



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

20 December 18

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

**STEVEN'S
RIFLE**

Every man who looks back upon his boyhood, recalls no greater longing than that for a firearm, no keener disappointment than the failure to get it, or more honest joy than when the gun was finally placed in his hands.

Don't forget that your boy feels now just as you once did. Give him a Stevens to train his eye, make him self-reliant and keep him in the fresh air.

RIFLES FOR BOYS:			
"Little Scout" . . .	\$2.25	"Crack Shot" . . .	\$4
"Stevens-Maynard, Jr." \$3		"Little Krag" . . .	\$5
"Favorite No. 17" . . .	\$6		

A VERY INTERESTING CHRISTMAS CATALOG MAILED FREE

We have issued a book dealing with shotguns, rifles and pistols, which every one living in the country should have. It contains 140 pages, and has been termed by the press as "a mine of information on gun owning and gun shooting," making interesting reading for old and young alike. It is mailed free to any one sending 2 two-cent stamps to cover postage.

Don't let your dealer get the better of you by passing off some other kind. If he can't supply you, or won't get the style you want, order from us direct. We send any style of Stevens Firearm, *express prepaid*, on receipt of catalog price.

J. STEVENS ARMS AND TOOL CO., 420 Pine Street, Chicopee Falls, Mass., U. S. A.

Range News:

The editor of the newsletter has the Chicopee Falls, MA-mfr Stevens “Little Scout” single-shot .22... And boy is it neat! Still waiting for Santa to bring the “Little Krag...”

CHRISTMAS 2018:

This year the Board of Directors and the Club Treasurer John Burke, Sr. and his wife rallied some matching donors, an area Church, and some savvy discounts so that the AMLG Club’s donation to the Toys for Tots charity went for almost 50 percent extra. So the \$495 dollars had the same impact as over \$740! The Club’s donations filled over 5 shopping carts with toys for youngsters who otherwise might not have had anything under the tree. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Annual meeting - -

By now you should have received your invitation to the Saturday 4 June 2019 Annual AMLG Club Meeting invitation in the mail. Recall that it will be held at Grady’s Barbecue at 7400 Bandera Road. It will be called to order at 7pm, so if you’d like to eat first, plan on coming a bit early to get your meal order in ahead of time. Last year the award ceremony and reports from the officers of the BoD took about an hour. There are two amendments or changes to the by-laws that have been stewing for a year and need to be decided on: 1) Changing the by-laws to reflect that the actual practice of having BoD meetings occurs after the first Sunday patched round-ball rifle match in the AMLGC office at the range in LaCoste, and 2) Determining whether the secretary’s two-year limitation is to be rescinded or eliminated.

In addition, there are four positions coming to an end, and so there will be elections to fill those slots. Please consider if you’d like to run for one or another position.

DUES

Dues will have to be paid, which is to say \$125. The signed lien release, the membership in the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Assn. or the National Rifle Assn. for insurance purposes, and check all have to be in before your membership can be processed.

Lien releases can be downloaded and printed from the following link on the Club website under “Membership”:

http://www.amlgc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/AMLGC_Lien-Release.pdf

Applications are not too far away on the same site:

http://www.amlgc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/AMLGC_application-2018.pdf

The General Membership Rules and Info may be found at:

http://www.amlgc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/AMLGC-General_Rules_20170116.pdf

The Treasurer may be contacted at
John Burke, Sr.
4306 Waterwood Pass Dr.
Elmendorf, TX 78112

The club's range has a lock on the front gate. This lock's combination will be changed 1 February 2019.

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

The calendar for next year's shoots, matches, and events is drafted and undergoing revisions. If you'd like to see a particular match or type of event, please contact Richard Beardsley, the match director on the BoD, or the Club President and let one of them know.

Be aware that anyone who intends to use a firearm on the AMLG Club's LaCoste range facility *must sign* the lien release/ hold harmless form and pay the range usage fee. Failure to do so means the person in question is trespassing on the Club's *private property*. We've got to have the "I" dotted and the "T" crossed when it comes to insurance, folks!

The 8 December work party was *cancelled* due to realization that it was very proximate to the holiday season and that people are mighty busy with all the preparations that typically involves, and also because it was still hunting season. After an appraisal of what all we might need to repair roof leaks and other wear and tear by Mr. Gary Quandt the Range Safety Officer, we'll have a better handle on what we'll need. The Board will try an e-mail advertisement/ announcement to schedule the next work party. It may also appear in the newsletter *Smoke Signal*.

December Scores:

A Rifle

1st	Dennis Rich	148
2nd	Ken Rupkalvis	131
3rd	Leo Broesche	123

B Rifle

1st	John Burke Jr.	141
2nd	Ian Straus	125
3rd	Greg Delk	124

A Pistol

1st	Dennis Rich	76
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B Pistol

1st	Greg Delk	71
2nd	Ian Straus	33
3rd	John Burke Sr.	23

C Pistol

Dave Carlson	33
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Knife as first prize for the knife shoot was won by Ian Straus





- 1) 1839 model Colt Paterson revolving shotgun. *Source: The Autry Museum*
https://theautry.org/colt/images/87_118_130detail1.jpg?width=640&height=286
- 2) A Colt Paterson revolving rifle with accoutrements.
- 3) A Jenks percussion side-hammer “swing-block” Model 1841 naval carbine. *Source: The NRA Firearm Museum Dr. Wm. L. Roberts, THE AMERICAN LIBERTY COLLECTION, #54.*

Texas Ranger Samuel Walker (1817-47) came to Texas in 1842 and was captured during the ill-fated Mier expedition. Upon repatriation, he served under Jack Hays. He corresponded with Samuel Colt, and the two came up with the Colt Walker revolver. This enormous handgun—apparently the most powerful until modern magnum calibers like Clint Eastwood’s memorable “Dirty” Harry Callahan film detective sported—albeit frequently forgetting whether he’d fired it on screen “five times, or six?” The basic idea was that the horse would bear much of the weight in a pommel holster, and that the tremendous power of the revolver was required to defeat the tough Comanche war shield composed of several thicknesses of buffalo or horse hide and padded with prairie grass or tufts of fur.

Less well known, perhaps, is that in addition to the Colt Paterson revolver, the Colt Paterson rifle was also used in Texas during the Lone Star Republic era.

After April 1841, the curious side-hammer breech-loading Jenks carbine—numbering some 250—were also used along with the Hall breech-loader. This odd .54 caliber carbine was put on half-cock, and then a loading magazine with a “mule ear” much like that possessed by the hammer was levered up and back, to expose the chamber at the top. A lubricated, waxed ball was seated forward in the chamber, and then a special flask was used to measure out loose powder and introduce it through a spout into the breech. Then the bolt slid forward, the arm was capped, and the hammer put on full cock. Fouling played havoc with the mechanism of course. It was once thought that those acquired by Texas were flintlock mechanisms, like those on most

rifles, muskets, and double guns favored in Texas, but recent research reveals that these were indeed percussion guns.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy NEW YEAR!

FELIZ NAVIDAD y un próspero Año Nuevo! Mucha salud a toda la familia.

See y'all in 2019! Cheers!