



Official Publication of the Old Fort Gun Club, Inc.

The objectives of this organization are to establish and maintain a permanent organization, for the benefit of its membership and the general public, to promote the elements of the shooting sports, hunter education, marksmanship training, safe handling of all firearms, enforcement of game laws, the values of sportsmanship, and sportsmanlike conduct. In order to further these objectives, the organization will operate and maintain rifle, pistol, and shotgun firing ranges, owned, rented, or newly-constructed, to include a meeting house (when funds are available) for the use and benefit of the members.



# THE OLD FORT SHOOTIST

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## New Members Joined in March

**Old Fort Gun Club welcomes new members. Look for these men and their families on the range and give them a good old-fashioned warm and friendly welcome!**

Scott Betterton	Alma
Lalen Parks	Alma
Johnny Fisher	Barling
John Tipton	Cedarville
James Shelley	Central City
James Britt	Fort Smith
Andrew Davis	Fort Smith
Kyle DeJaeger	Fort Smith
Patrick McGuire	Fort Smith
Henry Udouj Jr.	Fort Smith
William Bryan	Van Buren
Bob Collins	Van Buren
Oscar Parrish	Van Buren
Wesley Shelley	Van Buren
Randall Chitwood	Pocola, OK
Calvin Lovett	Pocola, OK
Greg Prewett	Muldrow, OK

12th Annual

## Old Fort Shoot-Out

May 19 - 20

*New Dates*

All Six Divisions each day. Must shoot a different Division each day.

Match Fee is \$40 per day if postmarked before May 5 and \$50 thereafter. The fee for Juniors (under 18) that pre-enter is \$20 per day.

BBQ Lunch will be provided both days.

Trophy/Plaque Match High overall and individually for each division.

Shooter Meeting at 8:30 a.m. each day

Match Starts at 9:00 a.m. - 7 stages of fire, 200+ Rounds each day.

For More information call Bruce Bethell at 785-4558 or [brucebethell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucebethell@sbcglobal.net)

Old Fort Shoot-Out has been moved to May 19-20 from April 14-15 because of a scheduling conflict.

## CMP High-Power Rifle Match Results

The match was held on Saturday, March 17, 2007. There were a total of five competitors. Jon Smith was the overall match winner with a score of 465-11x, competing in the match rifle category. Ronnie Dale, competing in his first rifle match, placed 1st in the master class, firing a score of 3356-2x competing in the match rifle category.

Doug Rollins-CMP Director

**The next meeting will be held at 7:00 on April 5 at the Barling City Hall.**

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## Safety Tip on Choke Tubes

Before going out the other day to practice hitting a few clays, I picked up my extra choke tubes and put them in my pocket. After shooting a little while, I decided to change my tubes. I took the old ones out and installed the ones from my pocket. Then I saw something that almost blew me away. I found a dime right inside one of my tubes. If I had not seen it, my gun would have been history. So, keep your choke tubes out of your pocket, keep an eye on the end of your barrel and wear safety glasses.

If you have any safety tips you would like to pass on, please email Johnny Cole at [nivek@cei.net](mailto:nivek@cei.net).

## Practical Pistol

February 18 saw a group of 29 Shooters gather at the River Range for the annual revolver-friendly shoot. A total of seven brave souls abandoned their bottom feeders and dusted off the wheel guns. Most only shoot the wheelie once a year, and it can be very entertaining. Roger Davis took First Place in the six-gun division.

Practical Pistol continues to be a premier sport and continues to draw a lot of shooters from out of town and out of state. Still, we need more local interest. The trio of Tulsans, garnered the top three slots in overall standing. Kelly Raglins took first overall, followed by Jay Mackey Sr. then by Jay Mackey Jr. Still a teenager, Jay Jr. always gives his Dad a good run for the money, often beating him on most stages.

