



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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### The Prez Sez:

Howdy!

Now rather than subject you to my ramblings every month, I thought it would be fun to profile members of the club's team and leadership. So, for our first snapshot profile in cowboyship, here a few words about our VP, CHP Shot and his better half, Delta Queen (a.k.a Ron & Dianne Dreher).

CHP Shot joined SASS in Oct. '98 after Snaggletooth, a customer of his wife (she's a barber, as well as a creative baker, skilled costumer, stained glass artist, and much more) mentioned that CAS might be something her husband would like. Recalls CHP Shot (who has been shooting since he was 14, became a real CHP officer and retired in '96 after 27 years, and was at the time with the San Diego Harbor Police), "I went to the End of Trail in Norco and immediately said, "Oh my God, yes!" He immediately joined the Coto Cowboys (now just the Cowboys) and three other SoCal clubs ("Put in a lot of overtime to collect my gear.")

On one of their seven riverboat cruises (hence Delta Queen's alias), they met Sweetwater Jack and Gaye Abandon and later visited Southwest Oregon. So, upon CHP Shot's 2004 retirement from the SDHP after 8 years, they moved to

Cave Junction in 2007 and joined the Merlin Marauders.

"I enjoy the shooting, the guys and gals, and the great comradery," says CHP Shot. And he was not deterred when a retinal detachment in his right eye caused him to practice for months loading, handling, and firing his long guns from the left.

Avid Hopalong Cassidy fans, in a room of Hoppy memorabilia at their home, they have a plaque by L. N. Wade's *The Cowboy Code*. It reads, "Respect our flag and country, read the Good Book, look 'em in the eye, and always tell 'em the truth." After meeting CHP Shot and Delta Queen, you'd want to add, "And share a smile and a laugh."

Ride easy,

— Britt

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 PM,**  
at the Black Forest Family Restaurant  
at 829 NE "E" Street, in the Grants  
Pass Shopping Center near Staples.  
Come early for dinner!

### NEXT MONTHLY MATCH

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Stage set-up is typically on Friday**  
**(watch for an e-mail notice). Sat.**  
**Sign-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.**  
**Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 a.m. I-5**  
**Exit 61 and North on frontage road**  
**to Josephine County Sportsman's Park**

# MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

**Major announcement:** Monthly Club Meetings will return to the second TUESDAY of each month, at the Black Forest Restaurant, beginning next month, April 14<sup>th</sup>, as the larger meeting room on Tuesdays is once again available to us.

**Membership:** Membership now stands at 50.

**Newest Members:** Jayhawk Kid and Twilight Kate. Welcome aboard!

**SASS RO II Class:** Bear Bone Smith will be conducting an RO II class at the JCSA Indoor range on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 10:00AM. This class will take approximately 4 hours, and includes both classroom and range instruction/demonstration. (No shooting)

The course fee for those who have NOT taken it is \$25.00 and includes the SASS RO II Pin. This pin will be mailed to students from SASS HQ. There is NO FEE for those taking the course as a "refresher." Those "updating" are eligible for a "year" pin to attach to their RO II pin and record of their attendance will be noted in SASS files. There IS a fee for the "year" pin.

**BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER 2015 — MAY 15-17:** BoRR Work Parties are scheduled: April 18 & 25, May 2 (no monthly match that day), and May 9-12 (Setup). Those working the match will shoot on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12-13.

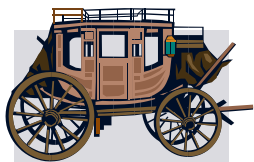
**FYI Get Your Application from the Website, Register, and Join in the Fun!**

An additional layer of gravel for Fort Swampy is now scheduled to be delivered in early April and we are going to ask members of the "3 gun match club," whom we are allowing to use our cowboy range, to help us (probably April 11 — watch for confirmation) with spreading the gravel when it is delivered.

