



# Smoke Signal

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The Texas State Rifle Association team at the 2019 NRA National Smallbore Rifle Championship in Bristol, IN 28 July 2019. TSRA Sportsman magazine:

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From left to right: Abby Zinsmeyer of Castroville, TX, M'Leah Lambdin, Bella Gamez, and Malori Brown.

At the Saturday 4 January 2020 yearly meeting at Grady's Barbecue in Leon Springs, Mr. Zinsmeyer and Ms. Zinsmeyer thanked the AMLG Club for allowing the 4-H groups for their youth rifle marksmanship program. Ms. Zinsmeyer started out in shooting sports at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level! Her accomplishments show a lot of diligence, practice, practice, and *perfect practice* in marksmanship! Just look at all those awards! It sure made all of us present really proud. Congratulations and kudos to the Zinsmeyer family!

*RANGE NEWS—Muy, pero muy importante! READ ON:*

**THE GATE CODE IS NOT CHANGING ON FEB.1, i.e. today. USE THE 2019 Gate combination code until you receive notice by e-blast/email, on the club's website, and our Facebook page! TO REPEAT: USE 2019 CODE until you READ OTHERWISE!**

As with all newfangled, technological things, there is a period where certain, ahem, “glitches” must be resolved. The Board of Directors greatly desires that incidents of members being *locked out of the club's range* be minimized. So we're going to complete data entry, and ensure that everyone's four-digit membership number works to open the gate before we figuratively “throw the switch.” OK? OK!

Question: “What are you doing with my license copy?”

Answer: “As these come in, we are obscuring all of the digits of the license number *except the last four digits*. The board would like to retain your photo so we can look at photos of incoming vehicles that have used a specific, assigned membership number so we can make sure a given member's entry code has not been mis-used should an incident that requires the scrutiny of the board members occur. The copies are in a dedicated folder, under lock and key. Speaking for the board, we do appreciate having the address on the license to check against our records, subject as they sometimes are, to typographical mistakes, and, uh, ‘glitches.’ “

**WE'LL BE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR NEW MEMBER NUMBER BECOMES YOUR GATE KEY CODE!—Likely as not, it'll be March... “Touch wood.”**

**Range safety alert!**—We've got us a pack of *feral dogs* at the range. There are two batches of puppies of different ages—one about fully grown—and two adults, including, presumably, the bitch of the brood. There are *nine of them*. The adults are medium-sized, with stand-up ears, a sort of dirty, grubby, tan color. We may well find additional litters, ahem, littering our range. In addition to the *dog waste* there are other concerns as well. We await word that these animals have gotten their shots and rabies vaccinations, and have been “chipped” so that their original owner can be found—in the meantime, please exercise caution until the animals can be trapped or removed... Thus far these canines appear quite skittish and unapproachable. Perhaps the noise of the range will drive them elsewhere—where they'll become a problem of course—but do not count on it.

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS:**

At the yearly meeting on the first Saturday, January 4, 2020, there were several people who volunteered to feed lunch for the dozen to fifteen shooters who typically come out to the “first Sunday” matches. We still need volunteers for the following months: July, September, and October. All of the other months are spoken for. If you'd like to volunteer to feed the participants and get reimbursed for your receipts: Please contact the Board of Directors, or one of its officers so the information can be relayed to Ian Straus, the Entertainment chair for 2020. Thank you!

**YEARLY MEETING REPORT:**

There was a “snafu” of sorts at this year's meeting, namely, the banquet room at Grady's Barbecue was double booked! For that reason, we had to hold the meeting at separate hall used for dances, parties, and receptions instead. The downside of that change-of-venue

was that it was a bit dark inside, and the acoustics were not good. A microphone and amplified sound system would have been great, but such was not available. About 55 members in addition to the officers came out and renewals of memberships for 2020 was brisk. In addition, a number of new members signed on as well. Remember, that each member can sponsor up to three new members per year. So if you've got a friend interested in shooting sports—and no, they don't have to be muzzle-loaders—then consider enrolling that person if you think she or he might like to use our range, such as it is. Thank you!

AMLG CLUB NEEDS DIRT!—If you know of very large quantities of dirt, we would be keenly interested. We'll have to rebuild and buttress the bullet-stops and berms, and we still need to separate the 200 yard+ ranges from the 100 yard and less firing lines.

