



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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Annual Membership Meeting

The 2025 annual membership meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 4th, 2025 at the La Coste VFW post. Dennis Rich (AMLGC President) was unable to attend so Alan Pinel (Vice President), presided over the meeting. The festivities began with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. This was followed by opening remarks from Alan and short reports from each of the officers and the committee chairs. A motion was made to re-elect four board members which passed unanimously. Betty Burke presented thanks from the Grange for our contribution to Toys for Tots.

Next was the presentation of awards for the 2024 season. Most are listed on the next pages, but

- Gareth Henderson was presented the Dennis Bush/John St. Leger Award for service to the club.
- Alexander Michlberger won his place on the Max Schneider Grand Aggregate trophy with a rifle & pistol aggregate score of 1973-8X.



Top left: Dazed onlookers as Clif explains the .22 LR fun shoot rules and displays the nearly microscopic silhouette targets



Top right: Alex Michlberger and Max Schneider trophy



Bottom right: Gareth Henderson receives award

2024 Shooting Awards

The following awards were presented for the 2024 season (all scores shown as aggregate, shooters ranked by average):

Rifle by Class

Name	Place	Agg. Score	Class
Alex Michlberger	1	1599 7X	A
Bill Knipscher	2	1345 6X	A
Dennis Rich	3	1296 7X	A
John Burke Jr.	1	1177 4X	B
Terry Williams	2	1143 1X	B
John Burke Sr.	3	894 5X	B

Pistol by Class

Name	Place	Agg. Score	Class
Clif Denny	1	495 2X	A
Alex Michlberger	2	374 X	A
John Burke Sr.	3	317	A
Gareth Henderson	1	208	B
Ian Straus	2	235	B
Dennis Rich	3	136	B



Pictures: Top, Bill Knipscher, R. middle Clif Denny, center L. John Burke Sr. R. John Burke Jr. bottom L. Ian Straus



In addition to the top 3 places in A and B class, the **Top Gun Awards** were presented for the top scoring nine shooters in rifle and pistol:

Top Gun Rifle

Name	Place	Agg. Score
Alex Michlberger	1	1599 7X
Bill Knipscher	2	1345 6X
Dennis Rich	3	1296 7X
James Braddy	4	1551 4X
Clif Denny	5	1361 2X
Rich Beardsley	6	1090
Gareth Henderson	7	1128 X
Alan Pinel	8	737 X
John Burke Jr.	9	1177 4X



Picture: Rich Beardsley

Top Gun Pistol

Name	Place	Agg. Score
Clif Denny	1	495 2X
Alex Michlberger	2	374 X
John Burke Sr.	3	317
Alan Pinel	4	253
Bill Knipscher	5	248 2X
James Braddy	6	242
John Burke Jr.	7	352
Gareth Henderson	8	208
Ian Straus	9	235

Jan. 5th Board of Directors meeting:

The newly reelected directors of our club met after the first-Sunday match. Highlights:

- Dennis Rich was re-elected as president of the club.
- Gary Quandt resigned as director and Richard Fulk was appointed in his place as director and as Property Manager. Bill Knipscher presented Gary with a plaque recognizing his many years as a director and property manager.
- AMLGC can now sell National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association memberships. This provides a very nice muzzle loading magazine, ability to go to national muzzle loading shoots, and earns the club \$5. See Secretary Ian Straus or other board members to buy an NMLRA membership when you are at the range.
- The directors retained their 2024 job positions and drew lots for terms of from 1 to 3 years in accord with the new by-laws approved in October. Board members and positions for 2025 are now:



Name	Office 2025	Term (years)
Dennis Rich	President	2
Alan Pinel	Vice President, Entry & surveillance	2
Ian Straus	Secretary	3
John Burke Sr.	Treasurer	1
Richard Fulk	Property Manager (Facilities Maintenance chair)	3
Clif Denny	Match chair	1
Bill Knipscher	Range Safety chair	2
John Burke Jr.	Events chair	1
Alexander Michlberger	Membership Communications chair	3

- The match and event schedule for 2025 was approved, and appears in this newsletter.
- There are five work party days. Please participate. If we don't get participation in the work parties, we'll have to raise dues again to keep the range maintained, and the by-laws say there is an obligation to participate.
- Directors will begin rotating as range safety officer for the monthly shoots, with the ability to do a make-up shoot for their own scores as members have already done when TMLRA and NSSA shoots fall on AMLGC shoot dates.

