7	45.15	79.05	57.98	56.38	48.49
16	Imanaha Chuck	Senior	288.03	0	46.80	66.15	63.82	54.42	56.84
17	Bobbin Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	306.07	5	53.97	84.84	50.30	65.95	51.01
18	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	345.95	3	62.89	101.36	53.96	56.63	71.11

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

## MERLIN MARAUDER MERCANTILE

**FOR SALE: Genuine 1879 Remington-Whitworth 10 Gauge, SxS, Coach Gun.**

Wells Fargo and other Express/Stage Lines issued these 10 Gauge Shotguns to their "Shotgun Guards" as they carried farther and landed more of a wallop! The "wussy" 12 gauges were issued to agents and guards who stayed in the office! This gun has fluid steel barrels and is safe for smokeless loads, but comes with a batch of black powder shells sporting TWO Ounces of shot ahead of 100 grains of FFFg. No paperwork required as this IS classed as an antique. (And it had othing to do with Sweetwater's shoulder replacement.) \$600 obo Ctc, Sweetwater at 541-479-6021

# Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

The Following are some of the items discussed during the T/G Meeting at Winter Range. Some will, I'm sure, be on the SASS Convention TG Summit agenda in Branson, MO, 4-8 Dec

**LOGOS** on apparel reiteration/clarification: SASS will continue the educational process on this issue to encourage compliance through articles in the "*Cowboy Chronicle*". Current rule (under "OUTLAWED" SHB p.24/"ILLEGAL ITEMS" RO1 p.26): "The use or presence of any outlawed item is a Stage Disqualification." The displaying of manufacturer's, sponsor's, or team logos on apparel. **Manufacturer's labels on such apparel or equipment are acceptable.** Logos (including club logos) are **not allowed** on shooters' apparel in the shooting areas (e.g. beyond the line of demarcation for non-shooters) and are discouraged elsewhere on the range. **Vendors are exempt when working as vendors.**

**Definition of "apparel":** Articles of clothing including: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, vests, jackets, coats, dusters, chaps/chinks, leggings, boots and hats. **NOT** to include: Gun leather, ammo belts, garters/arm bands, wrist cuffs or bandannas.

**Classic Cowboy** category clarification: A "screw knife" does NOT fulfill the requirement for a "knife" as an optional accessory. Primary function is as a tool (i.e. screwdriver).

**"B" Western** category clarification: Rule states "*Western spurs with rowels*". **Cavalry-style spurs do NOT comply with that requirement.**

**SASS REGULATOR** process: Regulators are supposed to be people that work not just at the club level but have a positive impact on cowboy action shooting beyond their local club's immediate geographic location. **Regional Chief RO's** will be added to the review process. SASS website will be updated to reflect the current method of Regulator nominations and approval: *The Wild Bunch will circulate these requests among the Territorial Governors in that Region, soliciting their input. The collective opinions of the Wild Bunch and the respective Territorial Governors will be the determining factor in whether or not the petition will be honored. The considerations by this group are not taken lightly, but this is a very subjective process. After a consensus is achieved, the petitioner will be notified.*

**Accidental Discharge in the Unloading Area:** When clearing a **declared malfunctioning** firearm, any accidental discharge will be a **NO CALL** as long as the firearm is being handled with due diligence (i.e. kept pointed in a safe direction; either downrange or into a berm). Best practice is to advise the T/O and/or PM that the firearm is still loaded and use common sense in clearing it safely. A **functional** firearm being cleared by a **shooter** (e.g. after a SDQ) that is discharged in the unloading area is a **MDQ** for the shooter. A **functional** firearm being cleared by *someone other than the shooter* that discharges at the ULT will result in a **MDQ for the person handling the firearm at the time it went off.** It is also to be recommended that the **SHOOTER** retrieve all firearms from the firing line at the end of a stage. Long guns that appear to be in violation of action open/rounds remaining should **NOT** be expedited from the stage until verification is made by the T/O and the shooter. Removal of long guns from the stage by a "helper" may negate those penalties.

**OPEN or CLOSED ACTION?** This will be an agenda discussion item Note that it is the ACTION, not the LEVER that must be "open" and NOT CLOSED.

**SWEETWATER JACK**