



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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"The Top o' the Season to Ye!"

A Special Humorous Treat!

— At least this beats the heck out of charcoal!

Hope you are having a wonderful holiday season! In this special column I'd like to thank all the Merlin Marauder Pards and Pardettes — especially our officers and folks who'd always show for match setup and takedown — for their dedication, work, and laughs this past year. Sure made my job easier and we got to dent a lot of steel at our monthly matches and annual BoRR event as well. PS Wait'll 2016's shoot 'em up — will be a real blast as well!

Most recently, let's extend a tip of our collective hats to Queen o' Clubs for her great work on the Christmas party and to the team at the Black Forest Restaurant for serving up another spectacular meal. Plus the toys for foster kids and our steal-a-gift exchange were real hits. Well done!

So in this column, just thought it would be entertaining to lighten things up and share some good-hearted clever slogans from bumper stickers, shop wall signs, and mostly kid-friendly T-shirt slogans collected the past few years. Not very many are cowboy based, but fun is fun. Enjoy.

Have a Joyous, Merry, & Happy!

Either you like bacon, or you're wrong.

When the zombies come, I'm tripping you.
— Or we'll shoot 'em at a Halloween match.

Well, another day has passed and I didn't use ALGEBRA once.

You Read My Shirt — That's Enough Social Interaction For Today.

6 out of 7 Dwarves Are Not Happy.

Rhinos are just Chubby Unicorns.

I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THE
SQUIRRELS ARE MOCKING ME.

what i really need are minions.

With age comes oldness.

Libraries: Shhhh happens.

My train of thought has left the station.

Statistics mean never having to say
you're certain.

On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your favorite
color of the alphabet?

Shopping with your husband is like hunting
with a game warden."

If you are what you eat,
I'm fast, cheap, and easy.

Many people eat in this kitchen and still go on
to lead normal, healthy lives.

What I if told you,
you read the first line wrong?

Cowboy diplomacy: the ability to tell
someone to go to blazes and have them look
forward to the trip.

Tossin' a rope before buildin' a loop don't
ketch the calf.

And your writer's favorite:
Earth without Art is just "Eh"

— Britt

GENERAL MEETING:

Tues. January 12th @ 6:30 PM

At the Black Forest Family
Restaurant at 829 NE "E" Street,
in the Grants Pass Shopping Center
near Staples. Come early for dinner!

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH:

Saturday, January 2nd

Stage set-up is typically on Friday
(watch for an e-mail notice).

Saturday Sign-in is 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Shooter Meeting is at 9:30 a.m.

**I-5 Exit 61 and North on frontage
road to Josephine County
Sportsman's Park.**

MERLIN MARAUDER CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP: Membership stands at 54.

2015 MERLIN MARAUDER OFFICER ELECTIONS

Welcome to our new club officers for 2016! As allowed in our bylaws, all of the candidates running unopposed last month were elected by vote of the general membership. The following were elected: Vice-President - Barbarossa Mike; Treasurer - Long Henry Thompson; Director 1 - Queen 'O Clubs; Director 2 - Ima Loden. Long Henry's position as Club Secretary/Membership will be filled by Molly b' Dam. The Prez also appointed Bear Bone Smith as continuing Territorial Governor and New Hope Kid as Member-At-Large.

Santa came down the galley smokestack at the Black Forest Restaurant on the 5th and the Marauder CHRISTMAS PARTY was underway! Dinner was outstanding, some of the tastiest turkey I've ever had!. Those that wished to bring a bottle or so of "cheer" did so as the restaurant did not charge a "corking fee" for us. We held our traditional "steal-a-gift" exchange of wrapped gifts, and from the laughter it sounded like everyone had a fine time. We also collected unwrapped toys for our local needy foster children, in a similar manner to the USMC "Toys for Tots" Program.

UH OH! FUNDRAISER TIME AGAIN!!

As we have in the past, the Marauders will have a "Spring Garage Sale" in March, 2016. Dates are: 17, 18, and 19 of March, in the JCSA Indoor Range as usual. Thursday, the 17th is setup. We will break it down after the last sale on Saturday, the 19th. More info as the dates draw nearer, but start thinking of items you'd like to donate to the cause. (Used husbands are not acceptable at this time — or EVER!)

Staying Warm As "Jack Frost" seems to already be "nipping at our noses" again this year, a suggestion was made at the November General Meeting that we look into getting some kind of outdoor "Fire Pit"(preferably propane-fired), to help warm up those hardy "all-weather shooters" who brave the elements and shoot our matches during the winter months. New Hope Kid has volunteered to scout out something workable and has found a couple of possibilities. More on this later.

