



# ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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**July 3<sup>rd</sup> shoot winners:** We had 12 shooters in this 20-shot silhouette shoot:

**Class A Rifle Agg:** 1st Alex Michlberger 190, 2nd Clif Denny 160, 3<sup>rd</sup> [tie] Rich Beardsley 150 / John Burke, Jr 150

**Class B Rifle Agg:** 1st John Burke, Sr 150, 2nd Greg Delk 80, 3<sup>rd</sup> [tie] Ian Straus 80 / Gary Quandt 80

Alex



John



**Civil War skirmish, July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Report From Alan Pinel:

Despite our recent above average temperatures participation was up at this event. Eleven shooters competed on two teams. The Team Musket Match consisted of four relays at 50 yards (Pigeon Board; 4" Tiles; Hanging Pigeons and "Junkyard") and one 100-yard relay (Sheetrock Panels).

Team captains Bill Knipscher and Dennis Rich led their teams in a close and competitive match decided by the final relay. By a score of 1299 to 1321 Bill's Bushwhackers edged Dennis's Desperados to secure first place. Other participants included Bobby Moore, Chuck Rine, Alan Pinel, Wendy Pinel, Gary Quandt, Rich Beardsley, Dave Carlson, Clif Denny, and Michael Collins. Also, a great big thank you to Wendy Pinel for preparing lunch for the participants.

Be sure to mark your calendars, the next skirmish is September 17, 2022. See skirmish flyer later in this newsletter.



**4-H Nationals:** We have been helping and following the Texas 4-H muzzle loading team, who practiced at the AMLGC range a few times this year. These young people are the future of muzzle loading in Texas. The 4-H national shoot was in June, and the Texas team and our own club member Gareth Henderson did well, as this report from Linda Henderson reflects:

The 4-H National Shooting Sports Championship is a competition covering nine disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, compound archery, recurve archery, smallbore pistol, smallbore rifle, hunting skills, shotgun, and muzzleloading. The competition is hosted in Grand Island, Nebraska, and this year there were 691 contestants representing 39 states. There were 63 competitors in the muzzleloading division.

AMLGC member Gareth Henderson (Bexar County) was selected as a member of the Muzzleloading Team. He and his team members, Tyler Bowles (Guadalupe County), Payton Riley (Guadalupe County), Simon Marcak (LaVaca County), and alternate Emily Blount (Guadalupe county) competed in 50-yard bullseye, bottles and critters (nightmare target), and silhouette.

Texas brought home 31 individual awards, 21 team awards, and placed 3rd overall. In muzzleloading, Gareth placed 7th in 50-yard bullseye and 10th in bottles and critters. Tyler placed 9th in 50-yard bullseye, 8th in silhouette, and 9th high overall. The muzzleloading team placed 4th in 50-yard bullseye, 5th in bottles and critters, and was 6th high overall.

The team would like to thank the AMLGC board for allowing them to practice at the range. They would also like to thank all the members who attend the First Sunday shoots and have shared their knowledge and encouraged team members along the way!



Gareth

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In 4-H State Competition news: In Manor, TX, Gareth did extraordinarily well. He placed in all 13 events that he entered. He earned high overall for seniors (high school age shooters) in both muzzle loading and hunting and wildlife. Our new junior shooter, Luis Castaneda built his own flintlock from a kit and has been shooting it for just over a month now. He placed 1st in bottles and critters and second in 50-yard bullseye. He finished 2nd high overall muzzle loading for juniors (3rd-5th grade shooters).

A big thank you goes to Rich Beardsley who helped with troubleshooting and tips! -Best, Linda

**Range improvement:** We have now installed a cover on the 300-yard line, where we put in a slab a few years ago with intent to do exactly this. It is a carport as on the pistol range, and is intended to shelter the black powder cartridge shooters, who shoot prone or off a bench at those ranges. Dennis Rich spearheaded this project.



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**Prize for the December knife shoot:** Our treasurer, John Burke Sr., got us a good deal on a knife for the knife shoot in December. It is laser engraved with our club's logo. You too can win this: The knife shoot is a muzzle loading single-relay rifle shoot with a big random component, held after the regular round ball shoot.

- 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).



<b>Upcoming events:</b> (items in <i>italics</i> are not on our range)			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H )	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
<b>August</b>	<b>6</b>			4H (1pm)	
	<b>7</b>	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets		4H (1pm)	
	<b>20</b>	Reenactor Shoot			
	<b>21</b>	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
<b>September</b>	<b>3</b>			4H (1pm)	
	<b>4</b>	Animal targets (25 & 50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	<b>17</b>	Civil War Skirmish			
	<b>9/29- 10/2</b>	<i>TMLRA - Brady</i>			

Members are reminded that when 4H has scheduled shoots, 4H is in charge of the **rifle** range. **The rest of us can still shoot on the 50 yard through 385 meter lines, but we must go hot and cold with 4H.** Be safe!

President's letter on the next page.  
See the flyer for the September Civil War skirmish on the last page.

**Until next month - Ian Straus**



My Two  
Cents worth



I hope that all our AMLGC Family enjoyed the long Independence Day weekend safely.

Thanks to match committee chairman Clif

Denny for organizing AMLGC's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Watermelon Shoot. This is usually the match where things are starting to heat up during our season and this year that's been quite literal.

I would also like to thank board member Dennis Rich for his efforts as project manager on the installation of the new cover on the long range. This has been a long time coming and will get our growing community of BPCR competitors out of the weather.

AMLGC has some great events upcoming. Our First Sunday match is a Bench Shoot on August 7<sup>th</sup> and mark your calendars for a BPCR Match on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

*Alan Pinel, AMLGC President*

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# TEXAS SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022**

**MATCHES**

**TEAM MUSKET**

**&**

**TEAM**

**SMOOTHBORE**

**TEAM COMPETITION IN MUSKET & SMOOTHBORE.**

**SHOOT FEES: \$10 FOR ENTIRE EVENT (BOTH MATCHES)**

**\*\*\*\*\* LUNCH PROVIDED \*\*\*\*\***

**LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE RANGE (DONATION REQUESTED)**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	MUSKET MATCH
TBD (AFTER LUNCH)	SMOOTHBORE MATCH

**Alamo Muzzle Loading  
Gun Club**

**THE ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB RANGE IS  
LOCATED IN LA COSTE, TEXAS, WEST OF SAN  
ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF U.S. 90.**

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