



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.



# The Old Fort Shootist

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Issue 1

## New Members

Joined in March and April

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## OFGC Web Site

[www.OFGC.org](http://www.OFGC.org)

For more information on the Club and other activities

## NO Steel Challenge

In May

Conflicting dates

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## 2nd Amendment

*Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man against his own bosom. Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American...[T]he unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people.*

---Tenche Coxe, The Pennsylvania Gazette, Feb. 20, 1788.



Huckabee Wildlife Center Saturday, June 20th at 8:30 a.m.

NRA Women on Target Clinic creates more opportunities for women to learn all about firearms and to gain confidence in newly-acquired shooting skills.

- 1) Learn safe firearms handling
- 2) Learn about concealed carry
- 3) Learn how to store your firearm
- 4) Learn to shoot
- 5) Learn a sport you'll enjoy for a lifetime
- 6) And much more .....

## What are you looking for? Come join the Fun!

Each student will receive a bag of goodies and lunch. After the in-door class everyone will go to the River range for lunch and learn to shoot pistols, .22 rifles and shotguns.

**The Cost is Only \$20.00**

For more information, call John's Guns at 479-782-4867. Stop by John's at 420 N. Greenwood in Fort Smith to pay the \$20 to ensure your spot. The Class is filling up fast !! Space is limited to the first 50 ladies only.

Howard Robinson  
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## Membership enrollment is at an all time high.

All Membership cards have been mailed and if you have not received yours please contact Wanda Gray at [wgray@watertechinc.net](mailto:wgray@watertechinc.net). Also please send in your NRA membership number as soon as you have it with expiration date. We are a 100% NRA club and you must be a member and we must have your number.

## Over 55 New Families Joined in March and April

**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.**

|                  |                  |                |                  |                  |                    |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Dennillis Ameis  | Clyde Davis      | Bryan Hanna    | Douglas Needy    | Anthony Self     | Morgan Vandergriff |
| Seth Bagby       | George Davis     | Rod Hannaman   | Roger Nelson     | Kenneth Seiter   | Michael Vu         |
| Jordan Berry     | Randy Decker     | Lyndsay Houck  | Duc Nguyen       | KP Seiter        | Mike Walker        |
| Timothy Braswell | Timothy Dobbins  | Elizabeth Kidd | Chris Niblett    | Darrell Smith    | Russell Waggoner   |
| Matt Brown       | Josh Eide        | Mike Kimberly  | Mark Nichols     | Jack Smith       | Brad Walker        |
| Mark Bulechek    | Nathan Fox       | Russell Lawson | Andy Patrylick   | Michael Stransky | James Watson       |
| Rick Contaldo    | Scott Fullbright | Juan Martinez  | Greg Penditon    | Timothy Taylor   | Josh Weaver        |
| David Cooper     | Brian Gamble     | Ron Mason      | Doug Plaster     | Robert Terbieten | Bill Wheeler       |
| Harold Crone     | Maro Garcia      | Neal Moon      | Michael Rutledge | TJ Trevino       |                    |

## Shooting on the 100 yard Range

There have been reports that some are shooting targets across the range. We only shoot targets that are straight in front of the shooter and down range. Never shoot across the range bullets can and will leave the range. All bullets must hit the berm down range. Shooting bottles and cans is also **prohibited**.

## NRA Day Camp

NRA Day Camp at 9:00 a.m. May 16, 2009 at Old Fort Gun Club River Range (off of Hwy 59)

### It is ALL Free

All Youth 8-17 years old are invited to come out and try our Shooting sports:

- 1) .22 rifle Silhouette
- 2) Shotgun shooting -Sporting Clays,
- 3) Pistol bench rest
- 4) .22 rim balloon bust shooting. .

We will have Home Firearm Safety, Range Safety, and Basic Firearm Instruction in the morning. (Attendance is mandatory to be allowed to shoot on the range). The rest of the day Youth will be divided into groups and allowed to try shooting sports. Ammo, Targets and Firearms are provided.

### Range Officers at all locations.

Call before May 14 for May 16th classes to let us know how many to expect.

Preregistration is required, limited to 40 participants .