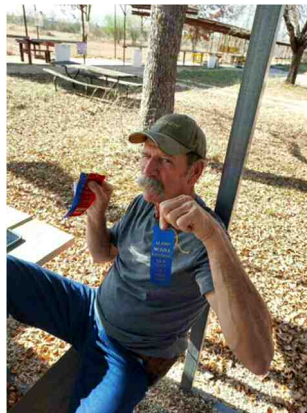
January 2025 Patched Round Ball Shoot

The 1st Sunday competition had an excellent turnout with 18 rifle shooters and 12 pistol shooters. The rifle course of fire included a total of four targets, two at 50 yards and two at 25 yards.

One pistol target, ten shots at 25 yards.

Class A:	25 Yd Prairie Dog	25 Yd Raccoon	50Yd Bear	50Yd Deer
Place				
1 st	Bill Knipscher 37	Bill Knipscher 37 X	Bill Knipscher 43 X	Bill Knipscher 39 X
2 nd	Alan Pinel 34	Clif Denny 35 X	John Burke, Jr. 37 X	John Burke, Jr. 35
3 rd	Alex Michlberger 33	Rich Beardsley 35 X	Alex Michlberger 34	Clif Denny 27
Class B:				
1 st	Gary Quandt 39	Ian Straus 34	Terry Williams 33	Ian Straus 25
2 nd	Terry Williams 34	Greg Delk 28	Gary Quandt 20	Johnny Lambaria 25
3 rd	John Burke, Sr. 26	Gary Quandt 27 X	Johnny Lambaria 14	Terry Williams 22
		1st	2nd	3rd
Class A Rifle Agg:		Bill Knipscher 156 3X	John Burke, Jr. 134 X	Alex Michlberger 123
Class B Rifle Agg:		Terry Williams 99	Ian Straus 93	Gary Quandt 92 X
Class A Pistol:		Alex Michlberger 91	Clif Denny 86	Alan Pinel 78
Class B Pistol:		Gareth Henderson 62	Terry Williams 52	Ian Straus 49

First place shooters' photos: Rifle on top: Bill, Terry. Pistol on bottom: Alex, Gareth



January 2025 .22 LR Fun Shoot

The .22 LR fun shoot was held on Sunday the 19th. Despite the cold weather, turnout was good, with 11 shooters.

Safety briefing:

Instead of A and B classes, shooters were divided into classes based on sight type, with separate classes for scoped rifles and rifles with iron sights.

We shot a 40-shot silhouette match at 25 and 50 yards, using our new (and small!) rimfire silhouettes. Based on the interest in this event, two more .22LR fun shoots were added to the calendar, February 23rd and April 20th. Dust off that .22 and come on out!

If you don't have an empty chamber flag, the club will sell you one for \$1.



Winners: left Jonathan and Right, Wes

January 19th 22LR Silhouette Fun Shoot	
Aggregate scores. 5 pts per hit	
Scope Class	
1	Jonathan Keil 100
2	Clif Denny 90
3	John Burke Jr. 85
Iron Sight Class	
1	Wes Lerma 90
2	Bill Knipscher 70
3	Alan Pinel 60



Dues are due for 2025:

- Remember to fill out a renewal membership application and pay your dues for the 2025 year! Right now 27 members have not yet done that. **If you have not paid 2025 dues by the end of January, your gate code will be turned off February 1st**, and turned back on when we process your paperwork. Mail to the club's PO box on the application form.
- Renewing our memberships requires four things:
 - Your 2025 dues check for \$200. Or cash if you prefer. (This does not apply to our few life members.) People who joined in late 2024 and whose second year dues are pro-rated should contact our treasurer, John Burke Sr., to know the pro-rated amount.
 - 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.
 - 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 Members 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/>
 - 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.

Safety Minute

It is imperative to remember that safety doesn't just happen – it must constantly be on your mind. Top rules to keep in mind:

1. Remember, all rounds must impact the backstop/berm
2. No firing forward of the firing line (pistol range excluded)
3. Prime your firearm at the firing line only
4. Centerfire rifles cannot be fired at bays 1 through 7 at the 100 yard range – there is a house ¼ mile behind the berm in this area
5. Remember, from the 25 yard range to the 100 yard is one continuous range. Range commands are for the entire range.
6. **If you bring a guest**, the guest MUST sign a liability waiver BEFORE shooting and pay the \$10.00 fee. Failure to sign a guest liability waiver opens YOU and the club up to serious liability issues. Additionally, you must accompany the guest for the duration of the visit. (Do NOT leave your guest at one firing line to go shooting at another firing line: if you do that, there is no way you can be supervising that guest.) Violations with guests are serious infractions, one AMLGC member was recently dismissed for violating guest policy.

