



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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The July 4th Independence Day holiday falls on a Thursday this year. So on Saturday, 6 July 2019 at 10am there will be a social! Bring your children or grandkids; everyone is most welcome. There will be a potluck picnic, some fun events, demonstrations of various muzzle loading firearms, a BB gun skirmish on the pistol range (no CO2 or pellet guns. Under the age of 16 only. Club provides BBs, but BYOBBgun!)

10:45—BB gun skirmish event for youngsters.

Noon—Lunch! Hot dogs and burgers, watermelon, some sides.

1pm—“Shooting anvils”, a 19th century improvised firework
Oh boy-oh boy! *Muzzle loading cannon demonstration!*

RAFFLE TICKETS—This event will be the last day to purchase raffle tickets for the Henry “Golden Boy” .22lr lever action! The drawing will be held the following afternoon after the club July “first Sunday” match!

3pm—Event ends, and range reverts to normal use until dusk.

Kindly RSVP by contacting our entertainment chair—**Ian Straus** 210-413-1995, or emailing the club at our website. That way we can be sure to get enough food and beverages and so on.

WORK PARTY:

The last Saturday in June, namely 29 June 2019, commencing at 8am, there will be a work party. Much of this will be gearing up and making preparations for the forthcoming and aforementioned 6 July picnic and Club social! Contact Gary Quandt for details and to volunteer what you might have. The idea of having things get started early is so that the weather might be considerably cooler! Most work might well proceed after 9am, but it only is going to get hotter the longer the day goes...

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle matches—The BPCR matches for the remainder of the year have been cancelled. We've got a splendid range in the works, and we do very much hope to start these up again when interest and participation increases in this very, very challenging and demanding old shooting sport. For now, we'll have to do without! Do let Clif Denny and Dennis Rich know if you think we have enough people to resume them!

Scores for 6-2-19

25-yd "nightmare," 25-yd Squirrel, 50-yd Deer, 50-yd Bear

Class A –

- 1. Clif Denny 44xx**
- 2. Bill Knipscher 33**
- 3. Dennis Rich 19**

1. Dennis Rich 37x	1. Bill Knipscher 36	1. Clif Denny 33x
2. Bill Knipscher 34	2. Clif Denny 29	2. Bill Knipscher 22
3. Clif Denny 10	3. Dennis Rich 12	3. Dennis Rich 15
Agg total – 1. Bill Knipscher 125 2. Clif Denny 116xxx 3. Dennis Rich 83x		

Class B –

1. John Burke, Sr. 25	1. John Burke, Jr. 30	1. Rich Beardsley 31
1. John Burke, Jr. 35xx		
2. Ian Straus 18	2. Ian Straus 28	2. Greg Delk 27xx
2. John Burke, Sr. 34		
3. John Moore 17	3. Greg Delk 27	3. Gary Quandt 25
3. Rich Beardsley 30x		
Agg total - 1. John Burke 106 2. Greg Delk 86xx 3. Ian Straus 82		

Pistol 25 yds

Class A – 1. Clif Denny 76

Class B – 1. John Burke, Sr. 81x 2. Gary Quandt 67 3. Ian Straus 61

Top 10 Rifle Totals –

1. Bill Knipscher 782-4x
2. Dennis Rich 748-7x
3. Clif Denny 685-5x
4. John Burke, Sr. 624-2x
5. Rich Beardsley 582-2x
6. Greg Delk 581-3x
7. Gary Quandt 544
8. John Burke Jr 496-3x
9. Ian Straus 373

10. John Moore 341

Top Pistol Scores - 1. Clif Denny 235x 2. John Burke Sr 213x 3. Ian Straus 172
4. Greg Delk 170 5. Gary Quandt 133 6. Dennis Rich 72 7. John Moore 54
8. Ken Rupkalvis 35

EVENTS CALENDAR:

***29 JUNE—Sat.—Work Party! Come early! Try to start out at 8am, work in earnest by 9am for sure!**

***July 6th—Saturday—19th-century 4th of July and Club Social**

- **July 7th** – Watermelon shoot, varied targets (25 – 50 yds), 25 pistol shoot
- **July 27th 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 24th** – Re-enactors shoot 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- **September 1st** – Animal targets, 25 & 50 yards, 25 yard pistol

- **October 6th** – 25 and 50 yard surprise targets, 25 yard pistol

- **October 2nd-6th** – *Brady State Shoot/ N-SSA Nationals*

--26th October—Last Civil War skirmish of the year---Saturday only.

--3 November—cross sticks match, turkey shoot! (turkey is prize, not target as in days of yore...) Buffalo targets (50 and 100 yards), 25 yard pistol shoot

--1 December—The holiday shoot, knife shoot, round bulls-eye targets (25 & 50 yards), 25 yard pistol match.



Muskets and accessories from the excavated wreck of *La*

Belle at the Bullock Texas State History Museum

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit>

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/archeology/la-salle-archeology-projects>



MM 2267

Above: A flintlock blunderbuss, with a brass barrel approximately 28-in. long, with wood stock and ramrod and iron fittings, mid-1700s. From the Swedish Marinmuseum. Photo by Mattias Billemyr “Muskedunder” MM 2267 2014:

<https://digitalmuseum.se/011024801467/muskedunder>

The Dutch “donderbuse” or “thunder gun”—=*Trabuco* in Spanish—had a short, flared muzzle to make it easier to load, particularly while on the move or while on a lurching, pitching and rolling coach, wagon, ship’s deck, or while mounted on horseback. Such firearms were widely used in Spanish American frontiers, as well as in Iberia. They were very popular in the late 18th century into the first decades of the 19th century for use by travellers on primitive roads, by coachmen as an anti-highway robber gun, by innkeepers, aboard ship by boarding parties, and by pirates and privateers too. People on the road or at sea preferred the brass barrel for its rust-free qualities as pictured here. The U.S. Federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry produced a version too. The Lewis and Clark expedition even brought some with them on the Corps of Discovery expedition. The flared muzzle was certainly intimidating, but it does not appear to have functioned quite like a “scatter choke” on a more modern shotgun. Instead, the feature appeared to be merely an addition to make it more “fumble proof” while being loaded.