

ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB **SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER**

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We had 12 shooters at the May 5th club shoot.

Class A:		50Yd Cut-up Buffalo	50Yd 5-bull	100Yd 1-Bull	100Yd 2-Bull
	1	Clif Denny 45	James Braddy 42	Clif Denny 40	Bill Knipscher 45
	2	Bill Knipscher 38	Bill Knipscher 37	Dennis Rich 39 X	Dennis Rich 44
	3	Dennis Rich 37	Gareth Henderson 29	John Burke, Jr. 36	James Braddy 26
Class B:	1	Terry Williams 41	Rich Beardsley 42 X	Rich Beardsley 38	Rich Beardsley 44 X
	2	Greg Delk 34	Terry Williams 24	Greg Delk 24	Greg Delk 29
	3	John Burke, Sr. 34	Mike Lowe 21	Gary Quandt 20	Gary Quandt 16
Aggregate scores:			1st	2nd	3rd
Class A Rifle Agg:			Bill Knipscher 155	Dennis Rich 149 X	Clif Denny 120
Class B Rifle Agg:			Rich Beardsley 157 2X	Greg Delk 104	Gary Quandt 80

First place shoot winners' pictures: Bill



Rich



Thanks to Linda Henderson for providing lunch for the May 5th shoot! (picture at top right)

Now a few other May 4th pictures:









11th Civil War skirmish:

We shot rifled musket and smoothbore musket.

To show you how these shoots go, let's start with putting the targets together (pigeon board) and later hanging individual clay pigeons from wires.



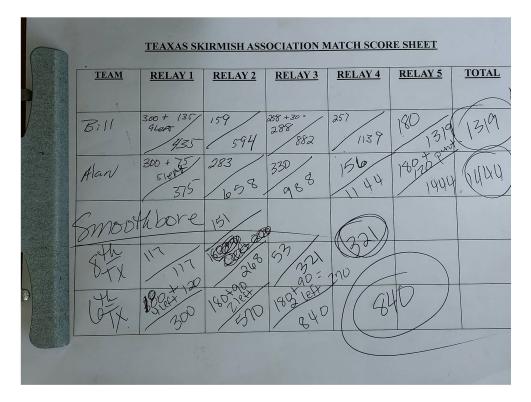


Here is the fun part:





And how it turned out... Alan's team was ahead on the pigeon board but Bill's team pulled ahead on the second relay (4" tiles) and kept that lead until the end. (Lowest time to break the targets is the best score. The numbers in the picture are times in seconds.). On smoothbore the NSSA skirmishers beat the reenactors – there is a lot to be said for a lot of live fire practice.



The fun shoot May 18th:

13 people shot .22 long rifle at silhouettes at 25 and 50 yards, and five shot .22 pistol at 25 yards. James Braddy got a pig pin.

May 18 Silhouette Fun Shoot – at 5 points per silhouette hit							
Rifle Agg:	1	Jonathan Keil 190	2	James Braddy 180	3	Mike Benes 140	
Pistol Agg:	1	Jonathan Keil 70	2	Clif Denny 40	3	Mike Benes 10	

Jonathon



James



Work party May 17th:

Club members who came to work are Mike Benes, Terry Williams, Mike Lowe,, Gary Quandt, Clif Denny, Gareth Henderson, John Burke Sr., John Burke Jr., Dennis Rich, Ian Straus, Mike Michalczak, Richard Fulk, and Alan Pinel.

We trimmed trees. Richard Fulk mowed the grass. Scrap iron was cleaned up and sold for scrap, Dennis Rich and Gareth Henderson made progress making an experimental baffle to make it impossible to shoot over the long range berms, and John Burke Jr. led in demolishing the old disused brick barbecue. John swings a powerful sledgehammer.

The plan is to put in the BBQ's place a 4x8 shed, to hold the lunch supplies: coffee maker, water and soft drinks, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils, serving utensils, insulated jug, etc., which will be right where they are used, and also secure from the raccoon that managed to get into the lunch closet.



Firebrick was salvaged for another project. The chimney pipe was kept to make a culvert. Cleanup remains to be done, but it was a very productive morning.



Other news:

• Flints! James Braddy has been knapping gun flints from stones found on the range. They work well too: He was using them to shoot next to me and he had no more misfires than I had shooting caplock. He showed off a baggie full of them. Here is one at right:

• **BRASS:** The club has a lot of donated brass, mostly .40 caliber pistol brass. If you want some, <u>make an offer</u> on it – to Ian, or Alan or to John Burke Sr.. If we don't get interest by the July shoot we will sell it for scrap.



• The June first-Sunday shoot is a blanket shoot: We don't pay a shoot fee in cash. Instead we bring something shooting related, worth at least \$10, to put on the prize table.

• Next Civil War skirmish is July 13th.

AMLGC 2024 Event Schedule through August 2024						
			Paul Sheperd (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Lightell (La Coste)		
June	2	Blanket shoot (Bring a \$10.00 prize for entry) nightmare &				
		squirrel (25 yd), deer and bear (50yd), 25 yd. pistol shoot				
	4-9	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				
	18	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match				

• The July watermelon shoot ... we are winning watermelons, not shooting at them.

Until next month -

Ian Straus Secretary, AMLGC

