



The objectives of this organization are to establish and maintain a permanent organization, for the benefit of it's 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.

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New Members Joined in November

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

Paul Hardy Van Buren
Monty Person Fort Smith

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6 at the Barling City Hall.

Special Event

On April 4-6, 2008 Old Fort Gun Club will be hosting a Boy Scout Camp-O-Ree at the River Range.

Over 400 Boy Scouts and families will be attending. It will be low impact camping and all kinds of shooting going on Saturday. We will need a lot of help with range officers and helpers of all kinds.

For more information, contact Johnny Cole.

Club Elections

Annual elections will be held at the December meeting. Several positions will be voted on this month. We will be voting on a new Treasurer, a new Cowboy Action SASS Director and one or two other positions.

Come out show and your support for your Club.

Next year we will have some major decisions to make concerning how to save the Alma Range and improving the 100-yard range at the River Range.

Renewal Time

November started the renewal cycle. Inside this issue there is a renewal form. Please fill it out and send your money in as soon as possible. Also please update all information on the form.

Current rates are \$40 per year for Membership and \$40 per year for the Range Maintenance fee. The maintenance fee can be worked off if working at the shooting matches or on work days. Members 65 years and older do not have to pay the Range Maintenance fee after the first year. Every member must also be an NRA member. This is a small price to pay for a safe place to shoot.

Please send in the form soon as possible. We have over 600 family members in the Old Fort Gun Club and we're still growing.

Membership forms and renewal forms can also be downloaded from the web at www.OFGC.org

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Shooting Tip

When Bore sighting your rifle, take out the bore sight before firing a round off.

OFGC RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

OLD FORT GUN CLUB, INC.
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Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913
WWW.OFGC.ORG

Annual Dues () \$40.00
Range Maintenance Fee () \$40.00
Extra Donation _____
Over 65 years Old Yes _____ No _____

NAME:(Head of household) -----PLEASE LEGIBLY PRINT WITH INK-----
Last-_____,First-_____,Middle-_____ Date of Birth _____
ADDRESS: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____
Last-(spouse)_____,First-_____,Middle-_____ Date of Birth _____
(Single children under the age of 20 living at home or away at school) (if more than three, list on side borders or back of this application)
Last-_____,First-_____,Middle-_____ Date of Birth _____
Last-_____,First-_____,Middle-_____ Date of Birth _____
Last-_____,First-_____,Middle-_____ Date of Birth _____
Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Hunter Education Graduate? Yes _____ No _____ State? _____
Present Employer? _____ How Long _____ yrs. Have Lived In Area for _____ Years.
Are You a US Citizen? _____ Have you ever been convicted of a FELONY? _____
Would these answers be the same for every member of your Household? __Yes __No.
If No, Explain: _____
List Membership in other organizations & positions held: _____
List Your main shooting interests: _____

Club Officer Position: _____
E-mail address: _____ () Check here if you wish to receive the newsletter my Email

() Check here if you do not wish to receive the newsletter

*** CLUB BY-LAWS REQUIRE that you are member of THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION -**
NRA - primarily for range insurance purposes. Old Fort Gun Club is authorized by NRA .

Enter NRA data below:

Membership No. _____ & expiration date ___ / ___ , example: 09/01.

** As a member of **OLD FORT GUN CLUB**, I will abide by and uphold the Constitution & Bylaws of the Club, protect Club property and abide by and enforce all rules, posted or otherwise approved for Club operation. I will do my part to promote the shooting sports, hunter education, marksmanship training, and safe handling of all firearms. I will adhere to wildlife game laws and conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times. I will maintain my membership with The National Rifle Association. The information I have given above is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of entries on this application, subsequent criminal convictions, or failure on my part to abide by club rules and regulations will be grounds for the immediate termination of my club membership. I have read, understood, and will abide by the rules and regulations for club operations and membership conduct as currently published and as may be modified by the majority vote of club members during any regular business meeting. **Read RANGE RULES on back of application before signing.***

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

Renewals - Due December 31, is \$40.00 plus a Range Maintenance Fee is \$40.00
Total of \$80.00

Current policy allows members to "WORK-OFF" this Range Fee (at a rate of \$5.00 per hour) for the Next Year's dues by volunteering their time in the many activities of the club.

All must pay the range fee unless you are 65 or older. If you have completed range work and not been given credit please describe the work and indicate the work below and indicate the number of hours due. This is on the honor system, be honorable. If you have any questions about renewals contact a Sharon Rasmussen ronald308@centurytel.net or attend a Business Meetings are held on the First Thursday of each month at 7:00PM, at the Barling City Hall, located at 304 Church St. just off of Hwy 22.

OLD FORT GUN CLUB RANGE RULES

****SAFETY FIRST****

1. Use of alcohol and drugs prohibited. Don't do it!
2. All firearms transported to/from the range must be in a safe & unloaded condition. Licensed concealed firearm holders may carry, on their person, a loaded firearm in a concealed manner, except if the person is participating in a sporting event. If the holder intends to fire the firearm it must be unloaded prior to entry to the range.

