



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 January and February

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OFGC Web Site

www.OFGC.org

For more information on the Club and other activities

Upcoming Event

Memorial Day Pot –Luck Picnic

May 25, 2009

More information to follow

2nd Amendment

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

www.saf.org for more information about the our 2nd Amendment



Old Fort Friends of the NRA Committee

Invite you to attend this year's event

Dinner, Live Auction, Raffles
Games, and Door prizes

Nixon Family BBQ Catering

Date March 21, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm

\$25 per Adult in Advance

\$30 per Adult at the door

\$20 for spouse

\$15.00 per Youth — 15 years old and under

Place: Fort Smith Convention Center

(Sec.501©(3)Organization)

For Tickets contact: 783-3370, 782-4867 or 461-3055

“This is not a OFGC Club activity just a sponsor “

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President Notes

The weather is warming up and the ranges will be busy. Most all of the competitions are shooting now and I encourage all members to join in the activities. Steel Challenge will be starting soon and it can be enjoyed by all who like to shoot. Please help keep the range clean by picking up after you shoot. The Board of Directors have been busy checking the Alma Range to see what we can add there. We are discussing this years projects for both ranges to see what we can afford to complete and trying to determine the priority for the projects we can afford.

Keep shooting and hopefully ammunition will be available and at a better price.

Thanks for all your support.

Bill

Youth Trap Team

This season's Club Sponsored Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program team has 41 members. Over thirty of these kids shot Sporting Clays at the Alma range on Valentines Day and had a great time. Many had never shot before this year so they were pretty much in awe of sporting clays. Each left with a better understanding of lead and swing control.

This Arkansas Game and Fish Commission shooting program is now the largest youth shooting program in the world surpassing both Texas and Tennessee only this spring and the National championship youth trap team is a product of this program. Our team shot very well this past year and has a good chance of doing even better this year. These kids represented Old Fort Gun Club very well and are proud to be sponsored by the club.

Coaches this season are Lee Oldacre, Brian Robbins, Martha Traylor and Howard Robinson. Martha is the real brains of this operation and does most of the paperwork.

If you see these kids at practice at the River Range, you will see they have learned safe gun handling and are athletes in their own right. They also are grateful to the Club for our continued support.

Howard Robinson

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Steel Challenge Draws Near!

April 4 is still the tentative date for the first Steel Challenge match at Old Fort Gun Club. Director of Steel Challenge Ken Butler is busy getting target stands built and other details worked out for this new and challenging handgun sport. With divisions for center fire (9mm/.38 spl and larger) and .22 rim fire, the whole family can join in the fun at a reasonable cost.

A match will consist of 5 or 6 stages. Each stage has 5 steel reactive targets, at various distances from 7 to 35 yards. Targets are 10" or 12" round plates, or 18x24 rectangle plates. At the start signal, the shooter shoots each of the 5 targets, with one designated as the last target shot. Time to shoot the 5 targets is recorded. Repeat 5 times on each stage. Worst time is dropped, and the total of the best 4 is your score on that stage. You shoot 5 or 6 different stages, and you've had a good afternoon with lots of trigger time. The best thing, if you are shooting .22 rim fire, you've bought all your ammo and got change back from a \$20 bill.

Lots of information is available on the OFGC web site, or at www.steelchallenge.com. Specific information about the first match here will go out to all members by email in advance.

63 Plus New Families Joined in January and February

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.

