



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez!

Howdy all,

Well we had a very full meeting this month! Looms like we will be working out the details for the annual match in May! Office positions that are open to run are for President, Secretary, Match Director, and one director. We also talked about the Christmas party. Details begin on the next page.

Hope to see you all in October for the monthly meeting on our regular date of the first Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and the match on the first Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Hugs!*

— *Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy*

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**Monday, October 1 @ 6:00 PM**

At the Black Bear Restaurant at 1900 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Come early for dinner! (5:00 PM or so)

**NEXT MONTHLY MATCH: Saturday, October 6<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.



**October 6<sup>th</sup> Writers of the Purple Stage(s):**

Stages #1, 2 - at Bay #1: New HopeKid

Stages #3, 4, & 5 - at Bay #2: Mountain Grizz

## MOLLY'S SHORT & SWEET NEWS UPDATES!

*September 2018*

**Membership:** Our membership stands at 60. *Membership dues are \$35 for a Family and \$25 for single memberships.* Know someone that wants to join? Send payment to our Merlin Marauder P.O. Box - Box 202, Grants Pass, OR 97528. We always welcome new members. We meet the first Monday of the month at the Black Bear Diner. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

**Nominating Committee:** President Daisy has appointed a Nominating Committee for this year's election of Officers. They are: Merlin Maverick, Chair, Ima Loden, and Queen of Clubs. The following offices are up for election - President, Secretary/Membership, Match Director, and 1 Director.

If interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Merlin Maverick, or committee members. Nominations will be presented at the October and November monthly meetings.

**2018 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party:** The 2018 Merlin Marauder Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the Josephine County Sportsman Club Indoor Range. Festivities will start at 4 p.m for socializing with dinner at 5 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Debi, Owner of the Black Forest Restaurant. We plan to have our usual Steal a Gift, and hope to collect gifts for the foster care program. We will keep you updated if any changes are forthcoming.

**2019 Battle of Rogue River:** The 2019 Battle of Rogue River is scheduled to be held on May 17th, 18th and 19th, 2019. Some changes have been proposed for side matches, some of which will be eliminated. Plans are progressing, so stay tuned.

The October monthly match is scheduled for October 6th, with setup on Friday, October 5th. Stages 1 and 2 will be written by New Hope Kid, and stages 3, 4, and 5 by Mountain Grizz.

## **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			

— **“Match Results” will return next issue.** —



## Dispatches From Our Territorial Governor: Bear Bone Smith

Howdy, Pard!

Recently, the SASS RO wire updated and clarified a few cowboy action shooting rules about which everyone should become familiar:

### *YOU Make the SafetyCall*

#### *The Situation*

Shooting stage calls for the rifle to be loaded with 10 rounds with one additional reload round for a total of 11 rounds. After shooting the first 10 rifle rounds, shooter levers action ejecting last expended cartridge case and lays rifle down on table. At this point, the stage RO reminds shooter he needs to reload one round per the stage instructions. While rifle is still on table, shooter DECOCKS hammer, closes action, and loads one round into the loading port. Shooter then picks up rifle, levers round into chamber, and shoots at the remaining target.

#### *What's the call?*

This is a NO CALL for the following reasons (as stated by the SASS rule clarification):

1. Shooter was not de-cocking the hammer to avoid a penalty (per SHB).
2. Shooter did not de-cock with a live round under hammer (rifle was empty).
3. Shooter was under the observation of a TO.
4. Shooter closed lever and de-cocked in the same manner as when loading at the loading table.

That's all I have this time around folks. Until next month...Happy Trails, amigos.

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