

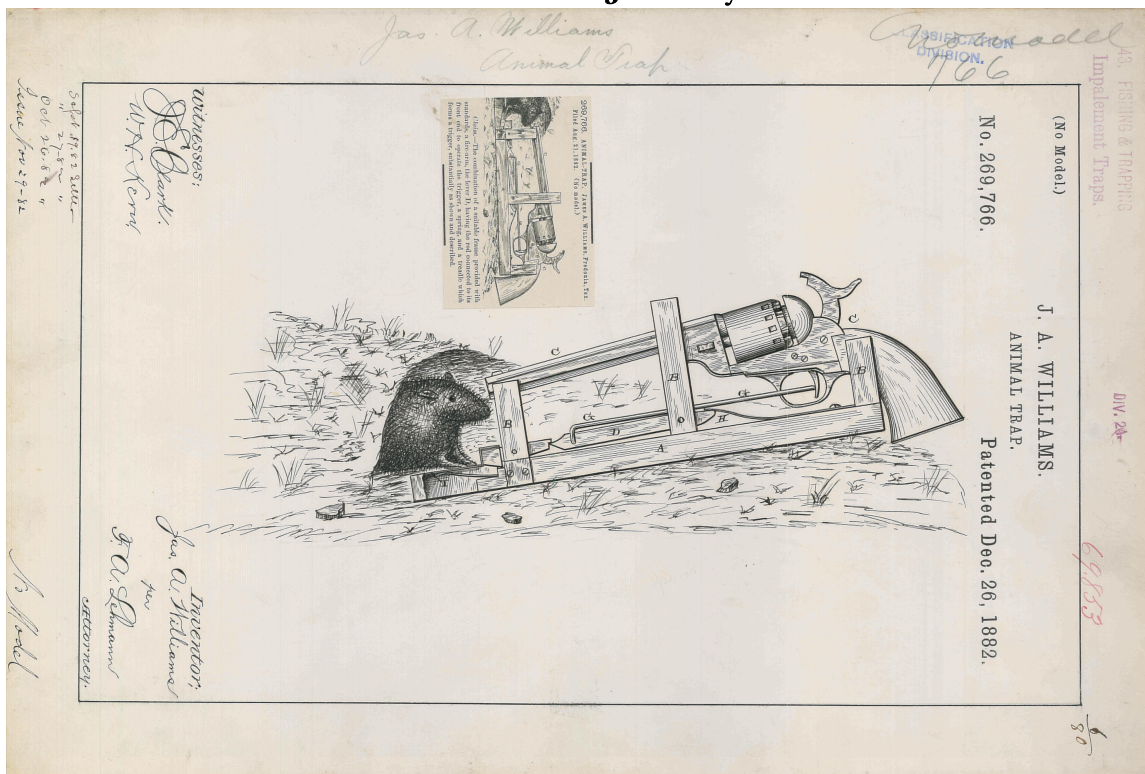


## ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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# SMOKE SIGNAL

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New Year's Resolution #537: "I'm going to build me a *better mousetrap!*" U.S. Patent Office #269,766 of 26 Dec. 1882—"Animal trap" James Alexander Williams of Fredonia, San Saba Co. Texas. Note that the report of the revolver alerts the user that the trap has sprung! *Source:* National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Md. RG241: Patent and Trademark Office 1836-1978—Drawing of an animal trap by J.A. Williams 12/26/1882.

## Range News

**JANUARY 2018 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Alamo Muzzle-Loading Gun Club's annual business meeting was held Saturday, January 6th at Grady's on Bandera Road. Although no official headcount was taken, it appeared we had about 50 folks show up for good food, renewing memberships, and the meeting, which lasted about an hour. During the meeting, reports from the Treasurer, Secretary, Range Officer, Match Committee chair, Entertainment Committee chair, Vice President, and President were tendered, and shooting awards for the past 2017 black-powder matches awarded.

Four of the 8 BoD member positions were up for election. Board members elected for a two-year term included Bill Knipscher, Dave Carlson, Rich Beardsley, and a new board member, Cliff Denny.

Dennis Rich chose not to re-run for a board position this year. Dennis has been a longtime member of our AMLGC, and his contributions for well over 25 years have been incalculable. He is one of the primary reasons this club enjoys the success it does today. His presence on the Board will be sorely missed. In the future, he is going to be concentrating on finishing the set-up of the Black Power Cartridge Range out to 385 meters/ 421 yards.

The John St. Leger and Dennis Bush Service Award (named after two longtime club members) is awarded on an annual basis to a club member in recognition of their past and ongoing service to the club. Past winners of the award vote on who merits receipt of it. The 2017 winner is Greg Delk. Greg has served as President of the club, is currently the Vice President, and also serves as AMLGC's legal advisor. Greg singlehandedly saved the club thousands of dollars every year by ensuring our tax-exempt status with the appropriate taxing authorities in addition to many other contributions he has made to the club. CONGRATULATIONS, GREG!!!!