For more information please Contact

Don Shamp,

Youth Firearm Director,

[jgreywolf@centurytel.net](mailto:jgreywolf@centurytel.net)

or 479-996-4778

## Memorial Day Pot-luck Picnic

The OFGC will have a Memorial Day pot-luck picnic at the River range on May 25 at noon. The Club will provide plates, bowls, 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

## Practical Pistol

Earlier forecast notwithstanding, the rain held off during the day on April 18 and 19 for the Fourteenth Annual Old Fort Shootout. Hard rain on Saturday night made Gun Club Road a little muddy, and Bay 7 needed a sign that read "Use At Own Risk -- No Lifeguard On Duty." Two days of shooting saw ninety guns sending lead downrange on 7 challenging stages. Jay Mackey, Sr., one of our regular Tulsa shooters, took top overall match honors, while Ryan Hunt led all OFGC shooters with an aggregate Stage Percentage of 81.47. In addition to all us regular shooters, the match drew 10 entries who have achieved Master or Grand Master Class. US Shooting Academy in Tulsa was holding a 3-day IPSC training class, and brought all 9 shooters to our match as a final exam. Lunch was served each day, featuring genuine Arkansas Road Kill ("Those aren't grill marks, they're tire marks!")

Practical Pistol continues to grow as more shooters recognize that the right to own a handgun for self-defense carries the obligation to learn to use that weapon effectively and safely in a pressure situation. We welcome first time shooters. Every person at the match was a first time shooter in the past, and everyone is ready to lend a helping hand. In short order, you will learn to neutralize The Threat with combat accuracy as you move through a series of both physical and visual barriers.

Third Sunday of each month at the River Range. Sign in at 9:30 am, shooters meeting followed by the caps being busted at 10:00 am.

Exercise your right, meet your obligation, and we'll see you at our next match.

Bruce Bethell

Director, Practical Pistol

## Steel Challenge

**Due to a conflict in dates Steel Challenge for May 2nd has been Canceled. Next match will be June 6. May 2nd and 3rd there is an Arkansas Section Match in Little Rock for Practical Pistol shooters so a lot of our Range Officers, Director and shooters will be at that match. There will be over 100 shooters from surrounding states. (They moved the date after we set our Steel Challenge dates) Sorry.**

Our first match in April was great! Over 40 shooters showed up for the very first time. Most of the shooters had never shoot any kind of competition before. We all had a little learning curve to deal with, from shooting commands to setting up. Looking forward to next match. By June the weather should be a little better at least warmer.

A Big thanks goes out to Ken Bulter for getting this all together.

## Range Maintenance

How would you like to work off you Range Maintenance fees for next year? We have several good projects that need your help. Work a few hours, help out the Club out and help your pocket book in December.

Here is a list of a few projects that need to be done.

Weed-eating all the fence line around the River range.

Paint Purple paint on fence posts after weed eating in done.

Painting— Shooting stands and bath room

Rebuilding some shooting benches and target stands

Pour some concrete for the bathroom, repair work on the restroom.

Dirt work on the 100 yard range, repair small berms

On the bigger projects the more helpers the better.

Could go on and on.... but if you would like to help us out please contact David Gant before you show up so he can have the stuff you need when you arrive.

## Sporting Clays

Sporting Clays is alive and well. More shooters are showing up every month to see what the newest crave is or to see what challenging setup I have come up with this time.

Yes, every month shooters wonder what the setup will be this time. Last month they saw a rabbit on edge that most could not hit, this last shoot they saw double rabbits. They never know what they will see and try to shoot at. Everyone has a great time.

May 9th will be our next match with a regular setup. May 23rd we will setup two 5-stand courses. This is a mind and watching game. Everyone needs to watch the shooters trying to hit different birds on every shot.

It is almost like Skeet or Trap, only 5 shooters at a time line up in a row and each shooter has a menu they must shoot from. The round one each shooter will shoot at a single bird from a different bird. the round two each shooter will have a report pair also from different birds. The round three they will have true doubles and again from different birds.

After each shooter is finished they rotate right and do the same thing from 5 different locations. That is more or less the idea of 5-stand.

June 13 will be a regular shoot but on June 27, we are going to have our first Sporting Clay Shootout Tournament. We will be using a Modified Lewis System. It is a true random system. This is a Plaque awards Tournament. Plaques will be given to the top 3 in each group of 8 or 9. Cost is \$25.00 per Shooter. For more details visit us on the web at [OFGC.org](http://OFGC.org) . Look under Sporting Clays or contact Johnny Cole at [12shotgun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:12shotgun@sbcglobal.net)

Hope to see you at our next shoot.

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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 2009

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