



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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The 2024 annual general membership meeting, was called to order at 1PM Saturday, January 6th 2024. Dennis Rich presented the **Dennis Bush / John St. Leger award for helping the range to Richard Fulk**. All of the directors whose terms were up were reelected. The minutes of that meeting are in the back of this newsletter, pages 8-11.



Shooting awards were presented: Max Schneider Grand Agg awards went to: Alex Michlberger 1st place 1600 5X, Bill Knipscher 2nd place 1595 7X and Clif Denny 3rd place 1967 2X. **2024 Awards to the rest of us** are in the meeting minutes at the end of this newsletter. **A proposed amendment to our by-laws** was presented, and will be voted on at the next general membership meeting: Please take a look at the minutes to read it.

The Board of Directors met after the shoot Sunday, January 7th, and Dennis Rich is now AMLGC president, and Alan Pinel is Vice-President. Bill Knipscher will be Member at Large. Other officers remain the same: Ian Straus as Secretary, John Burke Sr. as Treasurer, Gary Quandt as range committee chair, Clif Denny as match committee chair, John Burke Jr. as entertainment chair.

President's Message:

Welcome to 2024, new year, another great group of members to shoot and visit with. As always, shoot straight and be safe. If you see anything that needs fixing or changing let us know. BIG REMINDER, Dues are due in January, If you have not renewed your membership by February 4th, our next shoot day, your gate code will be disabled and it may take a while for it to be coded again. Be safe and have fun.

Dennis Rich

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January 7th club shoot winners:

		25 Yd Prairie Dog		25 Yd Raccoon		50Yd Bear		50Yd Deer
Class A:	1	Bill Knipscher 39	1	Bill Knipscher 45 2X	1	Rich Beardsley 35 X	1	John Burke, Jr. 23
	2	Clif Denny 35 X	2	Dennis Rich 43	2	Bill Knipscher 35 X	2	Bill Knipscher 22 X
	3	Rich Beardsley 33	3	Rich Beardsley 36	3	Dennis Rich 24 X	3	Clif Denny 19
Class B:	1	James Braddy 36	1	Gary Quandt 35	1	Terry Williams 25	1	Ian Straus 22
	2	Ian Straus 27	2	Alan Pinel 35	2	Alan Pinel 24	2	Alan Pinel 21
	3	Greg Delk 26	3	Johnny Lambaria 29	3	John Burke Sr. 22	3	Gary Quandt 18
Class A Rifle Agg:			1	Bill Knipscher 141 4X	2	Rich Beardsley 120 X	3	Dennis Rich 109 X
Class B Rifle Agg:			1	Alan Pinel 105	2	James Braddy 89	3	Terry Williams 88
Class A Pistol:			1	Clif Denny 80	2	Bill Knipscher 63 X	3	Keith Carretto 42
Class B Pistol:			1	Terry Williams 66	2	John Burke Sr. 65	3	Dennis Rich 54

First place shoot winners' pictures:

Clif (A pistol),



Terry (B pistol)



Bill and Alan (A and B rifle)



The January 21st .22 silhouette fun shoot: from Clif Denny

AMLGC had the first fun shoot for 2024 on January 21st. The competition was scheduled to be a 22LR Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match and a 25 Yd Pistol match. Fun shoots are scheduled every other month and will alternate between 22LR and muzzle loader.



For this fun shoot, there was a light turnout, and the weather was cold and misty. Since there were only 4 shooters, we dispensed with formalities, and just had fun. The shooting finished about 10:30 due to cold fingers and toes. The next fun shoot will be a muzzle loader event on March 17th. The schedule of events is on the website at <https://www.amlgc.com/events/> . See you at the range, Clif

Other news:

● **The complete 2024 match schedule begins on page 5. This Sunday's shoot is a bench shoot.**

● We have a Civil War skirmish on February 10th. Come at 8AM to get targets ready. Shooting begins 9AM.

