



MERLIN MARAUDERS
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The Prez Sez:

REMEMBER THE
CHRISTMAS
PARTY IS THIS
FRIDAY AT JCSA.
Dinner is going to
be served between
6:00 and 6:30.
Call me if you have
any questions.

We will be doing
some awards also.
Please join us. If
we don't see ya'
there Have a
wonderful
Christmas!



Yer Prez,
Bobbin' along Daisy

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 13th @ 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,
January 3rd, 2015 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 56 per the latest roster.

CLUB Officer Elections: Nominations were closed as of the *General Meeting* on 11 November. Votes were tallied at the *December General Meeting* on the 6th. The only position with more than a single nominee was the office of *President*, won by: Britt Ponsett. Congratulations, Britt! *M/M Club Secretary* for 2015 is Long Henry Thompson, *Match Director*; *Imnaha Chuck*; and the open *Director* position was filled by *Mountain Grizz*. Molly will fill in to complete *Imnaha Chucks'* vacated position. *Bear Bone* was appointed *member-at-large* and *Sweetwater Jack* was re-appointed as *Territorial Governor* for 2015. Installation of new officers will be in January as usual.

BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER 2015

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, We will hold the 2015 Battle of Rogue River next May...(3rd Weekend)... JCSA has been notified of our match date(s) and have approved the dates for us.. We will be using the stages previously written for our aborted 2014 match, so some of the work has already been accomplished.

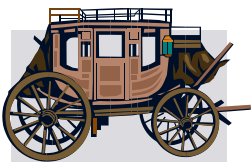
Work parties: Our next project will be the addition of new gravel to the shooting areas. This has been tabled until next Spring. More information on that will be presented at a later date.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014

It will be a great party as usual. at the JCSA Indoor Range on Friday, 12 December from 5-9 PM. Members of all the SASS clubs in the State of Jefferson were invited, and we'll do the traditional "steal-a-gift" as usual. Merlin Marauder Regulator and Rangers for 2014 will be announced and presented with their badges during the Christmas Party.

2015 OREGON STATE SASS Championship Match, SHOOTOUT AT SADDLE BUTTE 2015 - The OOWSS Annual Match for 2015 will be the 2015 Oregon State Match, presented in Shedd (Just south of Albany) on July 17,18 and 19. Per Match Director Tuffy Tumbleweed, The Oregon State Match theme has been decided. **It will be: " Women of the Old West "**. **All shooters will be required to dress as women, and..... "What, Tuffy?,,,,,, That's not true? Ok, ,,,, never mind...."** . Save the dates, July 17,18 and 19. anyway..... More to come.

Merlin Stage Setup for January 3rd :



Stage 1: (Berm 1) Grizz

Stage 3: (Berm 2) Bear Bone

Stage 2: (Berm 1) Grizz

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			
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			

DECEMBER Match Scores:

Merlin Marauder December 6, 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	116.81	2	17.22	16.83	26.61	28.26	27.89
2	Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	123.05	1	16.93	20.65	31.50	21.45	32.52
3	Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	128.87	2	24.89	18.46	23.98	36.12	25.42
4	Riverdog	Senior Gunfighter	146.58	0	23.46	32.77	26.05	33.63	30.67
5	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	183.20	2	30.53	25.15	44.79	43.19	39.54
6	Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	237.43	5	41.58	48.11	46.39	47.59	53.76
7	Barbarosa Mike	Sr. Front. Cartridge	257.44	2	47.94	38.96	52.80	61.02	56.72
8	Line Century	Veteran	257.50	4	49.21	40.82	54.50	52.75	60.22
9	Long Henry Thompson	Sr. Duelist	266.57	3	40.59	46.60	60.88	66.87	51.63
10	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	284.54	3	38.88	45.68	49.83	62.23	87.92
11	Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	299.69	15	97.21	60.92	38.63	52.28	50.65
12	Imnaha Chuck	Senior	347.60	9	49.91	46.26	103.48	54.17	93.78
13	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	368.83	7	56.17	74.21	71.23	92.50	74.72

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

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

THERE IS NOT a lot on the T/G Wire at present. Most of us "SASS Politicians" are out campaigning for our re-election for 2015 so that we won't lose all our "perks" and fabulous pay for being YOUR representative for

all things “SASS”. (Oh YEAH.....) Anyway, I really DO need YOUR input as to your wishes on voting on the 6 agenda items scheduled for the T/G Summit at the 2014-2015? SASS Convention in San Antonio in January. As you know, I listed all the items last month in this newsletter, and they are also published on the NorthWest Cowboy Action Campfire. I need YOUR input on this stuff. I brought up the items again at the general meeting this month and I’m also asking for and/or all of you to drop me a quick e-mail with your feelings about said agenda items if you couldn’t make the meeting. As I’ve noted before I will NOT be making the trip to the Midwest in the dead of winter again this year for the SASS Convention and T/G Summit (first Convention Martha and I will have missed, in 12 years) even if it IS in one of my favorite cities (San Antonio), but I WILL be submitting my proxy ballot for the Merlin Marauders directly to Misty Moonshine at SASS HQ. So please, please, talk to me! If anyone reading this is a TG for another club and intending to actually go to the Convention, please e-mail me at sweetwater@uci.net Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on the 12th!

And now, on to something entirely different, as Monty Python used to say:

While driving toward the Cave Junction area last Thursday in hopes of scoring turkey and trimmings, I spotted a sign saying “Butcher Knife Creek” (Martha was driving, not me...she keeps the car on the road better than I do these days), and I got to wondering why it was named what it was. Returning home, I hit the Internet (no damage, just a minor paint scrape) and “Googled” it. Wow! I stumbled on a few websites dealing with “Weird Place Names of the Old West”. The first place that struck my eye was: “Whorehouse Meadow” (naturally) It was even listed in Wikipedia:

Whorehouse Meadow is a [meadow](#) located on the western slope of [Steens Mountain](#) southeast of [Frenchglen, Oregon, United States](#). It earned its name in the days of the [Old West](#). Entrepreneurial females from [Vale, Oregon](#), would set up wood and canvas tents in the meadow to provide services to the sheepherders and cattlemen of the area. Many of the sheepherders were [Basque American](#) immigrants, and their sometimes explicit carvings can still be found in the bark of aspen trees surrounding the meadow. The name was changed in the 1960s to "Naughty Girl Meadow" on [Bureau of Land Management](#) maps, but in 1981 the old name was restored after public outcry! It has frequently been noted on lists of [unusual place names](#).

The Possibilities here are nearly endless! Oh yeah..... Butcher Knife Creek was NOT the scene of a bloody massacre..... It was so named because an early settler in the area (about 1860) lost his butcher knife in the creek and never found it.. Should anyone find it... today’s “politically correct” BLM would probably rush in to rename it: “Recently Recovered Kitchen Utensil Creek”.....

The Club Officer Election results are posted above..... I was coerced to continue as Territorial Governor for another year with the promise of 74 virgins upon my demise..... CORRECTION!!!, apparently, I heard it wrong..... it was a SEVENTY FOUR YEAR OLD VIRGIN,,,,, and they didn’t specify gender..... I may have to re-think this whole thing.....

The voting on the T/G Summit Agenda items held during the December General Meeting went as follows:

Item #1 YES, Item #2 YES, Item #3 YES, Item #4 NO, Item #5 NO, Item #6 NO.

I will cast the Merlin Marauder Proxy Vote Ballot by e-mail to SASS HQ as directed above.



Sweetwater (One-eyed) Jack