



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez:

Howdy, Everyone!

Hope you are all having what is sure to be an interesting summer in the Rogue Valley! Just wanted to chime in and thank Barbarosa Mike for his presiding over our meeting this week - along with our fellow officers who are so devoted to our club and the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. There's one other person, though, who clearly is one of the most dedicated proponents of the sport and continually a generous supporter of our club. Of course, it will come as no surprise this description fits Sweetwater Jack to a "T."

A long-time Territorial Governor among other club roles, one of the unsung tasks he has taken upon himself and has performed tirelessly for years has been the to be the chief scribe and editor of this newsletter, usually staying up into the wee hours of the evening following a meeting to write and compile it. And due to my often being elsewhere occupied, he waits patiently for my column before we can publish.

Well, please read his column on the next page as to why he now is going to step down and he is hoping for someone to step up and take over the reins of this journalistic steed. My fervent wish is that someone will answer his call but, moreover, we express to him our deepest gratitude and admiration for his dedication and good spirit to the Merlin Marauders. To Sweetwater Jack! Thank you so much. You are truly, as per the phrase of highest praise in the Old West, "Good to ride the river with!"

Ride easy — Britt

RANGE SAFETY NOTICE!!

SNAKE Season is upon us! The first snakes were spotted last week on the range!
LOOK before you step and especially before you reach down.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tues. July 12th @ 6:00 PM

At the Black Forest Family Restaurant at 829 NE "E" Street, in the Grants Pass Shopping Center near Staples. Come early for dinner! (5:00 PM or so)

NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, July 2nd Sign-in 9:00 to 9:30, Safety Mtg. 9:30, First shot:10:00 SETUP on Friday morning 9:00 - 11:00 Setup: Friday July 1 9:00 AM Take I-5 N to exit 61 and North on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman's Park..

NOW THAT THE DUST HAS PRETTY MUCH SETTLED FROM THE 2016 ANNUAL BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER, and after a few (or many) stress-reliever bottles (or "growlers") of beer/soda/you-name-it cool beverages have been downed, we can all return to our regular routines for another year. I have heard nothing but praise from shooters from other clubs regarding the quality and fun-factor of the main match stages, AND the side-matches. All were well-designed and run. No one faulted the food, either, be it the banquet OR the lunches. Thank you Black Forest Restaurant, for even surpassing the standard you set for our match LAST year! As usual the costume contests were overseen by our "Ladies of the Stitch and Bitch Society", and ram-rodged by the tireless Powder River Rose! Although I managed to "sick out" this year and miss the shooting AND the banquet, etc.. I mostly regret being unable to "meet and greet" with old friends (and new) during the week. (Next year I'll try not to poison myself just before the match).....

My other regret is that I cannot continue to put out this newsletter any longer. As some of you know I seem to have developed ARMD (age-related macular degeneration) which has been mostly limited to my right eye, but is now creating a problem in my left one, also. (Can't focus at close range, I just see a small opaque gray circle.) I just kind of "look around" it with my peripheral vision, but don't "fine" focus. I can still drive, etc., but can't focus at close up well enough to see the rifle's front sight against the dark targets, or the computer keys, etc. (Never learned to "touch" type). I'll miss doing it, as I've been doing this for the last seven years or so, but the doc says eye strain will simply increase the speed at which I'll be losing my vision. (He's the one sticking needles into my eyeballs every month, so he should know..) That being said, if any of our stalwart Marauders CAN still see well enough to continue making up the monthly newsletter, please contact me, Britt or Molly, and I will e-mail the necessary files, etc.. to you. Use either the sweetwaterjack@gmail.com or sweetwater@uci.net e-mail addresses. Thanks for listening to me bitch..... Sweetwater

Update regarding 3-gun club using our range: No update on the negotiations (a little thing called the Battle of Rogue River 2016 kind of took everyone's time), but our committee will resume coordinating with their reps again to continue the process.

Report from the JCSA rep: The latest news from the New JCSA Board is that they intend to make some "updates" and revisions to the JCSA bylaws. What this means for the "sub-clubs" shooting at the Josephine County Sportsman's Park remains to be seen. We do know that the Board wants us to submit to them our banking information, including account numbers and signature card information. Whether or not this last "requirement" is legal or not is under discussion and investigation. The board has also requested a complete accounting of our other assets. More info on this as the situation develops.

Changing our Monthly Match start times from "First shot downrange at 10:00 AM" to 9:00 AM was discussed but not changed, as we are now in line with the other Southern Oregon Clubs, and changing the start time would just add confusion. This was "tabled" until next month. When we HOPE more members will show up for the monthly meeting. **MEMBERSHIP:** Stands at 53

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & 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
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			



STAGE WRITERS FOR JULY 2ND:

Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1, Long Henry Thompson, Stage #3 - at berm #2, Molly -B-Dam

Stages #4 and 5 at berm #3, Bear Bone Smith

JUNE MONTHLY MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS:

Rank	Alias	Category	Overall Time	Miss						
1	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	156.32	3	31.12	31.23	24.81	38.44	30.72	
2	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	189.59	1	36.88	36.23	29.51	44 .51	42.46	
3	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	192.63	7	37.78	42 .93	38.76	42.46	30.70	
4	Johnny Dingus	Senior Gunfighter	200.07	6	45 .32	46.97	31.04	41.49	35.25	
5	Colt Hammer	Cowboy	210.89	1	52.79	38.06	42.82	44 .00	33.22	
6	Vaquero Lobo	Gunfighter	214.97	10	43.09	45.36	43.10	57.10	26.32	
7	New Hope Kid	Forty-N iner	228.55	6	50.17	42.44	60.48	39.08	36.38	
8	Long Henry Thompson	Senior Duelist	249.31	1	51.79	51.60	40.90	49.48	55.54	
9	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	117.66	Not One!	0	61.12	76.95	57.11	66.71	55.77
10	32 Bit Bill	Senior Gunfighter	344.61	20	68.72	60.73	57.63	70.80	86.73	
11	Barbarosa Mike	Frontiersman	378.55	12	60.05	64.72	62.49	93.46	97.83	

CLEAN MATCH : Lucky Rick O'Shay!

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

No Dispatch this month. Bear Bone appears to be under the weather a bit this month, but hopefully he'll be putting pen to paper next month.

Get well. Bear...

Bear Bone Smith, Territorial Governor