Two amendments to the AMLGC by-laws were introduced at the meeting. Amendments are not voted on at the meeting they are proposed; rather, they are voted on at the next annual business meeting (2019), or at a special meeting if called for by the Board. One of the amendments would allow for the Board meeting to be held on the same Sunday as the monthly shoot instead of the Tuesday after that first Sunday. The second amendment [so to speak!] would allow the Secretary to serve beyond the two consecutive term limit, as is currently called for in the by-laws.

### Officers for 2018

At the January BoD meeting held Sunday January 7, the following officers were elected for the coming year. President—Bill Knipscher; Vice President—Greg Delk; Treasurer—John Burke Sr.; Secretary—Dave Carlson; Match Committee Chairman—Rich Beardsley; Range Officer—Gary Quandt; Entertainment Chairman—Ian Straus; Member-at-large—Cliff Denny.

### *Raffle Prize for 2018*

Our club money-raising raffle for this year is a really nice, factory-new Ruger 10/22 self-loading, detachable magazine-fed, rim fire rifle. This particular one is the new takedown model that separates into two pieces, and comes with a nice backpack carrying case made of nylon. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from our Treasurer, John Burke, Sr. The drawing will be held in July. Please help support the club and buy a ticket or tickets!

<https://ruger.com/products/1022Takedown/models.html>

### *Work Party- all hands deck! 18 February 2018*

There'll be a work party at the range, scheduled for Sunday, 18 February—the day after our members-only center-fire rifle match. The party will install target frames at the BPCR range and clean out the target sheds, paint silhouettes, and carry out post-match maintenance tasks. Any help you might provide will be greatly appreciated. Please remember, no one gets paid in the AMLGC so we rely on volunteers and members who pitch in when we can. Thanks for your help in advance.

### *Reminders for the New Year*

*Center-Fire Shoot*—The AMLG Club's inaugural center-fire shoot is coming up—really soon! --on Saturday, February 17th. This first match is restricted to *club members only*. Entry fee is \$10.00. Your rifle will be classified based on action type, optics, etc. to try and keep everyone competing on a level playing field. All shots will be fired from the bench or cross-sticks. No prone shooting at this match.

*Guest Lien release and fees*- With the New Year, all guests of club members must sign a guest lien release on the side of the office building, and pay the \$10 fee per guest per visit. As before, the lien releases and fee box are located at the front of the office.

*Shooting forward of the firing line-* Once again, evidence points to someone **shooting forward of the concrete firing line**. This time it was at the 25-yard line. See the pictures below. One shows a pile of ejected .40 caliber pistol cartridges. Greg Delk is standing where the pile of shells were observed. This is a serious **safety violation** and anyone caught doing this is subject to having membership terminated. DO NOT SHOOT FORWARD OF THE CONCRETE! There is a pistol range with variable distances, but the 25-yard line is just that: A 25-yard line for pistol, rifle, etc.



*Above:* Empty .40 S&W pistol cases well forward of the firing line.

VP Greg Delk standing at the spot where these cartridges were fired from on the rifle range.

*Gate entry--*Ours is a *private club*; the AMLGC range is *private property*! Members of the general public are not allowed access without BoD approval. Non-members may not enter without accompaniment and sponsorship of a *member*. Every club member has to be responsible for maintaining gate security, which means do not permit anyone to enter the gate without verifying they know the gate code. Per our general counsel, even law enforcement officials *sans* warrant are not allowed entry without owner permission. Should an officer of the law present a warrant of the court for entry, a member must refer him or her to a board member, or designated agent of it. If we, the membership, do not preserve the integrity of our range at all times, any mishap caused by our inattention to our property rights will be indefensible and could cause the loss of our range.



*From the Entertainment committee chair, Ian Straus:*

I would like to thank those who have already volunteered to provide lunch at the first-Sunday shoots in 2018:

Feb- Greg Delk

March- Cliff & Carolyn Denny

April- Rich & Susan Beardsley

May- Shawn Essary

June- Cliff & Carolyn Denny

July- open

August- open

Sept- Ian & Donna Straus

Oct- Craig Peterman

Nov- open

Dec- Deirdre McDonald & Dave Carlson

Please volunteer for July, August, or November. Volunteering does not mean that you have to feed us all for free: Submit receipts to Treasurer John Burke, Sr. for reimbursement after lunch. We have plenty of paper plates, cups, and plastic ware, and I intend to stock more sodas and bottled water in the supply closet. We have a few barbecue tools and some lighter fluid on hand.

