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quickly. Hope to see
you all in Oct for the
monthly shoot!

Howdy all,

I just want to thank
all of you that help
out for the Sat
monthly shoot. We
had one posse of 16.
Grizz got his first
clean match ever!
Grizz and I really
enjoyed shooting with
all of you.

The dates for the
annual shoot will be
June 6, 7, & 8th
2014.

Our summer is about
over and fall (my
favorite time of year)
is coming upon us



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

October GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 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 St.

Next Monthly Match: **Saturday,**

Oct. 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's Park

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

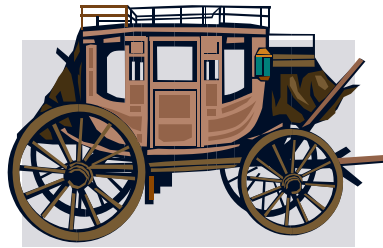
Membership: Membership stands at 65!

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, 2014: Dates are now in place: The Weekend of June 7-8-9!, The first Annual Match Meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th, as a part of the regular monthly Merlin Marauder Club Meeting. All other info will be developed at the Match meetings, which WILL be held WITH the regular club meetings in order to eliminate the number of meetings per month we all have to attend. ALL those wishing to be a "Member of the Match Committee" are invited to be a part of the planning for the 2014 Battle of Rogue River. The intent is to hold a streamlined club meeting and go into the match planning without keeping everyone locked in for hours. We've all been a party to annual match planning for years now, and this should be a breeze..

MERLIN MARAUDERS WEBSITE: LeeVern (Library Babbage) is progressing with the re-vamp and upgrading of the website, and has overcome several problems. More info as it comes available.

PALEWOLF RAFFLE: (No, we're not raffling off PaleWolf)... The drawings for the many prizes donated will be held in OCTOBER at one of the matches, per Will Shootem., Tickets are still available until then, either directly from Joe Alves (Will Shootem) or Sweetwater Jack, Jedi Knight or Col, Gilliam. PaleWolf is doing much better and is no longer in hospital but recuperating at home. Here's a picture taken just the other day:





Stage Setup for October 5th:

Stage 1 Kidd Kristin
Stage 2 Molly b' Dam
Stage 3 Barbarosa Mike

Stage 4 Britt Ponsett
Stage 5 Britt Ponsett

Note: The November monthly shoot will be a "Halloween Theme" Shoot. Break out that leftover Halloween candy that you couldn't give away to the kids and foist it off on your shooting pals! (I didn't say it had to be from THIS year's Halloween, either!) Reminder: Paisley and STRIPED sheets SUCK as "ghost costumes"... Also THEY, as well as KKK costumes, are VERY hard to draw a pistol from quickly... (don't ask how I know this.....) editor.

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

"Wimpy's Gold"

Wimpy Hank YOHO is going to be even more famous than he is now!

Jailhouse Jim has written a new Western Adventure Novel, and our buddy is prominent in the plot, (As are MANY of our other SASS brothers and sisters!) Wimpy was kind enough to let us in on the book during the September Merlin Marauder Monthly Match, last Saturday. As many of you know, Wimpy has had to "hang up his guns" for awhile, due to some health concerns. He was with us last Saturday to cheer on his brother, Whiney, as

well as the rest of the Marauder gang, and showed us his autographed copy of the book.(Which we signed, as well!) "WIMPY'S GOLD" is available through Amazon.com, and I've ordered a personal copy, which I intend to read and then write up a review for submission to the Cowboy Chronicle. Jailhouse Jim has a slew of other Western Fiction Novels available from Amazon, and I understand many, many SASS members are "mentioned in dispatches" in them. It's always fun to read about the doings of our friends in the Cowboy Action Shooting community, whether they are true or NOT! And as a great number of those mentioned are members of the "Dammit Gang", I'm sure the lines between "fiction" and "non-fiction" are occasionally blurred. Sweetwater

SEPTEMBER 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	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	116.98	3	26.97	28.32	19.70	17.33	24.66
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	148.93	6	37.62	34.46	25.08	27.29	24.48
3	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	162.33	5	31.08	29.97	37.19	34.57	29.52
4	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	189.61	2	43.36	31.58	48.92	36.29	29.46
5	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	200.91	5	44.59	55.52	35.09	32.51	33.20
6	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	201.16	6	52.54	39.13	33.68	38.01	37.80
7	Whiney Henry Yoho	Forty-Niner	203.12	3	43.57	38.34	41.87	37.21	42.13
8	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	223.36	8	54.86	52.96	36.78	45.67	33.09
9	Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	233.62	0	50.40	48.51	43.68	44.97	46.06
10	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Duelist	241.70	4	64.29	45.31	46.06	44.92	41.12
11	Line Century	Veteran	253.15	7	66.07	52.54	39.44	47.14	47.96
12	Bobbin Along Daisy	Merlin Cowgirl	280.71	4	56.14	64.36	64.09	48.97	47.15
13	Sweetwater Jack	Elder Statesman	282.76	8	73.48	52.67	51.66	56.60	48.35
14	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	302.85	3	83.70	67.31	56.10	48.77	46.97
15	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	316.34	3	66.74	50.29	76.20	64.87	58.24
16	Rogue Rascal	Elder Statesman	354.01	20	56.56	45.17	96.93	99.67	55.68
	Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety)								

BIG "Congrats" to Mountain Grizz on his FIRST EVER "Clean Match" !! (We celebrated after the match by a dozen of us going to lunch at Della's Restaurant in Grants Pass and sticking Grizz with the check!.....)

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

From the current TG Wire: IMO a REALLY bad stage design, and I couldn't agree more with Pale Wolf

First of all, let me describe the stage and scenario.

The shooter starts with pistols holstered approximately 10 feet behind the firing line. In order to see the targets (there is a half-wall at the firing line) and allow the shooter room for lateral movement the spotters are standing about 5 ft. back of the firing line.

At the buzzer, shooter almost immediately draws pistol and proceeds to firing line with pistol. One of the spotters, who is to the side of the shooter looks back and sees muzzle of pistol and calls a safety for sweeping or breaking 170. Spotter was overruled because no one was swept nor did the shooter break the firing line 170. By the way, the loading and unloading tables, which were even with the firing line, were also downrange of the drawn pistol. Which is the correct call and why? **PALEWOLF'S REPLY: (In BLUE type)**

NOT a good idea to have the shooter start UP-RANGE from Loading Table/Unloading Table/Spotters..... Generally revolvers may be drawn "*at the beep*" as long as the muzzles are kept within the downrange 170° while moving forward to the first firing position. The area in front of the muzzle & within that 170 is "owned" by the shooter.

Having **ANYONE** downrange of a loaded firearm at any time is a **VERY BAD** stage design!! One solution would be to have the pistols staged at the firing position, rather than starting holstered if it is necessary to begin up-range from that position. (PaleWolf)

I don't understand the reason for starting the shooter UP-range, either. It must have something to do with the physical layout of that club's range. Fortunately, WE don't have any such limiting physical factors at Fort Swampy/Merlin.

More "Old West Words" as taken from the "Dictionary of the American West" by Blevins

Shaganappi (sha-guh-NAP-pee): Thongs of buffalo RAWHIDE used to bind or hold anything and everything especially in the NorthWest, sometimes called *Northwestern Iron*, it was originally a Cree word.

Hurricane Deck: The saddle of a bucking horse, an apt description!

Sweetwater Jack