Saturday, March 17, brought perfect weather as the Practical Pistol crew, headed by Ryan Hunt, put on its first multi-gun match under new USPSA guidelines. Each stage used a combination of rifle, shotgun and handgun, with two stages requiring all three guns. Try 36 rounds from six different firing positions, transition between guns, score 173 of possible 180 points, and the time to beat was 22 seconds. Larry Wood, one of our regular shooters from the Little Rock area, swept first place. Stages were all exciting and challenging, and everyone is looking forward to the next multi-gun match.

The next day was our regular Practical Pistol handgun match. A total of 27 shooters enjoyed the weather and the stages. Billy Smith got real focused on the match, and took a surprising first place overall. Surprising because he was shooting in Production Division, limited to 10 round magazines, while the majority of shooters were in Divisions allowing 20+ round mags. Billy had to reload twice as often (or more), and with Minor power factor received less points for anything other than a center hit on the target. Quite an accomplishment!

If you come out once, you will be hooked. If you have a carry permit, this is a must do experience. Learn to be instinctive about shooting through windows, doors, walls, hostage situations, partial exposure of the threat, and shoot with a really great bunch of guys and gals who will do everything they can to help you. Special equipment is not needed. This takes place on the third Sunday of each month, and the start time is 10:00 a.m.

Practical Pistol is a great sport from which everyone could learn a lot about home defense. Learn to recognize the threat, eliminate the threat, save the good guys and gals, and have a lot of fun. Come shoot with us.

Bruce Bethell – Director, Practical Pistol

## Sporting Clays

On March 10, we had the largest attendance in years with 68 shooters. Shooters came from far and near – Tulsa, Ozark, Fayetteville, Alma, Van Buren and Fort Smith. The word is getting out that we have one of the best shoots in the area for the price.

Troy Pratt and Dale Willroth took 1st place overall with 49. Bobby Willroth, J.P. Littlefield and Lalen Parks (2nd round) took 2nd place overall with 45. David Simmons and Mike McFerran took 3rd over all with 44. Bill Howard and Johnny Cole took 1st Place AA with 42. J.W. Holmes, Randall Carson, Eddie Booth (2nd round) took 2nd Place AA with 41. Donny Stacy, Heath Ewing, John Fox, and Tom Crutchfield took 3rd AA with 40.

We are having a great year so far and continue to grow. With growth things do change. I need more help running the matches. Setup times start about 7:15 a.m. Setup crew and early birds start as soon as setup is finished. Everyone else starts when the quads are full.

Big Thanks to J.P. and Lalen for bringing their traps, and J.W., Kenny, Bill B., Eddie, Buddy, Keith, Mark H., Clark, and many others their help every month. Thanks to Jerry at the Tackle Box for 15 cases of rabbits

Next match is April 14. Come on out! Bring your shotgun and 50 shells and have fun with us. Shooting fee is only \$10, Youth shooting 50 targets \$5 and Youth only shooting 25 no charge.

First time new members shoot free!

Johnny Cole – Sporting Clay Director

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**The Old Fort Gun Club meets  
 the first Thursday of every  
 month at the Barling City  
 Hall, Barling, AR.**  
**Meeting time is 7:00 P.M.**

## Old Fort Gun Club Match Schedule for 2007

Match Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>CMP (High Power Rifle)</b> 3rd Saturday	NM	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	NM
<b>Cowboy Action</b> <b>S.A.S.S.</b> 2nd Saturday	13	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8
<b>IPSC</b> 3rd Sunday 3-Gun	21	18	18 17	15	<b>19-20</b>	17 16	15	19	16	21 20-21	18	16 15
<b>Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette</b> 1st Saturday & 2nd Sunday	NM	3	3 11	7	5	2	7 8	4	1 9	6	3	NM
<b>.22 Rifle Silhouette</b> 2nd Saturday 4th Saturday	NM	NM	10 24	14 28	12 26	9 23	14 28	11 25	8 22	13 27	NM	NM
<b>Sporting Clays</b> 2nd Saturday	NM	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	NM	NM