



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> shoot! (picture at top right)

Now a few other May 4<sup>th</sup> pictures:



**11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TEXAS SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION MATCH SCORE SHEET**

TEAM	RELAY 1	RELAY 2	RELAY 3	RELAY 4	RELAY 5	TOTAL
Bill	300 + 135 9 left <hr/> 435	159 <hr/> 594	258 + 30 = 288 <hr/> 882	257 <hr/> 1139	180 <hr/> 1319	1319
Alan	300 + 75 51 left <hr/> 375	283 <hr/> 658	330 <hr/> 988	156 <hr/> 1144	180 + 120 120 <hr/> 1944	1944
Smoothbore		151 <hr/>				
8th 8TX	117 <hr/> 117	<del>160</del> 268 <hr/>	53 <hr/>		321 <hr/>	
4th 6TX	180 + 120 120 5 left <hr/> 300	180 + 90 2 left <hr/> 570	180 + 90 = 270 2 left <hr/> 840			840

**The fun shoot May 18<sup>th</sup>:**

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 17<sup>th</sup>:**

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, make an offer 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

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		

Until next month –

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