



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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At the annual general membership meeting January 8th, more than 40 people were present at meeting time.

- The members elected Bill Knipscher, Clif Denny, John Burke Jr., and Alan Pinel to two-year terms as directors of our club.
- Clif and Carolyn Denny were awarded the John St. Leger and Dennis Bush service award.
- Outgoing president Bill Knipscher asked for participation in work parties, which helps to keep our dues low. For example we need help building out the old shower to be the new target shed.
- Bill and also Gary Quandt spoke about safety: We had no bullets leave the range, let's keep it that way. But the directors are dealing with two incidents of violating safety rules by firing from forward of the firing line, both caught on video.
- The 2022 shooting awards are on page 5 of this newsletter.
- AMLGC's \$500 donation for Toys for Tots was the seed money for a total of \$3,156 in toys, thanks to Betty Burke's work soliciting donations.

At the directors' meeting after the January 9th shoot, the directors elected the following officers for 2022:

Alan Pinel is president. See his letter to members below.

Bill Knipscher is vice president. John Burke Jr. is entertainment chair. Dennis Rich is member at large. Re-elected to their old positions: John Burke Sr. was re-elected treasurer, Ian Straus as Secretary, Gary Quandt as range chair, Clif Denny as match chair.

- March 26th is tentatively set as a club work party date.
- A **2022 match schedule** is set, and you will find it at the back of this newsletter. Tack it up on your bulletin board! We have a lot of 4-H afternoons and mornings. You can shoot when 4-H is using the range (though they use the whole 25 yard line), just remember that they call the range hot and cold.
- The schedule includes Black Powder Cartridge Rifle shoots, and also a club mortar shoot, as well as the usual skirmish shoots and first Sunday round ball shoots.



My Two
Cents worth



Greetings to the AMLGC Family. I have once again been honored by the membership

to be elected to the Board of Directors and also chosen to serve as president for 2022. This trust and the responsibilities that come with it are not something that I take lightly, and I pledge to fulfill my duties to the best of my abilities. I would like to thank the entire board of directors for their service to our club. I extend special thanks and appreciation to Bill Knipscher for serving as club president in 2020 and 2021. Like many other organizations our club faced unique and unprecedented challenges during the Covid Pandemic, with Bill's leadership and the hard work of the board of directors our club is stronger and more resilient than ever before. Thank you, Bill, I look forward to working with you and the entire board of directors. I would also like to thank David Carlson for his service on the board, serving as both club secretary and entertainment committee chairman.

Thanks to all that assisted in making the Annual Membership Meeting a success. From those that processed applications, provided refreshments, and prepared awards. I refrain from attempting to name every individual that was instrumental as I would not want to accidentally omit someone.

I look forward to facing whatever challenges our club faces in the coming year. Let's all ensure that the AMLGC Family has another fun and safe year of competition and camaraderie. As always, shoot straight, be safe and look out for one another.

Alan Pinel, AMLGC President

Other news:

● The Scout muzzle loading rifle merit badge project was a fun success and a rewarding experience, as well as carrying out our club's charter purpose of advancing the sport of shooting muzzle loaders. 13 scouts from Troop 59 participated, first in a class given Jan. 18th and then in firing muzzle loading rifles Jan. 22nd. Thirteen AMLGC members also turned out to lend their rifles and to instruct one on one: Daryl Spillman, who brought us the scout project; Alan Pinel, Gary Quandt, Ian Straus, Craig Peterman, Linda and Gareth Henderson, Clif Denny, Robert Moore, Dennis Rich, John Burke Sr. and Jr., Bill Knipscher.



● **Pay your 2022 dues by February 1st to keep your gate code active.** Pay by March 1st to keep your place as a club member. As of Jan. 24th, 105 of us have paid our dues (not including our life members).

Renewing memberships for 2022 must include ALL FOUR of the following without exception:

- 2022 Renewal Membership Application
- a signed 2022 liability waiver
- a photocopy of your current driver's license. (We can copy if you renew in person)
- membership dues, \$125 per year.

