



# ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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May 1<sup>st</sup> shoot winners:

|                           |   | <b>50Yd Cut-up Buffalo</b> |   | <b>50Yd 5-bull</b>          |   | <b>100Yd 1-Bull</b>      |   | <b>100Yd 2-Bull</b>     |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Class A:                  | 1 | Alex Michlberger<br>49     | 1 | Dennis Rich 40              | 1 | Alex Michlberger<br>43   | 1 | Dennis Rich 44          |
|                           | 2 | Dennis Rich 48             | 2 | Clif Denny 39               | 2 | Dennis Rich 43           | 2 | Alex<br>Michlberger 42X |
|                           | 3 | Rich Beardsley<br>46       | 3 | Rich Beardsley 30           | 3 | Rich Beardsley 42        | 3 | Clif Denny 24           |
| Class B:                  | 1 | Gareth<br>Henderson 50     | 1 | Bobby Moore 31              | 1 | Gary Quandt 33           | 1 | Gary Quandt 25          |
|                           | 2 | Bobby Moore 37             | 2 | Gareth<br>Henderson 22      | 2 | Gareth Henderson<br>30   | 2 | Bobby Moore<br>10X      |
|                           | 3 | Greg Delk 31               | 3 | Gary Quandt 18              | 3 | Bobby Moore 29           | 3 | Greg Delk 10X           |
| <b>Class A Rifle Agg:</b> |   |                            | 1 | <b>Dennis Rich 175</b>      | 2 | Alex Michlberger<br>160X | 3 | Clif Denny 139          |
| <b>Class B Rifle Agg:</b> |   |                            | 1 | <b>Gareth Henderson 110</b> | 2 | Bobby Moore<br>107X      | 3 | Greg Delk 73X           |

Congratulations to Gareth Henderson for shooting a 50 on the cut-up buffalo! Below are a picture of Gareth with his 50 patch, and of Dennis Rich:.



● **At the club mortar shoot** on April 30<sup>th</sup>, there were two mortar teams and a few spectators. At 156 yards the target post was in a slight depression, and both teams over-shot it. Scores: Wes Lerma & Mike Sury, 1; Ian Straus, Alex Michlberger, and Bobby Moore, 0. Many thanks to match committee chair Clif Denny for presiding over the shoot. Wes is looking for a third crewman, contact him if you want in. Shooting these Coehoorn mortars is fun, much like shooting a grenade launcher: You can see the projectile slowly arch all the way to impact.



● The May 7<sup>th</sup> rifled musket skirmish drew 8 participants in two teams. Team 2 was ahead on the pigeon board and hanging 4" tiles, but then team 1 pulled ahead on the hanging clay pigeons, and increased the lead in the junkyard and sheetrock, getting twice as many hits on the 100 yard sheetrock. Because a 103 degree day was heating up, no smoothbore shoot was held in the afternoon. We discussed scheduling smoothbore and carbine shoots separately in the future. Thanks to the Pinels for bringing lunch!



● **We do have a work party is set for Saturday May 28th, 2022, from 9AM to noon.** Please come prepared to do clean-up, to paint, to do roofing (both shingles on the office and tin replacement over the firing line), to cut tree limbs obscuring the left of the 385 meter target line on the long-range rifle range, to spray weeds there (Dennis Rich is in charge of this), and to repair the fence. (Yes we need chain saws but we also need people with work gloves to lift and stretch fence wire, and to pick cut stuff up and to stretch the fence wire and to hang "no trespassing" signs. And it would be good to have a trailer to haul cut brush.). Call Gary Quandt (210-248-8182) if you want to do a specific thing.

**There will be no shooting at all during the work party, 9 AM to past noon. Come. work, then shoot.**

● Our club's Civilian Marksmanship Program certificate for 2022 arrived in the mail. Don't forget that you can take advantage of various CMP programs: Surplus firearm sales and sanctioned shoots, including some in Texas.

| <b>Upcoming events:</b> (items in <i>italics</i> are not on our range) |             | Josh Keller<br>(Castroville<br>and Rio<br>Medina 4H )   | Henderson<br>(Bexar) | Mueller (La<br>Coste) |
|--|-------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| June   | <b>4</b>    |   | 4H (1pm)             |                       |
|  | <b>5</b>    | Blanket shoot (bring \$10.00 prize for entry)<br>nightmare & squirrel (25 yd), deer and bear (50yd),<br>25 yd. pistol shoot | 4H (1pm)             |                       |
|  | <b>7-12</b> | <i>TMLRA - Brady</i>  |                      |                       |
|  | <b>18</b>   |   | 4H (1pm)             |                       |
|  | <b>19</b>   | Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match  |                      |                       |
| July   | <b>2</b>    |   | 4H (1pm)             |                       |
|  | <b>3</b>    | Watermelon Shoot. Silhouettes (25 & 50 yd)  | 4H (1pm)             |                       |
|  | <b>16</b>   | Civil War Skirmish  |                      |                       |

Please remember that there is no other shooting during scheduled club events on our rifle range; and that during 4-H practices 4-H is in charge of the range, you can shoot if you go hot and cold with them..

- If you have black powder related items for sale you are invited to advertise them in this newsletter. Email to [ian.straus@att.net](mailto:ian.straus@att.net).

**The president's message is on the next page.**

**Until next month - Ian Straus**



## My Two Cents worth



Let me open this month's column by offering my congratulations to Gareth Henderson for shooting a 50 on the cut-up

buffalo at the May First Sunday Match. AMLGC doesn't get to award many "50 Patches". Good shooting!

Thanks to all who participated and worked to organize two wonderful events this month, the Mortar Match and the Texas Skirmish Association Civil War Skirmish. Anyone interested in learning more about skirmishing should reach out to them at [Texasskirmish@gmail.com](mailto:Texasskirmish@gmail.com).

As we look forward there is a work party on May 28<sup>th</sup>, bring tools, gloves and a can-do attitude. Also, the June 5<sup>th</sup> First Sunday Match and get those Sharps, High walls and Rolling Blocks ready for some BPCR competition on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

As South Texas has been unseasonably warm, downright hot for this time of year, please be very conscious of heat related injuries. Take frequent breaks in the shade and stay properly hydrated. Don't let heat injuries ruin a good day at the range.

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

*Alan Pinel, AMLGC President*