● We do have a work party scheduled on February 18th 9AM-1PM. We will cut grass and brush, clean up, hang signs, work on the target shed, etc.. Bring tools!

● Black Powder Cartridge matches have been removed from the schedule. Once we build up at least one long range berm they may come back.

● Please volunteer to prepare lunches at the first-Sunday shoots for the months of February, April, May, June, July, August, and January 2025. This does not mean you give us the food, instead volunteers will be reimbursed for receipts.

Please contact Entertainment Committee chair John Burke Jr. to volunteer: 210-391-1792.

● You will see Gary Quandt, Bill Knipscher, and other volunteers testing building baffles for longer ranges. If we build them based on their experiments, this would put a close-in physical obstacle to shooting over the berms.

● Range committee chair Gary Quandt is still looking for volunteers to build more shooting benches. The club will buy the materials. To volunteer please call Gary at (210) 248-8182.

● **DUES:** So far 78% of us have renewed our memberships (not counting life members.) if you have not paid 2024 dues by the end of January, your gate code will be turned off in February. You will still get this newsletter for a month or two to remind you of what fun the rest of us are having.

What is required? See the next page.

Renewing our memberships requires four things:

① Your 2024 dues check for \$200. Or cash if you prefer. (This does not apply to our few life members.)

People who joined in late 2023 and whose second year dues are pro-rated should contact our treasurer, John Burke Sr., to know the pro-rated amount.

② An updated membership application, completed and signed. *Please provide your email address, and please print it very clearly, because changing your email address or our getting it wrong is the most common way members lose contact with the club. We won't sell it, we won't spam you, we will send the newsletter.*

③ From each adult member of your family (18 years of age and older) who lives with you and is included in your membership, a liability release form signed by that individual.

(Family members do not require their own NRA/NMLRA membership. They can leave that blank or use the Primary Member's number.)

You can download both of those forms in a single PDF file from our web site, or get a hard copy at the range when a board member is there. The link to download it is at the bottom of this page:

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

④ From yourself and each adult member of your family who is included in your membership, a readable copy of their Texas driver's license or state ID card.

AMLGC 2024 Match Schedule				
			Paul Sheperd (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Lightell (La Coste)
January	6			4H (8-12N)
	7	Various targets 25 and 50 yds., 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1:30pm)	
	13			4H (8-12N)
	14		4H (1:30pm)	
	20			4H (8-12N)
	21	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.	4H (1:30pm)	
	28		4H (1:30pm)	
February	3			4H (8-12N)
	4	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets	4H (1:30pm)	
	10	TSA Civil War Skirmish		
	11		4H (1:30pm)	
	17			4H (8-12N)
	18	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)		
	24			4H (8-12N)
	25		4H (1:30pm)	
March	2			4H (8-12N)
	3	Ground hog and 6 bull (25yd), 3 bull & bear (50yd), 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1:30pm)	
	9-12	TMLRA - Brady		
	9	Medina County 4H Shoot		4H (8-12N)
	10		4H (1:30pm)	
	16	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)		
March cont.	17	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.	4H (1:30pm)	
	23			4H (8-12N)
	24		4H (1:30pm)	
	30			4H (8-12N)
	31	Easter		
April	6			4H (8-12N)
	7	40 shot club silhouette shoot	4H (3:00pm)	

April	13			4H (8-12N)
	14		4H (1:30pm)	
May	5	Cross-sticks - Buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds)		
	11	TSA Civil War Skirmish		
	17-21	N-SSA		
	18	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)		
	19	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.		
	25	Club Mortar Shoot (9-1)		
June	2	Blanket shoot (\$10.00 prize for entry) nightmare & squirrel (25 yd), deer and bear (50yd), 25 yd. pistol shoot		
	6-11	TMLRA - Brady		
July	7	Watermelon Shoot. Silhouettes (25 & 50 yd)		
	13	TSA Civil War Skirmish		
	21	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.		
August	4	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets		
	17	Reenactor Shoot		
September	1	Animal targets (25 & 50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot		
	15	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.		
	21	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)		
October	6	Cross-sticks silhouette shoot (50 & 100 yds)		
	4-8	N-SSA		
	5-8	TMLRA - Brady		
	12			4H (8-12N)
	19			4H (8-12N)
	26	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)		
November	2			4H (8-12N)
	3	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		
	9	TSA Civil War Skirmish		
	16			4H (8-12N)
	23			4H (8-12N)
November	30			4H (8-12N)