*RIFLE RAFFLE*—People were mighty disappointed not to turn up the winning ticket for the rimfire Henry Golden Boy rifle last year... And the winner has reported that it is just a lot of fun! So this year's rifle raffle is for a Henry Golden Boy. This American-made lever-action rimfire rifle resembles the old "Yellow Boy" "improved Henry" Model 1866 Winchester, that it really evokes a lot of Wild West lore and cowboy culture. It is a hoot to shoot, and just a really fun gun. If you'd like to get raffle tickets, be sure to contact one or another of the members of the Board of Directors.

Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club 2019 AWARDS:

[Clif Denny opens envelope...]

A Class rifle: First place—Bill Knipscher 1748--16x [Uh, yeah, that's "16x!"]

Second place—Dennis Rich 1636--10x [Ten? Yes, 10x]

Third place—Rich Beardsley 1459—4x

B Class rifle: First place—John Burke, Jr. 1165—9x

Second place—John Burke, Sr. 1158—5x

Third place—Greg Delk 1102—4x

A Class pistol: First place—Clif Denny 641—4x

Second place—Dennis Rich 409-x

Third place—John Burke, Sr. 475-x

B Pistol: First place—Gary Quandt 459

Second place—Greg Delk 325

Third place—Ian Straus 307

John St.-Leger & Dennis Bush Service Award for 2019: Mr. Paul Paterson.

Thank you very, very much!

2019 TOP GUN RIFLE:

1<sup>st</sup>—Bill Knipscher 1748-16x

2<sup>nd</sup>—Dennis Rich 1636-10x

3<sup>rd</sup>—Rich Beardsley 1459-4x

4<sup>th</sup>—Clif Denny 1449-10x

5<sup>th</sup>—John Burke, Jr. 1165-9x

6<sup>th</sup>—John Burke, Sr. 1158-5x

7<sup>th</sup>—Greg Delk 1102-4x  
8<sup>th</sup>—Gary Quandt 1203-x  
9<sup>th</sup>—Ian Straus 897-x

#### 2019 TOP GUN PISTOL

1<sup>st</sup>—Clif Denny 64104x  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Dennis Rich 409-x  
3<sup>rd</sup>—John Burke, Sr. 475-x  
4<sup>th</sup>—Gary Quandt 459  
5<sup>th</sup>—Greg Delk 325  
6<sup>th</sup>—Ian Straus 407

#### MAX SCHNEIDER GRAND AGGREGATE First Place 2019:

Clif Denny 2090-14x  
Second place: Dennis Rich 2045-11x  
Third place: Gary Quandt 1662-x

Congratulations!

2020 Shoot schedule—A copy of this is already online at the Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club's website. A paper copy will be posted on the bulletin board of the range house/ club house/ office. Helpful hint: Print this out, and post it on your refrigerator door with a magnet... Or, perhaps on your gun safe or near your gun-tinkery work bench?

### AMLGC 2020 Match Schedule

January	5	Various targets 25 and 50 yds. 25 yd pistol shoot.
February	2	Bench Shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets
March	1	Ground hog and 6 bull (25yd), 3 bull & bear (50yd), 25 yd pistol shoot.
	13-15	<b>TMLRA Brady shoot</b>
	21	Civil War Skirmish, smooth-bore and rifle musket team match
April	5	40 shot club silhouette shoot (9AM-4PM)
	TBD	<b>N/SSA Brierfield, AL Skirmish</b>
May	3	Cross sticks - Buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds), 25 yd pistol shoot.
	13-17May	<b>N/SSA Spring Nationals</b>
		Blanket shoot (\$10.00 prize for entry) night-mare and squirrel at 25yd, Deer and Bear at 50yd.
June	7	25 yd pistol shoot.
	9-14	<b>TMLRA Brady shoot</b>
	27	Civil War Skirmish, smooth-bore and rifle musket team match

July	5	Watermelon shoot. Silhouettes (25 & 50 yds)
August	2	Bench Shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets
	22	Re-enactor/ living history shoot 8AM-1PM.
September	6	Animal targets 25 & 50 yds. 25 yd pistol shoot.
	19	Civil War Skirmish, smooth-bore and rifle musket team match
	30-4Oct	<b><i>N/SSA Fall Nationals</i></b>
October	4	Cross stick silhouettes (50 & 100 yds)
	1-4	<b><i>TMLRA Brady shoot</i></b>
November	1	Cross sticks, turkey shoot, buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds). 25 yd pistol shoot.
December	6	Holiday shoot, knife shoot, round bull targets (25 & 50 yds). 25 yd pistol shoot.

