



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez!

Howdy, everybody!

I hope you all had a good month.

Grizz and I went to winter range. It was a great shoot. Lots of vendors for shopping. The weather wasn't too bad either. We've seen lots of pards from our neck of the woods as well.

We missed you all this month and can't wait to be home.

Happy Easter, everyone!

*Hugs!*

— *Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, April 2<sup>nd</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)

**NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, April 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.



**April 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** Our membership stands at 58.

- *We 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 Marauder P.O. Box - Box 202; Grants Pass, OR 97528. We also welcome new members.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations are in order for some of our Merlin Marauder Members:

- **Royal Flush** came in 1<sup>st</sup> in his category and 12<sup>th</sup> overall at this year's Winter Range.
- **Riverdog** just missed coming in 10<sup>th</sup> in his category.
- We had a very successful contingent attend Winter Range representing our great state of Oregon: Mountain Grizz, TR, Arctic Annie and Whisperin' Wade, along with several others. We salute all of you and are proud of you - **GREAT JOB!**

**Update:** Just want to notify everyone that **Bear Bone Smith**, our Territorial Governor, will be in the hospital (Providence in Medford) for a back procedure on March 28<sup>th</sup>. **Our best wishes to Bear!** If you wish, please feel free to send him a card/note or contact him (being sensitive, of course, to his needs for rest and comfort).

**2018 Battle of Rogue River:** Plans for our 13th 2018 Battle of Rogue River continue to take shape - we have some fun things planned for the shooters as well as our usual trivia contest, costume contests, and great side matches as well a Ladies Tea and Friday night potluck dinner. We already have some wonderful raffle prizes to be donated including original artwork by Molly b'Dam, a guided fishing trip for 2 donated by Riverdog, a great Luger pistol from Sweetwater Jack, a quilt being crafted by the ladies, shooter bags for every participant, and a custom holster and belt set from Butch Brass, Additionally, Sweetwater has donated another firearm: an 1892 Rossi 44/40 rifle for our final shooter prize drawing. 32 Bit Bill will be making special 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and 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 best stages from previous annual matches.

- **Match Director Long Henry Thompson has scheduled our first work party for April 14<sup>th</sup>, the weekend being free of any 3-Gun Club activity. We can use all the help we can get so please plan to be there. We need to review props and do some touch-up painting on our façades as well as checking targets. Please plan to join us at 9 a.m.**
- **If you wish to help during the match, please contact Molly b'Dam, Long Henry Thompson, or Bobbin' Along Daisy. We also welcome Stage Sponsorships and Major Match Sponsors.**
- Shooter applications have been coming 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](http://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 for Our Territorial Governor” & the April “Match Results” will return next month. —