



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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HAPPY TRAILS THANKSGIVING TO YOU & YOURS!

from

— The Merlin Marauders Officers, Editors, & Fellow CAS Enthusiasts —

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tues. Dec. 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, December 3rd.

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. Dues notices will be coming in December - \$35 for Family and \$25 for single memberships.

Merlin Marauder Christmas Party: The 2016 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th, 2016 at the Black Forest Restaurant starting at 5:00 p.m. Plan to eat at 6 P.M. We will have the annual "Steal A Gift" (approximate value to be \$20), a crowd favorite. Please RSVP by December 1st, if you plan to attend so we can give the caterer a heads up (contact Long Henry at long.henry.18117@gmail.com or call him at 541-218-3137). If you so choose, please bring a gift (unwrapped) to be donated for youths in the foster care program. As usual, the food, featuring turkey and ham 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. Please try to prepay to Long Henry, who can then forward the moneys to the caterer ahead of time.

Merlin Marauder Nominations: We would like to thank the 2016 Nominating Committee Merlin Maverick, Queen of Clubs and Ima Loden. Nominations were once again taken at the November MM Meeting and no additional nominations were proposed. Two Year Term Offices will be served by **President Bobbin Along Daisy; Match Director Long Henry Thompson; Secretary/Membership Molly b'Dam; and the one (1) Director position nominated was incumbent Mountain Grizz.** Congratulations to all. As candidates ran unopposed, the present nominees were deemed duly elected at the November Merlin Marauder Meeting and will be installed at the January Meeting.

JCSA Annual Meeting: The Merlin Marauder Cowboys were well represented at the JCSA Meeting on Saturday November 12, 2016 with 22 members present. However, with a majority of Trap and Skeet members (26) in attendance, their slate of officers was duly elected. New Officers will be seated in January. Congratulations to past MM member Lonesome Rose who was reelected as Treasurer. To no one's surprise, the proposed 2017 budget was defeated with an alternate plan of keeping the amended 2016 budget for 6 months or less until a new one can be previewed.

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. 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 our Match Application and updates shortly on our website at merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

New MM Club Badges: So... we have found a new badge manufacturer and have agreed to purchase some club badges, including past badges for the Regulator and Ranger awards. According to Long Henry and New Hope Kid, the cost is not too bad -\$25 or less, according to the amount ordered. Thank you New Hope and Long Henry - we can't wait to see the actual badges!

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership	\$25
Family* Membership	\$35

**Family is defined as all living under one roof*

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

SHOOTING FEES

Individual MM Member	\$10
Additional MM Family Adults	\$5 each
Individual Non-MM Member	\$13



October Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Long Henry Thompson Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Molly b'Dam

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Britt (this-is-what-happens-when-you-miss-a-meeting) Ponsett ☺

P.S. A special thanks to Barbarosa Mike for taking the reigns and chairing this month's meeting.

MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

Stay Tuned Next Month for both the October and November Results.

*A Special Salute to a Few of Our Pards who are currently sidelined with some medical issues.
We wish you all the best, are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers,
and look forward to your speedy return.*

Dispatches From The Territorial Governor

Howdy pards,

Once again, its time for a SASS rule clarification:

Recently, on the SASS RO Instructor Wire an RO was asked if a shooter was allowed to wrap a trigger guard on a pistol with leather since it was allowed on lever action rifles. SASS ROC PaleWolf reminded us that "any external modification to any firearm not specifically referenced in the Shooters Hand Book is expressly prohibited." Therefore, trigger guards on revolvers are NOT allowed to be wrapped with any material.

In addition to rifles, the Shooters Hand Book does allow for the wrapping of shotgun trigger guards with leather or any "natural material." I would encourage all SASS members to review the current SASS Shooters Hand Book which can be found on line at the SASS website — especially, if you have not done so for some time as there have been some rule changes and clarifications for this year.

That's all for this month pards ... **Happy Trails!**

Bear Bone Smith, Territorial Governor

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