



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A VERY HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO ALL  
OF THE MEMBERS  
OF THE MERLIN  
MARAUDERS AND  
OUR FRIENDS!**

**The weather was  
NOT very friendly  
this month, causing us  
to cancel not only our  
monthly match, but  
even our monthly  
meeting! Hope you are  
all safe and in good  
health! See you in  
January, shootin' and  
meetin' BOTH !!**



**Yer Prez,  
Bobbin' along Daisy**

**January GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 14th @ 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,**  
**January 4th, 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!**

## **CLUB ELECTIONS!**

**The positions open for election for 2014 were:**

**Vice President, Treasurer. Director 1, Director 2**

**The winners: All effective January, 2014**

**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**

**Annual Presidential Appointments:**

**Territorial Governor : Sweetwater Jack, accepted for 2014**

**Member at Large: Merlin Maverick, accepted for 2014**

**JCSA Liaison: To be appointed in January**

## **REMINDER!**

**MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1, FOR THE 2014 YEAR!! (Or Cinona will come a'lookin' for ya, with blood in her eye, and a rental 10 gauge in her hands !!) (Hey, I've gotta make some money on my**

**10 gauge, SOME way - yer editor) Checks should be made out to: Merlin Marauders**

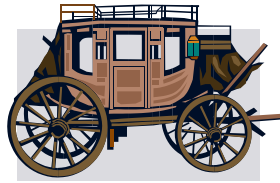
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**P.O. Box 202 Grants Pass, OR 97528:**

## **REMEMBER:**

**Individual Dues are \$25 per year, and Family Dues are \$35 per year.**

**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"**



## Stage Setup for January 4th:

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			
<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			

# December Match Scores

No Scores. Match Weathered Out

# Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

The SASS Convention and Territorial Governor Summit in Branson, Missouri is now history, and will not be held there next year..... . Gaye and I left Grants Pass December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and drove to Portland to catch the 0545 flight the next morning to Denver and connect to Springfield, MO. We rented a car and drove the final 65 miles to Branson, and then another 20 to the Chateau on the Lake, which sits at the end of a steep, winding road and overlooks the Lake of the Ozarks. Very pretty, a sunny and warm day, and a beautiful hotel. The snow didn't start until the next day. By Thursday there were several hundred cowboys and cowgirls in evidence. The vendor area was about one half the size of the area in the Riviera Hotel, but the the usual firearms distributors such as Ruger, Cimarron, EMF and Taylors & Co., were there as well as a few of the leather makers. Some of the clothing folks I was used to seeing were not in attendance, but there were also a couple that I'd not seen before. The seminars that were listed were interesting and varied, but the ones I really wanted to attend were held during the T/G meetings, The indoor wax bullet matches were well –attended. Thursday night's Pajama Party (thank Antety for originating the PJ party) was the usual riot with T-Bone Dooley and the Dooley Gang in charge. Friday evening was supposed to be the vaunted Dinner Cruise and show aboard the Paddlewheel Steamboat "Branson Belle". Come Friday, the "Belle" waa frozen to the dock, and it became obvious that the SASS plan to start to shuttle people from the hotel to the landing 5 miles away in buses at 6:30 and have them wait on the dock until the boat "opened" at 8:00 would result in a few hundred human popsicles, They

sent the food and a couple of the boat's entertainers to the hotel, instead. Good buffet and a comic and singer that also played the violin very well, "Winter Storm CLEON" was beginning to subside, but a SECOND storm, "Winter Storm DION" was to arrive on Saturday night. Although we'd paid for the Saturday night Banquet and Yesteryear Ball, Gaye and I gave our tickets to "Cascade Charlie" and his sweet wife, "Ten-Shot Tammy" (some of you know them) and checked out on Saturday morning, during a brief break in the snow, to attempt to get back to the Springfield Airport and try to get the hell out of "Dodge". Slipped and slid the 80 miles back north (passed a couple of the snowplows) in the 2wd rental sedan and slithered into the airport., paid the extra fine for rerouting and got back to Portland that night to dig the Honda out of the parking lot there, and head south for home. Made it to Albany. **The 2014 SASS CONVENTION AND Territorial Governor Summit will be held in San Antonio, TEXAS.. 4-8 December, as usual. Host Hotel will be the Famous MENGER HOTEL, which is right across the street from the Alamo, and "The Most Haunted Hotel in Texas".....**

Now, about the T/G Summit and votes. About 160 T/Gs actually attended (out of over 500 clubs in SASS) Of course, as I did, many (not a whole hell of a lot, but "many" also carried "proxies" for other clubs.) You know how I voted, and I voted the other State of Jefferson Clubs exactly as their T/Gs indicated on their proxies) The results of the voting issues were as follows:

**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? PASSED

**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.

**Did NOT Pass** (This item received a simple majority, but NOT the 2/3 majority required to "pass".

**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.

**PASSED** (No comment)

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

(pretty much a moot point since the approval of the Montado and Running Iron Hammers.)

I won't get into the "discussion items as there really is no point, until they become a voting item.

## Sweetwater Jack