Refer to the AMLGC rules online or contact the range safety officer or board member if you have questions.

Liability note: Do not give your gate code to guests, or to anyone outside your household. If later someone else lets themselves in with your code and shoots out of the range, it will be your fault. Yes, that means if your guests don't drive with you, you go to the gate and push the buttons to let your guests in at the gate.

Other news:

- The complete 2025 match schedule begins on page 9. The February 1st roundball shoot is a cross sticks shoot.
- We have a Civil War skirmish on February 8th. Come at 8AM to get targets ready. Shooting begins 9AM. The skirmish flyer is at the end of this newsletter.
- We do have a work party scheduled on February 15th, 9AM-1PM. **Bring chain saws and pruning shears, and we really need a trailer or two to haul cut brush with.** The most important jobs are to cut the forest of saplings on top of the septic tank, and to cut brush along the fence line. That would be harder to do later in the year after leaves grow, so let's get it done now. We will also cut grass, clean up, hang signs, etc.. **Bring tools! Bring your work gloves!**
- We have another .22 Long Rifle fun shoot February 23rd.
- Please volunteer to prepare lunches at the 1st-Sunday shoots for the months of March, May, June, July, August, and November. Contact Events Committee chair John Burke Jr. (210-391-1792) to volunteer. Remember, we are not asking you to give us the food. Provide your receipt for a reimbursement.
- The Texas Free Trappers and White Smoke Brigade host "mountain man" style shoots through the year at a couple of places near San Antonio. Their February shoot message is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Cool things seen around the range:

Richard Fulk has a new Garmin chronograph that has a simple setup and an 18-hour rechargeable battery. Just set it up on its tripod legs and shoot next to it.



Ian Straus's Christmas gift is a reproduction of a medieval handgonne, the original man portable firearm, the high tech of the late 1400s. Without newfangled inventions like a sight or a butt stock or forestock or a lock. Wes Lerma has quickly made one of his own, so we may have a handgonne shoot in the future.

Picture at left: Wes examining and sketching Ian's handgonne after the general membership meeting.

AMLGC 2025 Match Schedule			
			Paul Sheperd (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H) Krueger (La Coste)
January	4		4H (8-12N)
	5	Racoon and Prarie Dog (25yd), Bear and Deer (50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1:30pm)
	11		4H (8-12N)
	12		4H (1:30pm)
	18		4H (8-12N)
	19	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 40 shot match. Scope and Iron sight class. Empty chamber flag required.	4H (1:30pm)
	25		4H (8-12N)
	26		4H (1:30pm)
February	1		4H (8-12N)
	2	Cross-sticks - 1-bull & 6-bull (50yd), 1-bull & 3-bull (100yd)	4H (1:30pm)
	8	TSA Civil War Skirmish	
	9		4H (1:30pm)
	15	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)	
	16		4H (1:30pm)
	22		4H (8-12N)
	23	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 40 shot match. Scope and Iron sight class. Empty chamber flag required.	4H (1:30pm)
March	1		4H (8-12N)
	2	Ground hog and 6 bull (25yd), 3 bull & bear (50yd), 25 yd pistol shoot	4H (1:30pm)
	6-9	TMLRA - Brady	
	8		4H (8-12N)
	9		4H (1:30pm)
	15	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)	
	16	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.	4H (1:30pm)
	22		4H (8-12N)
	23		4H (1:30pm)
	29		4H (8-12N)
	30		4H (1:30pm)
April	5		4H (8-12N)
	6	40 shot club silhouette shoot	4H (3:00pm)
	12		4H (8-12N)
	13		4H (1:30pm)
	19		4H (8-12N)
	20	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 40 shot match. Scope and Iron sight class. Empty chamber flag required.	4H (1:30pm)
	26		4H (8-12N)
	27		4H (1:30pm)
May	4	Cross-sticks - Buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds)	
	10	TSA Civil War Skirmish	
		N-SSA	
	17	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)	
	18	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 40 shot match. Scope and Iron sight class. Empty chamber flag required.	
June	1	Blanket shoot (\$10.00 prize for entry) 2-bull & single squirrel (25 yd), buffalo 5-bull and bear (50yd), 25 yd. pistol shoot	
	10-15	TMLRA - Brady	
July	6	Watermelon Shoot. Silhouettes (25 & 50 yd)	
	12	TSA Civil War Skirmish	
	20	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.	
August	3	Bench shoot, 50 & 100 yds; round bull targets	
	23	Reenactor Shoot	
September	7	Raccoon and 5-Squirrels (25yd), 1-Bull & cut-up buffalo (50 yd), 25 yd pistol shoot	
	14	22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 40 shot match. Scope and Iron sight class. Empty chamber flag required.	
	20	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)	
	27	Club Mortar Shoot (9-1)	
October	5	Cross-sticks silhouette shoot (50 & 100 yds)	
		N-SSA	
	2-5	TMLRA - Brady	
	25	Range Day - Work Party (9-1)	
November	2	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot	
	8	TSA Civil War Skirmish	
	16	Muzzle Loader Primitive Fun Shoot (out of the pouch) and Tomahawk Throw. \$5 entry, 20 shot match.	
December	7	Holiday Shoot, knife shoot, round bull targets (25 & 50 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot	
	14	Muzzle Loader Silhouette Fun Shoot (25&50 yds.) \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.	

