



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez:

Grizz and I want to thank everyone that helped set up and take down for the September shoot! We had quite the turn out for Friday's set up. Also thank you to everyone that wrote stages!

We have a Nominating Committee. I want to thank, Merlin Maverick, Ima Loden and Queen of Clubs for volunteering their time.

Looking forward to next month's shoot and

hope to see you all there!

Don't forget the Sept. work parties! Bring your paint brush!



Yer Prez,  
**Bobbin' along Daisy**

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th @ 6:30 PM,  
at the Black Forest Family Restaurant  
at 829 NE "E" Street, in the Grants  
Pass Shopping Center near Staples,

Next Monthly Match: **Saturday**,  
October 4th, 2014 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: Paid-up Membership now stands at 49.**

**Nominations for Election of Club Officers at the September General Meeting were as follows:**

Nominating Committee appointments by the President were: Chair Merlin Maverick, Ima Loden and Queen of Clubs. Positions that need to be filled are President, Secretary, Match Director, and 1 Director. Nominations at the September meeting were as follows: President - Lonesome Rose (Chris Holley); Match Director - Imnaha Chuck (Chuck Pool); Secy. - Long Henry Thompson (Joe Peters); Director #2 - Mtn. Grizz (Rick Peltier). We welcome other nominations so - if interested in running for the above noted offices, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members before the November General Meeting. Note: Nominations will remain open through November, with voting in December; if more than one person is nominated for any given office position, ballots will be mailed after the November meeting with counting of ballots at the December General Meeting. Installation of new officers will be in January as usual. If no additional nominations are received prior to the November meeting, no mail ballots will be required.

Help needed! Work parties for painting and finishing our new shed are planned for the following two Sundays: 9/14 and 9/21, work on both days will begin at 0930. You don't have to be able to lift heavy stuff. If you can wield a paint roller, and maybe hit a nail or screw something, just show up. Even if you can't get there at 0930.....come, help us keep Howard away from hammers and screwdrivers!

And NOW,,,,,, on to our Annual Match ! Yes! It has been decided at the September general meeting that we WILL hold the 2015 Battle of Rogue River next May..... A vote was taken of ALL Merlin Marauder Members at the meeting tonight (9/9) and the majority voted to continue our tradition. JCSA has to be notified of our match date(s) for 2015 by..... September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014... TODAY!!! And the match dates are: (drumroll)..... The THIRD weekend of May.

Other Club Matches:

The Wolverton Mountain Peacekeepers will hold their 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Match on September 20-21, 2014. This club shoots just North of Vancouver WA, and is the home club for many of the folks we know: Hellfire and Lucy, Big Iron Buster and "Ol #4" for a few. It's a fun match every year, and worth the drive up there. For info contact Big Iron Buster at 360-892-3027 or e-mail him at: [bigironbuster@yahoo.com](mailto:bigironbuster@yahoo.com) (To make these "links" work, press and hold the "Ctrl" key and then "click" on them as usual.) SASS Rules Apply. There is dry camping available. Match fee is \$50 per shooter. Get an application at:

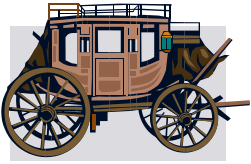
[http://www.wolvertonmtnpeacekeepers.com/WMP\\_registration\\_form\\_2014.pdf](http://www.wolvertonmtnpeacekeepers.com/WMP_registration_form_2014.pdf)

Word from The Shasta Regulators is that "Ambush at Hat Creek", their **Annual Shoot**, is coming up fast. **September 12, 13 and 14 at the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Range in Burney, CA.** [Match Information](#) [Application 2014.](#)

**JUST IN FROM BELLE AND BILL at HAWKINSVILLE:**

The Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers will be changing their MATCH START TIME beginning Saturday, August 30th. The new START TIME will be 10:00 a.m. Check in at 9:30 a.m. Shooting at 10:00 a.m. After much discussion, it was decided this would give Shooters from their neighboring clubs more time to get to Yreka for the matches.

