



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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October shoot winners: We had 9 shooters this month (not counting the folks who shoot a make up).

Club 20 Shot Silhouette Shoot

Class A Rifle Agg: 1 Alex Michlberger 200, 2 Clif Denny 140, 3 Gary Quandt 130

Class B Rifle Agg: 1 Terry Williams 100, 2 Dave Carlson 60, 3 Ian Straus 50

Alex



Terry



The Black Powder Cartridge Rifle match Oct. 16th:

Dennis Rich reports; “We had 6 shooters. 1st place was Louis Davis 21, Rich Beardsley 18, and Dennis Rich 17.”

Action shot; Clif just fired...



Louis spots





At left, Dennis Rich, BPCR match organizer, shoots.

Scout merit badge muzzle loading shoot on Saturday, October 29th. Ten scouts shot for their merit badge. This is developing the muzzle loaders of the future! Thanks to volunteers who brought their rifles and instructed the Scouts: Linda & Gareth Henderson, Clif Denny, Alan Pinel, John Burke Sr., John Burke Jr., Richard Fulk, Ian Straus. Also thanks to Wendy Pinel, who assisted; and to club member Daryl Spillman who brought the club this opportunity.



Other news:

The October 15th work party: The vegetation was cleared from the faces of the long-range berms, and then the white silhouettes were seen clearly. A light paint spray by Bill and Dennis holds the dirt in place (see picture). But in the long run we will have to improve these berms to help target visibility.

Other work done was mowing, general clean-up, and Donna Straus painted the women's restroom and even decorated it. More decoration will be done. The old door signs will be replaced, meanwhile take the hint from the blue and pink doors.



More work party - 4-H found a bucket full of brass on the 25 yard range. Forward of the firing line is now clean of old brass.



Things displayed on the range:

- John Burke Jr. showed some very neat paper cartridges for black powder revolvers, made with tools from a 3-D printed kit. They shoot just fine, too.
- Dave Carson has a new blunderbuss with a miquelet lock. This is the first miquelet lock I have seen outside a museum, and the first working one.

Coming events: Pistol shoot is back next weekend!

Upcoming events:			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
November	5			4H (1pm)	
	6	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	12				4H (9:30 - 12:30)
	19			4H (1pm)	
	21	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
December	3			4H (1pm)	
	4	Holiday Shoot, knife shoot, round bull targets (25 & 50 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	17			4H (1pm)	4H (9:30-1230)

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!

And of course our general membership business and awards meeting is coming in January. Please see Alan Pinel's letter on the next page for more about this and your membership renewal.



Wow! October sure was a busy month for our members. Our club hosted its regular First Sunday Match and a BPCR Match in addition to a Work Party Day. There also were major out of town shooting events at the TMLRA State Shoot in Brady, TX and

the North-South Skirmish Association Fall Nationals in Winchester, VA. AMLGC was very well represented at both those events.

With the coming of Fall that means AMLGC's Annual Membership Renewal Season is going to be fast approaching for the 2023 membership year. I just wanted to remind members that to renew your membership the following documentation is required:

1. A completed and signed 2023 Membership Renewal Form
2. A completed and signed 2023 Liability Waiver
3. A legible copy of primary member's Drivers License or Texas ID card
4. A completed and signed 2023 Liability Waiver for all members of your household 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER that are to be included in your Family Membership (i.e. spouse/significant other or adult children residing at your home)
5. Payment of 2023 dues (\$200)

Remember you can skip ahead of the line at the annual meeting by mailing in your renewal documentation and payment ahead of time. All the necessary forms are located on the AMLGC website at:

<http://www.amlgc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023-Membership-Application-and-Liability-Waiver.pdf>

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

Alan Pinel, AMLGC President

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

Finally here is a link to a YouTube video detailing experimental archaeology techniques to discover what the equivalent current-day black powder load is to the loads used in matchlock muskets in the 1600s. This is interesting! https://youtu.be/_6ckOrgdQ8Q

Until next month - Ian Straus

