



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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Howdy, Merlin Pard and all our Patrons!

Fall has certainly made its presence known – beautiful foliage and abundant rains. Hope you are all staying dry and safe.

BoRR '17 Match prep is in full bloom too. Grizz, Daisy, Queenie, Cinona, Imnaha, Long Henry, Ima, Barbarosa, Maverick, Bear Bone, Kidd, New Hope (who personally finished the reconstruction and hanging of our steel in the target shed – thank you so much), and, of course, our chair, Molly are already at it – planning and organizing a fun and sporting event.

At the meeting with selected from a list of Western Comedies, our 2017 themes. Herewith is the *complete* list from which the attendees voted:

4 for Texas (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin), Back to the Future Part III (Michael J. Fox), Blazing Saddles (Mel Brooks), Cat Ballou (Lee Marvin), City Slickers (Billy Crystal), Evil Roy Slade (John Astin), Little Big Man (Dustin Hoffman), Maverick (Mel Gibson), McClintock (John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara), North to Alaska (John Wayne), Rango (Animated), Shanghai Noon (Jackie Chan), Support Your Local Sheriff (James Garner), The Apple Dumpling Gang/The ADG Rides Again (Don Knotts, Tim Conway), The Cheyenne Social Club (Jimmy Stewart, Henry Fonda), The Hallelujah Trail (Burt Lancaster), The Over the Hill Gang / The OTHG Rides Again (Walter Brennan, Pat O'Brien), The Paleface/Son of Paleface (Bob Hope), The Shakiest Gun in the West (Don Knotts), The Three Amigos (Steve Martin), and Two Mules for Sister Sara (Clint Eastwood). Write-ins: Rustler's Rhapsody, Humps.

We can only select 14. Which double magnificent seven would you choose? Stay tuned and sign-up for BoRR '17 to find out which ones made the cut!

And last but not least, thank you to the also magnificent folks who have agreed to step up and fill our 2016-17 officer positions (see next page) – great people who will most assuredly fulfill their Merlin Marauder Club responsibilities.

Ride Easy,
— Britt

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tues. Nov. 8th @ 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, November 5th.
Sign-in - 9:00 to 9:30; Safety Mtg. - 9:30; First shot - 10:00
Setup on Friday morning 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Take I-5 to exit 61 and North on frontage road to
Josephine County Sportsman's Park.

Membership: Our membership stands at 53. We welcome new members.

Merlin Marauder Christmas Party: Please mark your calendars for the **2016 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party** scheduled for December 10th, 2016 at the Black Forest Restaurant starting at 5:00 p.m. We'll socialize from 5 to 6 and will plan to eat at 6:00 p.m. We will have the annual "Steal A Gift", a crowd favorite. Please RSVP by December 1st, if you plan to attend so we can give the caterer a heads up (contact Molly b'Dam at haha@budget.net or call her at 541-479-2938). We still are trying to decide on a charity donation for gifts. If you have any ideas, please CONTACT Long Henry Thompson. As usual, great food, featuring turkey with all of the trimmings (especially the dessert pies ☺) will be served. The cost will be \$20 per person, with an additional \$5 tip for the caterer.

Merlin Marauder Nominations: The 2016 Nominating Committee Members include Merlin Maverick, Queen of Clubs, and Ima Loden. Merlin Maverick announced nominations for the Two Year Term Offices up for election. Nominated for **President was Bobbin Along Daisy; Match Director was Long Henry Thompson; Secretary/Membership person nominated was Molly b'Dam; and the one (1) Director position nominated was incumbent Mountain Grizz.** The nominations were accepted and approved. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations will be reopened in November. Anyone interested in being placed on the ballot, please contact any one of the three committee members who will nominate respective individuals at the November meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. If candidates are running unopposed, the present nominees will be deemed duly elected at the November Merlin Marauder Meeting and installed at the January Meeting. Otherwise, ballots will be sent to the membership and votes will be finalized at the December Merlin Marauder meeting.

Annual Match: The 2017 Battle of Rogue River is a GO! Mark your calendars for May 19, 20, and 21, 2017. Those of you who have attended in the past, know we will have tons of fun events scheduled including costume contests, Friday's potluck, the Ladies Tea, side matches, Wild Bunch and Plainsman matches, vendors, and we always offer lots of shooter prizes. The 2017 theme will be "**Western Film Comedies**" which should make for some hilarious fun stage scenarios (see Britt's column on page 1 for more details). We are hoping that our match schedule will allow participants to attend both the Battle of Rogue River and then proceed to True Grit for the following weekends. So...**mark your calendars.** Watch for updates on our website at merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

New MM Club Badges: So... Long Henry is working with a new badge manufacturer and we plan to purchase some club badges, including past badges for the Regulator and Ranger awards. Stayed tuned for costs and design.

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			



October Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Long Henry Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Bear

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Britt

MERLIN MARAUDER OCTOBER 1, 2016 MATCH RESULTS

Rank	Alias	Category	OA Time	Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Senior	104.29	0.00	16.63	21.19	18.55	25.63	22.29
2	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	169.03	3.00	44.09	32.54	28.00	37.47	26.93
3	Britt Ponset	Senior Gunfighter	177.59	2.00	32.66	37.42	33.18	37.58	36.76
4	Kido Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	186.57	4.00	42.32	31.31	31.69	44.27	36.98
5	32 Bit Bill	Senior	222.61	8.00	41.72	41.37	41.93	47.22	50.37
	Long Henry								
6	Thompson	Senior Dualist	243.20	3.00	40.31	45.48	56.24	52.56	48.62
7	Imnaha Chuck	Merlin Cowboy	266.79	1.00	44.48	50.54	64.30	61.77	45.70
8	Irma Loden	Lady Forty Niner	316.44	1.00	61.29	59.41	66.95	77.05	51.73
9	A Little Two Wild	Buckaratta	327.54	20.00	65.88	63.55	66.30	72.37	69.44

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy All,

As most of you probably know, SASS will be reallocating the SASS Sanctioned Regional structure for 2018. As a result, all TG's were sent two options mapping plans 'A' and 'B' along with a request that all SASS affiliated clubs vote on their favored option. All TG's were tasked with presenting the two options to their respective club and then submitting their club's vote to SASS.

After I made the SASS Reallocation presentation at the Merlin Marauder club meeting October 11th, all attending members voted in favor of option 'A'. This option for the Northwest Region included the following states: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska

It should be noted that option 'B' included Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Geographically, this option was simply not practical and many SASS members in Oregon would probably be unable to make the trek to Nebraska or the Dakotas to attend a regional match were it to be held in those states. As directed by the Merlin Marauder mandate, I submitted our club's vote for option 'A' to Misty Moonshine of SASS on October 15th.

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Shooting scenario term "in hand" clarified:

Recently, on the R.O. Wire, there was some banter about what exactly the term "in hand" means as a shooter assumes the start position on a stage. According to ROC member PaleWolf, "in hand" includes every start position "up to and including" having a long gun up on a shooter's shoulder aimed at a target or having a pistol out and pointed at a target.

In essence, if the stage scenario calls for the shooter to have a firearm in hand at the start position, the shooter can elect to hold a long gun at low port, high port, from the hip or on the shoulder.

Okay....I know what you'er thinking. The term "in hand" is not defined in any of the SASS rule books. That being said, the term itself is general in nature and is clearly inclusive of the start positions mentioned - as clarified by PaleWolf.

Well, that about wraps it up for me pards. *Happy trails to all.*

**Bear Bone Smith, Territorial Governor**

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