**Match Guidelines** All First Sunday matches will be shot with a 14 lb. maximum weight rifle, any metallic sights.

Projectile will be a patched round ball only for rifle matches.

NMLRA, TMLRA, NRA, and local club rules will apply for all matches. Matches will start at 9:00 a.m.

Arrive and set-up by 8:30 if you want to practice. We will have 4 to 6 relays for the rifle matches.

Pistol matches may use round ball or conical bullets. Revolvers must use coated / treated wads or grease to prevent chain fires, or only load one chamber at a time. Shooters will have to make 6 shoots to qualify for awards in rifle and 4 shoots to qualify for awards in pistol. There will be 2 floating classes; 1/3 will be A-class and 2/3 will be B-class.

If a shooter misses a match because he/she attended a conflicting TMLRA or N/SSA match, there will be an opportunity to make up a match, on request. The make-up will be scheduled before the next club match on a date set by the match committee. A member of the board will be present to witness the shoot.

**JANUARY 11, 2020 Work Party—**

We were out of power, but thankfully Gary Quandt has a manual over-ride of the gate for just such a situation. The old, dilapidated, storm damaged shower stall was renovated, and so we do not, in fact have a working shower any longer. The sink unit was also removed.

Meanwhile, a crew walked the entire perimeter and put up new metal NO TRESPASSING—RIFLE RANGE signs along it. In some cases, the old, brittle and sun damaged plastic signs were overlaid. At some point, chain saws and shovels and post-hole diggers will be required. For now, the new metal signage is up. Since the club now owns the 11 acres south of the range, the property boundary is less of an issue. There, some T-posts should be driven in, and the signs attached to those. New fence posts shall be required, for which we'll need the appropriate equipment. We will have to use a come-along wire-stretcher to string up new fence wires. Future work will require rebuilding the range office/ shed to make it *bigger and more spacious* and replacing rotted roof panels. We've still got to do a lot of work on the 400yd-385m bullet stop/ berm. The gravel roads and parking area require constant upgrades, for which we'll need gravel and volunteers. We were grateful to have all the members of the board, some volunteers, and the aforementioned 4-H clubs to help with the range repairs that we were able to carry out, albeit without all the tools and materials that might have been suitable. Thank you all!

JANUARY SCORES—The scores for the first Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 match have been mislaid. These will appear in the February-March Newsletter. We will continue to have monthly newsletters. These are available on our website, and on our Facebook page. Every effort is made to ensure these go out as an e-mail from a "Mail Chimp" account. Do contact us through the webpage if you have difficulties or problems, or let an officer know directly. Gary Quandt continues to field telephone calls.

Regards,

D. Carlson—AMLG Club Secretary.

**TEXAS FREE TRAPPERS RENDEZVOUS XXX**  
**SHINER, TEXAS**  
**February 6-9, 2020**



- Pre-1840's rendezvous so please only period tents and clothing in the main camp area. Period dress is required for all competitors and campers.
- Period Camping – separate modern camping/no hookups. Bring water, firewood is available for gathering.
- Prospective and beginning buckskinners are welcome. Don't be bashful if your gear isn't perfect yet. We can help you.
- All shooting will be out of the pouch, using traditional weapons with open metal sights and patched round balls.

**THURSDAY (2/6)**

Gate opens at 1:00 PM for early camp and target setup. Your help will be appreciated.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 2/7-8 (events run both days)**

- Rifle Walk ➤ Rifle Match ➤ Pistol Match ➤ Knife & Hawk Match
- Fire Starting ➤ Period Archery Match (bonus points for all natural materials)

**SATURDAY EVENING 2/8**

- Potluck Dinner - bring a main dish or dessert and take part in the feast and fellowship
- Council Fire ➤ Awards, News & Announcements ➤ Period Tales welcome ➤ Music

**SUNDAY 2/9**

Break camp and clean up the site before heading home.

WSCB Family Dues - \$15/year. Competition fee incl. camping - \$15. Camping only fee - \$10/lodge. **No fee for seekers.** No additional fee for traders, but period or related items only. Each competitive event will have a re-entry possible for \$2. Each competitive event will have its own winners. Number of cash prizes will be based on numbers of competitors.

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Please R.S.V.P to Jack Simons ([jblmrm3@satx.rr.com](mailto:jblmrm3@satx.rr.com)), Booshway or Segundo that you will be attending. Entry into site is controlled and you must call Booshway or Segundo upon arrival so they can open up the gate. Any threat of cancellation due to weather, call before leaving home!!