



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez!

Howdy Everybody,

I hope you all are well! We have had some crazy weather and heard you had to reschedule the meeting! Wow! Thank you to Merlin Maverick for handling the presiding duties.

We are here in Crescent City, CA, keeping the light on!

Thank you to Long Henry for setting up the shoot this month! Thank you to all that helped out!

Grizz and I went to the black powder shoot over in Florence at the end of February. There were only four Cowboys shooting, but they got it done. The weather was kind of rainy and cold! If you get a chance to go shoot with them, they would love to have you!

We won't be home in time to go to the April match, but we will see you at the next meeting! Thank you Molly and Britt for putting out the Newsletter!

See you next month!

— Hugs: your President
Bobbin' Along Daisy

NOTE NEW MEETING DATE:

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, April 3rd @ 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, April 1st.

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.

MOLLY'S NEWS UPDATES!

Molly's News

Membership: We would like to extend a big welcome to our newest members **Sharon Froelich aka Idaho Annie Rose** and **Khelben Boatman aka Boone Walker**. You can still renew your 2017 Merlin Marauder membership. Dues notices were sent in December. Dues are \$25 for an individual membership, and \$35 for a family.

Annual Match: Preparations for the **2017 Battle of Rogue River** are under way. **Mark your calendars for May 19, 20, and 21, 2017.** The 2017 theme will be "**Western Film Comedies**" which should make for some hilarious, fun stage scenarios. We are once again asking shooters to **wear red on Friday in honor of our troops**. We have also scheduled our usual potluck for Friday, as well as lots of fun side matches. We are hoping that our match schedule will allow participants to attend both the Battle of Rogue River and then proceed to True Grit to help them with their set-up for the following weekends. We are **dedicating the match to** a well-known cowgirl - **Candy Johnson**. Candy passed away in December from cancer. She has done our award medals for the past 5 years, and she will be greatly missed.

I would like to note that **Sweetwater is donating a "Pre Ban" 1985 Colt AR-15 "Sporter II" Rifle plus a matching 3x20 Colt scope plus dies and over 700 rounds of ammunition, a package worth \$2,700.** We will be selling raffle tickets at \$20 each, both before and during the annual match. **In addition, all shooters will be eligible for our drawing of an EMF-Pietta Great Western II Model 1873 Cold Clone "Alchimista" revolver in 45 long Colt Caliber, also donated by Sweetwater and Gaye Abandon.** Thank you so much Sweetwater AND GAYE for your generosity and support. I don't know what we would do without you.

We also have some nice raffle prizes and shooter prizes lined up, vendors, and fabulous chitlins, so plan to attend the 12th Annual Battle of Rogue River – lots of goodies, fun stages, costume contests and great side matches. Campers that want power should reserve soon to be allotted a space.

Our Match Application and additional info can be found on our website at merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

Merlin Marauder Yard Sale: **Mark your calendars! We have scheduled our Annual Merlin Marauder Yard Sale for April 7, 8, and 9th, 2017, at the Josephine County Sportsman Indoor Range.** Set-up will be on Thursday, April 6th. Dig through your barns and garages as well as your closets to see what you can contribute. Your item may be someone else's treasure. According to your President "Daisy", this is the perfect time to organize your drawers ☺

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

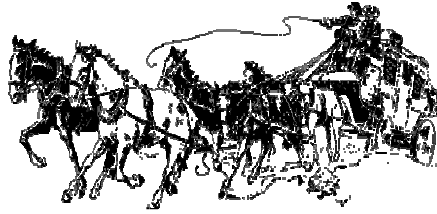
| MEMBERSHIP | | SHOOTING FEES | |
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| Individual Membership | \$25 | Individual MM Member | \$10 |
| Family* Membership | \$35 | Additional MM Family Adults | \$5 each |
| <i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i> | | Individual Non-MM 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 | | | |



April Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Long Henry Thompson Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Sweetwater Jack

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Cimarron River Deacon



Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy pards,

For those of you who aspire to be a Territorial Governor... SASS has recently revised the requirements for attaining this position. No longer does one need to be a SASS life member. The following are the new requirements:

1. TG applicant must be a SASS member for at least 3 consecutive years.
2. Applicant must belong to at least one SASS affiliated club.
3. He or she must be RO I and RO II certified (+ current)**
4. Applicant must have attended at least one SASS sanctioned match.
5. Must be appointed by the SASS affiliated club he or she represents.
6. And, must be their club's official representative at SASS TG meetings.

**A clarification was added which further explains item 3:

TG applicant must be current SASS certified RO I & RO II with refresher course having been completed in the last 2 years. Also, with a requirement of a bi-annual refresher course of both the current RO I & RO II courses.

Well pards, just thought I'd share this little SASS tidbit with you all. Until our trails cross again, ride tall and shoot straight.

Happy Trails!

Bear Bone Smith, SASS Reg. 10719, Merlin Marauder T.G.

MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

The March 4, 2017 match results will appear in our April Cowboy Gazette.