Ian Straus

Entertainment chair

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January scores

A Rifle;

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Dennis Rich	154
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Cliff Denny	146
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Gary Quandt	133 1x

B Rifle	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Mike Lowe	140 1x
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Greg Delk	121 1x
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Ian Straus	119

C Rifle	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Dave Carlson	105
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Deirdre McDonald	77 1x

A Pistol	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Cliff Denny	77 1x
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Dennis Rich	70 1x

B Pistol	1 <sup>st</sup> place	John Burke, Sr,	63
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Ian Straus	55
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Rich Beardsley	52

## **Shoot Schedule 2018**

January 7<sup>th</sup> - 25, 50 yard Rifle shoot, various targets, 25 yard pistol shoot, 4H Shoot 2PM

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Silhouettes, 25, 50 yards, 20 shots

January 28<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

February 4<sup>th</sup> - Ground hog & 6 bull, 25 yards, 3 bull & bear, 50 yards, 25 yard pistol, 4H Shoot 2PM

February 10, 11 Civil War Skirmish

February 17<sup>th</sup> - Center fire shoot

February 18<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yards, round bulls, 4H Shoot 2PM

March 11<sup>th</sup> - 22 any sights, Poker match (to be explained later)

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2-day club silhouette shoot

April 14,15 Civil War Skirmish

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Black powder cartridge

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Blanket shoot, nightmare & fur-de-lac, 25 yards, deer & bear, 50 yards

Bring a \$10.00 value prize. 25-yard pistol. 4H Shoot 2PM

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Silhouette, 25 & 50 yards, 20 shots

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cross-sticks match, 2 bull, 5 bull, 50 yards; 1 bull cut up buffalo, 100 yards, 25 yard pistol,

4H Shoot 2PM Sunday

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 22 fun shoot

June 24<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Watermelon shoot, animal targets, 25 and 50 yards, 25-yard pistol, 4H Shoot 2PM

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Black powder cartridge

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yards, round bulls, 25 yard Pistol, 4H Shoot 2PM

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 25 & 50 yard silhouette

August 25<sup>th</sup> Re-enactors shoot 9AM to 1PM

August 26<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Animal targets, 25 & 50 yards, 25 yard pistol

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Out of the pouch shoot

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Black powder cartridge

October 7<sup>th</sup> - 25 and 50 yard surprise targets, 25-yard pistol  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - 22 shoot, rifle and pistol, any sights  
October 20, 21 Civil War Skirmish  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

November 4<sup>th</sup> - Turkey shoot, cross-sticks, animal targets, 50 and 100 yards, 25 yard Pistol  
November 18<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Holiday shoot, round bull targets, 25 & 50 yards, Knife shoot, 25-yard pistol  
December 9<sup>th</sup> - Black powder cartridge

May 12, Aug 11, and Oct.13 are Saturday shoots (mid month fun shoots)

**Match Guidelines:** All First Sunday matches will be shot with a 14 lb. maximum weight rifle, any metallic sights. Projectile will be a patched round ball only. NMLRA, TMLRA, NRA, and local club rules will apply for all matches. Matches will start at 9:00 a.m. Arrive by 8:30 if you want to practice. We will have 4 to 6 relays for the rifle matches.

**Awards and Class Breakdown:** There will be 3 rifle and 3 pistol classes for the First Sunday shoots. There will be two classes for the BPCR matches. First time shooters will be placed in Class A.

**First Sunday Rifle and Pistol Top Gun Awards:** These are total points for the year awards. Shooters must participate in at least 8 of the 12 monthly rifle or pistol matches to qualify for these awards.

**Class Awards for Rifle and Pistol Awards** will be given for top three totals in each category of rifle and pistol. The top 10 scores of the year will be used for these totals. Shooters may migrate from class to class based on their averages for the first 9 months. After the September shoot, shooters are locked into their class for the last 3 months.

## AMLGC

On February 17 we will have our first center fire shoot. As you know we are primarily interested in black powder shooting, although most of the current members shoot center fire hunting and target rifles.

As our club has only had black powder shoots in the past we now would like to include a number of center fire shoots. This will be a first for AMLGC. We would like to have your input for any further shoots.

1. Do you prefer Saturdays?



2. Do you have friends that are not members that would like to compete?
3. Do you want class levels, determined by average score?  
A Class B Class C Class

## **INITIAL CATAGORIES**

1. Hunting rifles
  - a. No major modifications, a rifle you would carry in the field.
2. AR 15 5.56x45mm/.223 or equivalent
3. Unlimited rifles
  - a. All AMLGC caliber restrictions apply (i.e. nothing overly destructive of the backstop berms, so no .50 BMG or .338 Lapua, etc.
  - b. Targets at 300 and 400 yards

All matches will be shot at to paper bulls-eye targets.

- a. Hunting, AR 15, 1 target at 100 yards, 10 shots
- b. Hunting, AR 15, 1 target at 200 yards, 10 shots  
Unlimited rifles 1 target at each distance, 10 shots each target
- c. Bench or cross sticks
- d. No prone shooting
- e. Entry fee is \$10

For the first shoot 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

## **COMMENTS**

Please let us know if you enjoyed the shoot, list anything you would like to see.

