



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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February 5th bench shoot: We had a lower turn-out than in January, on a chilly morning, but it warmed up by the second relay. Thanks to Dave Carlson and Dierdre for feeding us meatball subs for lunch.

Winners:

		50 Yd 1-Bull		50 Yd 6 Bull		100 Yd 1 Bull		100 Yd 3 Bull
Class A:	1	Rich Beardsley 49 2X	1	Rich Beardsley 43	1	Dennis Rich 42	1	Clif Denny 39
	2	Clif Denny 45 X	2	Dennis Rich 40	2	Rich Beardsley 38	2	Dennis Rich 39
	3	Dennis Rich 43	3	Clif Denny 29 X	3	Clif Denny 33	3	Rich Beardsley 38
Class B:	1	Alan Pinel 45	1	Bobby Moore 41	1	Gary Quandt 37	1	Gary Quandt 33
	2	Bobby Moore 41 X	2	Ian Straus 26	2	Alan Pinel 32	2	John Burke Jr. 15
	3	Gary Quandt 41	3	John Burke Jr. 26	3	John Burke Jr. 24	3	Bobby Moore 15
Class A Rifle Agg:			1	Rich Beardsley 168 2X	2	Dennis Rich 164	3	Clif Denny 146 2X
Class B Rifle Agg:			1	Gary Quandt 133	2	Alan Pinel 109	3	Bobby Moore 102 X

●**The Feb. 20th black powder cartridge rifle (silhouette) shoot:** Eight shooters (for two full relays) and at least six spectators came out for Dennis Rich's restart of BPC silhouette shooting. Each person at each distance got a 10-minute practice at swingers and then 20 minutes for score at ten silhouettes: chickens at 200 meters, pigs at 300, turkeys and rams at 385m. Shooters operated in pairs, one shooting and one spotting, then switched places, so the eight relays lasted until about 2PM.

This event requires black powder cartridge rifles with pre-bolt-action technology. Below are pictures of typical actions: Sharps on the left and rolling block on the right.

Top scores : 1st place was Rich Beardsley with a score of 13, 2nd was Alex Michlberger also with 13, and 3rd was Dennis Rich with 10. We had a great turnout and expect more in April.



More pictures from the
BPC shoot are on page 2.





Other news:

- **GOEX SOLD- Black Powder production to continue:** Estes Energetics is the buyer (yes, the model rocket people; but they also make solid fuel rockets for NASA and the military). Sources are reporting that ESTES has informed GOEX Distributors that there will be no change in product distribution under new ownership. Timeline: Expect GOEX powder distribution to begin in 2023.

- **March 26th** is confirmed as a work party day. Please turn out and help! Work to be done includes fence work (bring chain saws and branch cutting tools); clean-up; roofing, both shingles on the office and tin replacement over the firing line. There will be no shooting during the work party, 9 AM to past noon.
- Member Daryl Spillman thanked the club for the boy scout merit badge shoot. He got a lot of thank-yous from the parents. He also said that for one boy it was his first time to shoot a rifle; and that in the future it would be good to get the parents to shoot too.
- Entertainment chair John Burke Jr. is looking for a volunteer to provide the September lunch. (Not asking you to give everyone a free lunch. The club will reimburse for the food on receipts.)
- Regarding the event schedule, the Brady TMLRA shoot in March is 4 days, not 3 days [the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th]. The sutler will not be there.
- The Grange gave AMLGC a plaque in thanks for Toys for Tots.
- 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.

● **If you have not paid your 2022 dues then your gate code is not active.** Note that if you mailed dues near or after March 1st, there was a pause of several days before your code was re-activated because of time in the mail, time to pick up the mail, time to process, time to deposit your check, and time to update you in the gate system. Those who have not paid by March 31st will be dropped from the membership list.

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/>

Upcoming events:		Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
February	26			4H (8:30am)
	27	4H (1pm)		
March	5	Medina County 4-H Shoot 4H (8-2)		
	6	Ground hog and 6 bull (25yd), 3 bull & bear (50yd), 25 yd pistol shoot 4H (1pm)	4H (1pm)	
	10-13	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)		

● **News from the Civilian Marksmanship Program, which AMLGC is affiliated with:**

Upcoming CMP Sanctioned Matches in Texas:

The Brazos Valley Service Rifle Association is holding an As-Issued Military Match/Carbine Match on 3/5/22, 4/2/22, 5/7/22, 6/4/22, 7/2/22, 8/6/22, 9/3/22, 10/1/22, 11/5/22 and 12/03/22. The location of the range is: 2704 CR 460/Rick Connors Range, Lyons, TX. Match Begins: 9:00AM

For more information you may contact the match director: William Wehrheim at wehrheimpete@gmail.com.

President's message is on the next page-

Until next month - Ian Straus



My Two
Cents worth



I would like to thank all those members that have renewed their memberships for the 2022 calendar year. Many members ensured

that their membership packages were received before the annual gate code expiration date of February First. For any members that have not yet sent in their renewal packages please be aware that your access code to the property would have expired. Please allow for postal transit time as well as time for your paperwork and payment to be processed before your gate code will be reactivated. Our club does not have any fulltime staff and is completely run by volunteers. So, the bottom line is, if your renewal was sent after your gate code has expired some patience will be appreciated while our volunteers work to reestablish your property access.

Speaking of those volunteers, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to our club Treasurer, John Burke Sr., our Secretary Ian Straus, Rich Beardsley and the entire Membership Committee for their hard work during this year's membership drive. These individuals put in a lot of administrative work dotting I's and crossing T's to keep our club running.

Thanks to Dennis Rich for spearheading a very successful Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match on Feb 20th. The event had great participation and it was a lot of fun hear competitors ring that long range steel with their Sharps, Rolling Blocks and High Walls. Keep an eye on the events schedule for the next BPCR Match in April.

Also mark your calendars for a Texas Skirmish Association Civil War Skirmish match on March 19th. Team Musket match in the morning followed by a team Smoothbore event after lunch.

As always, shoot straight, be safe and look out for one another.

Alan Pinel, AMLGC President