

ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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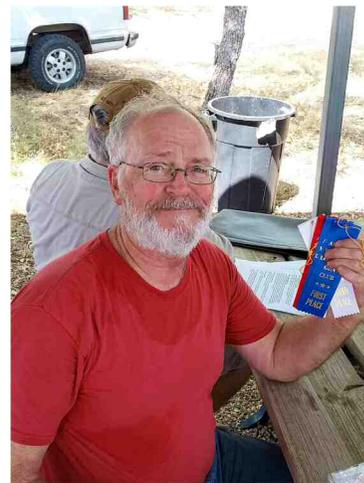
August 7th shoot winners: [We had 12 shooters again this month.](#)

Class		50 yd 1-Bull		50 yd 6-Bull		100 yd 1-Bull		100 yd 3-Bull
Class A:	1	Clif Denny 48 X	1	Alex Michlberger 45	1	Dennis Rich 41	1	Dennis Rich 42
	2	Bill Knipscher 47 X		Dennis Rich 44 X	2	Alex Michlberger 40 X	2	Clif Denny 34 X
	3	Dennis Rich 47	3	Clif Denny 38	3	Bill Knipscher 38	3	Alex Michlberger 34
Class B:	1	Gareth Henderson 47 X	1	Gareth Henderson 39	1	Gary Quandt 36	1	Greg Delk 30
	2	Bobby Moore 43	2	Bobby Moore 29	2	Greg Delk 25	2	Gary Quandt 25
	3	Greg Delk 40 X	3	Greg Delk 27	3	Bobby Moore 13	3	Gareth Henderson 8
Class A Rifle Agg:	1	Dennis Rich 174 X	2	Alex Michlberger 164 X	3	Clif Denny 156 2X		
Class B Rifle Agg:	1	Greg Delk 122 X	2	Gary Quandt 119	3	Gareth Henderson 94 X		

Dennis



Greg



Other shoots:

The August 20th reenactors' shoot drew eleven reenactors; Three club members and eight others. We spent most of our time systematically working up loads for the individual rifled muskets owned by people who seldom shoot live. But we also did:

- Hands-on experience firing two types of British bullets, in paper cartridges.
- Buck and ball demonstration, again with paper cartridges. This .69 smoothbore load is a ball and three buckshot. With a volley from two muskets at 25 yards, one round each, a 25-yard pistol bullseye target was hit by one .60 ball and all six buckshot.
 - Finally, six rounds per man, eight shooters, at a line of posterboard silhouettes at 50 yards. The silhouettes, cut two from each posterboard, subtend the same angle as a man would at about 120 yards. 19 Minie bullets hit out of almost 48... we had a couple of muskets dirty enough to not complete their six.
 - And we discussed why the NRA was formed: A group of Civil War officers recognized that American rifle marksmanship was bad, and decided to fix it in the 1870s. One stat is that 16 pounds of lead were shot to produce one KIA.

Donna Straus served a warmly appreciated lunch. And then we went home because it was HOT after noon!

The August 21st Black Powder Cartridge match had six shooters. Alex Michlberger won 1st, Bill Knipscher was second and Rich Beardsley was third.

News from the Civilian marksmanship program: The Parker County Sportsman Club is holding an As-Issued and Modern Military Rifle Match on 09/17/22. The location of the range is: 6700 Advance Rd, Poolville, TX. Safety Briefing Begins: 9:00AM.

For more information you may contact the match director: Frank Bliss at fbliss@flash.net.

2023 dues increase

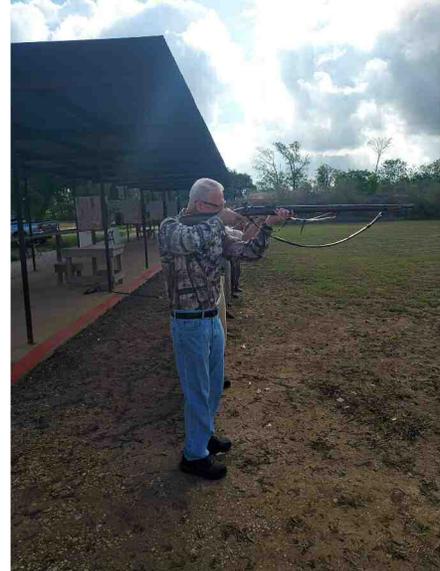
As the past two newsletters discussed, we have not been getting much participation in work parties, certainly nothing to compare with 15-20 years ago when we might see 20 -25 people. This reduces our ability to maintain and improve the range. We reached two conclusions:

1. It was a mistake to monetize voluntarism by giving work party chits.
2. We are falling behind on range maintenance, and not doing desired improvements.

It doesn't help that materials and bulldozer time have gotten a lot more expensive.

The directors have made a list of things that have been put off (see below), and decided to spend money we do have contracting for the top three priorities this year if we can't get the work done by club members. These priorities are:

- Replacing the wall between the men's and ladies' restroom (partially done by volunteers last week, and the wall will be painted by Donna Straus),
- Finishing the roofing repairs on the range shack and the 50 yard line tin roof (this is the one that's going to cost), and



- Finish the conversion of the old shower to a target shed.

That list of Repair and Improvement Projects:

Office Building

- Finish installing new roof shingles
- Repair, replace and paint damaged fascia and soffit
- Remove target racks and place in target shed.
- Remove wall currently dividing office area from food storage area.
- Move food service items to target shed

Target Shed

- Finish replacing damaged flooring
- Repair doors as needed
- Re-level building
- Install target racks and furniture removed from office.

