



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez!

Howdy Everybody,

Happy New Year to you all!

We had our first meeting of the year and that always means new officers ... or, in our case, enlisting, err... re-electing the same ones again!

Thank you Ima Loden, Merlin Maverick, Queen O' Clubs, Imnaha Chuck, Bear Bone Smith, and New Hope Kid for signing on for another term!

Our application for the BORR annual match is on the web site! Sign up early! Hope to see you all there!

Hugs!

— Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, February 5th @ 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, February 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.



February 3rd Writers of the Purple Stage(s):

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: Mountain Grizz

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

Stages #4, 5 at Bay #3: New Hope Kid

MOLLY'S NEWS UPDATES!

Membership: Our membership stands at 56. **Membership dues for 2018 are due by January 31, 2018.** Please remit your 2018 dues for the current year - \$35 for Family and \$25 for single memberships - by sending your payment to our post office box at: **Merlin Marauders; P.O. Box - Box 202; Grants Pass, OR 97528.** We welcome new members.

Merlin Marauder Christmas Party: I would like to extend a thank you to the Black Forest staff for the wonderful Christmas dinner they provided. ***A good time was had by all!***

Merlin Marauder Installation of Officers: President Daisy installed our newly elected Officers who will serve for the coming two years - **VP: Merlin Maverick** and **Treasurer: Ima Loden.** The **Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith** and **Member-at-Large: New Hope Kid** were reappointed for a one year term, confirmed by an Executive Committee Vote, and installed. **Congratulations to all!** Also, **Directors: Innaha Chuck** and **Queen of Clubs** will be installed in February. We would also like to **thank the 2017 Nominating Committee - Merlin Maverick, Queen of Clubs, and Ima Loden** - for a job well done.

2018 Merlin Marauder Yard Sale: Discussion ensued at the January monthly MM meeting regarding the proposed 2018 Merlin Marauder Yard Sale. Members opted to forego having the yard sale this year as the return on investment was forecast as minimal based on 2016's performance and to reconsider the option in 2019. Be sure to save all of those items you may wish to contribute next year, as your contribution may be someone else's treasure.

2018 Battle of Rogue River: Plans for our 2018 Battle of Rogue River are under way. We already have some great raffle prizes to be donated including a Bear Bone Knife, original artwork by Molly b'Dam, a great Luger pistol from Sweetwater Jack, a quilt to be made by the ladies, shooter bags for every shooter, and, of course, Sweetwater has donated still another shooter firearm for our final drawing. We will once again strive to have a nice prize for every shooter. Our theme is "The Best Blasts From the Past" and we will revisit some of our most famous stages from our previous matches. **Congratulations to Mountain Grizz, who was appointed by Match Director, Long Henry Thompson, to be our Assistant Match Director.** Shooter applications have already started to come in, so be sure to submit early if you wish to secure a good camping spot. Our application can be found on our Merlin Marauder website: www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com.

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



Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy Pard,

Angled Cartridge Loops

Recently, on the TG Wire there was a controversy over “angled cartridge loops” on gun belts and ammo slides. Angled cartridge loops are ammo loops that deviate from the vertical or are not perpendicular to a gun belt or ammo slide. After considerable discussion by the Wild Bunch and RO Committee the following was decided:

“Laterally-angled cartridge loops on gun belts and ammo slides are legal and allowed for SASS competition use. This ruling rescinds all previous rules and opinions” (quote from ROC Member PaleWolf Brunelle)

It should be noted that both shotgun loops and bullet loops are governed by this new rule clarification.

Still Time to Sign up!

Reminder: 1/28/18 RO 1 Class at JCSA!

As a follow-up to my recent postings in regards to the upcoming RO I course, it’s not too late to sign up for the class which is scheduled for Jan. 28th (Sun), 9:00am at the JCSA range. However, I need to know by Jan.26th if you are planning to attend. For those who have already contacted me, a seat has already been reserved for you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Until next month...Ride tall and shoot straight, amigos.

Happy Trails!

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

MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

The January 6, 2018 Match

Merlin Marauders														
Match Scores: January 6, 2018														
Rank	Alias	Category	Overall		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4		Stage 5	
			Time	Miss	Time	Rank	Time	Rank	Time	Rank	Time	Rank	Time	Rank
1	Royal Flush	Senior	140.50	1	27.52	3	25.39	1	46.18	5	20.34	1	21.07	1
2	Butch Brass	Gunfighter	146.57	1	26.34	1	25.59	2	30.68	2	38.09	3	25.87	2
3	The Telemark Kid	Forty-Niner	163.58	2	26.43	2	55.77	10	25.39	1	27.65	2	28.34	3
4	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	203.10	0	36.85	6	36.66	3	50.11	8	38.10	4	41.38	6
5	Deacon Doug	Classic Cowboy	214.99	6	36.43	4	44.29	7	48.07	7	44.94	5	41.26	5
6	Johnny Dingus	Senior Gunfighter	221.03	3	36.79	5	40.98	5	53.72	9	52.47	7	37.07	4
7	32 Bit Bill	Silver Senior	229.04	10	43.13	9	40.38	4	44.09	4	51.61	6	49.83	10
8	Idaho Annie Rose	Lady Senior	254.95	3	40.57	8	48.28	9	58.88	11	64.65	10	42.77	7
9	Captain Eight S	Cowboy	268.01	4	47.01	10	45.43	8	54.73	10	61.52	9	59.32	11
10	Smokin' Joe Kidd	Wrangler	277.96	3	56.87	11	71.39	11	46.49	6	55.25	8	47.96	9
11	Hatchett Creek Kid	Wrangler	326.50	27	37.17	7	41.46	6	41.34	3	160.00	12	46.53	8
12	Never Miss Morgan	Buckaroo	563.35	26	98.76	12	86.25	12	116.74	12	101.60	11	160.00	12