



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Howdy all!

First I want to say thank you to all that helped set up for the Feb Match.

We had a great meeting Tuesday night and covered a lot for the Annual match.

Everything is moving along quite nicely.

If you have sent in your application for the annual, please be patient with your confirmation. We don't have a schedule of events yet and I want to send that with your confirmations.

I will be handling the applications so if you have any questions you can email me or call me.



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

March GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 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,**
March 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 62 Still need those dues to come in...!

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

BIDS for the building of the Storage Shed have been received: a materials bid from Fields Lumber and Hardware, and a construction bid from a local contractor have put our storage shed on track. The membership allocated funds for the project during the February General Meeting on the 11th of this month.

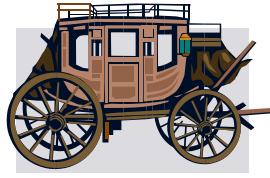
BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, 2014 The results of our survey of "Western Movie Gunfights" to be incorporated in the annual Battle of Rogue River are as follows (in order of popularity: Number ONE was "Quigley Down Under", and was followed (in order) by: True Grit, High Noon, Blazing Saddles (gunfight, not "bean gas" fight), Tombstone, Open Range, The Magnificent Seven, The Outlaw Josie Wales, Silverado, Winchester 73, How The West Was Won. Stagecoach, Shane, Once Upon a Time in the West, Pale Rider, Firecreek, and one write in vote for" Rustler's Rhapsody... The first TEN will be used on Main Stages 1-10, the next four for the 4 "Plainsman" stages, and naturally: The Wild Bunch and The Professionals for the Wild Bunch Stages, along with Pale Rider and Firecreek.. (*I'm still miffed that my personal favorite:, "Rustler's Rhapsody", was eliminated, but I'm told we don't shoot well enough to "shoot the guns out of the hands of that many bad guys"...* Oh well, maybe NEXT year I can slip in "The Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County" - I LOVE Jack Elam and his "vision-impaired" gunfighter). Sweetwater

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.has completed the match applications and Library Babbage,who has completely up-dated the Merlin Marauders website, has posted the application there. WUPATKI has volunteered to work with LIBRARY BABBAGE and is learning how to update and maintain the website and act as Library's backup! . (MUCH appreciated, WUPATKI!)

OTHER CLUB MATCHES:

The Umpqua Regulators will be putting on the VERY fun and exhausting "True Grit" Match May 23-25 In Roseburg. Get your TWO Rifles and FOUR Revolvers tuned up and ready for this match!

The Horse Ridge Pistoleros are holding the NW Regional this year in Bend: May 29 through June 3.



Stage Setup for March 1st:

Stage 1: Kidd Kristin

Stage 2: Molly

Stage 3: Sweetwater

Stage 4: Britt

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

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			

February Match Scores

Rank	Alias	Category	OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
			TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
1	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	100.76	1	14.60	17.54	28.21	22.08	18.33
2	Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	109.17	1	15.44	28.71	24.26	22.13	18.63
3	Riverdog	Senior	123.35	1	25.16	21.34	26.47	25.19	25.19
4	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	138.00	5	22.13	32.52	35.63	24.40	23.32
5	Pugilist	Merlin Cowboy	178.18	5	41.05	31.55	30.49	29.86	45.23
6	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Senior	192.12	4	32.48	36.66	55.38	37.53	30.07
7	Nick L Ante	Gunfighter	193.51	13	26.65	31.29	26.95	81.50	27.12
8	Bear Bone Smith	Silver Senior	209.54	8	27.25	66.71	60.46	31.85	23.27
9	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	218.79	12	39.90	34.21	48.27	51.50	44.91
10	CHP Shot	Elder Statesman	220.03	4	43.47	38.85	41.25	47.04	49.42
11	Barbarosa Mike	Classic Cowboy	245.77	3	37.69	53.42	56.83	50.41	47.42
12	Cow Creek Casanova	Young Gun	256.76	13	71.79	39.72	67.86	50.57	26.82

13	Sweetwater Jack	Cattle Baron	257.51	2	54.22	50.45	49.25	51.03	52.56
14	Mountain Grizz	Senior Duelist	271.30	9	68.18	44.92	56.57	54.62	47.01
15	Line Century	Veteran	292.16	10	37.18	46.41	58.79	88.71	61.07
16	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	330.67	32	35.47	41.28	63.43	160.00	30.49

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

From the T/G Wire: Slings on long guns:

From a T/G in the mid-west: “We had a shooter this morning using slings on his long guns. Are slings allowed? I did a search of the manuals and found no mention of slings”. Palewolf Brunelle checked with fellow members of the R.O. Committee, and the general consensus is that there is no prohibition on using rifle slings/shotgun slings in C.A.S. matches. Considering the time involved in wrapping the sling onto the shooting arm, tensioning it and unwrapping after shooting, plus the factor of care to be taken in avoiding catching the sling on something as the firearm is picked up and discarded, the possible advantage of a “steadier shot” is pretty well over-ridden by the TIME lost in using one. Note that: **slings are specifically outlawed in Wild Bunch Competition.** WBAS has notably different rules than CAS..and.slings (and bayonets) are *specifically outlawed* in Wild Bunch, (See the [WBAS handbook](#))

Although, as your Territorial Governor, I am absolutely neutral where politics rears its’ ugly head (You WILL believe that, won’t you?) I do, at this time feel the need to warn you all that there is a bill being presented in the Oregon State Senate that will affect each and every one of us. Our dear State Senator Floyd Prozanski, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, along with his fellow anti-gun Senator Ginny Burdick, have introduced (as a committee bill, so that their names would NOT be on it) SB 1551, which would require background checks for PRIVATE SALES/TRANSFERS of firearms within the State of Oregon. SB 1551 requires that nearly all private firearms transfers receive the approval of the State Police, through the current NICS system used for commercial sales by FFL holders. As a licensed dealer I had to set up an account with OSP in order to use the system for the “Applegate Arsenal”, and be charged by OSP the \$10 fee they collect for each approval. How will Joe Doe gain access to “the system” when he loans his father-in-law his hunting rifle for the season? (Nope “father-in-law” is NOT an immediate family member according to provisions of this bill. SB 1551 is just another example of a politically motivated agenda aimed at chipping away at the 2nd Amendment. Please “Google” or whatever, Oregon Senate Bill SB 1551 and contact your representatives and state senators as you feel necessary.

Note to you veterans: The “Moving Vietnam Wall” will be in Yreka in March, from the 27th through the 30th. It will be “open” all day long. For more Info please contact Dick Butler at (530) 475-3610

Sweetwater Jack