



## ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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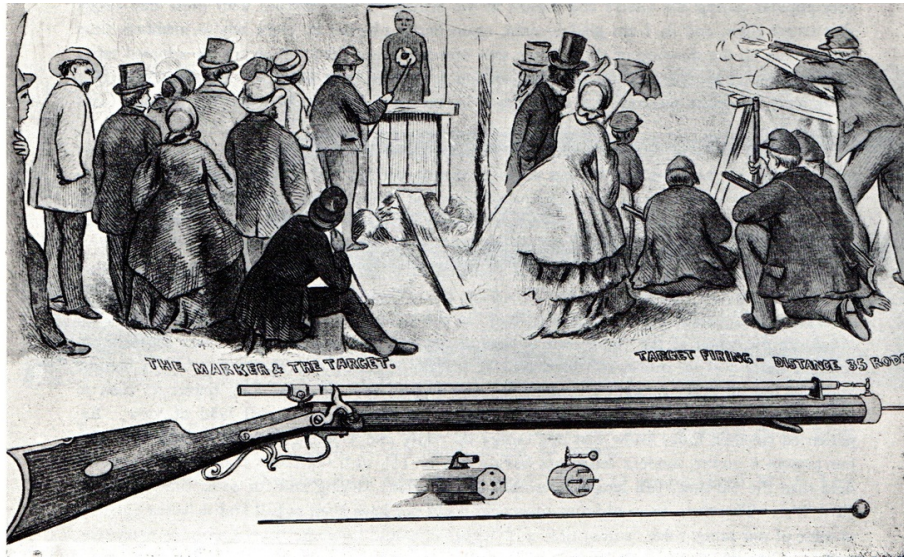
# SMOKE SIGNAL

## NEWSLETTER

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Source: [www.namlhunt.com/mlscopes.html](http://www.namlhunt.com/mlscopes.html) North America's No. 1 Muzzleloading website. Original caption: "This illustration of early 'Sharpshooters' showing off their accuracy skills with a telescopic sighted rifle at '35 Rods' (192.5 yards) appeared in the August 24, 1861 *Harper's Weekly*. The rifle illustrated was supposed to be Colonel Hiram Berdan's personal rifle, a .48 caliber long-range bench gun with a 31-inch barrel that weighed 32 pounds."

Dear muzzle loading aficionados! May's "First Sunday Match" on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May ("¡Qué viva el cinco de mayo!")—anniversary of Texas-born Mexican general Ignacio Zaragoza's victory over the French at the first of three Battles for Puebla—will be a 40-shot silhouette match!

April's "first of the month" shoot was cancelled by inclement weather including high winds. Because the silhouette match takes longer, there will be no pistol competition in May.

*Have you bought your raffle tickets?!*

Some lucky winner is going to get an awesome .22lr Henry Golden Boy lever-action rifle! You've got to be in it to win it! Contact a club officer to buy raffle tickets at \$5 each! <https://www.henryusa.com/rifles/golden-boy/>

4-H Match: On 23 March the 4-H club shoot had fully 50 participants! The 4-H club graciously presented the Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club with a plaque.

*Question: "How do I contact the club?"* Well, you can go to the Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club website at <http://www.amlgc.com/> and once there, you can move the cursor over to the right side menu option: "CONTACT."

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You can then write a message that goes to the current club secretary and *Smoke Signal* editor, Dave Carlson. He'll do his level best to route the query to the appropriate committee chair. Sometimes the messages go to the "Spam" part and so he pledges to check that out more frequently and ensure your message gets to the right person! And we do get spam... Not the eatin' kind either!

Our chief Range Safety Officer oversees a lot of the maintenance. He doesn't mind having his phone number out there, so here it is:

Gary Quandt: Cell-- 210-248-8182.

His number will also go up online at <http://www.amlgc.com/about/officers/>

*Want your very own personal target frame? CONTACT GARY QUANDT! See phone number above. He'll try to make you one for approx. \$15, subject to the price of rebar and so on.*

Skirmish events: For those interested in the arms of the Civil War-era, there are three more skirmish matches this year: <http://www.amlgc.com/events/>

Saturday 25 May

Saturday 27 July (dress appropriately! Bring lots and lots of water!)

A 24 August re-enactors' shoot—not skirmish, but along the lines of 19<sup>th</sup> Century and Civil War-era arms.

