



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, or rented, for the use and benefit of the members.



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www.OFGC.org

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2nd Amendment

“As an American, you have a right to bear arms. Along with that right, you have an obligation to learn to use those firearms safely and efficiently.”

Bruce Bethell

HELP

Is

Needed !!

All Directors need some of your help. From setting up and tearing down stations to doing range repairs. One or two cannot do all the work to keep matches going and keep the ranges looking so good.

Contact a Shooting Director to see what you can do. By helping out you can work off your range maintenance fee for next year.

Or send an email to Johnny Cole. He has a long list of things that could be done with little or a lot of time.

Bill Striplin, OFGC President

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Over 43 New Families Joined in May and June

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

Hill Alexander	Ken Carter	Eric East	Ray Hickey	Chris Pendleton	Gary Taylor
Clinton Allison	Bob Collins	Sheryl Ghan	Mike Howard	Steve Raney	Eric Turnquist
Marlo Arevalo	Jim Collins	Chuck Coux	Neil Jones	Jim Schilling	Dick Nethers
Luc Bailis	David Collins	Ron Hall	Vince Kelley	Rick Scott	Joseph Neumeier
Mike Butler	Rob Covington	Ryan Hannan	Joshua Kilgore	Damon Shores	Ron Vail
Jason Boen	AD Derryberry	William Hartoon	Jeanie King	John Spradlin	John Vandergriff
Darrell Brown	Aaron Durant	Claude Hawkins	Phe Nash	Richard Strunks	Joseph Wheeler

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Practical Pistol

So you have a permit to carry a handgun. Do you really feel comfortable with that weapon? How many rounds have you fired in practice in a defensive situation? Practical Pistol will teach you confidence with a handgun, learning to respond under pressure to a threat whether it is close or far, standing still or moving, around a wall or through a window. Have a lot of fun and meet some great folks in the process. Third Sunday of each month at the River Range, sign in at 9:30 am, shooting starts at 10:00. Get more details at the OFGC web site.

"But I'm a beginning shooter," you think, "and I'm not good enough yet to shoot with experienced competition shooters." Guess what -- a few years ago, I was a beginning shooter, and I wasn't good enough yet to shoot with experienced competition shooters. Every shooter there shot their first match at some point. I'm still not good enough to shoot with a lot of Practical Pistol shooters. But I have fun. I watch better shooters. I get suggestions at every match on how to improve my stance, my grip, my trigger control, my sight acquisition, my target transition. Most importantly, I learn a little more every match about how to handle my firearm *safely*, even in a pressure situation. And I meet a new shooter at almost every match. I'd like to meet you, your spouse, your kids (yes, our current youngest shooter is 12), at our next match on July 19. We both might learn something.

Bruce Bethell — Practical Pistol Director

Steel Challenge

What fun is. Shooting over 125 rounds at steel in one day! Anyone can shoot from kids to great grandmaw. From .22 to .45 caliber. Single Action to semi-auto.

Next Steel Challenge match will be Saturday, August 1. Start time is moved up to 10:00 am., to help beat the heat. Match fee will be \$10, or shoot two different guns for \$15. Join us at the River Range for some great family fun.

Hint— Do a quick cleaning of your .22 pistol after the three stations. Gun works good for the next 3 stations.

Ken Bulter — Steel Challenge Director

NRA Day Camp

NRA Day Camp was cancelled due to rain the next Camp will be in the fall. For more information please contact Don Shamp, Youth Firearm Director, jgreywolf@centurytel.net or 479-996-4778

Labor Day Pot-luck Picnic

The OFGC will have a Labor Day pot-luck picnic at the River Range on September 7 at noon. The Club will provide plates, bowls, and plastic ware. Members need to bring everything else. POT-LUCK. This is a great time to meet new members and old ones too. After lunch everyone hits the range for a good time shooting

Sporting Clays

The last two months have been great. We tried out the 5-stand set-up on May 30th. Will try to set it up again soon. On June 27 we had a Shoot-out with allot of good scores. Plaques will be coming in soon for the winners. Personally shot my best match ever with 91 out of 100. It was the best setup we have had with everyone shooting good. All scores can be seen on the web.

The next couple of months the weather will be getting hotter. I do not like to change or cancel matches but if the temperature get over 95 degree it is not fair to the shooters or the set-up and tear down crews. I will have to cancel the match. The weather has been good for us the last 6 years and have not had cancel one yet. The August match is being moved to the 3rd Saturday. I will be out of town shooting in another match.

