



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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New Members Joined in January

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!

David Boster	Alma
Kyle Hamilton	Alma
Joe Lorocca	Alma
Chapen Rucker	Alma
John Ware	Alma
John Hamilton	Bonanza
Coy Bennet	Fort Smith
Larry Johnson	Fort Smith
Sam Johnson	Fort Smith
Jim Keenan	Fort Smith
Ron Kelly	Fort Smith
Donald Lewis	Fort Smith
David Sides	Fort Smith
Roy Slagle	Fort Smith
Alan Payson	Hackett
Mark Dabbs	Greenwood
Wes Sadler	Greenwood
Mike Whitten	Greenwood
Justin Williams	Greenwood
David Bond	Van Buren
Jim Brown	Van Buren
Linda Petersen	Van Buren

The next meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 6 and April 3 at Barling City Hall

See Page 3 for February new members



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

NEW DATE: APRIL 19TH, 2008

TIME: 6:00 PM

**PLACE: FORT SMITH CONVENTION CENTER
(SEC.501(C) (3) ORGANIZATION)**

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This is not a OFGC Club activity , we only sponsor this event

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Late 2008 Renewals

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008 , please do it now. Combination on gate locks has been changed as of February 1st. Your membership will be dropped if not renewed.

New Members in February

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! 30 new members joined in February WOW.

Luther Lonetree	Alma	James Smith	Fort Smith
Meri Potter	Alma	Terri Smith	Fort Smith
Robert Barron	Barling	Merrill Tabor	Fort Smith
David Brigham	Barling	Stacey Weiler	Fort Smith
Marc Hale	Barling	Owen Wesbrook	Fort Smith
Edgar Jones	Barling	Tom Wright	Fort Smith
David Maddox	Central City	Kenneth Toon	Lavaca
Perry Evans	Fort Smith	Olen Blaylock	Van Buren
Robert Grubbs	Fort Smith	Joe Boster	Van Buren
Gary Hale	Fort Smith	Charles Cady	Van Buren
Preston Hudson	Fort Smith	Michael Cady	Van Buren
Walton Maurras	Fort Smith	Edger Jones	Van Buren
Carl Norris	Fort Smith	Michael Reagan	Van Buren
Paul Sharp	Fort Smith	Joseph Riddle Jr.	Van Buren
Randy Sharp	Fort Smith	Joe Stewart	Van Buren

Introduction to Sporting Clays Class

Old Fort Gun Club Sporting Clays will be having a special introduction class for members that has not shot sporting clays before. We will cover basic gun safety and rules of sporting clays. After class room instructions we will go to the range for demonstration and target shooting. We will have instructors on hand to help.

The first class will be Sunday March 2, at 2:00 pm at the River Range. Cost is only \$10.00. Please sign up at John Guns 420 N. Greenwood or call 782-4867 . Space is limited. Bring your shotgun, eye and ear protection and at least 2 boxes of shells.

Johnny Cole

Special Dates to Remember

March 2 — Introduction to Sporting Clay Class

April 4-6 — Boy Scout Shooting Camp-O-Ree @ River Range (Range will be closed to all members)

April 19 — **New Date** — Friends of the NRA Banquet

May 4 — Ladies Only Introduction to Sporting Clays Class

June 7-8 — The Hangin' Judge Glock Challenge II

June 21 — Women on Target

July 19 — Youth Shoot

Sept 20 — Sight in Day @ 100 yard Range

Practical Pistol

Each January the folks with Practical Pistol design stages to be six round friendly and invite everyone to get out the revolver and see if they really are as good as when they were 8 years old and chasing bandits in the backyard. This year, 16 brave souls holstered their semi-autos and tried their hand with the wheel gun. Entertainment for everyone, including those who stuck with their 1911's and Glocks. Try a timed stage of 32 rounds with a six gun. Lots of live rounds hit the ground instead of the cylinder, but everyone had a lot of fun. John Wayne is still Resting in Peace, although face down.

Mother Nature took her toll on our February match. Soaked bays, blowing rain, and a wind chill in the 20's convinced us that we were not wanted on the Range, so the match was called. But we'll be back on March 16, starting at 10:00 a.m. March 30 is the date set for this year's first multi-gun match, where a single stage may require handgun, rifle and shotgun. All stages are on the pistol bays, so everything is up close and personal. Lots of great action. If you're interested, call the Director. Always plenty of rifles and shotguns to loan.

Practical Pistol remains the absolute best way to train for defensive use of a handgun, while having fun and meeting lots of great people. We welcome new shooters. Everyone there remembers that they, too, once shot their first match.

