



MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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The Prez Sez!

Howdy Everybody,

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you all have a great month!

We have about 20 signed up for the Battle of Rogue River. So if you are planning on camping — with power — get those applications in early!

We had a great turn out for the monthly match! Thank you all for helping out!

Hugs!

— Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, March 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, March 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: Cimarron River Deacon

Stage #3 - at Bay #2: New Hope Kid

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

MOLLY'S NEWS UPDATES!

Membership Update: Our membership stands at 57. *We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest member — Royal Flush.* Welcome back, Royall!

- **Membership dues for 2018 are due now.** Please remit your 2018 dues for the current year - \$35 for Family and \$25 for single memberships by sending your payment to our:
 - Merlin Marauders; P.O. Box 202; Grants Pass, OR 97528.

We also welcome new members.

Merlin Marauder Installation of Officers: President Daisy installed our two Merlin Marauder Directors, **Imnaha Chuck** and **Queen of Clubs** at our February meeting. Both were reelected for another two years. Congratulations!

RO 1 Class: Thank you, **Bear Bone** and **Purgatory Smith** (who assisted), for conducting the January RO 1 Class. Congratulations to 6 new RO 1's: **Long Rider Mike**, **32 Bit Bill**, **Buckshot Ron**, **Judy Nightshade**, **Rascal Lady**, and **Boxcar Buoy**.

2018 Battle of Rogue River: Plans for our 13th 2018 Battle of Rogue River are taking shape! We have some fun things planned for the shooters as well as our usual good time events: the fun trivia contest, our clever costume contests, and the always great side matches. We already have some wonderful raffle prizes being donated, including a Bear Bone Knife, original artwork by Molly b'Dam, a great Luger pistol from Sweetwater Jack, a quilt being crafted by the ladies, shooter bags for every participant, and, of course, Sweetwater also has donated another firearm: an 1892 Rossi 44/40 rifle for our final shooter prize drawing. We will once again strive to have a nice prize for every shooter. Our theme is "Blasts From the Past" and we will revisit some of our most famous stages from several of our previous annual matches.

- ***We will be scheduling work parties in April*** so stay tuned for the specific dates in future newsletters. ***Help will be needed*** in spiffing up our facades and props.
- ***If you wish to help during the match***, please contact Molly b'Dam, Long Henry Thompson or Bobbin Along Daisy.
- ***Shooter applications*** have already started to come in, so ***be sure to submit early*** if you wish to secure a good camping spot with power. Our application can be found on our Merlin Marauder website: www.merlinmaraudercowboys.com. Stay tuned 'til next month!

MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES

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



Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy once again, Pards,

First, I would like to congratulate the six new RO 1's who recently graduated and also thank my co-instructor, Purgatory Smith, for his help in putting on the class January 28th.

A rule clarification was recently posted on the TG Wire involving stage DQ and match DQ when a shooter has an accidental discharge while shooting a stage. Per the Shooters Hand Book:

“Any round striking anything within 5 to 10 feet from the shooter is a Stage DQ”

“Any round striking anything within 5 feet from the shooter is a Match DQ” [SHBpp.22-23]

The question arose as to where is the starting point when measuring the distance “from the shooter” to the point of impact? The following is the consensus of the ROC:

“The impact distance should be measured from the toe of the shooter’s foot closest to the point of impact where he/she was standing at the time of the discharge. The reason being the majority of accidental discharges are ground impacts so it makes sense to measure from the shooter to the impact point at ground level. The toe of the foot is a reasonable starting point that is fairly easy to determine. Measuring at ground level works for dirt and gravel impacts as well as for prop holing if the distance is questionable so as to actually require measurement. Any bullet impact that is obviously within either of the DQ’s distances should not require bringing out a measuring tape. The exception for “expendable props” also applies.”

- Also, keep in mind that “any discharge that is deemed unsafe”(SHBpp.23) is a match DQ.

Well, that about wraps it up for February. Happy Trails to everyone,

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MERLIN MARAUDER MATCH RESULTS

Merlin Marauders

Match Scores: February 3, 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	135.00	1	28.31	2	35.91	1	32.71	2	30.29	1	17.78	1
2	Bloody Bill Anderson	Veteran	167.91	7	27.17	1	49.63	5	30.32	3	38.68	4	22.41	2
3	Bear Bone Smith	Elder Statesman	194.73	4	35.81	5	34.80	2	27.91	1	43.92	2	52.29	9
4	The Telemark Kid	Forty-Niner	205.68	9	32.97	3	41.06	3	50.83	11	53.37	10	27.45	3
5	32 Bit Bill	Silver Senior	222.13	7	52.85	7	45.04	4	29.37	2	54.82	11	40.05	5
6	New Horse Kid	Forty-Niner	226.80	9	57.70	11	62.80	10	39.21	7	38.85	5	28.24	4
7	Wichita Belle	Lady Silver Senior	228.46	7	53.88	8	51.11	6	38.68	6	32.18	2	50.61	7
8	Kidd Krystin	Senior Gunfighter	241.95	5	51.86	6	57.58	8	34.41	5	40.72	6	57.36	11
9	Brian Ponsen	Senior Gunfighter	243.56	7	35.35	4	61.42	9	44.12	9	50.33	8	52.34	10
10	Smokin' Joe Kidd	Wrangler	246.57	7	56.37	10	57.28	7	42.87	8	37.77	3	52.28	8
11	Mountain Grizz	Silver Senior Duelist	312.48	10	56.12	9	64.15	11	67.70	13	57.28	12	67.15	13
12	Idaho Annie Rose	Lady Senior	312.81	10	102.33	14	69.01	12	47.64	10	50.76	9	43.07	6
13	Lucky Rick O'Shay	Cattle Baron	371.79	7	91.54	13	83.76	13	74.03	14	62.35	13	60.11	12
14	Barbarosa Mike	Sen. Frontier Cartridge Duelist	467.30	16	68.70	12	133.97	14	67.49	12	73.84	14	121.30	14
15	Buckshot Ron	Senior Duelist	3,247.20	11	107.29	15	139.94	15	999.99	15	999.99	15	999.99	15