			Paul Sheperd (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Lightell (La Coste)
December	1	Holiday Shoot, knife shoot, round bull targets (25 & 50 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		
	7			4H (8-12N)
	14			4H (8-12N)
	15	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.		
	21			4H (8-12N)
	28			4H (8-12N)

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. Classes are fixed after the September match. 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.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB
JANUARY 6, 2025

The Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club membership met for our regular annual business meeting Saturday, January 6th 2024 at VFW post 8134, at 11230 Castro Ave. LaCoste TX 78039, in Medina County, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by president Alan Pinel, with at least 49 people present. All directors were present.

1. President Alan Pinel introduced the directors.

2. Treasurer John Burke Sr. gave the Treasurer's report: The total bank balance in both the checking and savings accounts on December 31, 2023 was \$25,901.40.

3. Alan Pinel spoke about the berm improvements done in 2023.

4. Secretary Ian Straus reported; asking members to contact him if they do not receive their emailed newsletters.

5. Match chair Clif Denny discussed 2024 awards: We had 28 shooters competing of whom 14 were eligible for awards in rifle, and 17 competing in pistol of whom 12 were eligible for awards. We also had four Civil War skirmish shoots, three Black Powder Cartridge shoots, a reenactor shoot, a mortar shoot, and fun shoots. We also let two 4-H clubs use the range,

Alan Pinel discussed fun shoots in 2024, and said that when the shoot schedule is approved it will be published on the web site and the newsletter.

6. Entertainment Chair John Burke Jr. reported, asking members to volunteer to make lunch at the monthly shoots, and to let him know if we want things provided at the range.

7. President Alan Pinel initiated the election of directors, reporting that Alan Pinel, Bill Knipscher, John Burke Sr., and Clif Denny are up for re-election, and opened the floor for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Ian Straus moved the four be elected by acclamation, seconded by many, and this was approved by voice vote.

8. Bill Knipscher gave the vice-president's report:

We have had an increase in participation at muzzle loading shoots.

We had an incident at the range that caused us to close the long-range range. We improved the berms at the most used distances, 100 yards and under. We plan to implement other safety features. Our club is still the best deal in shooting ranges in the San Antonio area. In response to questions, Bill said that we are looking at re-opening the 200 and 300 yard firing lines, and discussed the likely construction of houses near the range.

9. Betty Burke reported and read the Davy Crockett Grange's letter of appreciation for our 2023 donation to Toys for Tots. Alan Pinel discussed AMLGC's other services to the community.

10. Range committee chair Gary Quandt reported:. He thanked members and 4-H'ers who work on the range, and asked for participation in maintaining the range. He spoke about the Tuesday morning group and also safety. Gary spoke about the baffle system we will try to build.

11, Bill Knipscher spoke about land next to ours, saying that 37 acres to the west of the range had sold for \$7,000 an acre four years ago and was just listed at \$1.2 million.

12. Match committee chair Clif Denny presented shooting awards for 2023. Individuals were presented with plaques listing their 2024 awards. Aggregate scores by category are as follows:

Rifle by Class			Agg	
Name		Place	Score	Class
Alex	Michlberger	1	1406 4X	A
Bill	Knipscher	2	1344 6X	A
Rich	Beardsley	3	1291 8X	A
Terry	Williams	1	1308 3X	B
Gary	Quandt	2	759 X	B
Johnny	Lambaria	3	471	B

