



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Hi all! Just a reminder that elections are here and your ballots are in the mail! Please have them back to us By Dec 9th!

The Nov shoot went well!

Thank you all for coming out and setting up the stages!

Thank you
Barbarosa For all
your help!



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30 PM,
at the Black Forest Family Restaurant
at 829 NE 'E' Street, in the Grants
Pass Shopping Center near Staples,

Next Monthly Match: Saturday,
December 6th, 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: Paid-up Membership now stands at 54 per the latest roster.

CLUB Officer Elections: Nominations were closed as of the General Meeting on 11 November.

Ballots have been mailed to all members 18 and over, by US Postal Service, as more than one nominee is running for the office of President. Members do have the option to submit write-in candidates for each office. Running for President are Britt Ponsett and Lonesome Rose, Secretary - Long Henry Thompson, Match Director - Imnaha Chuck, and Director - Mountain Grizz. To facilitate the process, ballots have been sent **with a stamped return envelope**, so please return them as soon as possible. Counting of the returned ballots will be at the December General Meeting (**Dec. 9th**, not the 11th as noted on the ballot). Installation of new officers will be in January as usual. Thanks.

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER 2015

And NOW,,,,,, on to our Annual Match. Meetings of the Annual Match Committee, which consists of ALL Merlin Marauders members, as usual, will be tagged onto the monthly general meeting so that those Marauders who drive a ways to the meetings will not have to make the trip more than once a month. As I've said before, We WILL hold the 2015 Battle of Rogue River next May...(3rd Weekend)...JCSA has been notified of our match date(s) for 2015, and approved the dates for us. Imnaha Chuck has been appointed Match Director. We will be using the stages previously written for our aborted 2014 match, so some of the work has already been accomplished. The Theme will be: Famous Movie/TV Shootouts. The TEN stage main match will be: 6 Stages on Saturday, 4 on Sunday, allowing everyone to hit the road toward home fairly early on Sunday afternoon after the awards and "door prize" drawings. Side matches on Friday. The now defunct 'Applegate Arsenal' will donate a new stainless steel '92 rifle (24" bbl) in .44-40 as well as two new-in-the-box Cimarron "Plinkerton" .22LR revolvers. Match will be limited to 100 shooters plus the work party. We are planning a surprise for the Saturday banquet... so I can't tell..

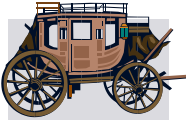
CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014 - Mark your calendars for Friday, December 12th @ 5 p.m. @ JCSA

The club will be providing Turkey and Ham and the potluck "who brings what" list will be as follows: (A-F bring..."other meats", G-N side dishes, O-Z Desserts (determined by first letter of your REAL last name.) Reminder: We will do the traditional "steal-a-gift" as usual. If you are bringing a child please bring a "child's gift" for the Kid's Gift Table, as well as your "adult" gift (are ANY of us "adults"?) if you wish to participate. Also this evening will be BYOB (booze or soda, whatever you wish to drink) as there is no bar, Dress? Yep! Cowboy and/or 1880-90s finery, as you please....Please RSVP to Daisy by E-MAIL: rhonda5647@hotmail.com

SHOOTOUT AT SADDLE BUTTE 2015 - The Oregon State SASS Championship Match

THE OOWSS Annual Match will be the SASS Oregon State Match for 2015, and will be presented in Shedd (Just south of Albany) on July 17, 18 and 19. Per Match Director Tuffy Tumbleweed, the State Match theme has been decided. **It will be: "Women of the West."** All shooters will dress as women and....."What, Tuffy? They WON'T have to dress as women? Rats! Anyway, Save the dates July 17, 18 and 19. More to come.

Merlin Stage Setup for December 6th :



Stage 1: (Berm 1) Grizz

Stage 2: (Berm 1) Grizz

Stage 3: (Berm 2) Molly

Stage 4: and 5: (Berm 3) Britt

Help with set-up on Friday will be much appreciated, as usual..

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			

NOVEMBER Match 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	119.64	1	23.05	25.06	19.51	21.69	30.33
2	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	124.20	2	28.31	24.30	23.08	21.72	26.79
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	133.40	0	36.12	23.86	21.69	26.15	25.58
4	Riverdog	Sr. Gunfighter	145.38	2	28.68	36.89	24.08	27.49	28.24
5	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	205.10	4	47.16	35.45	37.59	44.00	40.90
6	Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	235.86	6	40.46	38.29	56.61	41.41	59.09
7	Barbarosa Mike	Elder Statesman	244.47	0	47.62	45.12	44.60	48.73	58.40
8	Line Century	Veteran	277.55	4	62.72	47.98	55.44	46.91	64.50
9	Long Henry Thompson	Sr. Duelist	278.26	1	50.75	76.83	54.29	41.58	54.81
10	Rogue Rascal	Cattle Baron	291.85	0	56.72	59.71	57.99	53.26	64.17
11	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	342.66	8	61.55	73.70	73.09	74.32	60.00
12	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	356.04	1	52.54	69.89	115.74	58.30	59.57
13	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	378.09	4	81.39	73.89	66.69	68.67	87.45

