



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Howdy to all,  
We had another great  
shoot this month!  
Thanks again for  
everyone that writes  
stages, it really helps to  
keep things interesting  
and fun!

We had our first joint  
meeting last night for  
the regular meeting and  
the annual shoot. It  
went very well. Lots of  
ideas were up for  
discussion.

We were all happy to see  
Long Henry there and  
doing very well!

Thank you Bear Bone for  
accepting the position of,  
representing the Merlin  
Marauders as safety  
officer, at JCSA.

Happy Fall to everyone!



Yer Prez,  
Bobbin' along Daisy

**Nvember GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:30 PM,  
at the Black Bear Diner in Grants  
Pass. Take the Second Grants Pass exit  
and head south on 6<sup>th</sup> Street – you'll  
see it on the right at 1900 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Next Monthly Match: **Saturday**,  
Nov. 2nd, 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!

**CLUB ELECTIONS!** The Nominating Committee has been appointed for the upcoming club officer elections, and Merlin Maverick (Committee Chairman), Sweetwater Jack and Bear Bone Smith will be accepting nominations for election by e-mail, snail mail or telephone. Word of mouth also accepted if the word comes directly from you, and is not a "by the way, so and so says he/she thinks that such and such should run". When you nominate someone for a position PLEASE check with that person to see if he/she WANTS to run.... Thanks.

**The positions open for re-election this year for 2014 are:**

**Vice President,** Current Nominees: CHPSHOT 2 year term

**Treasurer,** Current Nominee: Johnny 8-Toes (Incumbent) 2 year term

**Director 1,** Current Nominee: Imnaha Chuck (Incumbent) 2 year term

**Director 2,** Current Nominee: Queen O' Clubs (Incumbent) 2 year term

Further nominations will be accepted until next month's meeting on 12 November.

If no additional nominees are named by that date, the nominations will be closed and if all above are running unopposed, they will be named to the positions indicated, and no balloting will be required. If there is more than one candidate for a position, ballots will be distributed as in the past, with a final tally in Dec.

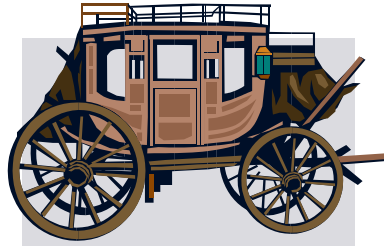
**Annual Presidential Appointments:**

**Territorial Governor :** Sweetwater Jack

**Member at Large:** Merlin Maverick

**BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, 2014:** FIRM Dates are now in place: The Weekend of June 5-8, as a Friday and Saturday main match. We will shoot 7 stages on Friday, 3 Saturday. Side Matches: Thursday. Side match awards: Saturday night, Main match awards and Top Gun Shoot-off: Sunday, getting everyone on the way home around noon on Sunday. The match will be limited to 100 shooters plus the working party (approx. 20)  
**Match Theme: "Famous Western Movie Gunfights"**

**PALEWOLF RAFFLE:** (No, we're not raffling off PaleWolf)... The drawings for the many prizes donated were held on OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> at the Florence match. Will Shootem will be contacting the winners of the 25 prizes that were donated. THANK YOU ALL!!!!



## Stage Setup for November 2nd:

Stage 1: Sweetwater Jack  
Stage 4 Britt Ponsett

Stage 2 Molly b'dam  
Stage 5 Britt Ponsett

Stage 3 Bobbin' Along Daisy

**Reminder: 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 pards! (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			
<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			

# Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Although it's two months away, I'm getting prepared for the Annual T/G Summit. I have just received the annual "Territorial Bulletin" and here are the items that will be voted on at the meeting:

**Item 1 – Lever of Long Gun Closes.** If the lever closes on a long gun after it is set down open, should there be a penalty if a round is in the action and a "no call" if there is no round?

**Item 2 – Dropped Ammo, Should the MSV penalty for picking up/retrieving dropped opr ejected live rounds be eliminated if the said ammo can be retrieved SAFELY.** .. There was discussion and concern about varying perceptions of the word "safely". .As this has been voted down before, it was felt it might have a better chance of passing if something was said about not retrieving ammo from the ground. Others felt that if someone could safely retrieve a round from the ground, it was okay.

**Item 3 – Straight Rifle Trigger Modification --** Recently, the issue of modifying rifle triggers from a curved profile to a straight profile has been discussed. This modification sets the trigger closer to the lever so it is less likely to wound the shooter's trigger finger.

## **Item 4 – Should the Bisley Hammer/Grip-frame restrictions be removed from the Shooter Handbook “Firearms Covenants”?**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – NON-VOTING ITEMS:**

#### **Discussion Item 1**

Lindholm Brothers approached Hipshot at the Western Regional asking that a minimum rowel size for B Western and Classic Cowboy be established, as there is not a stated minimum size. This has been discussed by the RO Committee, and the determination has been made based on Coyote Calhoun's intent that the minimum rowel size be set the diameter of a quarter (actually .995" = 24.26mm).