Top Rifle		Place	Score
Alex	Michlberger	1	1406 4X
Bill	Knipscher	2	1344 6X
Rich	Beardsley	3	1291 8X
Dennis	Rich	4	1380 8X
Clif	Denny	5	1476
Gareth	Henderson	6	1047 6X
John	Burke Jr.	7	1311 5X
Terry	Williams	8	1308 3X
Alan	Pinel	9	627 2X

Pistol by Class			Agg	
Name		Place	Score	Class
Clif	Denny	1	491 2X	A
Roman	Ivanov	2	238 X	A
Alan	Pinel	3	388	A
Alex	Michlberger	1	194 X	B
John	Burke Sr.	2	352	B
John	Burke Jr.	3	334	B

Top Pistol			Agg
Clif	Denny	1	491 2X
Roman	Ivanov	2	238X
Alex	Michlberger	3	194X
Alan	Pinel	4	388
Bill	Knipscher	5	251 X
John	Burke Sr.	6	352
John	Burke Jr.	7	334
Ian	Straus	8	275
Dennis	Rich	9	267 X

Max Schneider Grand Agg		Place	Grand Agg
Alex	Michlberger	1	1600 5X
Bill	Knipscher	2	1595 7X
Clif	Denny	3	1967 2X

13. Dennis Rich presented the Dennis Bush / John St. Leger award for helping the range to Richard Fulk.

14. Bill Knipscher, Alan Pinel, and Dennis Rich proposed an amendment to the AMLGC's by-laws. In accord with our by-laws, it will not be voted on until the next general membership meeting, and it requires a 2/3 vote to pass. Its text is as follows:

Proposed Amendments to AMLGC ByLaws
Submitted by Bill Knipscher, Alan Pinel and Dennis Rich
January 6th, 2024

Foreword,

The original Constitution and Bylaws of the AMLGC were adopted in 1993. From that time until now, there have been only two Bylaw amendments; one to address the date of the Annual Business Meeting and the other to eliminate term limits of the office of Secretary.

The club has evolved over the years to include a membership increase from around 25 original members to over 150 current members. Our physical facilities, such as covered ranges, out buildings, larger berms and security systems have greatly increased in numbers and size, thereby increasing the maintenance issues and costs.

The Bylaws of the AMLGC need to be modified to reflect the changing nature of the club and to allow us to properly respond to the issues we face today and in the future as a shooting club.

We propose the following changes to the Bylaws.

1. The number of Board of Directors to be increased from 8 members to 9.
2. All BOD members will continue to serve two year terms, 5 will be elected at one General Meeting and 4 elected at the next.
3. The Officers titles shall remain the same: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and will continue to be elected by the BOD. Their terms of office shall coincide with their terms as BOD members; the President and Vice President shall serve for two years and be term limited to two terms in their respective office. The Secretary and Treasurer will not have term limits on their offices, but must be re-elected every two years by the BOD.
4. The five remaining BOD members shall each chair one of the following committees during their two year term and be responsible for the performance thereof:
 - A. Match Committee
 - B. Range Safety and Operations Committee
 - C. Facilities Maintenance Committee
 - D. Events Committee
 - E. Membership and Media Committee

The specific duties and responsibilities of each position are being finalized and will be sent to the membership at large via email once finished.

The vote on the adoption of the Bylaw changes shall occur as per the rules contained within the current Bylaws.

Submitted this date for inclusion in the minutes of the 2024 General Business Meeting.

15. President Alan Pinel thanked the other directors for their support during his two terms as president of AMLGC.

16. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM, on Gary Quandt's motion, seconded by many.

Attested:

Ian L. Straus
Secretary

AMLGC members can submit short ads for publication in the Smoke signal newsletter, to sell shooting related items.

Advertisement: For sale, a Lyman "Big Dipper" lead furnace, new in box. \$90. Ian Straus 210-413-1995. will bring to First Sunday match.

Cool weather is still here, it is still time to cast bullets! I have made jars and jars of them so far, from .433 to .735 balls.

Until next month –

Ian Straus
Secretary, AMLGC

