



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

I want to thank all of you for your get well wishes for Grizz! He is doing great! I think by January he will be up and running! Ok maybe not running, but back to working hard again. Lol Thank you all for pitching in and helping with the monthly shoots! He really appreciates all of you and so do I. Sweetwater and Gaye, thank you for going to the convention in Dec., and representing our clubs as our T.G. Also I would like to mention Long Henry is still recovering and could use some prayers and best wishes.



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

December GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 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**, Dec. 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 now stands at 67!

(Welcome back, Sawbuck Swede and Sweet Siskiyou Sage!)

CLUB ELECTIONS!

The positions open for election for 2014 were:

Vice President, Treasurer. Director 1, Director 2

The winners:

VP: CHP Shot 2 year term

Treasurer: Johnny 8-Toes (Incumbent) 2 year term

Director 1: Imnaha Chuck (Incumbent) 2 year term

Director 2: Queen O' Clubs (Incumbent) 2 year term

Further nominations were accepted until 12 November. (General Membership Meeting) As no additional nominees were named by that date, the nominations were closed, and as all above were running unopposed, were named to the positions indicated. No balloting was required as the members at the meeting voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

Annual Presidential Appointments:

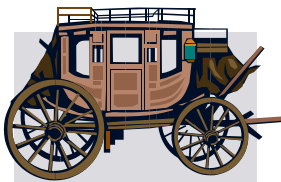
Territorial Governor : Sweetwater Jack, accepted for 2014

Member at Large: Merlin Maverick, accepted for 2014

JCSA Liaison: To be appointed in December

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, 2014: FIRM Dates are now in place: The Weekend of June 6-8, as a Saturday and Sunday main match. We will shoot Side Matches on Friday, 6 main stages on Saturday, and 4 on Sunday. Side match awards: Saturday night, Main match awards and Top Gun Shoot-off: Sunday. Hopefully, this will allow everyone to start for home in the early PM. 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 didn't raffle off PaleWolf)... The drawings for the many prizes donated were held on OCTOBER 6th at the Florence match. Will Shootem has contacted the winners of the 26 prizes that were donated. Congratulations to the lucky winners!! THANK YOU ALL for your support on this, both in donating prizes and buying those tickets!



Stage Setup for December 7th:

Stage 1: Daisy
Stage 4: Britt

Stage 2: Molly
Stage 5: Britt

Stage 3: Sweetwater

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			
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			

The November monthly shoot was a "Halloween Theme" Shoot! The December 7th Match has no theme yet...any suggestions???... Keeping in mind that we have no battleships.....
SWJ.

November Match Scores

Merlin Marauder November 2nd, 2013 Scores									
Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Riverdog	Gunfighter	165.45	6	43.16	30.38	31.30	37.22	23.39
2	Sgt. Buffalo B.S.	Wrangler	171.29	2	39.49	38.67	27.92	31.56	33.65
3	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	175.39	1	38.26	35.32	32.69	35.80	33.32
4	Treacherous Jack	Senior	198.02	2	46.56	32.91	33.39	53.61	31.55
5	Line Century	Veteran	256.06	5	55.91	58.55	48.31	51.50	41.79
6	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	262.93	3	73.53	54.93	48.44	54.32	31.71
7	Rogue Rascal	Cattle Baron	264.24	2	85.19	45.21	47.81	46.34	39.69
8	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	308.14	3	70.44	55.18	54.68	58.00	69.84

Cold and Rainy Day, but Kudos to the hardy souls that braved the weather and saved us from the Zombies, Ghouls and Ghosts! (And especially the Ghost of Lavinia Fisher!!!!)

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

The SASS Convention and Territorial Governor Summit in Branson, Missouri is now less than three weeks away. Gaye and I will be leaving on December 2nd and back home on the 9th. I'm repeating the agenda items from last month's newsletter as I want as much input as I can get from you, the Merlin Marauder members, on how YOU want ME to vote. If I don't know how YOU feel, I can't represent you fairly and properly. You don't need to tell me WHY you want to vote one way or the other, just tell me HOW you want to vote. Thanks, Sweetwater

PS, I'm not sure I really want to go trekking to the middle of Missouri in the dead of winter, but as of this writing:

1. None of the other T/Gs in the State of Jefferson are going and a couple of them have asked me to carry their "proxies" for them....

2. I have three grand worth of airline tickets that are non-refundable or transferable. Sweetwater

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 or 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. To me, the term "safely" is too open to subjectivity, and not clearly defined.

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 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, and 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.

"Old West Words" as taken from the "Dictionary of the American West"

"All down but nine" : Missed the point/not understood. Reference to missing all 9 pins in nine-pin bowling... Which was later changed to ten-pin as we know it today

"Bazoo" : Mouth,, As in "Shut yer big bazoo!"

"Between Hay and Grass" : Neither man nor boy.. half-grown

"Bone Orchard" : Cemetery

"Coffee Boiler" : Shirker - would rather sit around the coffee pot than help out.

"Eucher. Or euchered" (yew-curr) : to outsmart someone, to be outwitted or suckered into something.

"Full as a tick" : VERY drunk.

"Got the bulge" : Have the advantage, - "We'll get the bulge on him and take his gun away!"

"Hobble Your Lip!" : Shut up!

Sweetwater Jack