Perimeter Fencing

- Finish cleaning brush
- Finish installing perimeter wire as required
- Install warning signs and purple paint as needed

Bathrooms

- Replace wall between women's and men's bathrooms.
- Install water impervious interior wall coverings to facilitate cleaning.

Silhouette Storage Shed

- Replace existing silhouette racks with new heavy load capacity racks.

- Dispose of old/damaged target materials and miscellaneous junk.

Civil War and BPCR Target Shed

- Install racks as needed to get target materials off the ground.
- Dispose of old/damaged targets and other miscellaneous junk.

Shooting Line

- Re-attach any loose sheet metal roofing.
- Replace any damaged/missing sheet metal roofing.
- Repair/Replace Wood Cover at 385 meter range

Berms

- Repair berms as needed at all ranges
- Increase height of 385 meter berm
- Complete berm between 100 yard line and 200 yard ranges

Brush Removal

- Clear area around septic tank
- Clear away brush from club sign at highway intersection
- Cut back brush from camping area and behind firing line

Picnic Pavilion

- Repair barbecue pit
- Repair/replace plywood serving counters as needed

This leaves many things that we are not confident we can do any time soon with the money on hand and the volunteers who turn out.

We also considered what shooting at other ranges around here costs, whether by annual membership or paying day by day. AMLGC is the best deal around, and clubs with hardly any amenities are charging more. It still will be the best deal after the dues increase.

Therefore we resolved

- to increase annual dues from \$125 to \$200 beginning January 1, 2023.
- to increase the initiation fee from \$25 to \$50 beginning January 1, 2023.

We do invite club members who are contractors to bid to do this work. And we do appreciate the members who do come out for work parties, or make benches at home, or come out and work with Gary.

Upcoming events: (items in <i>italics</i> are not on our range)			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
September	3			4H (1pm)	
	4	Animal targets (25 & 50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	17	Civil War Skirmish			
	9/29- 10/2	<i>TMLRA - Brady</i>			
October	1			4H (1pm)	
	2	Cross-sticks silhouette shoot (50 & 100 yds)		4H (1pm)	
	4-9	<i>N-SSA</i>			
	15			4H (1pm)	
	16	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			

Members are reminded that when 4H has scheduled shoots, 4H is in charge of the rifle range. The rest of us can still shoot on the 50 yard through 385 meter lines, but we must go hot and cold with 4H. Be safe!

If you have black powder related items for sale you are invited to advertise them in this newsletter. Email to ian.straus@att.net.

The president's letter is on the next page.

Until next month - Ian Straus



My Two
Cents worth



After months of discussion by the Board of Directors it has been determined that an increase in the annual membership dues is necessary. Our dues have been exceptionally low historically and have not increased in several years. The rising cost of every type

of material or service necessary for the maintenance of our club facilities made this increase an inevitable necessity. One example would be the cost of target backer material doubling this past year. The rising cost of materials coincides with the necessity to begin contracting for many of the maintenance items once able to be completed by members. This is due to factors including but not limited to incredibly low work party participation in recent years as I alluded to in both the April and June newsletters. I am appreciative to the few members that do regularly attend work parties

Therefore, the Board of Directors after careful consideration voted unanimously to increase the annual membership dues to \$200 beginning in the 2023 membership year. The New Member one time initiation fee will be \$50 beginning in the 2023 membership year.

AMLGC membership is an excellent value. Costing far less than most shooting sports clubs in the San Antonio area. Our membership is a Family Membership. Members have access to the club property 365 days a year, 0800 to sunset. Target stands, frames and backers are provided for members use on each range. Speaking of ranges AMLGC has eight different ranges (distances) for our members' use, all those ranges are covered to provide all weather usage. Our club provides rest rooms with running water, in addition to access to potable water at many points at the range. An automatic gate access system for the convenience of members in conjunction with a security monitoring system to assist in keeping both club members and club assets safe and secure. Other club amenities often overlooked when considering benefits are ample parking adjacent to all areas of the firing line; a covered picnic area and camping/RV hookups with both water and electricity. AMLGC also organizes, conducts, and hosts over twenty competitive matches per year to include muzzle loading rifle; black powder pistol/revolver; Civil War Skirmishes and Black Powder Cartridge Rifle (BPCR). Our club provides all this for what averages out to \$16.66 per month, you can barely order a pizza for that amount. Any way you slice it, our club is a terrific value to its members.

It is my sincere hope that you all join me in recognizing everything our club has to offer its members and the wonderful value of AMLGC membership. This decision was not taken lightly but is undoubtedly a necessary change to ensure that our club continues to be enjoyed by its members for years to come.

AMLGC has great events upcoming in September. Our First Sunday match is the September 4th, 25- & 50-yard animal targets and a pistol match. The Texas Skirmish Association is hosting a Civil War Skirmish on September 17th. See the flyer attached to August's newsletter.

As always, shoot straight, be safe and look out for one another.

Alan Pinel, AMLGC President

INTERESTED IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY? COMPETITIVE SHOOTING WITH CIVIL WAR WEAPONS!



TEXAS SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022

MATCHES

TEAM MUSKET

&

TEAM

SMOOTHBORE

TEAM COMPETITION IN MUSKET & SMOOTHBORE.

SHOOT FEES: \$10 FOR ENTIRE EVENT (BOTH MATCHES)

******* LUNCH PROVIDED *******

LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE RANGE (DONATION REQUESTED)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	MUSKET MATCH
TBD (AFTER LUNCH)	SMOOTHBORE MATCH

**Alamo Muzzle Loading
Gun Club**

**THE ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB RANGE IS
LOCATED IN LA COSTE, TEXAS, WEST OF SAN
ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF U.S. 90.**

PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS.

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