



# MERLIN MARAUDERS Cowboy Gazette

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## The Prez Sez!

Howdy all,

Let's welcome our new and returning board members: Cinona Hawk as Vice-President, Imnaha Chuck as TG, Lucky Rick O'Shay as Director 2, Sweetwater as Director 3, Ima Loden as Treasurer, Long Henry Thompson as Member-at-Large, and Kidd Kristen as JCSA representative. Thank you all! We had a great turn out for the work party on Saturday. Thank you, everyone!

One of our beloved founding members passed away Dec 27<sup>th</sup>: Merlin Maverick will be missed greatly! Rest in Peace!

Until we meet again!

*Hugs!*

*— Your Prez, Bobbin' Along Daisy*

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 @ 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 MATCHES: Sun. Jan. 19, Sat. Feb. 1, Sun. Feb. 16**

**Setup on Match day mornings - 8:30 AM**

**Sign-in - 9:00 to 9:30; Safety Mtg. - 9:30; First shot - 10:00**

Take I-5 to exit 61 and North on frontage road to Josephine County Sportsman's Park.



### January 19 (Sun), 2019 Stage Writers:

Stages #1, 2, 3 - at Bay #1: New Hope Kid

Stages #4 & 5 - at Bay #2: Long Henry Thompson

### ***In Memoriam: Merlin Maverick***

**Merlin Maverick (Howard Arnold)** passed away peacefully on December 27th – just shy of his 89th birthday. Maverick had a fulfilling life enjoying activities that included hunting, fishing, black powder rendezvous, the Rogue River Steelheaders, and volunteering for the Sheriff's and Josephine County Parks Departments. He was also a member of the Korean Vets, the NRA, JCSA, and SASS. He was a founding member of the Marauders and served as its first President as well as holding numerous other offices over the years. He started shooting the cowboy action venue in 1991 and attended many matches nationwide. He was very proud of his Winter Range Buckle. He made many cowboy friends over the years and always had a story to share. He is survived by his wife Molly b'Dam (Heike) and three children as well as a family legacy of grand children, great grandchildren, nieces, and a younger sister. Maverick did not want a big "hullabaloo" (as he called it) after his passing, but perhaps we can gather in the near future to remember him. He will be missed.

### **MOLLY'S NEWS UPDATES! - January 2020**

***I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a peaceful 2020. Count your blessings to have family, fellow Merlin Marauders and friends. Enjoy your bounties every day.***

#### **Membership:**

As always, we welcome new members. Please give a hearty welcome to our newest members Rawhide Randy and One Eyed Mary (Stewart Moore and Geraldine Davidson) who joined last month. Membership dues are \$35 for a Family and \$25 for single memberships, and are renewable as of January 1st, 2020. Send your payment to our Merlin Marauder P.O. Box - Box 202, Grants Pass, OR 97528. The Merlin Marauder Dues deadline is January 30, 2020. Please remit them to the above P.O. Box. Thank you all for your prompt reply. Molly

***New to the Sport?*** Want to join? Join us at JCSA the first Saturday of any month and the third Sunday for our monthly matches. We'll even let you try it. Our monthly meeting is the first Monday of the month at the Black Forest Restaurant.

#### **New Officers and Installation:**

Let us welcome new officers to the Executive Board of Directors. We have a few changes as follows: Due to Merlin Maverick's passing, the Vice President appointed by President Bobbin' Along Daisy is Cinona Hawk. Additional appointments are Imnaha Chuck as Territorial Governor, Sweetwater Jack as Director (taking Imnaha's place), and Long Henry Thompson as Member At Large. All were installed as well as reelected Treasurer Ima Loden. Due to his absence, Lucky Rick O'Shay will be installed at the February Merlin Marauder Meeting. Kidd Krystin was reappointed as JCSA Representative. **Congratulations to all of you!**

**Please Mark Your Calendars:**

Per Match Director New Hope Kid, we will have the Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Monthly Match as planned. A big thank you those who attended the January work party. We had a great turnout. As everyone knows, the Facade on Bay 1 blew down, and the remains were removed and taken to the dump on January 4<sup>th</sup>. A strategy is under way to draw up plans for a replacement façade. We will keep everyone posted: so stay tuned.

Our 2019 Christmas Party was held December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Black Forest Restaurant. The dinner was delicious and "Steal A Gift" was fun. And thank you to all those who brought a toy for the Foster Care Program. A great time was had by all.

**MARAUDER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & MATCH FEES**

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>SHOOTING FEES</u>	
Individual Membership	\$25	Individual MM Member	\$13
Family* Membership	\$35	Additional MM Family Adults	\$8 each
<i>*Family is defined as all living under one roof</i>		Individual Non-MM Member	\$16
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 ”**

As previously announced in December via e-mail, the following rule change has passed TG Votes and will be included in the shooter’s handbook, etc.:

**Rule Change:**

Eliminate the automatic Stage DQ penalty for leaving the loading table with a cocked rifle. In such instances, the shooter will be directed to point the rifle safely into the back berm, bring the hammer to full cock if it is in the half-cock/safety position, and then pull the trigger.

If no round is fired, the shooter will be directed to finish staging firearms in order to start the stage (a No Call). If a round fires when the shooter pulls the trigger, the shooter will be assessed a Stage DQ and directed to proceed to the unloading table.

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**(Score Sheets to return next month)**