2016 Merlin Marauder Annual Match dates: Our 2016 Annual "Battle of Rogue River" will be held on the weekend of 13-15 May. It will be a ten-stage main match with the usual side matches. The theme will be from the Western thrillers of Zane Grey & Louis L'Amour. The applications are on the website! Match pricing (including 3 meals) is: 1st shooter: - \$90, Spouse - \$75, Young Adult - \$70, Young Gun - \$40, Buckaroo/Buckarettie - No Fee Charged. Complete extra meal package (2 lunches and Saturday night dinner) will be \$40. Side Matches: Wild Bunch - \$10, Plainsman - \$5 Door prizes will include a full two-gun Cimarron "Hellfire" speed rig stuffed with a pair of Cabelas Millennium .45LC six-guns, with sequential serial numbers.

MM Badges: Long Henry has found a contact for potential production! More later.

Our Thanks to our Territorial Governor, Bearbone Smith, who braved the highways and byways to and from Henderson, Nevada to represent not only the Marauders, but ALL of the clubs in the State of Jefferson this year. Good Job Compadre!

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>	

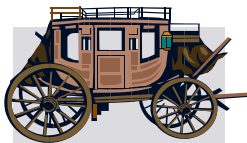
SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member	\$10
Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
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 are currently looking into finding a new source for club badges, as Lindholm Spurs is no longer in business. See the note on the previous page.



STAGE WRITERS FOR JANUARY MATCH:

Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1: Long Henry Thompson

Stage #3 - at berm #2: Molly 'b' Dam

Stages #4, 5 - at berm #3: Britt Ponsett

DECEMBER Match Scores:



No Clean Matches this month.

		OVERALL		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Alias	Category	TIME	Misses	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
Royal Flush	Forty-Niner	104.55	1	24.43	21.04	19.08	21.76	18.24
Purgatory Smith	Gunfighter	123.87	1	23.91	27.58	26.15	20.07	26.16
Bloody Bill Anderson	Cattle Baron	129.31	4	30.83	24.39	33.44	23.66	16.99
Britt Ponsett	Sr. Gunfighter	184.97	3	46.62	42.32	40.95	28.31	26.77
Kidd Krystin	Sr. Gunfighter	186.37	2	47.91	43.60	35.68	30.57	28.61
Johnny Dingus	Sr. Gunfighter	197.45	4	55.83	46.82	33.66	27.77	33.37
Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Sr.	221.41	6	69.98	42.24	46.80	32.17	30.22
New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	230.04	6	53.92	39.70	59.26	46.69	30.47
Imnaha Chuck	Senior	237.18	1	56.60	47.30	59.97	36.14	37.17
Ocean Drifter	Senior	242.41	3	62.59	54.56	43.07	38.57	43.62
Gadsden	Forty-Niner	243.59	2	58.08	55.54	51.19	41.58	37.20
Mountain Grizz	Sr. Duelist	263.97	7	63.53	57.17	65.85	43.46	33.96
Lucky Rick O'Shay	Elder Statesman	346.76	4	79.28	84.72	66.74	51.39	64.63
Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	404.82	15	132.08	67.32	104.96	59.97	40.49

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Results from the Territorial Governor Summit Meeting at the 2015 SASS Convention held NEAR Las Vegas:

To pass, an item must receive 66% of the votes.

Less than 66% but more than 50%, means the item failed but can be re-introduced at the next TG Summit as an agenda item.

1) Should the rules be changed to allow the inclusion of "sub-gauge" shotguns such as 28 and 32 gauge guns for Buckaroos/Buckarettes?

For 99.63% Against .037 Abstain 00.0% PASS

2) Should the MSV for retrieval of dropped/ejected ammo be deleted?

For 88.56% Against 11.07% Abstain .37% PASS

3) Should the equipment regulations for GUNFIGHTER-style shooters be changed to allow the "butt forward" carry/Cavalry "twist" draw?

For 83.76% Against 16.24% Abstain 00.0% PASS

4) Should the penalty for not holstering revolvers at the end of the revolver shooting string be changed from a MSV to a Procedural penalty?

For 85.61% Against 14.39% Abstain 00.0% PASS

Item 5, the Stage/Match DQ for failure to adhere to the command of "cease fire" was removed from the agenda. It was universally accepted that when a shooter willfully continues to shoot after the command "cease fire" they should be done for the day. Wording, in a clarification, will add verbiage to that effect. There is no change in the match DQ, but the additional verbiage will describe willful or a deliberate refusal to cease fire.

Changes will become effective on Monday, December 7, 2015

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Hope to see ya on the range, pards!

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