



ALAMO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB SMOKE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

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The **2024 annual general membership meeting**, at which we will give awards and elect half of our club’s board of directors (and collect dues) **will called to order at 1PM Saturday, January 6th 2024**. The location is the VFW in LaCoste. If you have not mailed in your dues, then please plan to be there early (from 10AM to 12:30 PM) to pay 2024 dues before the meeting. The payment line will be closed during the meeting. See details on page 3 of this newsletter. This information has already been mailed to members on Dec. 6th, in a hard copy letter.

Those who do not pay 2024 dues by the end of January will have their gate codes turned off in February.

December 3rd club shoot winners: We had 17 shooters, but 15 reported scores for Rifle. We also had a record 13 Pistol shooters and had to run 2 relays. We had 9 shooters for the knife shoot.

Class A:		25 Yd 1 Bull	25 Yd 2 Bull	50 Yd 1 Bull	50 Yd 5 Bull
	1	Alex Michlberger 49 2X	Alex Michlberger 46X	Bill Knipscher 45	Dennis Rich 36
	2	Gareth Henderson 48X	Gareth Henderson 45	Gareth Henderson 41	Alex Michlberger 35
	3	Clif Denny 47X	Bill Knipscher 40	Alex Michlberger 39	Bill Knipscher 34
Class B:					
	1	Gary Quandt 43	John Burke, Sr. 34	Chuck Rine 40	Chuck Rine 34
	2	Chuck Rine 41	Chuck Rine 28	Terry Williams 37	Johnny Lambaria 27
	3	Ian Straus 40	Ian Straus 23	Gary Quandt 32	John Burke, Sr. 26
Aggregates:		1st place	2 nd place	3d place	
Class A Rifle Agg:		Alex Michlberger 169 3X	Bill Knipscher 166 X	Gareth Henderson 151 X	
Class B Rifle Agg:		Chuck Rine 143	John Burke, Sr. 122	Johnny Lambaria 118	
Class A Pistol:		Clif Denny 86	Bill Knipscher 55	Alan Pinel 46	
Class B Pistol:		Chuck Rine 79	John Burke, Sr. 67	Alex Michlberger 58	
Knife Shoot		Clif Denny 96	Dennis Rich 88	Terry Williams 74	

Dec. 3rd winners: Alex, Chuck, Clif:



Here are the scores from the fun shoot December 17th. We had 13 paid shooters, and shot at 25 and 50 years. Silhouettes being what they are, we had ties for 1st and 3rd place.

December 17 Silhouette Fun Shoot						
Rifle Agg:	1	John Burke, Jr. 16	2	Rich Beardsley 15	3	Clif Denny 13
	1	Bill Knipscher 16			3	Ian Straus 13
Pistol Agg:	1	Clif Denny 1 (squirrel)	2	Ian Straus 1 (hog)		



Dear Members:

Please attend Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club's annual awards ceremony and general membership business meeting, which will be on **Saturday January 6th, 2024** at 1PM at VFW post 8134, at 11230 Castro Ave. LaCoste TX 78039.

The VFW is on the east side of the main road (Castro Ave. / FM471) and a block north of the railroad tracks.

This is when we give awards, report on the state of the club, conduct any new business, have door prizes, and elect half of the Board of Directors. It is also when many of us pay our annual dues.

As in past years, we must have renewed our memberships to vote.

It will run smoother if as many members as possible mail their renewal documents and dues ahead of time, to arrive in the club's PO Box before January 5th.

But you can also pay your dues on meeting day: Member renewal applications and dues will be accepted from 10AM until 12:30 PM, and at 12:30PM the line for members to submit applications to renew membership will be closed so that people in line will have their paperwork processed before the meeting begins. Please fill out your paperwork before you get in line. (After the meeting, the dues payment and application line will open again.)

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 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.

- Again, we can mail in our checks and documents before the meeting and skip the line. This is a good idea and encouraged. I have done it myself. (Other family members do not require their own individual NRA/NMLRA membership. Leave blank or use Primary Member's number) Mail your dues and paperwork in early, **to arrive by Jan. 5th**, and just show up for the Jan. 6th meeting before 1PM. Our treasurer, John Burke Sr., will check the PO box and make a list of who already paid and gets a ballot. The club's mailing address is AMLGC, P.O. Box 88, LaCoste, TX 78039.

- After the meeting the application and dues line will be re-opened.

Draft schedule of Upcoming AMLGC and other Events through-February:

Note that we will have some .22 caliber fun matches in 2024 beginning in January, in addition to muzzle loading fun matches; and Black Powder Cartridge Rifle matches are back. This schedule for the whole 2014 year will be finalized at the January board meeting, and then published in the January newsletter

			Paul Sheperd (Castroville and Rio Medina 4H)	Lightell (La Coste 4H)
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)	
	27			4H (8-12N)
	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	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match		
	24			4H (8-12N)
	25		4H (1:30pm)	

Other news:

- Long time club member Ron Ijams passed away in late October. He was preceded in death by his wife. Our condolences go to his family.
- 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.

Now that cool weather is here, it is time to cast bullets!

Until next month –

Ian Straus