Remember **SAFETY FIRST******

3. When the firing line is made "safe", all guns must be made safe - - - (unloaded, actions open, pointed down range, and placed on racks or in appropriate cases).

Remember **SAFETY FIRST******

4. Remain behind firing line while any firearm is being fired or handled by another. Do not handle firearms if someone is down range!
5. Everyone at the range has the responsibility for safety. If you see someone acting in an unsafe manner, call a halt to the shooting and caution the person.
6. Children and juniors under 18 years old are not allowed on the firing line without direct adult supervision. Safety glasses and hearing protection is required. Small children must be supervised at all times.

****GENERAL****

1. Membership card/badge must be attached to your clothing at all times while on the range. No exceptions -- no badge = no shoot! All members are required to enforce this rule.
2. Guests? Members may bring a local guest to range one time only. They are then required to join to enjoy the benefits of the club. No restriction on out-of-town guests over 50 miles. Members may bring visitors, age 17 and under, to the range with no more than two minors on the firing line per adult supervisor.
3. Approved targets: (do not shoot cans or bottles)
 - a) Paper targets attached to target frame centers.
Do not put targets on frame posts; don't shoot the posts down!
 - b) Approved metal silhouette targets and stands.
 - c) Shotgun clay targets.
 - d) No incendiary ammunition, tracer rounds, exploding targets or fireworks are allowed at either range.

Note: Do not shoot at anything on the ground, as dangerous ricochets will occur. In particular, members must arrange targets so the rounds impact into the 100-meter berm when shooting at the 25 meter targets while standing. Do not attach targets to or shoot at the metal silhouette stands, as damage will occur. These are for scheduled matches only.

4. Trash cans are for burnable items only. Take all other items home with you for proper disposal. Police the area and leave it cleaner and neater than you found it. Practice courtesy.
5. Range gates and doors should be locked at all times except during scheduled events. Never leave the gate open when you leave unless 100% sure someone else will do it. Never leave the lock hanging with the combination showing. "Spin the dials ---protect your combination"
6. This is a private club for dues paying members only. Nonmembers are welcome to scheduled events.
7. All members must have a current membership to the National Rifle Association and report the info to the club secretary.
8. Violation of these rules is grounds for revocation of membership.

April 26, 2006

Practical Pistol

On Sunday, November 18, welcomed a total of 29 shooters to a beautiful day for Practical Pistol shooting. A lot of first time shooters, as well as a lot of our regular out-of-area shooters. We had several new ladies strap on the gear for a great day of shooting. Liz, from Ohio, as well as her mother Kathy, a new Club family member, shot their first competition match. Both did very good. Liz grinned from the start signal through the end of each stage. I don't have the scores yet to see who came out on top, but both were watching each other carefully.

Ladies, we've got room for you, as well as the kids. Practical Pistol shoots the third Sunday of each month, usually starting at 10:00 A.M. Email Bruce Bethell at brucebethell@sbcglobal.net to be put on the Competition Shooters list, and get all the information about Practical Pistol.

If you are going to own a handgun for defense, learn to shoot it defensively. After a few matches, it starts to become instinctive.

Shoot safe, and whenever you shoot, bring a friend.

Bruce Bethell
Practical Pistol Director

Sporting Clays

What a year we had! We averaged a little over 48 shooters each month. For the first two months, we averaged over 60 each month. The weather was a little bad in April and we had only 39. May attendance was back up again with 67 shooters. In June, we had 45, and in July we had 54. Then it got hot! Boy, did it get hot! The numbers came down for the next three months as we averaged 37 shooters. We kept our expenses down so we might be able to get another thrower in 2008. We borrowed 3 or 4 throwers each month to have great matches in 2007.

We will have a better year next year. We are still unsure about where we will be shooting, but we will still have a great time.

There are so many friends that helped us this year – so many of them that we forget to express our thanks. First a Big Thanks to my Dad, Buddy. Every month he helps set up and tear down. Our appreciation also goes to Clark Cleck, JW Holmes, John Cross, Tom Crutchfield, Kenny Goodner, Eddie Booth, Mark Hampton, Lalan Park, JP and Christa Littlefield, Harvey Wien, Sherman Hopwood, John Hamill, Bill Bryan, Howard Robinson, and all the others that help with Sporting Clays this last year.

Thanks again and I hope to see you on the Range soon.!

Johnny Cole
Sporting Clay Director

Survey Question

Many times, as members of the Board of Directors, we do not hear from our membership unless there is something wrong. I would like to here from you. If you had one wish, what would you like for the Club to do in 2008? Contact me and I will make a list and comment about it in the next month or so.

Johnny Cole <12shotgun@sbcgolbal.net>

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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
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday	NM	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	NM	17	NM
Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday	13	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8
IPSC Practical Pistol 3rd Sunday 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	21	18	18 17	15	19-20	17 16	15	19	16		18	16 NM
Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday & Special 2nd Sunday	NM	3	3 11	7	5	2	7 8	4	1 9	6	3	NM
.22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 4th Saturday	NM	NM	10 24	14 28	12 26	9 23	14 28	11 25	8 22	13 27	NM	NM
Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday	NM	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	NM	NM