



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez!

Howdy Everybody!

Hope you are enjoying the summer and the valley smoke isn't causing too much difficulty.

Thank you to Long Henry Thompson for chairing what must have been our shortest meeting ever on record with so many of us away and for Ima Loden for taking the notes.

Just a reminder that because of Labor Day, we don't have a shoot for September or a monthly meeting. Have a wonderful holiday weekend! There's plenty of relatively local shootin' opportunities at Table Rock, Ashland, and Yreka so I'm sure anyone needin' to get their cowboy action shootin' fix, they will.

I will see you all in October! All the best!

*Hugs!*

— *Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy*

**NO SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - HAPPY LABOR DAY!  
NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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)

**NO SEPTEMBER MATCH - HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!  
NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**NEWS UPDATES by GUEST EDITOR IMA LODEN!**

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

**August Match:** 11 shooters attended the August 1<sup>st</sup> monthly shoot. We shot from 10-12:30. A potential new shooter and his wife visited. Lucky Rick O'Shay's daughter, Teague, and her fiancée also visited from Washington, DC.

**Labor Day Parade Float Cancelled:** The Cave Junction Labor Day parade float trailer and Aug 12<sup>th</sup> work party was discussed. It was unknown how many could help build the float and seemed to be very few to attend the parade. Many are out of town at that time. Thus we cancelled the Labor Day Parade Float in Cave Junction due to lack of participants.

**2018 Match Update:** Mark your calendars: The 2018 Annual Match will be our 13th and it is scheduled for May 18th, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20th, 2018. One theme suggestion was "Blasts from the Past" which will be finalized in October (so still time for other ideas). Lots of fun things are planned so hope you can join us! ***Stay tuned for info on another GREAT BATTLE OF ROGUE RIVER!***

**Bylaws:** The Bylaws Committee met last month and submitted changes. Without a quorum, no action could be taken at this meeting. Final discussions and voting will take place at the October meeting. Ratification of the new version of the Bylaws will require a 2/3 vote by members present at the October meeting

**Next Club Meeting October 9:** Remember, **no** September meeting due to Labor Day.

**SPECIAL WB BONUS FOR THE OCTOBER MATCH!** On Saturday, October 7, Wild Bunch will be shot at the regular monthly match. ***See you there!***

**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.

**BTW Shortest Meeting Ever?** Kudos and thank you to the 8 stalwarts who could and did attend: Long Henry Thompson (chairing), Ima Loden, Sweetwater Jack, Gaye Abandon, Queen O'Clubs, Line Century, New Hope Kid, and Kidd Krystin. Called to Order at 6:00 pm and Adjourned at 6:14 pm! But the Black Forest meals were as delicious as usual!

**MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES**

<b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b>		<b><u>SHOOTING FEES</u></b>	
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			

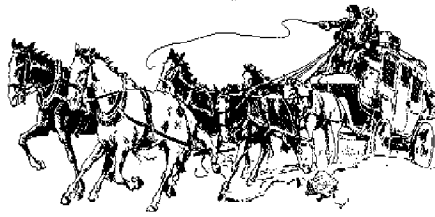


**October 7<sup>th</sup> Writers of the Purple Stage(s):**

**Stages #1, 2** - at Bay #1: New Hope Kid

**Stage #3** - at Bay #2: Sweetwater Jack

**Stages #4, 5** at Bay #3: Long Henry Thompson



## Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy pards,

Not much happening on the SASS TG Wire or RO Instructor's Wire. Since the SASS announcement that all SASS matches will now be based on total time (as opposed to rank scoring), there has been considerable debate on how to score a stage DQ penalty.

In the past, there has been little uniformity on how different CAS clubs score a stage DQ. Some clubs were awarding a 999 for a SDQ that is actually the equivalent of a Match DQ or a DNF. Originally, SASS had recommended that a SDQ penalty should be the total of all targets on a stage plus 30 seconds. If a stage calls for a round count of 10, 10, and 4 with 24 potential targets, it would result in 120 seconds plus 30 seconds — for a total of 150 seconds to be awarded as a penalty.

Bottom line: the consensus of the RO III's and T.G.s was to follow the guidelines of the SASS recommendation. However, at this point, it has yet to be a requirement for inclusion in the Shooters Hand Book or RO course materials.

That's it for this month. Hope all you cowpokes are saddled up for the next Merlin Match on October 7th. See ya on the range, amigos.

**Happy Trails!**

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

## MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

*The August 5, 2017 Match*

Rank	Alias	Category	QA Time	Total Misses	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Royal Flush	Senior	124.08	4	20.93	23.48	27.71	29.93	22.03
2	Camp Hag	Cowgirl	133.33	4	21.66	26.21	24.49	22.17	38.80
3	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	159.32	1	28.17	30.67	29.69	31.71	39.08
4	32 Bit Bill	Silver Senior	172.71	2	30.94	42.62	34.75	29.24	35.16
5	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	198.39	8	48.19	31.75	29.07	34.85	56.53
6	Johnny Dingus	Senior Gunfighter	216.38	5	41.75	51.77	39.24	38.40	45.22
7	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	219.30	5	35.35	34.34	34.92	61.59	53.10
8	New Hope Kid	Forty-Niner	230.55	9	37.94	40.17	57.65	58.16	36.63
9	Cimarron River Deacon	Forty-Niner	279.79	10	53.26	64.89	44.64	61.34	55.86
10	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	304.90	0	61.09	65.17	65.28	55.84	57.52
11	Cool Duckie Fish	Buckaroo	329.07	10	64.30	64.81	61.70	75.44	63.02