Membership Applications and Liability Waivers forms can be downloaded from the AMLGC website:

<https://www.amlgc.com/about/membership/>

● Range closing during gas pipeline maintenance is delayed: Since we hadn't heard anything, your editor called West Texas Natural Gas and found out that their mowing contractor quit. It will be at least April before they have a new contractor to mow their easement. We will keep you informed of any new date for this.

● Range chair Gary Quandt is still looking for a member with a brush hog who will cut the long-range range for the club. Call Gary at 210-248-8182.

- In 2022, Dennis Rich will lead a shoot schedule for black powder cartridge rifle as a learning exercise. He will teach. The first BPCR match will be February 20th.
- If you have award ribbons you don't want, please give them to Clif Denny for recycling.
- If you have black powder related items for sale you are invited to advertise them in this newsletter. Email to ian.straus@att.net.

Upcoming events: The 2022 event schedule is at the end of this newsletter, but for the next month:

			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
January	29				4H (8:30am)
	30		4H (1pm)		
February	5			4H (1pm)	4H (8:30am)
	6	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets	4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	12				4H (8:30am)
	13		4H (1pm)		
	19			4H (1pm)	4H (8:30am)
	20	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match	4H (1pm)		
	26				4H (8:30am)
	27		4H (1pm)		
March	5	Medina County 4-H Shoot	4H (8-2)	-	-

2021 shooting awards:

Rifle by Class

<i>Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Agg. Score</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Class</i>
Bill Knipscher	1	1420.6	39.5	A
Alex Michlberger	2	1847.5	38.5	A
Dennis Rich	3	1425.4	35.6	A
John Burke Sr.	1	1238.5	25.8	B
Gareth Henderson	2	984.3	24.6	B
John Burke Jr.	3	1171.2	24.4	B

Pistol by Class

<i>Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Agg. Score</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Class</i>
Chuck Rine	1	520.4	86.7	A
Clif Denny	2	481.0	80.2	A
Gary Quandt	3	265.0	66.3	A
John Burke Sr	1	381.2	63.5	B
Alan Pinel	2	300.1	60.0	B
Alex Michlberger	3	283.0	56.6	B

Top Gun Rifle

Bill Knipscher	1	1420.6	39.5	
Alex Michlberger	2	1847.5	38.5	
Dennis Rich	3	1425.4	35.6	
Clif Denny	4	1669.7	34.8	
Rich Beardsley	5	1324.6	33.1	
John Burke Sr.	6	1238.5	25.8	
Alan Pinel	7	894.3	24.8	
Gareth Henderson	8	984.3	24.6	
John Burke Jr.	9	1171.2	24.4	

Top Gun Pistol

Chuck Rine	1	520.4	86.7	
Clif Denny	2	481.0	80.2	
Gary Quandt	3	265.0	66.3	
Dennis Rich	4	260.0	65.0	
John Burke Sr	5	381.2	63.5	
Alan Pinel	6	300.1	60.0	
Alex Michlberger	7	283.0	56.6	
John Burke Jr	8	286.0	47.7	
Ian Straus	9	273.0	45.5	

January 9th 2022 first Sunday shoot awards:

		25 Yd Prarie Dog		25 Yd Raccoon		50Yd Bear		50Yd Deer
Class A Rifle:	1	Alex Michlberger 45 X	1	Rich Beardsley 34	1	Alex Michlberger 48	1	Rich Beardsley 28
	2	Clif Denny 43 2X	2	Alex Michlberger 34	2	Greg Delk 39	2	Clif Denny 21
	3	Dennis Rich 38	3	Dennis Rich 32	3	Dennis Rich 36	3	Alex Michlberger 21
Class B rifle:	1	Gareth Henderson 40	1	Gareth Henderson 34	1	Ian Straus 43	1	Gareth Henderson 23
	2	John Burke Jr. 38	2	John Burke Sr. 32 X	2	John Burke Sr. 38	2	Alan Pinel 19
	3	Bobby Moore 30	3	Alan Pinel 27	3	Gareth Henderson 21	3	Gary Quandt 10
Class A Rifle Agg:			1	Alex Michlberger 148 X	2	Rich Beardsley 130	3	Dennis Rich 124 X
Class B Rifle Agg:			1	Gareth Henderson 118	2	John Burke Sr. 95 X	3	Alan Pinel 92 X
Class A Pistol:			1	Clif Denny 84	2	Chuck Rine 77	3	John Burke Sr. 75 X
Class B Pistol:			1	John Burke Jr. 59	2	Alex Michlberger 57	3	Gary Quandt 56

