



# ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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Range closed through Friday Oct.27<sup>th</sup> to build the 25 yard berm up to 25 feet tall, like the 50 and 100 yard berms.

October 1<sup>st</sup> club shoot winners. Eleven shooters. A 20-shot silhouette shoot with cross sticks.

<b>Class A Rifle</b>		Alex		Rich Beardsley		
<b>Agg:</b>	1	Michlberger 190	2	170	3	Clif Denny 140
<b>Class B Rifle</b>				Johnny Lambaria		Terry Williams
<b>Agg:</b>	1	Ian Straus 120	2	110	3	100

Alex



Ian



And Rich Beardsley, got a pig pin!



The October 21<sup>st</sup> work party had a great turn-out which included LaCoste 4-H.

We put down railroad ties on the 50 yard target line, drilled them for target stands, and staked them down. Special thanks to Richard Fulk and Paul Patterson for bringing their tractors to move the ties. Mike Lowe put numbers on the 25 and 100, and the 4-H did a general range clean-up and tree trimming.





**What else is going on around here?**

- Celebrate Veterans Day with a bang! Nov.11<sup>th</sup> skirmish shoot; rifled musket and smoothbore. 9AM. See flyer, attached.
- The club’s next **fun silhouette shoot** will be on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Pistol matches have been added to the 3rd-Sunday fun silhouette shoots.
- The November turkey shoot will include an optional (\$1 entry) plaster turkey shoot, same rules as last year.
- The LaCoste 4-H club will shoot every Saturday morning from 8AM to noon for the rest of the year, except when we have scheduled club shooting events. As with other 4H shoots, 4H is in charge of the range then and will use the 25 yard line. We can shoot on the other lines.

**if you can compete here, you can compete anywhere!** In the past two months AMLGC members competed and won in the Texas Muzzle Loading Rifle Association matches at Brady, and the North-South Skirmish Association national shoot in West Virginia.

Dennis Rich and Gareth Henderson went to Brady: Dennis reports “ Musket 1st, Smoothbore 2nd, Lazyman 2nd, Buffalo X-sticks 2nd, Light Bench 1st.” and Linda Henderson reports that Gareth “...had a great time at Brady. He was 2nd on the Hunter Agg with a 91, 1 x. He also shot the Longhunter, but I didn't get a picture of those results before John nabbed all the sheets! He got 5 picks at the blanket shoot, so I think he placed there too.

Alan Pinel reports the NSSA results in his “My Two Cents worth” letter, keep reading.



October is usually a very busy month for AMLGC Members that travel to compete at large events in Texas and across the country. Congratulations to Dennis Rich and Gareth Henderson for competing at the Texas Muzzle Loading Rifle Association matches at Brady, TX. Both of these AMLGC members had outstanding showings.

There were also four AMLGC members that travelled to Winchester, Virginia to compete in the North South Skirmish Association’s 2023 Fall Nationals. Matches are held for individual and team competitions.

Bill Knipscher, Greg Delk, Wendy Pinel and myself enjoyed the competition as well as the comraderie to be had at Fort Shenandoah. See the main body of this newsletter for information on the results of these competitions.

I have always enjoyed recognizing our AMLGC members that venture out and compete at various locations with other organizations. These individuals continually are able to compete sucessfully at all levels within the muzzle loading shooting sports. This is a testament to the match programs and mentorship that is a hallmark of AMLGC. Great job?

By now hopefully all of you have gotten the news of the 25 yard berm improvements that are underway as I write this. We have made significant advances in improving our range over the course of this year. From raising the 100, 50 and now 25 yard line berms; replacing metal target stands with wooden railroad ties to reduce ricochet risks and shortening the target frames to lower the point of aim on the berm. All these efforts will go a long way to ensuring the viability of our club well into the future by increasing the safety of our facilities. These efforts have at time come at mild inconvenience to the membership in the short term while the ranges must be closed for the safety of heavy equipment operators. I make absolutely no apologies for these temporary inconveniences as my position requires me to look to and guard the future of our club. One should plant trees even if they'll never be able to sit in its shade. Others will.

