



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez!

Howdy Everybody,

I hope everyone had a great fourth of July! And I hope you are all saying cool with this hot weather, we are having!

Not much happening this month, but on August 12th we are going to work on the Memorial Day parade float for the Cave Junction event. So if you are interested, come out and help. Contact Long Henry.

And while I just mentioned him, our thanks to Long Henry and all who helped out with the July shoot! It was a very fun event.

Hope you all come for the August 5th match! Meanwhile, below is a new working posse photo from our annual match last year. Enjoy!

Hugs!

— *Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy*



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, August 7th @ 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, August 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.

MOLLY'S NEWS UPDATES!

Membership: Our Merlin Marauder membership stands at 50. Dues are \$25 for an individual membership, and \$35 for a family. We welcome new members.

Bylaws Proposed Changes/Additions: The Bylaws Committee met to review the most recent copy of the Merlin Marauder Bylaws, and have come up with some changes we felt should be made. The most recent version in place was ratified in December of 2012. The newly proposed version will be sent to the membership shortly before the monthly August meeting. Proposed changes will be shown in red. When the changes are reviewed at the August meeting all suggestions are welcome. Ratification will most likely take place in October 2017, as the September monthly meeting has been canceled, and a period of 30 days is required for the review period. Ratification of the new version of the Bylaws will require a 2/3 vote by members present at the October meeting.

Merlin Marauder Float for the Cave Junction Labor Day Parade: Long Henry has been able to obtain a trailer to be used for the proposed parade float in the Cave Junction Labor Day Parade. Props for last year's float are in the Merlin Marauder storage shed at JCSA. Stay tuned as Long Henry will notify the membership to let us know when we will be working on the float (at JCSA). As Daisy says in her column, please contact Long Henry and come out and help. The more helpers we have, the better.

RO I Class: Bear Bone is planning to give an RO I course. If you are interested, contact him and he will give you all of the specifics.

— SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION —

FOR SALE: DILLON SL 900 Shotshell Loader (12 Gauge)

- Set-up 20 and 28 gauge options available (through Dillon)
Includes: 12 Gauge Electric Case Feeder, Roller Handle, Strong Mount, Spare Parts Kit, Instruction Manual, etc.
Additional Free Items Included: Approximately 2-300 12 Gauge Hulls, 200 Wads, Some Gunpowder, Some Lead Shot.

ALSO FOR SALE:

- **2800 Shotgun Primers** - Make an Offer
- **DILLON RF 100 AUTOMATIC SMALL PRIMER FILLER** (Large Primer Filler available from Dillon)

— SEE OR CALL MERLIN MAVERICK (aka HOWARD ARNOLD): 541-479-2928 —

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



August 5th Writers of the Purple Stage(s):

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Bearbone Smith

Stage #3 - at Bay #2: Long Henry Thompson

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: Britt Ponsett



Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy pards,

Recently there was some controversy on the SASS RO Instructors Wire concerning “end of pistol string.” This resulted in the following rule clarification:

“A pistol string is defined as shots fired from one type of firearm prior to the next firearm engaged.”

In the mentioned case scenario, a shooter was required to shoot 5 pistol shots from one location then move to a second location and shoot 5 more pistol rounds (split pistols). Shooter in this instance fired the first 5 shots at position one and left the pistol on the table prior to moving to the second position. After shooting the second 5 shots, shooter holstered second pistol then retrieved the first pistol and holstered it. The shooter was awarded a procedural penalty. The explanation given was that there were two separate shooting strings because there were two separate locations. The correct call should have been a NO CALL.

The Ruling: “Two revolvers shot back-to-back is a ONE TEN SHOT shooting string. SASS conventions require that the revolver(s) be holstered at the end the shooting string. If two separate locations separate the two 5 shot pistol engagements, the shooter may leave one safely at the first location and then retrieve and holster it immediately after the second 5 shot engagement.”

“A shooter would also have the option to carry the ‘shot dry’ revolver (pointed safely down range) , stage it at location number 2, and then holster both at the end of the string.” *(Per SASS RO Committee member PaleWolf Brunelle)*

One Quick Added Note:

As most of you know, SASS has decreed that all SASS sponsored matches will now be based on total time as opposed to rank scoring.

Well, that’s all I have for my shootin’ pards this month. Take care and shoot straight..

Happy Trails!

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

MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

The July 1, 2017 Match

| Rank | Alias | Category | OA Time | Total Misses | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 | Stage 5 |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Butch Brass | Gunfighter | 142.90 | 1 | 22.29 | 30.82 | 24.16 | 41.11 | 24.52 |
| 2 | 32 Bit Bill | Silver Senior | 159.03 | 2 | 29.82 | 40.14 | 25.10 | 33.17 | 30.80 |
| 3 | Cimarron River Deacon | Forty-Niner | 174.06 | 1 | 27.04 | 49.64 | 25.20 | 35.57 | 36.61 |
| 4 | Kidd Krystin | Senior Gunfighter | 189.77 | 3 | 30.22 | 42.19 | 42.66 | 41.80 | 32.90 |
| 5 | Bear Bona Smith | Elder Statesman | 210.59 | 10 | 21.06 | 46.29 | 38.26 | 41.02 | 65.96 |
| 6 | Irving The 142nd | Senior Gunfighter | 219.44 | 8 | 30.95 | 56.79 | 51.10 | 48.27 | 32.33 |
| 7 | Idaho Annie Rose | Lady Senior | 228.84 | 2 | 45.98 | 51.83 | 37.88 | 51.93 | 41.22 |
| 8 | Johnny Dingus | Senior Gunfighter | 237.52 | 8 | 37.83 | 47.19 | 45.01 | 54.46 | 53.03 |
| 9 | New Hope Kid | Forty-Niner | 247.28 | 11 | 43.08 | 35.03 | 47.28 | 57.08 | 64.82 |
| 10 | Britt Ponsett | Senior Gunfighter | 259.59 | 16 | 55.54 | 41.33 | 28.99 | 103.76 | 29.97 |
| 11 | Long Henry Thompson | Duelist | 274.28 | 0 | 56.82 | 58.82 | 48.13 | 66.92 | 43.59 |
| 12 | Cool Duckie Fish | Buckaroo | 292.74 | 8 | 62.52 | 61.77 | 58.56 | 57.69 | 52.20 |
| 13 | Lady Jane | Lady Senior | 293.11 | 7 | 53.43 | 52.59 | 40.09 | 103.22 | 43.78 |
| 14 | Rogue Rascal | Senior Frontier Cartridge | 370.10 | 8 | 45.71 | 94.73 | 48.08 | 125.98 | 55.60 |
| 15 | Rascal Lady | Lady Forty-Niner | 496.36 | 17 | 97.72 | 97.17 | 74.74 | 135.58 | 93.17 |
| 16 | Frank Rossi | Buckaroo | 583.26 | 22 | 93.09 | 131.23 | 108.49 | 150.03 | 100.44 |