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.

22lr Silhouette Fun Shoot: 22lr silhouettes will be shot off-hand with chickens and turkeys at 25yd and pigs and rams at 50yd. There will be a scope and iron sight class. 4H or underage shooters will shoot in a Jr. class and may shoot from the kneeling position. Ammunition shall be standard velocity and empty chamber flags will be required to be inserted any time the shooter comes off of the line.

INTERESTED IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY? COMPETITIVE SHOOTING WITH CIVIL WAR WEAPONS!



TEXAS SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH



**TEAM MUSKET
&
TEAM
SMOOTHBORE**

DATE: February 8th, 2025

TEAM COMPETITION IN MUSKET & SMOOTHBORE.

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

LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE RANGE (DONATION REQUESTED)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
8:30 A.M.	RANGE SETUP
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.**



PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS.

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SHOOT CIVIL WAR WEAPONS?

FW: 37th Texas Free Trappers Rendezvous, February 6-9

From: jblmrm3@satx.rr.com (jblmrm3@satx.rr.com)

To: jblmrm3@satx.rr.com

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 08:21 PM CST

If you are attending the 37th TFT Rendezvous, please RSVP either Rusty or myself. Regardless of the weather, plan on having a fire bucket on hand and a brazier or fire ring just in case we have a burn ban in effect.

Hope to see you there, Jack

37th TEXAS FREE TRAPPERS RENDEZVOUS

SHINER, TEXAS – February 6-9, 2025

- Pre-1840's rendezvous so only period tents and clothing in the main camp area. Period dress is required for all competitors and campers.

- Period Camping – separate modern camping/no hookups. Bring water.

Prospective and beginning buckskinners are welcome. Don't be bashful if your gear isn't perfect yet. We can help you.

All shooting will be out of the pouch, using traditional weapons with open open metal sights and patched round balls.

THURSDAY 2/6

Site access is available starting 1:00 PM for early camp and target setup.

Your help will be appreciated.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 2/7-8 (events run both days)

Rifle Walk Knife & Hawk Period Archery Match (No plastic or aluminum)

SATURDAY EVENING 2/8

- Council Fire Awards, News & Announcements, Music Potluck (bring something to share)

SUNDAY 2/9

Break camp and clean up the site before heading home.

WSCB Family Dues - \$15/year. Competition fee incl. camping - \$15. Camping only fee - \$10/lodge. No additional fee for traders, but period or related items only. Each competitive event will have its own winners. Number of cash prizes will be based on numbers of competitors.

For more info contact:

Boosway Rusty (Matò) Hathaway, rusty_hathaway@msn.com, (512) 422-0377

or Segundo Jack (Straight Arrow) Simons, jblmrm3@satx.rr.com, (210) 846-6375

Facebook Group: Texas Free Trappers

Please RSVP to Jack that you will be attending. Entry into site is controlled and you must call either Rusty or Jack upon arrival to open the gate.

Any threat of cancellation due to weather, call before leaving home!!

Bring a water bucket and brazier or fire containment ring in case a burn ban is in effect.



Rendezvous Map 2025.jpg

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