26 October

The last three Civil War skirmishes hosted by the Texas Skirmishers Assn. and the AMLGC will be *Saturday only events*. It was too onerous to hold a two-day event on the entire weekend. So now, we'll have the team rifle musket match on Saturday morning, starting in the morning. (first shots downrange at 9am, so come early to help set up and so on). After lunch, if there are enough smooth bore shooters, we'll have a team smooth bore match in the afternoon. There won't be any individual scorings for the time being.

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July family outing and 4<sup>th</sup> of July—19<sup>th</sup>-Century style!*

We often see so little of members outside the yearly business meeting and awards banquet, that it was decided to hold a nice social meet up at the Club range in

LaCoste on Saturday 6 July. There will be fun events, a BB-gun or pellet gun match for kids, chaperoned displays of various things related to muzzle loading, and a “shooting of anvils” –improvised firework!

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY 7 APRIL SHOOT CANCELLED DUE TO HEAVY RAIN AND WIND—No foolin'!** May 5 shoot will be a make-up SILHOUETTE SHOOT.

**3 MARCH SHOOT**

Class A Rifle

Ground hog	6 x bull	3 x bull	Bear
1. Bill Knipscher 43	1. Bill Knipscher 42	1. Bill Knipscher 44 x	1. Dennis Rich 37
2. Dennis rich 38	2. Clif Denny 41	2. Clif Denny 43	2. Bill Knipscher 31 x
3. Clif Denny 34 x	3. Dennish Rich 37	3. Dennish Rich 42 x	3. Clif Denny 22
<u>AGGREGATE</u>	1. Bill Knipscher 160xx	2. Dennis Rich 154x	3. Clif Denny 140x

Class B Rifle

1. Gary Quandt 42	1. John Burke, Sr. 43	1. John Burke, Jr. 40	1. John Burke, Sr. 36 x
2. John Burke, Jr. 32	2. John Burke, Jr. 38	2. Gary Quandt 40	2. John Moore 31
3. Greg Delk 31	3. Rich Beardsley 38	3. Greg Delk 39	3. Rich Beardsley 30
<u>AGGREGATE</u>	1. John Burke, Jr. 135	2. John Burke, Sr. 132 x	3. Gary Quandt 132

Top 10 Rifle:

1. Dennis Rich 495-6x
2. Bill Knipscher 487—4x
3. Clif Denny 434xx
4. Gary Quandt 387
5. John Burke, Sr. 383xx
6. John Burke, Jr. 374x
7. Greg Delk 365x
8. Rich Beardsley 351x
9. John Moore 182
10. Ken Rupkalvis 138

**Class A Pistol:** 1. Clif Denny 74

**Class B Pistol:** 1. John Burke, Sr. 72      2. Gary Quandt 66      3. Greg Delk 64

**Pistol—Top 10:**

1. Clif Denny 150
2. John Burke, Sr. 132

3. Greg Delk 114
4. Ian Straus 111
5. Dennis Rich 72
6. Gary Quandt 66
7. John Moore 54
8. Ken Rupkalvis 35

*Thank you to all match participants and volunteers!*

## *Forthcoming events and matches (also on the AMLG Club Facebook page)*

<http://www.amlgc.com/events/> :

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** -- 40 shot Club silhouette shoot ( 9am – 4 pm )

- **May 15th-19th** – N-SSA Nationals\*
- **May 19th** – Black Powder Cartridge
- **May 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday** – Civil War Skirmish: Team rifle musket (morning, 9am) Smoothbore skirmish afternoon
- **June 2nd** – Blanket Shoot ( \$10.00 prize for entry ) nightmare and squirrel at 25 yds, Deer and Bear at 50 yds ; 25 yd Pistol
- **June 4th-9th** – Brady State Shoot\*
- **June 16th** – Black powder cartridge
- \*July 6<sup>th</sup>—Saturday—19<sup>th</sup>-century 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Club Social
- **July 7th** – Watermelon shoot, varied targets ( 25 – 50 yds ), 25 pistol shoot
- **July 21st** – Black Powder Cartridge
- **July 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday** – Civil War Skirmish: team rifle musket skirmish (9am morning), smooth-bore match in afternoon
- **August 4th** – Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yards, round bulls
- **August 11th** – 25 & 50 yard silhouette
- **August 18th** – Black Powder Cartridge [Anniversary of bloodiest battle in Texas history: Battle of Medina, where royalists led by Joaquín de Arredondo (and a young Antonio López de Santa Anna, routed the Republican Army of the North, led by Álvarez de Toledo).
- **August 24th** – Re-enactors shoot 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **September 1st** – Animal targets, 25 & 50 yards, 25 yard pistol