There was also discussion of requiring jingle bobs, but, according to discussions within the RO Committee, jingle bobs were rarely used prior to 1900. Therefore that should not be a requirement, but of course can be allowed.

#### **Discussion Item 2**

**ATTIRE** -- The SASS dress code is explicit that no **logos** are allowed, however, the problem remains that some people dress **so minimally**. For example, a top shooter (male) wore a short-sleeve shirt and Wranglers at EOT. Another was supposedly shooting in **WHITE SNEAKERS** ! What's next? Baseball caps instead of a traditional cowboy hat? Should the minimum clothing requirements be increased??

#### **Discussion Item 3**

Single shot Shotguns are allowed in Frontier Cartridge, Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Frontiersman... The rule book will be updated to state that it must have an exposed hammer and may have an ejector for each of those categories.

#### **Discussion Item 4**

The Shooter's Handbook states that "Original barrels may be replaced with new barrels of correct styles (e.g., round, octagon, half-round) for that type of firearm." Comments have been made that original pistols did not have octagonal barrels. The wording in the Handbook will be clarified to spell out that octagonal barrels are allowed on pistols. This is already spelled out in the Handbook by referring to "Type of firearm". Model P Colts/Clones and 1851 Colt navies/clones are single action revolvers.

#### **Discussion Item 5**

There was discussion about **ONLY** allowing the shooter to stage or move long guns without posse help/interference. This would align the SASS Action Shooters and the Wild Bunch Action Shooters rules. Not too much discussion, but some felt that this could slow a posse down. Happy Jack stated that it did not seem to slow down the WBAS matches.

**Start thinking about how YOU want me to vote** when I fly/drive to MISSOURI to cast your votes in December. Although I rarely (read “have yet to ever”) receive any response to these requests I make in this column, I DO look forward to hearing the opinions of those who cannot get the time to attend our monthly Merlin Marauder club meetings at the Black Bear Diner each month. You are ALL “Voting Members”.

**“Old West Words”** as taken from the “Dictionary of the American West

**“Leading the Pelican”** - For a soldier to be under arrest. A humorous expression of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, according to Libby Custer. The outfit had caught a pelican and was bringing it along at

the rear of a column. Thus, a disgraced soldier (be he officer or enlisted) was placed in the rear in disgrace and was known as “leading the pelican.”

“**Huckydummy**” – Cowboy talk for biscuits with raisins.

“**Grass Freight**” – Goods freighted across the plains in wagons pulled by oxen instead of mules. It was so called because the oxen fed on grass along the way, while mules required corn to be hauled along. Goods hauled by mules (called corn freight) arrived quicker but was more expensive. **Sweetwater Jack**

## October Match Scores

Rank	Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	161.81	4	36.35	32.39	35.08	27.47	30.52
2	Treacherous Jack	Senior	186.29	3	46.49	37.89	34.74	34.87	32.30
3	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	187.05	8	40.28	46.05	26.38	46.26	28.08
4	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfugther	193.86	2	41.16	45.77	36.82	31.97	38.14
5	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	208.09	4	44.05	55.87	40.39	33.65	34.13
6	Ruby Jim	Elder Statesman	214.60	1	48.72	55.46	35.19	37.00	38.23
7	Lethal Les L'Amour	Senior	217.05	5	47.28	55.72	43.72	38.86	31.47
8	Missouri Rouge	Sr. FC	224.86	2	51.33	48.89	43.56	45.62	35.46
9	Johnny Eight Toes	Elder Statesman	234.32	5	46.77	43.95	43.60	36.50	63.50
10	Rogue Rascal	Cattle Baron	241.65	0	50.88	56.87	39.49	47.01	47.40
11	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	244.97	4	51.36	53.54	41.68	39.09	59.30
12	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Duelist	258.26	2	60.54	59.22	48.36	46.54	43.60
13	Line Century	Veteran	262.71	7	59.59	58.08	52.85	41.06	51.13
14	Westerly Wind	Forty-Niner	264.67	7	60.84	59.27	44.28	54.47	45.81
15	Fairweather Kate	Grand Dame	301.69	8	71.54	72.75	50.50	52.72	54.18
16	Rocky Retire	Cattle Baron	306.55	3	58.45	64.10	75.56	49.62	58.82
17	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	321.19	6	64.32	60.24	78.00	61.81	56.82
18	Sawbuck Swede	Forty-Niner	346.65	3	78.66	80.94	79.00	62.22	45.83
19	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	1306.83	11	76.33	119.37	58.74	52.40	999.99
20	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	3088.74	4	41.64	47.13	999.99	999.99	999.99

Highlight indicates “clean” match: No misses, no procedurals, no safety violations.