Paul Garrett	Alma	Mike Kelly	Ft Smith	Douglas Cookie	Greenwood
Shane Spence	Alma	Christopher Kenny	Ft Smith	Dunae Porter	Greenwood
Latham Thigpen	Charleston	Paul Kinder	Ft Smith	Phillip Conrad Sr	Greenwood
Ethan Yarbrough	Fayetteville	Joel Kray	Ft Smith	Mark Williams	Greenwood
Charles Beasley	Ft Smith	Richard Kray	Ft Smith	Russell Miller	Hacket
Gimo Berry II	Ft Smith	Bob Martin	Ft Smith	Jimmie Davis	Huntington
Darren Bonds	Ft Smith	Jack Marts	Ft Smith	Mary Johnson	Lavaca
Ronnie Coleman	Ft Smith	Shawn Massey	Ft Smith	Kyle Bruso	Lavaca
Dale Cooper	Ft Smith	Clark May	Ft Smith	John Williams Jr	Lavaca
Phillip Conrad Sr	Ft Smith	Sherry McKinney	Ft Smith	Ted Coody	Mountainburg
Vennie Davis	Ft Smith	Willard Murphy	Ft Smith	David Davis	Pocola
Steve Dean	Ft Smith	Bill Oberste	Ft Smith	Laura Denten	Pocola
Richard Dotson	Ft Smith	Keenen Polk	Ft Smith	Timothy Matlock	Pocola
Joann Fulbright	Ft Smith	Rich Rapin	Ft Smith	Scott Hickman	Roland
William Graham	Ft Smith	Micah Rice	Ft Smith	Tommy Taylor	Sallisaw
Robert Gray	Ft Smith	Jim Slad	Ft Smith	Charles Tamblyn	Van Buren
Julie Haisten	Ft Smith	Andrew Smith	Ft Smith	Chris Christensen	Van Buren
JB Hopkins SR	Ft Smith	Tommy Taylor	Ft Smith	Joseph Cope	Van Buren
Phillip Jackson	Ft Smith	Wes Watkins	Ft Smith	Gabriel Draper	Van Buren
Russell Johnson	Ft Smith	Darrel Wilkins	Ft Smith	Wayne Lunsford	Van Buren
Brice Jones	Ft Smith	Steven Yaney	Ft Smith	Danny Morton	Van Buren

Due to a large amount of new members it is taking longer to process membership applications and getting new membership cards out. Gate combinations has been changed for 2009 membership.

Sporting Clays

The first match this year had the largest attendance Sporting Clays has every seen. There were over 94 shooters with 35 Youth shooters. It was wall to wall shooters. Howard Robinson invited his youth trap team out to try out Sporting Clays. We were able to keep his group together until everyone else had shot then we divided the youth. It made a long day for some.

The setup was going to be easy this month but somehow when the traps were set-up they were a little harder to shoot than normal for this early in the year. The setup crew was given pretty hard this time but if some would like to come early to help we would gladly let you help us set the traps. Help is always welcome.

Thanks need to go out to JW and Micah for keeping the creek cleaned out be for the match, and to Mark, Lansay, Heath, JW, Dad and others, for helping with setting up and tearing down. I could not know or see everyone that helped. Another thanks to JP and Lalen for bringing out their traps for us to use again.

Thank you all. Johnny Cole — Sporting Clay Director

Sharing Shooting Bays

Due to the large numbers of shooters in the past several months using ranges we are going to have to start sharing bays with other shooters. Our shooting bays are large enough for multi- shooters.

We do realize that everyone does not shoot the same type of guns and targets. We are looking into maybe adding more target stands and benches to each shooting bay. The Board of Directors is also looking at adding a shooting bay but this will take time and money. Our recent survey is helping us to see what the club needs to do. If someone has some good ideas on new bays or how we can use our bays better please email James Crockett or any Director.

NRA Day Camp

All Youth 8-17 years old are invited to come out and try our Shooting sports: .22 rifle Silhouette , Sporting Clays, Pistol bench rest and .22 rim balloon bust shooting. It is ALL Free.

We will have Home Firearm Safety, Range Safety, 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 sport available. Ammo, Targets and Firearms are provided. Range Officers at all locations. Please bring Safety Glasses, Earplugs and a Lunch.

Please 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 or 479-996-4778

Old Fort Shoot Out April 18 –19, 2009

Practical Pistol shooters will host the Fourteenth Annual Old Fort Shoot Out on April 18 and 19 at the River Range. This two day event will see shooters from many surrounding states gather to test their skills on at least 7 challenging stages, with a round count of near 200 for each day of the match.

The Old Fort Shoot Out has grown to be one of the premier matches in this region, and participants of all skill levels will be here to enjoy two days of great trigger time. As with all other Club matches, the Shoot Out is open to the public.

Bruce Bethel — Practical Pistol Director

Youth Handgun Safety Act Notice

Something to know when letting a youth use a hand gun. The misuse of a handgun is a leading contributor to juvenile violence and fatalities. Safe storing and securing firearms away from children will help prevent unlawful possession, stop accident, and saves lives. Federal laws prohibits, excepts in certain limited circumstances, anyone under 18 years of age from knowingly possessing a handgun, The law also prohibits anyone from selling or delivering a handgun to a person under 18. A knowing violation of the prohibition against selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under the age of 18 is, under certain circumstance, punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Also, if you take a youth other than your own, hunting or to the range you must have written permission.

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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
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 1 pm				4	2	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) 10 am Feb and March	NM	14	14	11 25	9 23	13 27	11	8	12	10	NM	NM