Designates a Clean Match (No Misses, Procedurals, or Safety)

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

The Following Are the Six Voting Items for the T/G Summit in San Antonio, in January 2015:

1) **Should we institute the following standard for all style/costume categories when breaking them down by age? The regulations for the base category will be applied first; THEN the age limits.**

Reasons to do so:

"*any legal revolver*" is the criteria for the basic AGE-based categories ...which **doesn't apply** to FRONTIERSMAN (requires **percussion** ignition); CLASSIC (which has a **caliber** restriction), and GUNFIGHTER (which requires **FIXED sights**)...as does DUELIST

Other categories have restrictions regarding rifle model/caliber and additional equipment regulations.

...**Senior Duelist** currently being the only **anomaly** specifically listed as such (i.e. a "subcategory" of SENIOR instead of Duelist)

Example:

(Senior GF would be a Gunfighter 60+ years old, subject to Gunfighter category regulations)

2) **Should we change Senior Duelist to comply with that standard?**

Shooting STYLE = #1 determinant

Shooter's AGE = #2 consideration

3) **Should we officially acknowledge the shooting category "Frontier Cartridge gunfighter" as a SASS sanctioned/recognized category?**

The category would follow the firearm and ammo guidelines of the current "Frontier Cartridge" category and follow the shooting style and holster requirements of the current "Gunfighter" Category.

The main reason to add FCGF to the list of "officially recognized" categories is that it brings the BP categories up to par with the smokeless ones in regard to available shooting styles.

Smokeless = Open/age-based (**two-handed**); Duelist/Senior Duelist/Classic (**one-handed**); Gunfighter/B-Western (**both hands**)

Black Powder = Frontier Ctg (**two-handed**); Frontiersman/Frontier Ctg Duelist (**one-handed**);

FCGF (**both hands**).

4) **Should the MSV penalty for retrieving a dropped or ejected round be removed if done SAFELY?** i.e.:

. Ammunition dropped by a shooter in the course of loading or reloading any firearm during a stage or "ejected" from any firearm may be SAFELY recovered; or replaced from the shooter's person or other area as required by stage description.

If the round is not fired it is counted as a missed shot.

Keep in mind that current rules allow retrieval of dropped/ejected rounds *after the shooter completes the stage*...with **NO RESTRICTIONS** or **PENALTY** related to where the ammo may have landed or whether the shooter has firearms "in hand" or not.

5) **Should conflicts on costume based shooting categories ("B"-Western Men's & Ladies and Classic Cowboy/Cowgirl) Costuming requirement determinations be relegated to the Costume Contest personnel/judges?**

Where the competitors can battle it out in front of a panel of judges instead of bringing costume issues to the attention of Range Masters and Match Directors to decide if a shirt or boots are in compliance with the rules.

6) **Should the Category of Grand Dame have the name changed to "Golden Girls"?**

A petition was circulated with quite a number of signatures stating that the name of the category was too stuffy.

And NOW for something entirely different:

This is directly from the T/G Wire:

“Husband is Timing Officer for wife. Two of the spotters (both very experienced shooters and both agree on what the procedural was) call a procedural. The TO "bullies" one of the spotters into saying "It's not worth fighting over" and then TO says, "She shot it right and I'm not saying that just because she's my wife" and tells score keeper “no P.” The T/G reporting this was told about it after the match and was asked what recourse do spotters and scorekeepers have for correcting what they believe is incorrect behavior on the part of a TO? I don't know the answer. In a discussion with others, it appears that several people have had incidents with bad TO's and did not know the proper procedure. Any info is appreciated.

Not only do I have that question, but also should we consider including TO in the duties one cannot perform for family members?”

Response following (in blue) is from Pale Wolf:

“We're not going to consider a major rule change based on the actions of a few **CHEATERS**. Call them out on it...i.e. immediately report it to the RM/MD (if the PM won't handle it) rather than days/weeks after the fact on the Wire(s). ...another option is to insist that those **CHEATERS** not spot, score or time for each other. The other option is to publicly **NAME** the **CHEATERS** with the hope that it will serve notice to them (and others) that such behavior will **NOT** be tolerated. Anyone needing to win so badly that they will **CHEAT** to do so doesn't belong in this group. If they get PO'd and leave, then that's all for the good of the sport.” PW

Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack

