



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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August 7th shoot winners: We had 12 shooters again this month.

		25 Yd Raccoon	25 Yd Squirrels	50Yd Bear	50Yd Buffalo
Class A:	1	Rich Beardsley 37	Clif Denny 42	Dennis Rich 44 X	Dennis Rich 42
	2	Alex Michlberger 35 X	Alex Michlberger 31	Alex Michlberger 32	Rich Beardsley 40
	3	John Burke Sr. 35	Dennis Rich 28	Clif Denny 23	Alex Michlberger 38
Class B:	1	Greg Delk 39	Greg Delk 22	Gareth Henderson 25 X	Gareth Henderson 43
	2	Gary Quandt 36 X	Gareth Henderson 20	Gary Quandt 20 X	Ian Straus 34
	3	Gareth Henderson 35 X	Ian Straus 14	Ian Straus 12	Gary Quandt 25
		Class A Rifle Agg:	Class B Rifle Agg:	Class A Pistol:	Class B Pistol:
	1	Dennis Rich 147 X	Gareth Henderson 123- 2X	Clif Denny 87	John Burke Sr. 75 X
	2	Alex Michlberger 133	Gary Quandt 93 -2X	Alan Pinel 75	Gary Quandt 65
	3	Rich Beardsley 124	Ian Straus 91 X	Dennis Rich 69	John Burke, Jr 56

Dennis



Clif



The September 17th musket skirmish:

There was a rifled musket skirmish in the morning and a smoothbore shoot after lunch. Eleven rifled musket shooters and six smoothbore shooter. At right you see a rare picture, one of the “junkyard’ water bottles just as it was hit by a Minie bullet.

In the rifled musket skirmish Bill Knipscher’s team had slightly longer times than Alan Pinel’s team (you want to clear the targets in a short time) until the last relay, jugs at 100 yards, when Bill’s team cleared one jug per shooter on the second volley. Ending aggregate times for five relays: Bill’s team 1519 seconds, Alan’s team 1598 seconds.

In the smoothbore skirmish we only shot two relays, because the day had gotten hot. Alan, Greg, and Bill won. It was great just to have a smoothbore shoot!

Below at left you see Bill’s rifled musket team shooting, safetied by Dave Carlson. At right you see the smoothbore match.





I am quite puzzled as to why there have been numerous violations of range rules recently when each one of us has sworn by signing a club liability waiver that we understand and agree to follow the AMLGC Range Rules. So let me take this opportunity to be very

clear and concise so there is absolutely no confusion or ambiguity on this matter.

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Being alone on the range is not an excuse! Being a current or former law enforcement officer or military member is not an excuse! Being a self-proclaimed expert is not an excuse! The rules are simple. The firing line is well defined as the edge of the concrete and even has a wide red stripe painted to remind everyone.

Those that commit these violations show a complete disregard for their fellow members and for the AMLGC range. Violators will be locked out of range facilities and required to meet with the Board of Directors (BOD) to explain their actions. The BOD then decides if continued membership is warranted or desired by the AMLGC.

Another recent incident involved a member sharing their gate code with another member whose code did not open the gate. The reason the gate did not open was due to that member's code being suspended pending a range rules violation. The person under suspension was then given access to club property and using the range. **DO NOT SHARE YOUR UNIQUE GATE CODE! Your code is for your membership use only!** If anyone enters AMLGC property using your gate code and commits violations or damage, you may have placed yourself in a position to be liable.

So, in closing, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Integrity is doing the right thing when no one else is looking.

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

Alan Pinel, AMLGC President

Coming events:

WORK PARTY! October 15th, 9AM-noon. To prepare for the next day's BPCR match: cut brush and paint the berm white. Dennis Rich will be in charge. The range will be closed while people work down range.

Scout merit badge muzzle loading shoot on Saturday, October 29th. This is developing the muzzle loaders of the future! Begins at 9AM, come early to set up and organize.

Wanted: Volunteers who will bring rifles for the scouts to use, and supervise and instruct their shooting: Please call or email Ian Straus (210-413-1995 / ian.straus@att.net) to volunteer. The same as in February, powder rations, balls or lead, patches and lunch will be provided. The rifle range will be closed to other uses during this event.

Upcoming events: (items in <i>italics</i> are not on our range)			Josh Keller (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Henderson (Bexar)	Mueller (La Coste)
	9/29- 10/2	<i>TMLRA - Brady</i>			
October	1			4H (1pm)	
	2	Cross-sticks silhouette shoot (50 & 100 yds)		4H (1pm)	
	4-9	<i>N-SSA</i>			
	15	<i>Work party, 9AM</i>		4H (1pm)	
	16	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			
	29	Scout troop 59 muzzle loading merit badge shoot			
	30				4H (9:30- 12:30)
November	5			4H (1pm)	
	6	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		4H (1pm)	
	12				4H (9:30 - 12:30)
	19			4H (1pm)	
	21	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match			

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!

Other news:

August Restroom project: Six people worked on replacing the wall, and it was done in two hours. Gary Quandt has some finishing touches to do, then it will be painted.

For Sale: By Mile Lowe (rml.satx@gmail.com): Browning Mountain Rifle, .50 cal, Single set trigger. \$750 Offers considered.

If you have black powder related items for sale you are invited to advertise them in this newsletter. Email to ian.straus@att.net.

Until next month - Ian Straus