**June 6, Oregon Hunters Assoc. Youth Group Day at JCSA. We will do a CAS Demo for the youngsters, following our monthly match.**

**REMINDER:** The 2015 Oregon State SASS Championship Match, "Shootout at Saddle Butte" The OOWSS Annual Match for 2015 will be presented in Shedd (just south of Albany) on July 17-19. Per Match Director Tuffy Tumbleweed: The State Match theme will be "Women of the West." **Save the dates: July 17, 18, and 19. More to come.**

## Merlin Stage Setup for Saturday, April 4th



Stage 1: (Bay 1) Imnaha Chuck  
Stage 3: (Bay 2) Molly B' Dam

Stage 2: (Bay 1) Imnaha Chuck  
Stage 4: and 5: (Bay 3) Britt Ponsett

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

## MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP		SHOOTING FEES	
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 are currently looking into finding a new source for club badges, as Lindholm Spurs is no longer in business.**

## MARCH 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	97.35	0	20.55	19.70	21.15	18.84	17.11
2	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	123.42	1	25.16	31.28	26.35	20.96	19.67
3	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	168.78	2	32.83	32.42	47.04	28.17	28.32
4	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	172.41	1	32.40	30.92	57.49	28.16	23.44
5	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. FC	210.03	0	42.49	47.89	45.45	34.68	39.52
6	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	222.16	9	35.59	89.28	33.21	33.98	30.10
7	Rogue Rascal	Sr. FC	238.33	0	49.03	54.55	55.27	38.72	40.76
8	Line Century	Veteran	242.50	3	51.59	46.94	66.82	39.06	38.09
9	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	244.17	11	43.17	50.63	41.60	65.00	43.77
10	Rusty N Wornout	Senior	247.87	2	62.52	54.76	47.27	43.73	39.59
11	Calico Jake	Senior	275.18	13	59.26	86.40	51.73	47.48	30.31
12	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	302.43	3	50.41	73.57	62.02	58.79	57.64
13	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	304.42	1	71.35	49.38	71.35	65.68	46.66
14	A Little Two Wild	Buckarett	321.29	6	73.15	60.72	80.81	46.18	60.43
15	Cinona Hawk	Lady Sr. GF	321.39	10	74.41	74.97	56.37	48.79	66.85
16	Merlin Maverick	Veteran	329.09	0	72.62	96.10	58.72	51.34	50.31
17	Molly b'Dam	Lady Silver Sr.	330.94	27	69.36	40.16	160.00	32.48	28.94

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

# Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

I've been asked the question: "Has there ever been a ruling on allowing a shooter to apply a felt pad (approx. 1/8" thick) to the operating lever of a double barrel shotgun? It clearly is an external modification but didn't know if this had been hashed over in the past?" Answer per PaleWolf: **"NO. ...and if it is NOT LISTED as BEING allowed, it ain't."**

I've also been asked: "When do the changes passed at the Territorial Governor Summit take effect?" Answer, (also from PaleWolf) "Usually at Winter Range (February)...some will be implemented immediately by most clubs at their club matches, especially deletion of violations/penalties."

AND, SPEAKING OF ANSWERS FROM PALEWOLF:

*The following has been submitted for editing into the SHB/RO1 on this issue as a clarification:* Quote:

***"Major safety infractions will result in the shooter's Disqualification from the Stage or Match. 'Major' infractions include: a dropped gun, a discharge that is unsafe or a discharge that impacts less than ten feet from the shooter, violation of the 170° safety rule, "sweeping" any person with the muzzle of a firearm, and similar acts that have high potential for personal injury. Committing two (or more) Stage DQ infractions will result in a Match DQ (even on the same stage). This does NOT apply to a single action that carries multiple penalties (e.g. breaking the 170° with an unloaded firearm & simultaneously sweeping someone). There are circumstances where a single Major Safety violation will result in a Match Disqualification. (See Addendum for listing of penalties.)"***

**Source: RO1 Manual, page 21**

**MATCH DISQUALIFICATION** Quote:

- ***Two accumulated Stage Disqualification Penalties or Two Spirit of the Game assessments.***

**Source: RO1 Manual, page 25**



Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack