



## ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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# SMOKE SIGNAL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **Henry .22 rifle RAFFLE WINNER!**



Congratulations and kudos to Mr. James Quandt who bagged this beautiful brass-receiver .22lr lever-action rifle! Our lucky winner!

### *Range NEWS—*

The Gate to the Club Range: The AMLGC Board of Directors has accepted a bid from a contractor to improve the Club's Range gate. Gary Quandt is soliciting volunteers about the work that has to be undertaken on our end, including fencing, concrete pouring, electrician work, and digging.

Dirt acquisition for berm repair: Other range improvements include some dirt delivered to improve the berms/ backstops on the range, as well as the ongoing project to separate the 100-yard firing line from the 200 yard-385 meter side of the range. The purpose of this separation project is to ensure a safer range where the commands and ceasefires, etc. on the 25-yd. to 100-yd. line will be within visual and auditory signal range of the range safety officers and club members and their guests using that portion of the range, while those on the further range will be subject to range safety and member commands on their

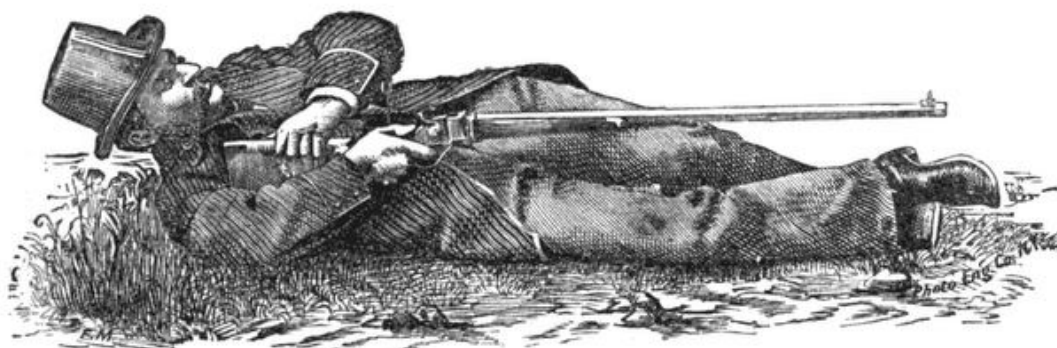
end. As of the 7 July BoD meeting, 130 tons of dirt had been supplied after consultation with construction crews by Gary Quandt. The newsletter will update you on how much more dirt we've been able to acquire.

“What about a 75-yard firing line?”: Members have requested that we have a 75-yard firing line in addition to the 50-yard. Since the 100-yd. line points numbered 1 through 7 are closed to modern smokeless firearms, due to the construction far downrange outside of our Club's property, Lane number 1 is so far being discussed as the point to be modified to a 75-yd. range. It just seems more workable that way.

More better target frame backing material?: Obtaining the type of plastic material as used in some political campaign signs and materials, if available in 2'x2' panels, might absorb more hits and thus last longer than the present backing material we use on target stands. On the downside, it wouldn't be biodegradable and so on. The Board is looking into it, and of course would welcome member input on the matter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Silhouette Shoots: \*An important schedule modification has been made. Since the “3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday” black powder cartridge rifle (BPCR) shoots were cancelled for the rest of the year due to lack of participation in this very demanding sport, the Board agreed that it would be nice to have a rather less-formal but still fun and competitive steel shoot. We'll be using the 25-yard and 50-yard ranges for patched round ball rifles (PRB), although by all means, PRB users can try their hand at 100-yds. too. Shooters trying to get in some practice on metal silhouettes with Civil War-type elongated conoidal-ogival bullets like Minié/Burton balls and so on must use the 50 or 100-yd. firing lines. Simply put, the .58 cal or larger conical bullets would really do a number on the squirrel silhouette at 25 yards. The July 21 shoot was run by AMLGC President Greg Delk. The Club secretary, D. Carlson, will run it on August 18<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. The October 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday will revert to Greg Delk again. 17<sup>th</sup> November and VP Bill Knipscher should run the match. Finally, in mid-December 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. John Burke, Sr. will run the match. There won't be lunch at these affairs, so pack your own snacks and whatnot before heading out.

July 6<sup>th</sup> Pic-nic: Our sincere thanks to Ms. Donna Straus, the Denny family, Gary Quandt and the volunteers, the Beardsley family, and many other kind participants in our social and make-noise and smoke 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July! We had great picnic food of all kinds, potluck dishes and home cooking provided by participants. There was a fun BB gun match for the youngsters, and the mountain howitzer fired a couple cans at the 100 yard berm with lots of gratifying visible impacts more-or-less near the target, and much smoke and loud noise! The anvils proved vexing. The small anvils used did not have a channel on the surface for the powder charge, so the upper anvil didn't actually “catch air” and visibly move upward. But it did produce a lot of smoke and flash, and all members still have all their fingers, so it was a lot of fun. Thanks to all! We should definitely think about doing it again next year! Boy did the watermelon hit the spot.



**GEO. W. YALE IN POSITION.**

A laid back shooting style of yore. Uncommon today, such supine stances narrowly edged out prone target shooting positions in the competitions of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Scores for 7 July 2019:**

Raccoon 25-yds                      2 bull 25-yds                      1 bull 50-Yds                      Fox 50-yds

**Class A**

1. Bill Knipscher 40	1. Frank Collins 43	1. Bill Knipscher 40	1. Frank Collins 26x
2. Clif Denny 35x	2. Bill Knipscher 40	2. Frank Collins 39	2. Dennis Rich 26
3. Frank Collins 30	3. Dennis Rich 36	3. Clif Denny 36	3. Bill Knipscher 25

**Aggregate Class A -**

1. Bill Knipscher 145	2. Frank Collins 138x	3. Dennis Rich 123
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**Class B**

1. Greg Delk 44	1. John Burke, Jr. 37	1. John Burke, Jr. 43	1. John Burke, Jr. 35
2. Ian Straus 43	2. Rich Beardsley 35	2. Rich Beardsley 41	2. Gary Quandt 27
3. John Burke Sr. 37	3. Gary Quandt 33	3. Gary Quandt 37	3. John Burke Sr. 27

**Agg Class B -**

1. John Burke Jr. 138	2. Rich Beardsley 138	3. John Burke Sr. 126
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**Pistol Class A** – 1. Clif Denny 86xx    2. Dennis Rich 55

**Pistol Class B** - 1. John Burke Sr. 71    2. Gary Quandt 68    3. Greg Delk 51

**2019 Rifle Top 10** – 1. Bill Knipscher 927-4x    2. Dennis Rich 871-7x    3. Clif Denny 797-6x

4. John Burke Sr. 750-2x

5. Rich Beardsley 720-2x

6. Greg Delk 695-3x

7. Gary Quandt 668

8. John Burke Jr. 634-3x

9. Ian Straus 486

10. John Moore 341

**2019 Pistol Top 10** – 1. Clif Denny 321xx    2. John Burke Sr. 284x    3. Ian Straus 221

4. Greg Delk 221

5. Gary Quandt 201

6. Dennis Rich 127

7. John Moore 54

8. Ken Rupkalvis 35

Thank you! See you in August!