



Merlin Marauders
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MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Howdy to you all,
I hope everyone is coping with the smoke from the fires ok.

Pale Wolfs' raffle is going quite well.
Thank you everyone for helping out. It really is nice to be in such a big family!
Our prayers are with Pale Wolf that he makes a quick full recovery.

The Merlin Marauders have decided to do an annual match again.

We will have details to follow soon. Thank you Sweetwater for doing our newsletter! You do a great job!



Bobbin' along Daisy

September GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 10th @ 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, September 7th, 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 ??

The top subject that was to be discussed last month at the July Club Meeting was to be whether or not to HOLD a 2014 Annual Match. As you know, we have already voted at the June General Meeting to pass the baton for the Oregon State Championship to another Oregon club. Although we had a quorum at the July meeting, the turnout was much smaller than expected, and the general consensus was that it would be unfair to all Merlin Marauder members to vote yea or nay on holding an annual next year with so few voting members in attendance at the meeting, and the question was "tabled" for the August general membership meeting. This was the first subject hotly discussed at this meeting. The vote was almost unanimously in favor of holding the 2014 Battle of Rogue River, and planning for the 2014 annual match will begin shortly. We have agreed that the match will be "simplified" over what we have been presenting for the past three years, two of which saw the B.O.R.R. shot as the Oregon State Championship. It will be, again, a two-day match, probably of 12 stages, but without some of the bells and whistles we've added in the past three shoots. The initial thought is to hold the number of shooters to around 125, including the working party. Please plan on attending the "Annual Match Meetings" when they are announced. We need EVERYONE's input on this as we want to get back to our "family-style" annuals we've done in the past. I was glad to see that the vast majority of members feel that discontinuing of their annual match has been the "death-knell" of many SASS clubs in the past, and the first step down a path we don't want to tread. Sweetwater

STORAGE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Our current status: We have been approved by JCSA to build the storage building at the rear of the parking area directly across from the Merlin Range House, nestled into the wooded area. Construction plans are forthcoming, and we will begin actual construction sometime this fall, after it cools down.

NEW FLAG:

Long Henry Thompson reports that he has ordered the 33 star flag of embroidered cotton.

DECORATIVE PANELS:

The club has been offered, free of charge, a set of decorative panels, depicting a small Western Town, painted on wood, to decorate our banquet evening during B.O.R.R. or any

other function we might hold in the indoor range at JCSA. Arrangements for picking them up are being made. Pictures of the panels were shown during the August 13 General Meeting, and everyone seeing them was impressed.

AGREEMENT WITH the JCSA 3-GUN CLUB;

The Merlin Marauders have entered into an agreement with the 3-gun shooters to allow them to use "our" berms for their matches. In exchange, they will let us use their "TEXAS STAR" target for some of our shoots. This agreement DOES NOT include the 3-gunners use of our TARGETS, just the berms.



Stage Setup for September 7th:

We will use the stages written for August:

Stage 1 Sweetwater Jack
Stage 4 Britt Ponsett

Stage 2 Molly b' Dam
Stage 5 Britt Ponsett

Stage 3 Bear Bone Smith

MERLIN M MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND MATCH FEES:

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership \$25
Family* Membership \$35
**Family is defined as all living under one roof*

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member \$10
Additional MM 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) 479-2928

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

AUGUST MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

The August Monthly Match was canceled due to hazardous/dangerous air quality at the range from the surrounding forest wildfires.



Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

This month I'd like to thank all of you who have jumped on the band-wagon to support the *PaleWolf RAFFLE*, the proceeds of which will go to assist PaleWolf Brunelle with some of his medical expenses. Donations and promises of firearms, (fully "slicked" 1873 rifle in .357 by Pioneer Gun Works and a Rossi '92 Saddle-ring Carbine slicked by Johnny Jingoos, hand-made Bowie knives (Bear Bone Knives), Lindholm spurs, gun-rigs by Butch Brass and Hoodoo, Molly B' Dam paintings, ammo, and many, many other items, including a guided fishing trip on the Rogue River from Riverdog, have been pouring in since Will Shootem' of Pioneer Gun Works kicked off this thing. Not only have our "local" NorthWest Territory cowboys and cowgirls jumped in with donations and promises of ticket purchases, but so have folks from all over the COUNTRY. I had an e-mail the other evening from Cat Ballou, asking where to send her and Tex's check. There may be a lot wrong with the attitudes of some of the people in this country right now, (Im "entitled" to it so "gimme" everything for free) but it sure ISN'T reflected in the "cowboy community". I'm so proud of you all that I could bust! I have raffle tickets, as does Bear Bone, Jedi and Col. Gilliam. Contact ANY of us to buy into this raffle, or email Will Shootem direct if you can't get ahold of us. (willshootem@pioneergunworks.com) THANK YOU ALL!!

SWEETWATER JACK