



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez: Hi Everyone!

Was just thinking about what a great club we have and what a wonderful time it is to be a member and CAS enthusiast. Not only do we have our monthly and annual matches (the next monthly match, of which, is October 1 and annual match is being set – see inside for details), but our members come up with and put in the time and effort to arrange fun side activities. For example:

Kudos to Long Henry Thompson for creatively arranging and setting up (plus raking and cleaning up all the debris the following Tuesday) an innovative extra, kid-like stage at our recent August match in which anyone who wished could try their hands at .22 pistol and rifle and .410 shotgun targets: an array of balloons, playing cards, shotgun clays, and condiments (don't go there – this is properly spelled) targets. Lots of fun – and thanks so much for the folks who just pitched in to help reset, keep score, and take it all down afterwards. You'll see their names on the Match Results on p. 3. The names you won't see are the wonderful cooks who prepared and set up a wonderful hot dog, chili, and potato salad feast for the whole club. Our hats off to all who pitched in!

Join in: Coming up on September 5 morning in Cave Junction for their Labor Day parade, Mountain Grizz (grizzrp48@hotmail.com), Long Henry (long.henry.18117@gmail.com), and Sweetwater Jack (who is partnering with the SJVC; sweetwaterjack@gmail.com) are organizing and prepping a float on which we can participate/ride in the parade and even stage a skit or two, including the use of black powder blanks! Want to join in? E-mail 'em now so you can assist and get on board for a fun time. Hey, we don't have a match next month so this will be a terrific substitute. Contact 'em and get in on the festivities!

Lastly, **congrats** to Royal Flush – the new Western Regional Champion Senior as well as finishing 3rd Overall and shooting clean! Congrats, RF! But not only that, at our August match, even though he travels from far-off Yreka, he stayed afterwards and quietly put away the steel before heading home. Like so many of our and other clubs, a great example of the cowboy spirit, a pard who is good to ride the river with.

— Ride Easy, *Britt*

CONTINUING RANGE SAFETY NOTICE!

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tues. Sept 13th @ 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, October 1st.

Sign-in 9:00 to 9:30, Safety Mtg. 9:30, First shot: 10:00 AM
SETUP on Friday morning (Sept. 30) 9:00 - 11:00
Take I-5 N to exit 61 and North on frontage road to
Josephine County Sportsman's Park.

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 and Policies & Procedures. As the Board did NOT make the mandatory deadline for announcing to all members their intentions to re-write the JCSA Bylaws, and increase the JCSA Annual Dues, they must now wait until the General Membership Meeting in November. It will behoove ALL members of the Merlin Marauders to attend this very important meeting without fail. The future of the Merlin Marauders (and other current clubs) may very well be in doubt if you do not attend and represent your club.

3-Gun Club: Our draft of an agreement with suggested proposals is being reviewed by the by the 3-Gun Club regarding safety and use of the MM bays. A meeting for discussion, etc., is to be scheduled.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MATCH: The September match has been canceled due to the yearly date conflict with Trap and Skeet's Annual Match. As a courtesy to T&S, who need to use field 5, we do not shoot at our berm #1 for reasons of safety. Moving to the second Saturday would conflict with Table Rock and the third Saturday conflicts with JSR. Our next match will resume as usual on October 1st.

2017 Merlin Marauder "Battle of Rogue River": At this time we are requesting from JCSA the third week in May, which would put the main match one week before that of Roseburg's "True Grit", allowing those that "Ride the Circuit" to shoot our match one week and True Grit the next. Again, this is the week that we are REQUESTING, and it is not yet carved in stone. A "theme" for 2017 has been suggested, but also not "written in blood We are looking at: "Comedy Western Movies", such as "Blazing Saddles", "Rustlers' Rhapsody", "Cat Ballou", and anything with Jack Elam in it (just kidding) Suggestions are still welcome.