This November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Turkey Shoot First Sunday Match Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot. Come out for a chance to win HEB gift cards to redeem for a Thanksgiving turkey.

The Texas Skirmish Association will host a Veteran's Day Skirmish on November 11th. Uniforms are encouraged. Registration begins at 0800; range setup at 0830 and match begins at 0900.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the many matches scheduled this month. Happy Halloween!

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

*Alan Pinel, AMLGC President*

**Other news:**

- The White Smoke Brigade is having a "mountain man" style shoot this Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, north of Canyon Lake. See attached flyer.

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

- **Lunch volunteer reminders:** (for the first-Sunday club matches.)

November-Donna Straus

December—Dave Carlson & Deirdre McDonald

**Upcoming AMLGC and other Events through-December:**

Note, LaCoste 4H shoots at 8AM-noon every Saturday when no club events are scheduled.

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<b>October</b>	<b>28</b>		<i>4H (2:30pm)</i>	4H (8-2N)
	<b>29</b>	<del>Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match</del> - Cancelled due to long range closure.		
<b>Novem- ber</b>	<b>4</b>			4H (8-2N)
	<b>5</b>	Turkey Shoot. Cross-sticks buffalo targets (50 & 100 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		
	<b>11</b>	TSA Civil War Skirmish	<i>4H (2:30pm)</i>	
	<b>18</b>			4H (8-2N)
	<b>19</b>	<del>Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match</del> - Cancelled due to long range closure.		
	<b>25</b>			4H (8-2N)
<b>Decembe r</b>	<b>2</b>			4H (8-2N)
	<b>3</b>	Holiday Shoot, knife shoot, round bull targets (25 & 50 yds.), 25 yd pistol shoot		
	<b>9</b>		<i>4H (2:30pm)</i>	4H (8-2N)
	<b>16</b>			4H (8-2N)
	<b>17</b>	Silhouette Fun Shoot. \$5 entry, 20 shot match. 25 Yd Pistol match.		
	<b>23</b>			4H (8-2N)
	<b>30</b>			4H (8-2N)

Until next month – but read the flyers on the next pages!

Ian Straus





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



# TEXAS SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH

**DATE: NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023**

**MATCHES**

**TEAM MUSKET**

**&**

**TEAM**

**SMOOTHBORE**

**TEAM COMPETITION IN MUSKET & SMOOTHBORE.**

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

**LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE RANGE (DONATION REQUESTED)**

**TIME**

**EVENT**

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.**



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***INTERESTED IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY?***

***SHOOT CIVIL WAR WEAPONS?***

All, We are having the WSB shoot next Saturday if we don't get rained out. Watching the forecast as it calls for high chances throughout the week and into the weekend. Look for another email to go out by Friday evening. Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call Rusty or myself. Jack

# White Smoke Brigade

## Match 212

### October 28, 2023

Shooting begins around 10:00 AM. Paper targets along with metal silhouettes. Smoothbores, percussion, and flintlock rifles & pistols are welcome; however, please no modern muzzleloaders.

For those of you that might not know, the match is \$5; exact change is appreciated. We have a quarters shoot for cold bore.

**Dues are payable for a calendar year and are only \$15.00.**

Dues not only go towards WSB, but for Texas Free Trappers too. \$15.00 for both! Bring your own water and snacks.

There are no toilet facilities on the property.

**If you have any questions, please call.**

Rusty Hathaway

Jack Simons

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**Directions – North of Canyon Lake**

At "T" intersection of Highways 306 and 3424 turn north on 3424; cross Highway 32; 3424 becomes Mail Route Road; at about 100 yards cross a creek; then turn right at a driveway with an old yellow Jeep full of cactus; take caution when going through the automatic gate staying right and drive to back of living area going past stop sign on tree, when you come to a green & yellow railroad storage container turn left, at the gate enter and close it behind you; there are horses onsite.

**Approximate map coordinates:** 29.943840,-98.209012