Until next month - Ian Straus



AMLCG 2022 Match Schedule					
			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
January	9	Various targets 25 and 50 yds., 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	15			4H (1pm)	4H (8:30am)
	16		4H (1pm)		
	22	Daryl Spillman - Scout troop 59 Rifle Shooting Merit Badge.			
	23		4H (1pm)		
	29				4H (8:30am)
	30		4H (1pm)		
February	5			4H (1pm)	4H (8:30am)
	6	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets	4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	12				4H (8:30am)
	13		4H (1pm)		
	19			4H (1pm)	4H (8:30am)
	20	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match	4H (1pm)		
	26				4H (8:30am)
	27		4H (1pm)		
March	5	Medina County Shoot	4H (8-2)	-	-
	6	Ground hog and 6 bull (25yd), 3 bull & bear (50yd), 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	11-13	TMLRA - Brady			
	12				4H (8:30am)
	13		4H (1pm)		
	19	Civil War Skirmish		-	-
	20		4H (1pm)		
	26	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)			
	27		4H (1pm)		
April	2			4H (1pm)	
	3	40 shot club silhouette shoot	4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	10		4H (1pm)		
	16			4H (1pm)	
	17		4H (1pm)		
	24	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match	4H (1pm)		
	30	Club Mortar Shoot (9-1)			
May	1	Cross-sticks - Buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds)		4H (1pm)	
	7	Civil War Skirmish		-	
	17-22	N-SSA			
	21			4H (1pm)	
June	4			4H (1pm)	
	5	Blanket shoot (\$10.00 prize for entry) nightmare & squirrel (25 yd), deer and bear (50yd), 25 yd. pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
June	7-12	TMLRA - Brady			
	18			4H (1pm)	
	19	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
July	2			4H (1pm)	
	3	Watermelon Shoot. Silhouettes (25 & 50 yd)		4H (1pm)	
	16	Civil War Skirmish			
August	6			4H (1pm)	
	7	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets		4H (1pm)	

August	20	Reenactor Shoot			
			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
	21	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
September	3			4H (1pm)	
	4	Animal targets (25 & 50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	17	Civil War Skirmish		-	
	9/29- 10/2	TMLRA - Brady			
October	1			4H (1pm)	
	2	Cross-sticks silhouette shoot (50 & 100 yds)		4H (1pm)	
	4-9	N-SSA national shoot			
	15			4H (1pm)	
	16	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
November	5			4H (1pm)	
	6	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	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)	

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 3 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.

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match Guidelines:

1. Black powder or black powder substitute only, no duplex or smokeless powder.
2. Cast or swaged lead projectiles, no gas checks (grease groove or paper patched bullets only).
3. Guns must meet NRA guidelines (https://bpcr.net/site_docs-results_schedules/documents/NRA_rules_for_BPCR.htm)
4. Match will be 10 shots at 4 metallic animal targets. Chickens - 200 Meters, Pigs - 300 Meters, Turkey and reduced size Rams at 385 Meters.
5. Crossticks are allowed at all distances for at least the first (3) matches. Crossticks positions can be standing, sitting, kneeling or prone when possible.
6. Relays will consist of 5 minute practice time and 15 minute scoring time. All shooters will be matched with a spotter and scorer. Targets will be shot from left to right.
7. Fee is \$10. Set up to start at 8:30AM and match begins at 9:00AM.