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			

MEMBERSHIP: 53

STAGE WRITERS FOR OCTOBER WILL BE ASSIGNED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:



Stages #1, 2 - at Berm #1, , Stage #3 - at berm #2, Stages #4 and 5 at berm #3,

Although most of us now seem to be getting to the age where people who do not know us might feel that we are somewhat "grizzled" (Pardon the expression, Grizz), "crotchety" (I'll leave that one alone, too), and "setting steel" has become a real physical chore that some of us have to decide whether we'll have the strength (and enough Excedrin) to set targets on Friday or SHOOT on Saturday, you CAN still write stages for the match. We'd love to have some fresh ideas from ALL of you. We are lucky enough to have a FEW younger members that are willing to haul out the targets and stands, so you don't HAVE to "write 'em AND "set 'em". Think about it. I KNOW you have a stage whirling around in your brain that you'd just LOVE to shoot! (Plus you get five bucks off your match fee!!! Winner! Winner!) — SWJ

MONTHLY MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS:

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Total Misses	Net Stage 1	Net Stage 2	Net Stage 3	Net Stage 4	Net Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Senior	80.03	0.00	14.87	17.22	16.88	18.14	12.92
2	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	129.42	0.00	24.45	22.85	28.83	28.86	24.43
3	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	134.95	2.00	22.86	28.33	29.61	24.56	29.59
4	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	136.17	0.00	24.90	23.17	31.28	32.03	24.79
5	John Cason Hartin	Elder Statesman	139.42	3.00	22.60	19.99	38.08	38.46	20.29
6	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	159.86	0.00	27.72	26.56	34.36	32.89	38.33
7	Johnny Dingus	Senior Gunfighter	160.92	1.00	29.64	28.58	31.85	41.09	29.76
8	Molly b'Dam	Grand Dame	164.43	1.00	37.61	23.64	29.11	39.86	34.21
9	Britt Ponsett	Senior Gunfighter	178.35	2.00	25.85	37.25	44.08	41.33	29.84
10	Long Henry Thompson	Senior Duelist	195.19	0.00	45.74	35.54	35.54	41.50	36.87
11	32 Bit Bill	Senior	195.55	6.00	27.29	24.66	53.72	48.31	41.57
12	Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	203.12	4.00	41.79	35.41	37.93	40.71	47.28
13	Line Century	Veteran	230.04	2.00	36.97	40.01	44.29	44.69	64.08
14	Rogue Rascal	Cattle Baron	231.36	0.00	43.24	41.45	42.65	57.49	46.53
15	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	287.03	1.00	63.10	43.90	51.94	83.66	44.43
16	Barbarosa Mike	Senior Duelist	308.79	10.00	53.39	42.77	50.26	57.37	105.00
17	Ima Loden	Lady Forty-Niner	318.51	1.00	50.84	71.86	62.36	73.63	59.82
18	Cool Duckie Fish	Buckaroo	321.17	9.00	56.50	44.81	74.44	95.30	50.12
19	Merlin Maverick	Wounded Warrior	329.78	1.00	51.72	63.26	65.22	65.57	84.01
20	Lucy Canon	Cowgirl	340.25	2.00	57.50	78.05	71.89	74.40	58.41
21	Tween The Eyes	Traditional	410.40	31.00	58.10	37.11	160.00	82.57	72.62
22	Calamity Jones	Lady Traditional	435.84	8.00	59.85	87.51	113.40	107.09	67.99

CLEAN MATCH

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Our fearless Territorial Governor is still “under the weather” as of this writing. I spoke with him Friday Aug.12th and although chipper, Bear Bone is still not “up to par”. We all want to join in and give “The Bear” our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. Speaking of “under the weather,” I know you all know where that term comes from...No? Well, back in the day, and we’re talking of mostly sailing ships, when a sailor was struck down with disease or injury, his cot/bunk was placed topside, but in the shelter below a “weather deck” (one exposed to the WEATHER, natch), where he would be out of the sun or rain, as well as waves that would occasionally sweep aboard. He was generally NOT taken BELOW decks, as the crowded conditions might spread his disease – and, if he CROAKED, his shipmates would have to lug his dead butt back up topside before sewing him up in weighted canvas and heaving him over the side. “Not Up to Par”, of course, simply means that he is a lousy golfer....

Any Questions? Thank you for your attention, **Sweetwater Jack**, former **Territorial Governor**