## Merlin Stage Setup for October 4th:



Stage 1: Molly b'Dam (Berm 1)  
Stage 3: Barbarosa Mike (Berm 2)

Stage 2: Molly b'Dam (Berm 1)  
Stage 4: Grizz (Berm 3) Stage 5: Grizz (Berm 3)

*Help with set-up on Friday will be much appreciated, as usual..*

### 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			
<b>Merlin Marauder Badges</b> 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			

## SEPTEMBER Match Scores:

	Alias		OVERAL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			L	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	141.51	2	32.54	25.68	29.35	25.17	28.77
2	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	199.29	5	36.82	34.55	41.53	28.96	57.43
3	Treacherous Jack	Senior	206.63	2	38.88	35.64	48.54	48.88	34.69
4	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	208.29	6	46.26	39.95	49.44	30.54	42.10
5	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	215.87	1	35.68	38.51	68.59	33.63	39.46
6	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	240.97	3	44.59	45.95	50.04	49.81	50.58
7	Ocean Drifter	Forty-Niner	259.35	0	42.21	58.97	48.86	51.86	57.45
8	CHP Shot	Cattle Baron	262.11	6	43.91	43.30	78.08	49.20	47.62
9	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	273.73	4	45.95	52.66	53.76	53.86	67.50
10	Rogue Rascal	Sr. Fr. Cartridge	306.76	6	48.02	77.11	57.53	55.20	68.90

11	Line Century	Veteran	311.58	7	83.92	53.18	72.03	41.57	60.88
12	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	316.88	4	61.10	67.69	76.48	53.96	57.65
13	Ima Loden	Lady 49er	357.45	4	62.86	73.27	73.85	66.82	80.65
14	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	377.71	2	65.25	66.48	105.98	72.41	67.59
15	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	394.56	11	72.83	78.35	93.76	66.08	83.54
16	Long Henry Thompson	Senior Duelist	2166.38	1	999.99	999.99	59.71	50.11	56.58

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

# Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

The Following was taken from a question on the TG Wire:

You’ve seen it happen. It might have even happened to you. A dropped gun. It’s commonly understood that a match disqualification (MDQ) is given for a loaded gun that is dropped, but I’ve seen confusion over an empty gun that is dropped, particularly if it is off the firing line. It seems simple enough. If it’s dropped on the firing line, it’s a Stage DQ. If it’s dropped off the firing line, it’s a no call.

The confusion seems to come determining where the firing line begins and ends. To define it, let’s take a look at the glossary from the RO1 Course on page 30: “Firing line – From first firearm placed on the loading table until all firearms are confirmed as cleared at the unloading table.”

To get to the brass tacks of it: A dropped gun off the firing line, for example at the gun cart or while standing in line at the loading table is a no call, but the moment a gun is placed on the loading table, the shooter is now on the firing line and remains on the firing line until they have shot, moved to the unloading table and cleared all guns. A dropped gun between those two points will result in at least a SDQ and potentially a MDQ if it is loaded. This means that a shooter while at the unloading table could clear their long guns, clear their first pistol, holster it, clear their second pistol, and drop it while holstering and it would be a no call...because all the guns had been cleared. The same gun dropped prior to all guns being cleared would be a SDQ.

So does this mean that it is impossible to get a SDQ when an unloaded gun is dropped while off the firing line? No. The “freebie” applies to the gun being dropped (during freefall), but if during the process of the gun being picked up while the gun is “in hand,” **sweeping someone is a Stage DQ as it is any other time.** For reference, the following is from page 14, section 2 of RO1 Course: “Muzzle direction is important between, before, and after shooting a stage. A muzzle must not be allowed to “sweep” the other participants between stages, or when moving the firearms from the gun cart to the loading tables.” Guns that are in gun carts (not in hand) or holstered pistols are not considered sweeping.

Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack

