



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Howdy all! Hope you all had great holidays and survived!

We only have five months until the annual shoot is here! Please come join us in preparing for it! We have lots to do!

Thank you to Barbarosa Mike, Britt Ponsett and Kidd Krystin (even thou I gave Kidd the wrong time) for helping set up for the January monthly shoot! The time for winter set up is 11:00 am on Fridays. Grizz and I really appreciate all the help. The 4H kids helped

with the take down.
Thanks to all of you!



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

February GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 11th @ 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**,
February 1st, 2014 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 65!

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB DUES: Checks should be made out to: Merlin Marauders
Mail to: Merlin Marauders, P.O. Box 202 Grants Pass, OR 97528: Individual Dues are \$25 per year, and Family Dues are \$35 per year (Yeah, I know....nag, nag, nag.) SWJ

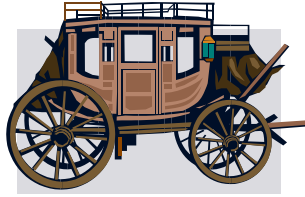
Newly elected/ and re-appointed 2014 Club Officers were sworn in by President Daisy at the January general meeting on Tuesday. 14 January.

JCSA Report: Kidd Kristin has volunteered to become the JCSA liaison for 2014 and will make the monthly reports to the club. (Thanks, Kidd) JCSA currently reports a total membership of 1,156 members.

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, 2014: FIRM Dates are in place: The Weekend of June 6-8, with Saturday and Sunday as the main match. We will shoot Side Matches and hold the "Ladies' Tea" as well as the usual potluck on Friday. Six main stages will be shot on Saturday, and four 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" We WILL be selling "Match Insurance" policies this year as it is no longer a "State Match". WORK PARTIES at the range to prepare for our annual match will be held in May on the following dates: May 3,10,17,24 and 31 ALL help on these dates will be appreciated to spruce up the range and help with paint touch-up, etc... Try to arrive at 0900 if at all possible. Match Administrator Molly 'b' Dam, is working feverishly on getting the match applications "ready to go to press" and posted on the Merlin Marauder website, as well as other places. WUPATKI has volunteered to work with LIBRARY BABBAGE on getting our website completely updated and maintained. (MUCH appreciated, WUPATKI!)

The 2014 Annual GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD IN 2015.....! As many of the "usual suspects" who normally set up, administer/run/cater and tear-down our "annual" garage sale will be out of town or otherwise incapacitated this coming March, we have decided to cancel the event. The club is financially healthy enough this year to do without the additional minor revenue we've received from the past sales.

Note - effective this month, our monthly match scores will also be posted on the NW Cowboy Campfire along with the other clubs in the "State of Jefferson", in addition to being posted on the Merlin Marauders website (as soon as it is repaired and updated). Thank you, Jedi.



Stage Setup for February 1st:

Stage 1: Sweetwater

Stage 2: Molly

Stage 3: CHPSHOT

Stage 4: Britt/Barbarosa

Stage 5: Britt/Barbarosa (4 & 5 on same bay/different scenarios)

Note: The rule changes voted in by the Territorial Governors at the 2013 T/G Summit and reported by Sweetwater Jack in the December Merlin Marauder Newsletter will become effective for all Merlin Marauder monthly and annual matches effective immediately.

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 | | | |

January Match Scores

| Merlin Marauder January 2014 Scores | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rank | Alias | Category | OVERALL | | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 | Stage 5 |
| | | | TIME | Misses | Net | Net | Net | Net | Net |
| 1 | Purgatory Smith | Gunfighter | 111.13 | 1 | 20.53 | 20.38 | 27.37 | 21.28 | 21.57 |
| 2 | Bear Bone Smith | Silver Senior | 149.16 | 1 | 25.93 | 33.78 | 30.98 | 28.93 | 29.54 |
| 3 | Sgt. Buffalo B.S | Wrangler | 173.95 | 4 | 35.09 | 44.19 | 33.13 | 29.43 | 32.11 |
| 4 | Kidd Krystin | Sr Gunfighter | 185.19 | 2 | 34.74 | 47.63 | 35.40 | 36.23 | 31.19 |
| 5 | Britt Ponsett | Sr Gunfighter | 197.40 | 3 | 37.63 | 47.21 | 39.29 | 39.97 | 33.30 |
| 6 | Mountain Grizz | Sr. Duelist | 255.66 | 3 | 46.49 | 52.09 | 52.59 | 58.82 | 45.67 |
| 7 | Barbarosa Mike | Sr. Duelist | 255.98 | 5 | 61.77 | 49.01 | 48.95 | 48.23 | 48.02 |
| 8 | Line Century | Veteran | 293.52 | 12 | 49.06 | 63.35 | 52.92 | 52.27 | 75.92 |

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

‘Been a few things brought up on the T/G Wire of late that we see over and over again. One of these subjects is that of wearing CROSS-DRAW HOLSTERS... The “good books” of SASS all say:: • **Holsters may not depart from the vertical by more than 30 degrees when worn.. It appears that this rule is being ignored in many places.** I'm wondering if some are measuring the 30 degrees off of the **horizontal** instead of the vertical...it DOES make a huge difference... If it is to be measured off of the vertical as the rule states, then some of the holsters pictured below are being worn at WAY more than the 30 degrees from the vertical. In fact, the gentleman shown in black in the front row at “Greeley’s” is not only WAY out of “spec”, but considering WHERE he’s wearing that thing is in real danger of pulling the wrong “GUN”.. – and I don’t mean the revolver on his right hip!



I don’t think we need to start getting out the protractors and measuring angles or any of that, but remember that the rule says 30 degrees “AS WORN”, and not as laid out on a table. The angles can change quite a bit when some of us with “bellies” strap on our guns.. I won’t even mention the gent on the far right with his shotgun belt half-way up to his armpits.... Oh, I DID, didn’t I?? **Sweetwater Jack**