There has been a lot of helpers this year JW and Lalen with their extra throwers sure make our match great. Thanks also to JP, Oscar, Buddy, Mark H., Landsey, and others. These matches could not happen with out helper. It takes allot of labor and time setting targets, shooting stands, buckets, and clays out before anyone shows up then when it is all over we need to pick it all up again. No matter what the weather is or time it is everything must be picked up and loaded up. Most of those willing to help are over 65 years old some are in their 70's

Come out and shoot with us. Our next match should be July 11 and August 15 at the Alma range.

Johnny Cole, — Shorting Clay Director

Range Improvements

This month the Board of Directors will be discussing and voting on some major range improvement projects for the next couple of years. The cost is high but safety is high on the list. Raising the back berm on the 100 yard range, new berms on 100 and 300 yard ranges, new pistol bays, and other projects. We could not make theses improvements without your help and support.

Small Pistol Primers Raffle

Is the lack of primers keeping your reloading press idle. The Practical Pistol group of OFGC is conducting a raffle for a full sleeve of 5,000 Federal small pistol primers. This is not a promise of primers 'when available.' Ken Butler, owner of The Bullet Works, has generously donated primers for this raffle, and they are here, in hand, just waiting for a drawing. Only 200 tickets at \$5 each will be sold. Full amount of the proceeds will be used to buy steel targets.

Tickets will be available at the Practical Pistol matches and Steel Challenge matches. If you want to buy chances by mail, send \$5 per ticket to Bruce Bethell, P.O. Box 192, Fort Smith, AR 72902. Your name will be entered on your tickets, and the stubs returned to you by mail. Drawing will be held as soon as all tickets are sold.

Arkansas Section Multi-gun Championship

On August 29-30 Old Fort Gun Club will host the Arkansas Multi-gun Championship. Some 100 shooter will come from all over the United States. Set-up will begin on Wednesday at noon. The Setup crew and RO's will shoot Friday.

The cost is \$100 now or \$125 after 15th August and that includes: 10 stages 250 + rounds. Great BBQ lunch Saturday and a super prize table. Several guns will be given away. Last year, the last place a shooter won a free entry fee for 2009 Arkansas Section Multi-gun Championship.

The OFGC River Range will be closed Thursday through Sunday for this shoot.

For more information contact Bruce Bethell or Tom Loyd 479-229-8619 or tomloyd@centurytel.net or www.ofgc.org

Old Fort Shootist

Do you have an email address but you are receiving this copy by mail? Maybe you would like to save the club some money, send an email and we will take you off the mailing list. Also if you are not receiving emails notices about the Club but should be, please also let us know. It is very important that everyone knows what is going on in the Club.

Johnny Cole — Editor

Women on Target

June 20, 2009 was a big hit. Forty one women were introduced to rifle, pistol and shot gun shooting and most of all gun safety. All were glad they came and some left with sore shoulders. Most of them had never shot before and these ladies know now what guns to buy and more about protecting themselves. The next event will be Spring of 2010.

Thanks to all that helped and cooked — Howard Robinson

NRA Post Raffle

Thursday night at the July Club meeting Bob Coons from the Ozark Cop Shop in Fayetteville won an AR15. He is a club member and a big supporter of all our events. Some 100 tickets were sold all proceeds going to FNRA. 50% of the money collected from this raffle and the banquet will stay right here in the state for NRA Youth camps, Women on Target, Boy Scouts, 4H, and much more.

This year our club helped raise over \$28,000. Over the past 17 years we have raised over \$350,000 for the NRA.

Thanks to you — FNRA Committee, Ron Everhart Chairman

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Meeting time is 7:00 P.M.**

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Old Fort Gun Club Match Schedule for 2009

Match Description	Jan	Feb.	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday 10 am	NM	21	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	NM	NM	NM
Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday 10 am	10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Practical Pistol/ IPSC 3rd Sunday 10 am 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	18	15	15 29	18-19	17 31	21	19	16 29-30	20	18	15 29	20
Steel Challenge 10:00 a.m				4	NM	6	NM	1	5	3	7	
Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday 10am Special 2nd Sunday 1 pm	NM	7	7 8	4	2	6	NM 12	1 9	5 13	3 11	7	NM
.22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 10am 4th Saturday	NM	NM NM	NM 28	11 25	9 23	13 27	11 NM	NM 22	12 26	10 NM	NM	NM
Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday (Alma Range) Date change shoots 9am Apr-Oct	NM	14	14	11 25	9 23	13 27	11	15	12	10	NM	NM