Bruce Bethell, Director of Practical Pistol

SAFETY LESSON

A GUN SAFETY LESSON THAT LASTS A LIFETIME. I grew up with guns. Toys at first, then at 9 years old my first Daisy. Christmas morning when I was 11, first order of business was checking stockings on the mantel to see what goodies Santa had left. At the bottom of the oversized sock, I found two boxes of .22 short bullets (remember those?) I immediately knew what was in the long box under the tree with my name on it.

That afternoon, dad took me out by the river for my first lesson with my Remington Model 514 single shot, which I still have. Before handing me the new rifle, he said, "Son, this is not a toy. I want you to always remember the damage that even a small bullet like this can cause." With that, he placed an unopened, pressure filled tin can of soda pop on a fence post. One shot (he used a .22 LR hollow point) and that can curled open like a grapefruit half run over by a truck. Over 45 years later, that single shot still reminds me that even when I pick up the smallest caliber on the market, I am holding not a toy, but a deadly weapon. One picture is truly worth a thousand words.

Bruce Bethell, Director of Practical Pistol

For Sale

1500 250gr. RNFP cast bullets, along with 140 200gr. RNFPs, all for \$100. All are sized to .452 diameter. Caliber is 45 Colt. I bought these several years ago and have since stopped shooting my cowboy guns. Cell # is 479-651-6600, in Fort Smith.

Sporting Clays

What a first shoot of the year. The weather was great and 32 shooters showed up. Old Fort Youth trap team showed up with 9 of their members. Also had a couple from another team there. Everyone had a great time. The scores were down a little but it was the first shoot of the year.

Next month we should have a new trap thrower and will be trying it out, it should be a lot of fun. We received a grant from the NRA to help us purchase this thrower with the understanding that it is for the purpose of training, youth and adults. The Old Fort Youth Trap team will be using this trap to train the youth to shoot and prepare them for some competition later this summer. We will also use this for Women on Target classes and other Youth events.

A big thanks to My dad, Buddy Cole, for his help and understanding, JW Holmes, Gayle Mason, Mark and Lyndsay Hampton, and a few others for their help in setting up and tear down before and after the match. Thanks goes to JP for bringing his traps down to us again and letting us use his trap this month. Our matches would not be as good without each and everyone of these workers and shooters that show up each and every month.

When my dad and I joined about 5 years ago there were only 7 or 8 shooters each month. Sporting Clays has grown every year in the last five years. Now with new throwers we have 35 to 65 shooters show up each month. No other event in Old Fort Gun Club can match our attendance and growth. I would like to say thank you.

I would like to invite everyone to show up and see what the fun and excitement is all about. If you never have shot Sporting Clays before we are having an introduction class on March 2, 2008 (Sunday) at 2pm at the River range. The second is May 4th for ladies only.

Johnny Cole, Sporting Clay Director

Boy Scouts Shooting Camp-o-ree Is Coming

Butterfield Trail District of the Westark Area Council Boy Scouts will be having a Shooting Camp-o-ree at Old Fort Gun Club River range April 4-6. Events include overnight camping, gun safety classes, shot gun, .22's, archery and BB gun shooting all day on Saturday.

The Troops will start showing up around 3:00 pm to setup their tents. This will be a low impact campout with no fires on the ground. All food will be provided by the event staff. All shooting will be on Saturday. Gun safety classes will be given to everyone that shoots and no one can shoot anything without going through the classes. There will be Scout leader competition on each station. They will have a closing camp fire on Saturday night and Sunday morning they will have a interfaith worship services.

This event is unusual because the scout are getting sponsors to help cover some of the expenses on putting on an event like this. A few of the major sponsors right now are, The Tackle Box providing bows, arrows and targets. Daisy BB Outdoors providing the BB guns, Arkansas Games and Fish providing the shot guns, clay targets and the shells. There are many other sponsors but more is needed. The Scouts are also looking for helpers to help youth shooting, parking, cooking and other jobs on Saturday.

For more information contact the Boy Scout Office or Johnny Cole 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net

Because this will be a large event the whole river Range will be closed to everyone else. Please use the Alma range this weekend. Thank you.

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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 2008

Match Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday 10 am	NM	16	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	NM	NM	NM
Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday 10am	12	9	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
IPSC 3rd Sunday 10 am 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	20	17	16 30	19-20	18	15 29	20	17 30-31	21	19	16	21
Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday 10am Special 2nd Sunday 1 pm	NM	2	1	NM 13	3	7 8	5 13	2 10	6 14	4	1	NM
.22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 10am 4th Saturday	NM	NM	8 22	12 26	10 24	14 28	12 26	9 23	13 27	11 25	NM	NM
Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday (Alma Range)10am	NM	9	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	NM	NM