



MERLIN MARAUDERS

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THE Prez Sez:

I would like to thank our outgoing Executive Officers for their continued service to the Merlin Marauder Club.

First and foremost is our **Territorial Governor, Sweetwater Jack**, who after 10 years of serving as our TG has decided to retire. Sweetwater, I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for our club and the local shooting community. You were always a guiding force, and your generosity has been unprecedented. Your shoes are mighty big ones to fill.

Gaye Abandon has also served for many years as a Merlin Marauder **Director**. Thank you Gaye for all of your help. You never said no, even when we asked you to fill in as Acting Secretary.

Fairweather Kate also served as a Merlin Marauder **Director**, and this past year finished in the capacity of **Member at Large**. She too, on occasion, filled in as Acting Secretary. We thank you Kate, for never saying no.

I would like to also commend our new board members and those that stepped forward to fill specific Board positions. Congratulations to **Bear Bone Smith** who is our new **Territorial Governor**. Bear also stepped in as **Match Director** when the need arose. Thank you Bear Bone. **Mountain Grizz** is our new **Match Director**. Grizz is

extremely well qualified for this position, already serving as an Assistant Match Director, and also is an NRA instructor. Congratulations Grizz. We welcome your enthusiasm as we prepare for the OR State Match. **Bobbin' Along Daisy** is our newly elected **Secretary**, thank you Daisy and welcome back. **Imnaha Chuck** has renewed for another term as a **Director**. Thanks Chuck. **Kidd Krystin** is serving another term as **Vice President**, and **Merlin Maverick** is our new **Member at Large**. **Johnny Eight Toes** renewed as **Treasurer** for another term, keeping us in the black (hopefully). Thank you one and all, it should be a great year.

Ride tall...Yer Prez...Molly b'Dam

Match Winners-January 7th, 2012

1. General Lee Goode
2. Royal Flush
3. Bear Bone Smith
4. Jed I Knight
5. Bad Dawg Matt

NEXT GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, February 14th @ 6:30PM

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 Street.

Our Next Monthly Match will be on:

Saturday, February 4th, 2012 We

will shoot our monthly matches EVERY month at these times: 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, with first shots downrange right afterward.

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

Membership: Our Merlin Marauders membership now stands at 84 folks!!!!

MARAUDER CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS: The ballots were counted at the December club meeting on 13 December, and the results of the voting were as follows: **Vice President: Kidd Kristin; Match Director: Jed I. Knight; Treasurer: Johnny 8-Toes; Secretary: Bobbin' Along Daisy, Directors (2): Imnaha Chuck and General Lee Goode.** Since that time, Jed I, and General Lee have declined to accept the positions, requiring an additional vote by members of the board to fill the positions of Match Director and Territorial Governor.

Appointed Officers: Member at Large: Merlin Maverick, Match Director: Mountain Grizz.. Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith. All officers were sworn in at the January General Meeting. Congratulations to our new (or continuing) Club Officers for 2012! A lot of work looms as we prepare for the State Match.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MATCH/STATE MATCH PLANNING MEETING: will be held on Wednesday, January the 18th at Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 PM if eating, 6:30 PM if not. All members who can attend, please do!

SPRING FUNDRAISER: As we did last year, we'll be holding a "family yard sale", so start putting aside those things you want to donate! Sale will be during March 30-31 in the indoor JCSA range. Setup on THURSDAY March 29. Proceeds will go toward the annual match expenses. We will need volunteers to assist each of those days, plus on March 29th to set up, and April 1 to clean up. Thank You in advance.....

JCSA NEWS : Imnaha Chuck: The Marauders now have 4 members on the JCSA executive board: VP; Imnaha Chuck, Treasurer ; Lonesome Rose, Director; Johnny 8-Toes and Katastrophe Kate.

Monthly Match Stage Setup for Saturday, February 4th:

Stage 1– Bear Bone Smith
Stage 2- Bobbin' Along Daisy
Stage 3- Britt Ponsett
Stage 4- Mountain Grizz
Stage 5- Mountain Grizz

MERLIN MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Individual: \$25, , Family* Membership \$35

**Family is defined as all living under one roof*

MONTHLY MATCH SHOOTING FEES

Individual M/M Member	\$10
Additional Family Adults	\$5 each
Individual Non-MM Member	\$13
Additional Non-MM Family Adult	\$5 each

For membership issues and information call: Molly b'Dam @ (541) 479-2928O

Dispatches From the Territorial Governor

To all Members of the Merlin Marauders:

This will be my “swan song” as far as writing this column goes, as, by now, you all are aware that I’ve submitted my “Letter of Retirement” to the club’s leadership. It’s been my honor to serve as your Territorial Governor for the past ten years, but it’s time for someone else to harangue you about the changes to the rules and regulations of Cowboy Action Shooting as passed down to us by the Wild Bunch, R.O. Committee, and by decisions made about input in these matters that you, the shooter have generated for discussion and voting by the Territorial Governors at the annual T.G. Summit. I am tired, You have all been very supportive of me in trying to carry out the duties, both written out and “suggested”, for a T.G. by the Single Action Shooting Society hierarchy. The annual trek to the T/G Summit and SASS Convention was sometimes a test of will when I screwed up and didn’t follow Gaye Abandon’s navigational advice and wound up driving in an “older” 2-wheel-drive pickup truck through a bit more than 100 miles of snowstorm, and sliding down an ice-covered street in Reno, enroute. The trip ALWAYS proved to be worth the effort though, as it allowed me the opportunity to sit in one room with over 200 other Territorial Governors, from not only all over the country, but also the world; to get a real feeling for the mood and desires of ALL of the shooters in our great sport, and be able to serve you to the best of my ability, with a little more knowledge and understanding.

As of this moment, no one knows where the next T/G Summit will be held, as the Wild Bunch has stated that there will be no SASS Convention in 2012. Hopefully, it will still be held in Las Vegas, as it was, even before the first Convention. I know that Bear Bone Smith will represent you at least as well as I have attempted to do, and will keep the “information pipeline” flowing in both directions. Bear has been in this sport much longer than I have, although he IS much younger, and has a great deal of experience. Please give him the same support you have always given me. As I said in my retirement letter, I will continue to shoot as often as possible, and will support ALL of the Marauders until my dying breath..... THANK YOU ALL!



“OLD” SWEETWATER